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Firefighting helicopter arrives in Napa County

Missions of One Charlie Hotel—a former U.S. Army Boeing Chinook helicopter retrofitted to hold water—won't be just a drop-and-done. The aircraft can fly to reservoirs, ponds, even streams, suck more water into its tank and keep on dropping. One Charlie Hotel can suck up 2,500 gallons a minute through a hose and hold up to 2,800 gallons.

Cal Fire decided to base the helicopter at Napa County Airport this fire season in the wake of last year's massive Hennessey and Glass fires. The helicopter is owned and operated by Columbia Helicopters, Inc. under Cal Fire supervision. One Charlie Hotel is a phonetic version of the helicopter's tail number 1CH used to dispatch the helicopter. It is part of Cal Fire's larger aerial attack that includes 60 of its own aircraft and the ability to expand this by another 100 on-call aircrafts when needed.

Napa County Fire Chief Geoff Belyea said, Cal Fire will also have a Blackhawk helicopter in Lake County that can reach Napa County in less than five minutes. Air tankers and aircraft can reach the county in five minutes from Sonoma County, 10 minutes from Ukiah and 25 minutes from Sacramento County.

The red-and-white helicopter is 99 feet long from rotor tip-to-tip and sits on asphalt at Napa County Airport ready to take off. Its first stop in the event of a wildfire would be a reservoir, lake or other water source to take on water.

Caltrans has begun repairs on Capell Creek Bridge

A four-month project to repair a bridge built in 1907 on Highway 121 has begun. Caltrans crews will perform preservation work on the Capell Creek Bridge, between Circle Oaks Drive and Longhorn Ridge Road.

The repair work will require crews to shift traffic for both directions of travel into a single northbound or southbound lane depending on the construction stages. A one-way traffic signal system and temporary concrete barriers is being used to guide traffic into one lane for use by both directions of travel during the construction work.

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Lake Berryessa RFP Update - 7/1/21

Still no further word from the County regarding the ongoing RFP process. No large hotel chains won the bid for Steele Canyon. Suntex (Pleasure Cove) lost the bid for Steele Canyon. The County has chosen a winning bidder for each of the three resorts in the RFP and plans to announce the winning bid company names by mid-July.

Supervisors know the names of the parties with whom the county is negotiating, but have been instructed to keep the information confidential. Napa County is overseeing redevelopment and operations for the Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon, and Monticello Shores resorts, which are on federally owned land. That involves selecting concessionaires to do the work.

The County is in negotiations with the winning bidders now. The County staff will make a final presentation in closed session to the supervisors probably in early August. Then staff will complete the final report and make a public presentation - probably not until late August. The present management of Steele Canyon RecArea (Pleasure Cove/ Suntex), Spanish Flat RecArea (Spanish Flat Partners) have had their contracts with Napa County extended until October 1, 2021. Monticello Shores RecArea is closed.

The Bureau of Reclamation has completed its review of the chosen bids after a delay of three weeks. Hopefully they will not be a major impediment to progress in the future.

This July 4th let's celebrate Lake Berryessa's independence from the BOR whether you call it the Bureau of Wrecklamation or the Bureautocracy of Reclamation. It's time for them to step away and work on whatever else they do.

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Happy 4th of July from Lake Berryessa Independence Day!

What Does Independence Day Mean To You?

The United States declared independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776 - 245 years ago. Belize, formerly known as British Honduras, became an independent nation on Sept. 21, 1981 - 40 years ago. Papua New Guinea achieved independence from Australia on Sept. 16, 1975 - 46 years ago.

Obviously no one alive in the US now was there that day of our independence. We don't know what it felt like. Most Americans celebrate our independence day as just another holiday lacking any deep emotional content. Most people don't actually celebrate our independence but the concept of "American exceptionalism."

