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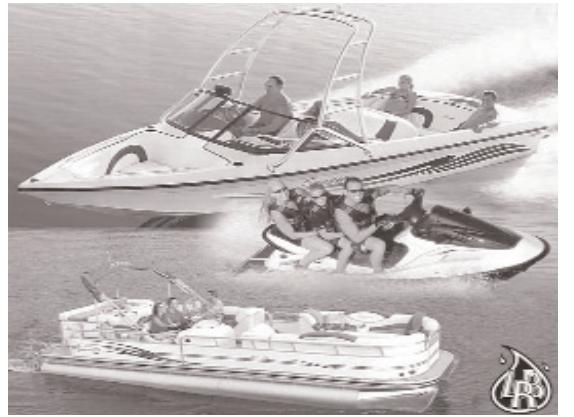
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Myke Paural of Aquagy said that the Aquagy had actually proposed a 32% increase in the present rate (40% less than the 72% rate increase just passed by the Board in June, 2011) that could be phased in over 5 years at 7% per year. Then there would be no further rate increase for 30 years.

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Water, Water, Everywhere - But at What Cost? NBRID Moves Forward

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) met on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the selection process and final decision for a firm to operate the NBRID water/sewer system. The Cease & Desist Order (CDO) against the District was also a topic.

On March 22, 2011 the District Board authorized staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain (DBFOM) contract from qualified firms to initially take over operations of the District and then transition into resolving the capital improvement issues related to resolving the CDO.

It was hoped that retaining a private operations firm would provide cost savings and improved effectiveness. By operating multiple systems these firms can offer the advantages of economy of scale. Examples include centralized billing and accounting, online account access and the availability of experienced management and technical resource teams.

The Interview Panel said that Summit Engineering (www.summit-sr.com) made a strong technical and financial presentation and appeared to have a cohesive and enthusiastic team. Summit also now operates the Circle Oaks Water District.

It is located in Santa Rosa, has experience in Napa, and has many local companies on its team. Their financial approach is to seek public financing through loan and grant applications, which provides the lowest cost alternative for raising capital.

Corix is a Canadian company which has a U.S. affiliate with 350 employees in Southern California. They have strong technical expertise. They wish to expand into the Northern California market and look at the NBRID as that opportunity. They would also use local engineering and construction companies as partners.

Corix (www.corix.com) is financially strong and would fund the NBRID through private financing. For example, when asked how they would fund immediate repairs to the Berryessa Highlands system they responded that they would simply write a check (expecting a reasonable rate of return on their investment, of course).

Interviews were conducted on July 29, by an Interview Panel consisting of two Directors, two Transition Committee members and two District staff members. After thoroughly reviewing the qualifications of each firm and listening to their team presentations with follow-up questions, the Interview Panel chose Summit Engineering as the primary firm for the project, with Corix as the alternate if negotiations with Summit do not result in acceptable contract terms.

When Summit was asked this same question, they admitted it would take some time to access public loan and grant financing and would probably have to borrow the money from Napa County (which would eventually have to be paid back). However, both firms said they would be able to begin work immediately.

The Aquagy proposal was also discussed. Aquagy took a different approach with a potentially higher up front costs due to energy efficiency and other technical innovations that would result in lower future operating costs.

Although there was support for the proposal, Aquagy would apparently want an increase in rates while Summit and Corix claim they would live within the present budget which apparently means including the latest rate increase.

In a subsequent statement,

NBRID Transition Committee Gets To Work

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) met on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011. At that meeting the six members of the new Transition Committee were introduced. The members are Randal E. Bryant, Tracy Renee, Susan E. Sedillo, Victor Venuta, Stuart Williams and Georgi Maule-Finch (Pensus).

Transition Committee members immediately held an election for officers and unanimously elected Stu Williams as Chair and Tracy Renee as Vice-Chair. The Transition Committee members then participated with the NBRID Board (Napa County Supervisors) in their regular meeting.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the selection process and final decision for a firm to operate the NBRID water/sewer system and the Cease & Desist Order (CDO) against the District. Two Transition Committee members, Susan Sedillo and Randal Bryant, were members of the Interview Panel which had interviewed all four proposing companies (PERC Water, Corix Utilities, Summit Engineering and Aquagy Overaa) earlier.