American exceptionalism is the idea that the United States is inherently different from other nations. This stems from its emergence from the American Revolution, becoming "the first new nation" and developing a uniquely American ideology, "Americanism". This ideology is based on liberty, equality before the law, individual responsibility, representative democracy, and laissez-faire economics. Under this definition, America is seen as being superior to other nations or having a unique mission to transform the world. Of course, people in many other nations are offended by this attitude. They also are patriots who love their country.

I was fortunate to have travelled to many countries around the world. A few years ago I was in Belize on their Independence Day. Since Belize as an independent nation is only 40 years old, much of the population had been alive on their Independence Day. The celebrations, parades, fireworks, and speeches were astonishing. There seemed to

be more folks in the parades than standing in the crowds watching. The raw emotion and expressions of deep patriotism were palpable.

A few years earlier my boys and I were on a diving expedition to Papua New Guinea. Our boat stopped at several small island villages. Papua New Guinea had just created a new national anthem. After my boys taught the village kids how to play tug-of-war with a long vine, we had a dinner party on our boat for the adults (again some of whom had been alive at the time of independence only 46 years ago) and kids.

It was actually electrifying to hear a chorus of 25 people proudly sing their new national anthem for us. It was sung in English because everyone in Papua New Guinea learned English in school - education is a primary national goal. Independence had a deep emotional significance for them.

Anyone who has read widely and travelled extensively knows that the average American is one of the most ignorant people on the planet. Our educational system has failed us in the teaching of mathematics, science, simple geography, much less in communicating political and economic geography, and world cultural knowledge.

People in other countries generally like and admire America, they are just a bit amused by people who parrot slogans about how much better we are than anyone else. The concept of American exceptionalism is not a constructive way to deal with the real world.

This Independence Day we should all take a moment to deeply consider the meaning and purpose of our independence and what it really means in this uncertain world. Read, travel as much as you can, and think clearly.



Failed Evangelism...

A preacher said to a farmer, "Do you belong to the Christian family?"

"No." said he, "they live two farms down."

"No, I mean are you lost?"

"No, I've been here thirty years."

"I mean are you ready for Judgment Day?"

"When is it?"

"It could be today or tomorrow."

"Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"