The NBRID Board formally voted to begin negotiations with Summit Engineering immediately. The next meeting of the NBRID Board and the Transition Committee will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

RWQCB vs NBRID: The Battle of the Capital Letters

Napa County staff met with representatives of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on July 13, 2011 to discuss progress in meeting the Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) deadlines required under the standing Cease & Desist Order (CDO).

The RWQCB was informed about the progress of Larry Walker Associates field-work on the Berryessa Highlands system. RWQCB staff indicated that a monetary penalty related to the winter discharges is

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inevitable. The amount of the penalty can be reduced based upon District actions taken prior to and after the discharges to prevent further violations. Any progress in eliminating the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) problems prior to the next winter wet season will also serve to reduce the penalty, although not on a dollar for dollar basis.

As of this writing, the sewer volume flows have been monitored, but the pipes have not been inspected using internal cameras. The Deputy District Engineer does not believe the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) situation is the critical issue and stated that any evaluation and repair of Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would probably not be completed by this winter.

Of course there will also be the traditional watermelon-eating contest and water balloon toss with prizes for the lucky winners. Mark your calendar and invite your neighbors to this fun, free, family event. Any questions, contact Pastor Bob at 252-4488.

Lupine Shores was also discussed at the meeting with RWQC. Pensus has proposed a "summer-only" hook-up to NBRID to allow them to operate during the primary recreational season, which is not affected by rain, and would thus not contribute to any potential storage pond overflows.

The RWQCB staff was not amenable to that proposal. Although the RWQCB does not have jurisdiction over provision of water service to Lupine Shores, the staff would want to see significant progress in addressing the treated wastewater disposal and storage issues and wet season monitoring prior to discussing a connection or disposal directly in the plant, whether seasonal or not. They did acknowledge that if wastewater was stored and then trucked off site they probably did not have jurisdiction.

November 1, 2011 is a big date for the NBRID. The following reports are required by the state:

1. Interim Spill Prevention and Control Plan,
 2. Preliminary Revised Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) Assessment Report,
 3. Preliminary Plan for Revised Wastewater Facilities,
 4. Preliminary Financing Plan for Collection System & Wastewater Facilities.
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Lawyers get disbarred and clergymen defrocked, so doesn't it make sense that ballplayers would be debased, politicians would be devoted, and cowboys be deranged, and models be deposed and Calvin Klein models be debriefed, and organ donors be delivered, and dry cleaners be depressed, decreased, and depleted!

Celebrate Summer ... It's Not Over Yet!

School is about to start and you may be wondering where your summer has gone. We all get busy with our daily comings and goings and sometimes we forget to just celebrate the season. On Saturday, August 20, the Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church will be putting on their 4th annual Celebrate Summer event.

The festivities start at noon and run until 4:00 pm in the parking lot of the Community Church (at Moskowitz Corners). Your family is invited to spend a few hours having some good old-fashioned summer fun. The event is fun, free, and family-oriented. There will be fresh off-the-grill hot dogs, fun activities ... the rock wall, the triple-splash water slide (wear something you don't mind getting wet), a bungee run for teens and adults, and a bounce house for the kids.

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September 17 - Saturday: Coastal Cleanup Day, 9 AM - Noon. Volunteers needed above and below our waterways. Underwater scuba dive clean-up at the Pope Creek Bridge. Contact Marianne Butler at (707)301-5778 or Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111, ext 143, or gjordan@usbr.gov.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/8/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **10.17** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/18/11	431.48	0.25	80	54	0.00
7/19/11	431.41	0.22	84	55	0.00
7/20/11	431.35	0.21	86	59	0.00
7/21/11	431.25	0.29	93	58	0.00
7/22/11	431.19	0.34	96	61	0.00
7/23/11	431.11	0.36	95	59	0.00
7/24/11	431.02	0.32	90	56	0.00
7/25/11	430.93	0.29	90	51	0.00
7/26/11	430.84	0.24	93	51	0.00
7/27/11	430.75	0.30	90	57	0.00
7/28/11	430.66	0.31	94	59	0.00
7/29/11	430.59	0.34	98	62	0.00
7/30/11	430.50	0.34	97	58	0.00
7/31/11	430.41	0.31	92	56	0.00
8/1/11	430.32	0.28	90	54	0.00
8/2/11	430.25	0.24	94	53	0.00
8/3/11	430.16	0.28	93	55	0.00
8/4/11	430.08	0.33	95	54	0.00
8/5/11	430.00	0.24	86	55	0.00
8/6/11	429.91	0.24	92	57	0.00
8/7/11	429.83	0.31	91	56	0.00