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<div>2</div> <div> <div> <div>The The Declaration of Independence</div> <div>July 4, 1776.</div> </div> <div> <p>When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.</p> <p>We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.</p> <p>Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.</p> <p>Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.</p> <div>*****</div> <div> <div>Preamble to the United States Constitution</div> <div>We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.</div> </div> <div> <div>The Bill of Rights (First 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution)</div> <div> <p>Amendment 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the</p> </div> </div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.</div> <div> <p>Amendment 2: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p> <p>Amendment 3: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.</p> <p>Amendment 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.</p> <p>Amendment 5: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.</p> <p>Amendment 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.</p> <p>Amendment 7: In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.</p> <p>Amendment 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.</p> <p>Amendment 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.</p> <p>Amendment 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.</p> </div> </div>	<div> <div>The Economic Bill of Rights</div> <div>Franklin D. Roosevelt (Jan. 11, 1944)</div> </div> <div> <p>It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We cannot be content, no matter how high that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people — whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth — is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure.</p> <p>This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights — among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty.</p> <p>We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. “Necessitous men are not free men.” People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.</p> <p>In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all - regardless of station, race, or creed.</p> <p>Among these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation; > The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation; > The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living; > The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad; > The right of every family to a decent home; > The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health; > The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment; > The right to a good education. <div>*****</div> <p>“I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.”</p> <div>Bob Dylan</div> </div>	<div> <div>Products and Technologies That Are Pseudoscience</div> <div> <p>“Miracle” drugs and “revolutionary” products seem to pop up daily in today’s social-media-driven world. Maybe it’s a magic diet that will make you lose 20 pounds in a week or an amino-acid-fortified shampoo that cures baldness in 24 hours. But one way or the other, there’s a good chance you’ve come across a few of them.</p> <p>Unfortunately, these so-called “miracle” products are generally terrible disappointments. And that shouldn’t be surprising. Most — if not all — of these “magic” products have little to no scientific evidence backing them. At best, they are a waste of your time and money. At worst? They can lead to sickness or even death.</p> <p>Here's a guide to everything you need to know about pseudoscience, how to spot fake products, and a list of some of the most popular products and technologies that are all hype and no science.</p> <p>First things first — what exactly is pseudoscience? The word pseudo means "false," so pseudoscience simply translates to “false science.” Or better put — it is nonsense dressed up as science. Pseudoscience is almost always either loosely based on real science or what sounds like science. Pseudoscience is ideological in nature. It is characterized by a staunch commitment to doctrines that are irreconcilable with legitimate science.</p> <p>In an ideal world, pseudoscience would be easy to spot. Unfortunately, the many so-called experts who promote these products usually make the task more challenging. For instance, Dr. Mehmet Oz, a doctor and popular TV host, has been repeatedly accused of peddling pseudoscientific information on his show and even had to appear before the US senate in 2014. In one of his episodes, he proclaimed green coffee extract as a “magic” weight-loss compound.</p> <p>In his defense, a handful of research studies did report a mild weight-loss benefit for this compound. But here’s the kicker: these studies are based on “poor methodological quality,” according to a systematic review on the subject published in Gastroenterology Research and Practice. In short, Dr. Oz's claims were not based on reliable peer review or what actual science shows.</p> <p>Elsewhere, Goop, Gwyneth Paltrow’s company, has also been heavily criticized for peddling false health claims. In fact, in 2018, they were forced to pay a \$145,000 settlement in a lawsuit they faced for peddling false health claims for financial profit.</p> <p>So, how do you ensure you don’t fall for con artists parading as scientists? Well, here are a few telltale signs of pseudoscience-based products.</p> <p>They rely heavily on testimonials. As far as real science is concerned, you don’t need to oversell anything. If it works,</p> </div> </div>	<div> <div>your results should do the talking. But marketers of pseudoscientific products understand that people respond well to emotional stimulation and the story of others. So, instead of sharing real data, they emphasize the “numerous” testimonials they have from current users.</div> <div> <p>If the science behind a product is legit, the manufacturers will go out of their way to share the results. Testimonials will only be secondary. But if you find a so-called science-based product that is marketed largely based on testimonials, then be careful... it’s probably a scam. Evolving sciences are a major breeding ground for quacks and people who want to get away with whatever explanation they provide. “This isn’t yet fully understood, but it works,” is the catchphrase they use to deceive the innocent public.</p> <p>Speaking of evolving sciences, quantum mechanics has been heavily abused in this regard. For instance, one business created a so-called tick-repelling barrier that supposedly utilizes the "power of the bio-energetic field which surrounds all living things" to create a repelling barrier against insects... and it’s all based on "nature’s energetic principles in combination with physics, quantum physics, and advanced computer software technology". But guess what... quantum physics doesn't work like that.</p> <p>Evidence-based products or treatments undergo multiple steps in the scientific process before they’re released for public use. For a new medicine or treatment, such steps may include basic lab research, animal tests, clinical trials, and eventually, peer-reviewed publications. If a so-called miracle product hasn’t been rigorously tested enough to result in a published peer-reviewed paper, you should probably stay away from it.</p> <p>Even geniuses like Elon Musk and Bill Gates don’t claim to figure out everything all by themselves. The truth is that science and medicine have been practiced for thousands of years. And even the most novel findings are largely based on building on the existing knowledge provided by many people. So, when you hear that one person figured out some new technique or cure overnight, without it going through some sort of critique or review by other experts, you can almost be certain it’s pseudoscience.</p> <div>*****</div> <p>"I have always been among those who believed that the greatest freedom of speech was the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool, the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise the fact by speaking". Woodrow Wilson</p> <p>All my fingers were injured in the 4th of July fireworks. My friends say that they can't count on me anymore.</p> </div> </div>	<div> <div>Onion Headlines</div> <div> <p>Infrastructure Talks Come To Halt After Giant Sinkhole Swallows Capitol Building</p> <p>After Lobbying From Dairy Industry, New Law Requires Peanut Butter to Now Be Sold As "Peanut Non-dairy Spread"</p> <p>Senate Votes To Make Juneteenth (aka Emancipation Day) Federal Holiday So Long As No One Thinks Too Hard About Its Significance</p> <p>Recent record surge in US gun sales driven by the widespread fear of living in a country with so many Americans.</p> <p>911 Operator Likes To Let It Ring For Couple Seconds So Caller Doesn’t Get Impression They're Standing By Phone All Day</p> <p>Experts Encourage Americans To Start Thinking About What Form Of Government They’d Like To Try After Democracy Crumbles</p> <p>Bear’s Favorite Part Of Mauling Campers When They Throw Arms In Air To Look Bigger ‘It Makes Me Laugh Every Time’</p> <p>CEO Of Troubled Company Accepts Full Compensation For His Mistakes</p> <p>Old Vegetarian Rambling On About Days When Menus Only Had One Non-Meat Option</p> <p>Every Little League Player’s Position Based Off Where They’ll Do Least Damage</p> <p>FedEx To Offer Same-Day Delivery For Both Thoughts And Prayers</p> <p>Vegans All Over The World Left Hungry As Scientists Discover Plants Feel Pain</p> <p>Latest QAnon Theory Alleges Deep State FBI is Engaged in Secret Conspiracy to Spy on Criminals and Domestic Terrorist Organizations</p> <p>Man tries to kill spider with lighter at a gas station</p> <p>Security Firm Cyber Ninjas Are Now Trying to Have a So Called Audit of Ballots In Illinois and Texas from the 1960 Presidential race, Claims those races were “Stolen from Nixon”</p> </div> </div>
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July 2021 Horoscopes

- Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The blessed arrival of a baby in your life would be greeted with a lot more joy if you could figure out who mailed it to you.
- Pisces (2/19-3/20): The flaw in your plan was the part where your accomplice would start a fire, and in the confusion, you would sneak into the philosophy department and finish writing your dissertation.
- Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll get a free beverage refill when ordering a large-sized French fries, but really that's going to be about it for you this week.
- Taurus (4/20-5/20): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.
- Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Time and space are both illusions, making it even more frustrating that you're always in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.
- Leo (7/23-8/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.
- Virgo (8/23-9/22): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.
- Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.
- Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While the ideal gas law is certainly important, your attempt to apply it to every situation in your life can only lead to disaster
- Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Don't worry: There's absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they're unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.
- Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Children are our nation's greatest natural resource. Keep a stockpile of them in your basement in the event of an emergency.

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Independence Day Means Independent Thinking

Extraordinary Claims Require Extraordinary Proof!

Conspiracy theories are for morons, and there are plenty of them around, morons, that is.

The earth is not flat.

The moon landings were not faked.

QAnon is quackery for the unhinged.

Aliens do not live among us.

There is no Sasquatch.

There are no alien spacecraft flying around.

911 was not an inside job.

There is no significant voter fraud.

Chemtrails are not a medical experiment on people.

Lizard People ("Reptilians") Are Not Running the World.

Trickle down economics is a debunked rich man's myth. (The rich have trained the middle class to hate the poor.)

Secret Societies do not control the world (Hint: The rich do.)