August Birthdays

Cheri Reghette	1st	Michele Quecke	19th
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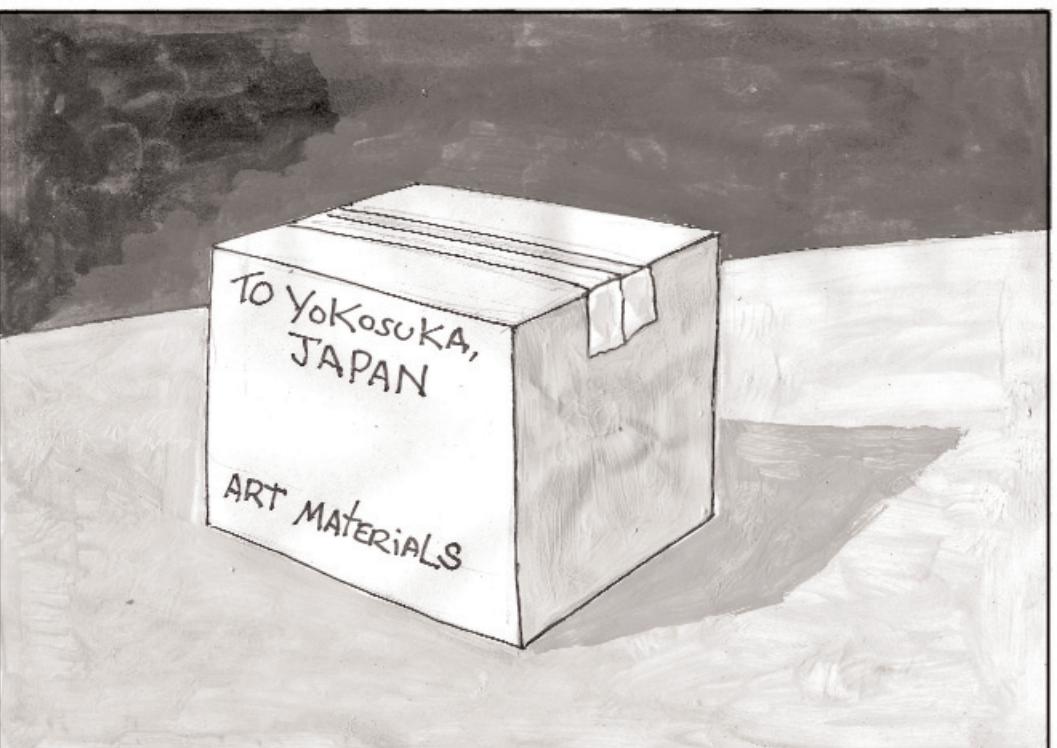
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa's Loss is Yokosuka's Gain

Lake Berryessa News cartoonist, Bill Scholer, a longtime fixture on the local music scene in Davis, Winters, and Lake Berryessa, departed August 6 for Japan to be with his wife Karla who is teaching at the U.S. Naval base in Yokosuka south of Tokyo. They've had a long-distance high-tech relationship for the last year. Bill would Skype Karla on the weekends, when it was Saturday for him and Sunday for her over in Japan.

"I moved to Davis in 1981 to work at UC Davis as a graphics technician in the art department," Scholer recalled. He shared an office with Mike Henderson, a member of the art department who also performed as a blues musician with the likes of Jerry Garcia and Mike Bloomfield. Mike performed a couple of weeks ago with Bill at Cucina Italiana.

Henderson kept a guitar in the office, which Bill would sometimes play, and this led to gigs for Bill at the Blue Mango, a vegetarian restaurant and coffee shop in Davis.