- High Conflict Personality:**
Is There One In Your Neighborhood?
- Several years ago I managed the Facebook and Twitter programs for a political campaign. We interacted with our share of trolls opposing our views, but many were hackers in Indonesian boiler rooms paid by our political opponents to try to overwhelm our message with multiple negative posts under false names, not Russians. However, many attacks came from what are known as High Conflict Personalities (HCPs) who just wanted to attack and argue, spout and vent. We learned that it was best just to ignore these attacks since there was no way these people could be convinced to change their views. They simply enjoyed the conflict and their false sense of superiority.
- I faced a few of these HCPs when I was on the San Anselmo Town Council Two were neighbors across the street who would argue against any proposal just to become the center of attention - actually nailing their argumentative letters to my front door. The only way to deal with them was essentially to ignore them since all they really wanted was the attention.
- High Conflict Personality, given its overlap with the antisocial, borderline, narcissistic and histrionic personality disorders, may be more of a descriptive term than a specific diagnosis. Persons with HCP tend to have several things in common.
- They initiate and receive reward from conflict with others, and they are usually at the center of whatever conflict is occurring. They appear to treat conflict as normal and expected in their interactions, to a point at which conflict becomes a defining aspect of relationships. They are adept at escalating conflict and at blaming others.
- At the same time, they have great difficulty seeing things through the eyes of others and they are extremely reluctant to take responsibility in their lives or to accept blame when things go wrong. They tend to be emotional, aggressive, mistrustful and controlling. They easily see themselves as victims, and they are extremely resistant to acknowledging that they may have contributed, in even the smallest way, to making a situation difficult.
- For people with HCP, the world appears in black and white. Others are either with them or against them. They have little or no insight into their own behavior, and they are easily threatened by interpretations of behaviors that do not comport with their own worldview. The people around them are perceived as all good (over-idealized) or all bad (devalued).
- HCPs thrive on the conflict they create on social media platforms, even benign ones devoted to primarily shared local community matters. Experience shows that no matter how annoyed you may get and want to respond to their posts, the best way to deal with them is simply ignore them.

- What is a 5 Star Hotel/Resort?**
- ONE STAR: A one-star property would be clean, comfortable, and maintained well. It is worth the room rate charged when compared to other hotels in its area. It offers limited services. Good housekeeping and maintenance, combined with courteous service, would be evident. One-star hotels will have:
- 24-hour front desk or direct-dial phones
 - Clean, well maintained
 - Serviceable furniture in good condition
 - Comfortable beds; clean linens changed daily
 - Quiet, light-proof rooms, good lighting
 - Television or radio available in all rooms
- TWO STAR: A two-star hotel offers guests more than a one-star including some, but not necessarily all, of the facilities and services listed below. A two-star hotel will include all of the features of a one-star hotel and:
- Medium to large rooms with adequate closet space
 - Attractive, appealing room decor
 - Color television in all rooms
 - Good-quality furniture, comfortable chairs
 - Swimming pool
 - Room service
 - Attractive, functional baths
 - Good-quality towels
- THREE STAR: A three-star establishment offers guests an excellent lodging experience. The range of facilities is extensive. In addition to the features found in lower-rated hotels, a three-star hotel will have:
- Excellent maintenance and housekeeping
 - Spacious, attractive lobby
 - Well-designed check-in area, 24-hour desk service
 - Large, comfortable rooms, lightproof, soundproof
 - Bright, attractive room decor, writing table
 - A quality mattress in excellent condition
 - Individual room thermostat
 - Oversized color TV
 - Two direct-dial phones in guest rooms
 - Internet connection
- FOUR STAR: A four-star hotel has every service of one- to three-star properties, but also has its own style and personality. It is luxurious, with a well-integrated, creative decor. Housekeeping and maintenance are superb. Guest rooms are large, with spacious, comfortable sitting areas. A variety of room types are usually available, lobbies are spacious and well decorated and a very good restaurant is on the premises. Room service is gracious and often 24-hour service is provided. In addition, four-star hotels regularly include:
- Distinctive building design, landscaped grounds
 - Luxuriously appointed lobby, public space, art work,