"The Blue Mango hosted a lot of folk acts, and I started playing solo guitar there, and gradually I put a band together," Bill said. Eventually, he came up with my own brand of Davis blues that became the sound of the Bill Scholer Blues Band. His latest band "Waiting for Bruce" has a somewhat different sound. It is a collection of old friends who are musicians in Davis and a little bit outside the blues realm. The band also gives some exposure to the songwriting side of Bill's musical personality.

Bill's last gig in Davis last Thursday with Waiting for Bruce featured Scholer originals like "Cold Rain" and "The Knights of Labor" — the latter is based on one of the first American labor unions. He also played "Napalachia," which he said reflects his life in recent years.

"I've been living out by Lake Berryessa — we found some land that we put a home on," he said. "We're kind of like the hillbillies of Napa County, so I came up with the title 'Napalachia' as a kind of sideways reference to the rural beauty and traditional folk music of Appalachia."

We'll all miss Bill, especially those of us who were lucky enough to hear him play every Thursday night this summer at Cucina Italiana. Perhaps we should declare Lake Berryessa a sister city to Yokosuka. We could also Skype Bill And Karla from Cucina Italiana on Thursdays so Bill can continue to play for Thursday Music Night at Cucina?



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The Interview Panel believed that limiting the immediate financial burden on the Berryessa Highlands residents was an important consideration in their selection.

There was some discussion of various potential costs presented in the proposals. For example, Summit included a cost estimate for system improvements of not-to-exceed \$3.7 million substantially less than the number contemplated in the proposed \$13 million bond issue.

Also, the engineering analysis done for that bond issue, which itself cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, did not address pipeline repairs to limit Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) from old cracked sewer pipes. It simply assumed that all Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would need to be completely replaced.

However, the selection criteria for the DBFOM proposals, according to Napa County Deputy District Engineer Phillip Miller, were based on merit rather than proposed costs. He said that actual costs could only be determined after the County consultants, Larry Walker Associates, analyzed various options which would then be presented during the contract negotiations.

Detailed costs being developed by Walker Associates are expected to be available by fall. This data is needed to address the Cease and Desist Order (CDO), dated October 1, 2010, that was imposed on the District by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

The Deputy District Engineer does not believe the I&I situation is the critical issue and stated that any evaluation and repair of Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would probably not be completed by this winter.

Although this seems somewhat of a chicken or eggish analysis, the driving factor for him appears to be the potential penalties threatened by the CDO and RWQCB staff comments.

According to Miller, the biggest problem facing the District is not I&I

due to old and cracked sewer pipes causing large volumes of rainwater into the system, but the actual winter storage and disposal situation. Contradicting that assertion was a previous report by Pensus engineers that claimed that I&I was the primary concern.

The potential for pond overflow this winter was discussed. A chart of the pond volumes for the last two years is shown on this page.