- fine furnishings, superior carpet quality, fresh flowers.
- Well-groomed staff, uniformed bellmen, doorman, courteous, helpful, and knowledgeable staff
 - Room service, extended hours, superior service
 - Excellent restaurant facilities, one fine dining room
 - Television in armoire or on decorative stand
 - Well-integrated decor; fine artwork
 - Fine linen, double top sheet; large, fresh pillows
 - Turn-down service
 - In-room computer, office equipment
 - Recreation facilities on premises; poolside services, beverage and food; complimentary limousine service to theater and shopping
- FIVE STAR: A five-star hotel is unique and will typically include no more than 1 or 2 percent of all hotels rated. There is no "typical" five-star establishment because most of these hotels are truly "one-of-a-kind".
- Each one offers service levels that provide a memorable experience for each guest. Lobbies will be places of beauty, often displaying fine works. A superior restaurant must be present. Grounds should be meticulously groomed and landscaped. This type of hotel requires the presence of professional, articulate, knowledgeable staff members capable of identifying and meeting the needs of all guests. A five-star hotel will offer guests all of the features of a four-star property as well as:
- Unique architectural building design
 - Superior maintenance throughout
 - Grounds meticulously groomed and landscaped
 - Impeccable housekeeping
 - Guests escorted to rooms
 - Rooms spacious, offering a comfortable sitting area, working area and chair
 - Carefully-integrated guest room decor, with emphasis on elegance or reflecting a design of distinctive quality
 - Amenities, special soaps, linens, bath decor
 - Welcome gift from management
 - Minibars, refrigerators in rooms
 - Management that is committed to guest satisfaction
 - A continuous commitment to excellence
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- “It’s Fourth of July weekend, or, as I call it, Exploding Christmas.” — Stephen Colbert
- "When you're born, you get a ticket to the freak show. When you're born in America, you get a front-row seat." — George Carlin
- "All people are born alike. Except Republicans and Democrats." — Groucho Marx

4 Keep Your Dog Cool This Summer

By Lucie Hock

Hot summer days can be especially hard on dogs. They cannot perspire and can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through the glands in the pads of their feet and noses, which is inadequate to cool them down in extreme heat. Dogs have a higher internal body temperature than humans and they can overheat very quickly. There are steps we can take to make the hot weather more comfortable for our dogs.

Exercise your dog early in the morning or late in the evening when it is cooler outside. Watch out for surface temperatures. Sidewalks, asphalt and sand can become so hot, your dog's feet can burn and blister in as little as 10 minutes.

Keep medium and longhaired dogs especially well groomed in the summer. A well- groomed coat protects your dog from the sun and acts as insulation from the heat. A tangled and matted coat will trap heat and expose skin surfaces. Rashes, hot spots or sunburns can develop.

Car and truck rides can be extremely stressful for your dog on hot days. Please consider leaving your dog at home during the mid-day heat. If he does go for a ride with you, never leave him in a parked car. Even opening the windows , while parked in the shade, will not prevent a dog from overheating. Riding in the back of a pick up truck can also be dangerously hot for your dog. Inside or outside, with only hot air to breath, dogs can suffer irreparable brain damage and die from heatstroke.

Their feet can burn and blister on black duraliners and hot metal truck beds. Be sure your dog has plenty of water, a cool surface to stand on and shade from the sun during those "quick trips to town". Ice packs, or even a frozen plastic bottle of water, can

be added to crates to help keep your dog cool while traveling. Designer K-9 clothing is very popular and used by dog owners year round. Be careful of your choices on hot days. Full body clothing can trap heat, dramatically increase your dog's body temperature and cause heat stroke. Muzzles that don't allow your dog to open his mouth will prevent him from panting and drinking water. Avoid tying up your dog outside because ropes and chains can easily tangle and prevent your dog from reaching the shade and water that he needs.

Your dog will need "cool" shade during the summer. Doghouses do not provide adequate protection from the heat and sun. Plastic doghouses are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. In the direct sunlight, plastic doghouses will trap the heat making the inside of the house unbearably hot for your dog. Wooden doghouses can provide better protection on hot days because wood does not conduct heat and can stay cool to the touch, even in the direct sunlight. The best choice is always a shady area, behind a structure or under a tree, for your dog's house.