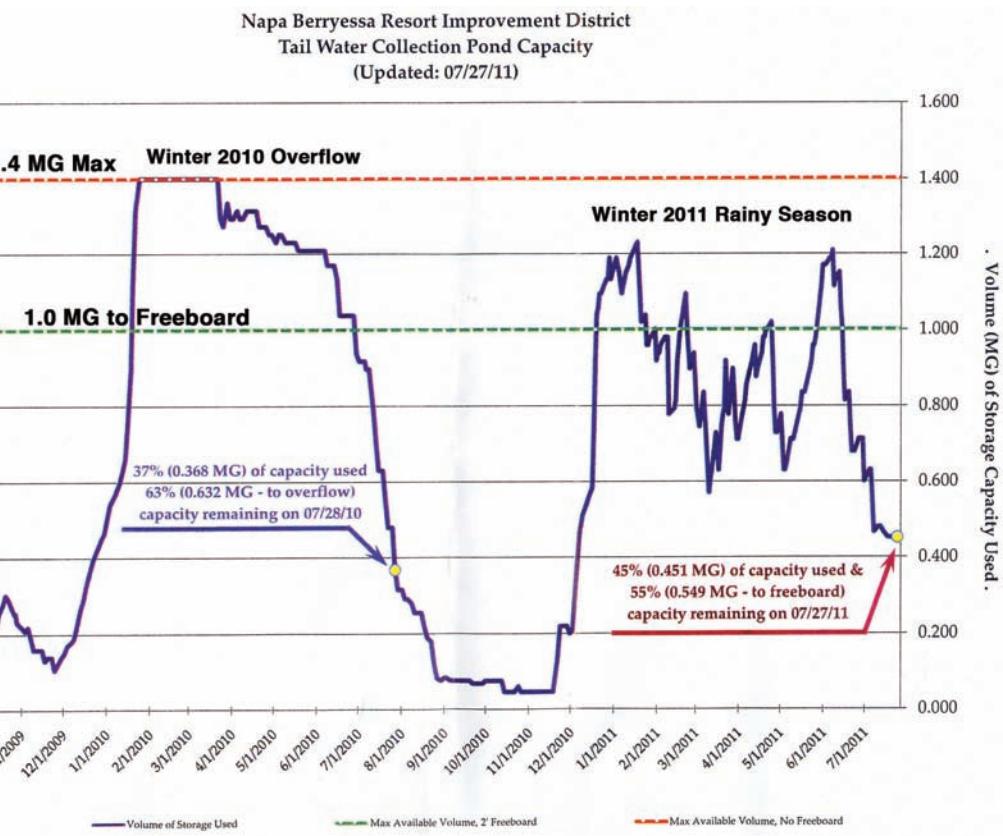
At an April meeting between Napa County and Pensus a tentative plan was developed to potentially help remove the State's Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against the NBRID by showing that effluent volumes, which everyone knows is primarily impacted during winter by rainwater intrusion into old Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes, would be below the 50,000 gallon limit if the pipes were repaired. This would potentially allow the CDO to be lifted and also allow a longer-time frame to make the major upgrades to the main sewer treatment plant.

The April meeting group identified several milestones and a funding mechanism. Walker Associates would monitor the system through the remaining wet weather in 2011. Camera and video analysis would determine infiltration water origin and provide the results by summer.

The CDO process requires a November 2011 report to the state. During summer of 2011, the identified areas of serious infiltration would be repaired. During the winter of 2012 the effluent flow volume would be monitored which is hopefully less than the 50,000 gallon limit.

As of this writing, the sewer volume flows have been monitored, but the pipes have not been inspected using internal cameras.

The NBRID Board formally voted



to begin negotiations with Summit Engineering immediately. The next meeting of the NBRID Board and the Transition committee will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Pensus President Reaffirms Commitment to NBRID

Pensus President, David Ffinch provided this statement to the Lake Berryessa News:

As you are aware, on July 30th at the invitation of Brenda Brown, my daughter Georgi and I attended a meeting of Berryessa Highlands residents and other interested parties. From Pensus' viewpoint the meeting went well. We responded to many questions and I believe we were able to allay a number of concerns.

Pensus confirmed that it would like to connect development elements of the Lupine Shores Resort to the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) sewage treatment plant.

Presently there is a 'Cease & Desist Order' by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board restricting new connections to NBRID due to non compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements. The total cost of bring-

ing NBRID into compliance is estimated to be up to \$4 million and Pensus has agreed that the Lupine Shores Resort will bear its fair share of that burden.

Pensus also confirmed that it has, and will continue, a zero tolerance policy against those who disturb the peace. We are working closely with the Napa County Sheriff's office and we very much appreciate their responsiveness and support. We are committed to assuring a very safe and secure environment for visitors.

A frequently asked question is when new installations will be made. Pensus is working with all of the government agencies involved in the planning and approval process which is, of necessity, detailed and time-consuming. Installations are dependent upon all necessary agency approvals and it is too early to predict, with any degree of accuracy, when construction of major elements will take place. By early next year we hope to be able to provide some direction in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
David Ffinch

Capell Creek Bridge to be replaced in 2013 – Project Update!

Last December Caltrans released an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) for the Capell Creek Bridge Replacement Project, (Bridge No. 21-0009) in Napa County on Route 121 with a new single span bridge from post mile (PM) 20.2 to post mile 20.4. Construction work is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2013 and would be completed by Spring 2015. The proposed construction and improvements will include road-work that requires lane closures and one-way traffic control during construction period.