Dogs need to hydrate frequently and a clean supply of water should be available to them at all times, day and night. Dogs need to drink a minimum of 1 oz of water per one pound of body weight each day and this can easily double, or triple, in extreme heat or during exercise. Dehydration occurs when dogs lose body fluids faster than they can replace them. A prominent sign of dehydration is loss of skin elasticity. When the skin along the back is pulled up, it should spring back into place. In a dehydrated dog, the skin stays up in a ridge for 5-10 seconds. Heat stroke begins with heavy panting and difficulty breathing. The tongue and the gums will appear bright red, the saliva will be thick and vomiting often occurs. A dog will become progressively unsteady and may pass bloody diarrhea.

Dogs know when they are getting too hot and, in most cases, will slow down and look for a cool resting place. Dogs are so faithful, they will follow their owners anywhere, anytime. When the conditions are not suitable for their comfort and safety, we need to decide what is best for them. A cool, shady spot at home is always the best choice for your dog during the mid and late day heat. Be good to your dog, he is counting on you to make the right choices to keep him cool this summer.



An East Side Story: Deputies' Quick Thinking Saves A Bull
We've all seen the cattle grazing on the east side of Lake Berryessa. But two weeks ago the Sheriff's office received a call for service regarding a cow drowning in the lake. Deputies James Hartley and Joe Schiavoni arrived at the scene and found an exhausted bull struggling in water about 25 feet deep, approximately 400 yards off the shoreline of East Side Road. The deputies worked together to rope the bull, then carefully pulled him to shore with their jet skis. The owner of the bull is thankful for the quick thinking and hard work. Excellent job out there!

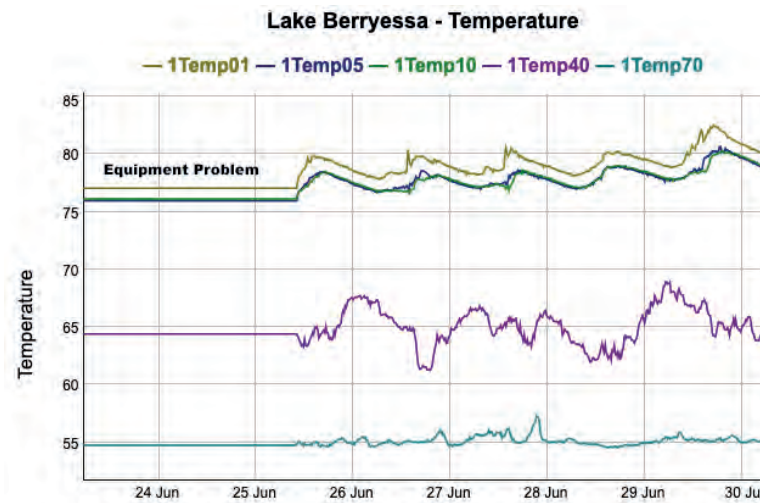
Coincidentally the Lake Berryessa News and friends were out in the middle of the lake on one of the Lake Beryessa Boat and Jet Rentals patio boats (<https://lakeberryessaboats.com/>) when the two sherrifs came by and asked us if we had spotted a drowning cow. We hadn't so after a few pleasantries exchanged they took off on their search. Luckily the lake was flat, no wind. You may notice in the photos that both sheriffs were in full uniform with long pants!



Lake Level and Temperature, 7/1/21

The level is now 409.7 feet, 31.3 feet below Glory Hole. That's 2.7 feet down since June 1 (412.5 feet). Surface temperatures hover around 80 degrees!

Effect of evaporation on lake level: Average evaporation since June 1, with temperatures exceeding 100 degrees at times, has been .39 inches per day, 2.73 inches per week, 11.7 inches since June 1. That's 36% of the total 32.4 inches (2.7 feet) down since June 1.



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