The existing bridge, built in 1907, consists of two spans made up of rubble masonry earth filled barrel arches. In 1959, the bridge was widened from 18 ft to 30 ft with reinforced concrete slab on reinforced concrete pier and abutments, all on spread footing. The two-lane bridge currently serves two-way traffic with 12-ft lanes and 3-ft shoulders. Because of the later alteration, it does not possess sufficient integrity (enough of its original design and materials) to be eligible for National Historical Register listing.

The project is now ready to roll since Caltrans just released a Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) for this \$5M project which states:

The Department has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise and Vibration, Hydrology, Air Quality, and Utilities, Paleontological Resources, or Timberlands.

In addition, the proposed project would have no significant effect on Biological Resources, Land Use, Farmland, Water Quality, or Hazardous Materials.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on Visual Resources because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to insignificance; briefly:

Mitigation techniques such as contour grading, slope rounding and revegetation/replanting shall be employed.

All exposed ground surfaces should be hydro-seeded with appropriate plant species for erosion control purposes to reduce the degree of visual contrast of these areas and naturally recolonize with herbaceous plants occurring on adjacent, undisturbed slopes.

Oak trees having a diameter at breast height in excess of 4 inches that are removed during construction should be replaced by the same species at a 3:1 ratio for upland native oak trees, 5:1 for riparian native oak trees, and 1:1 for other non-native trees. All other felled trees having a diameter at breast height greater than 4 inches should be replaced at a ratio of 1:1. Trees will be replaced onsite to the extent possible after the completion of roadway construction. Caltrans will seek offsite planting areas only if replacement onsite is not feasible.

The new bridge railings should have a finished pattern, surface texture, and coloration that mimic the stone pattern, color, and texture of the original railing.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on traffic during construction because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to insignificance; briefly:

Caltrans will develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) in consultation with local officials regarding lane closures that may be required during bridge construction.

Caltrans Design will also work closely with local county officials and Caltrans TMP Manager to avoid bridge closure during the Napa County harvest season through implementation of one-way traffic control (including day times) that will be needed during construction.

Annual Average Daily Traffic: 2009, 2,450 vehicles (2.9% trucks); 2014 (Construction Year), 3,000 vehicles (2.9% trucks); 2024 (10 years after opening), 3,500 vehicles (2.9% trucks)

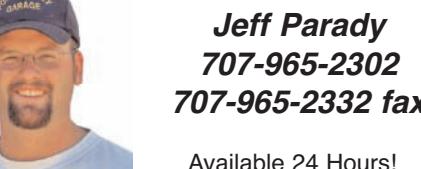
The full 200-page document is available on the Caltrans web site in the Napa County section at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm>

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Andy & Pauline Darrow and their daughters Katy and Grace (who had never caught a fish) went out on Lake Berryessa with Sid Silberberg a couple of weeks ago. They had a great day and caught a few fish. But the big star of the day was a fourteen-pound large mouth bass!!!



Berryessa Highlands Water Conservation Tips

Ed and Cheryl Berg of Rimrock Road decided to do something about water conservation. Over the years they have always maintained one of the nicest front yards on Rimrock. Originally they used a non-conventional biomass method to aerate and fertilize their front lawn. This resulted in a lush green vista. However, over time the water crisis hit them hard



Here are some of the water conservation methods they've done, are doing, and yet to do:

- Recirculation pump on hot water line, with timer or remote switch. This recirculates the cold water in the pipes back to the water heater until only hot water is ready to come out of your hot water tap. This method saves many gallons of water while taking showers or washing clothes.
- Rock in your yards and use drought and deer tolerant plants. (Photo below)
- Use timer and drip emitters on garden vegetables.
- Replace leaking hose bibs.
- Run bath water into buckets until hot and reuse to water with. (For homes without the re-circulating pump described above)
- Put a brick in holding tank of toilets.
- Compost your garden to enrich soil and save water.
- Capture rainwater, keep it balanced and reuse in spring.
- Wash full loads of laundry rather than small loads.
- Use your neighbor's water when they're not home. (Just kidding!)



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Home is where your heart is, and your lungs and liver too, but despite a month-long search they'll never find all of you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): For the third excruciating week in a row, you will find yourself powerless to prevent your day from perfectly mimicking the lyrics of "Stairway To Heaven."

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You can't help but feel that if there were something you could do to stop being such a wishy-washy, passive, indecisive loser, you would have done it by now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Air and fire magicks are very strong in your sign right now, so it's fortunate that you're really into igniting your own flatulence.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll find steady if undignified employment as the guy who stands right behind the crime boss and emphatically repeats the last words of all his sentences in a sneering voice.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The stars have no wisdom or portents to impart at this time, but thought it would be bad manners not to at least say hi.

Libra (September 23-October 22): Sometimes there is just no way to say you're sorry, but the rest of the time you should probably try just walking up to the person and saying "I'm sorry."

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You try to be a decent person with a good perspective on life and a firm view of right and wrong, but you'll soon find yourself ordering something called a half-caff skinny maple soy latte.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll be devastated by the news that you could have stopped a major tragedy in Nigeria if you had only answered their pleading e-mails in time.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Sometimes the exact right thing falls right out of the sky and hits you between the eyes, which will be the case next week after the bowling ball plant upwind from you explodes.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You'll worry about your mental health when your dog suddenly begins speaking to you in a commanding voice, but all it seems to want is food, water, and the occasional walk.

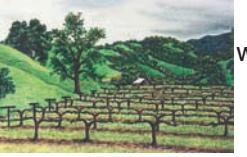
Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll set off on an unnerving romantic adventure with a new partner who shares your unhealthy interests and reflects all the things you like least about yourself.

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Barry decides to visit his doctor...

I don't know if I want to stick to my doctor. He isn't very good. If you tell him you want a second opinion, he will go out and come in again.

He treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years before he realized she was Chinese.

While talking to me his nurse said, "Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he is invisible." The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Another time a man came running in the office and yelled, "Doctor, doctor, my son just swallowed a roll of film." The doctor calmly replied, "Let's just wait and see what develops."

One time I came in and said, "Doctor, I have a serious memory problem." The doctor asked, "When did it start?" I replied, "When did WHAT start?"

I remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: "Don't answer it."

My doctor sure has his share of nut cases. Someone said to him, "Doctor, I think I'm a bell." The doctor gave him some pills and said, "Here, take these. If they don't work, give me a ring."

Another guy told the doctor that he thought he was a deck of cards. My doctor simply said, "Go sit over there. I'll deal with you later."

When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to THOSE places.

Finally, my doctor can be so frustrating. I waited a month and a half for an appointment, and he said, "I wish you had come to me sooner."

Now that I'm done with him, my doctor needs his own doctor

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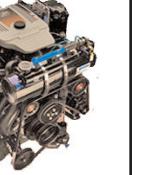
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She asked, "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."

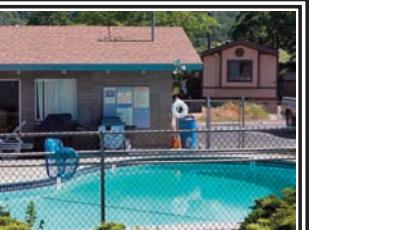
She was delighted, smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... but what about I, J, and K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"



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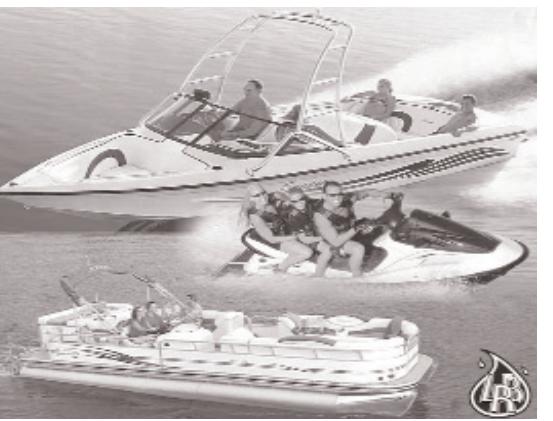
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than 99 percent of its solid waste, including scrap aluminum and metal, glass, cardboard, wood, brewing grain, beechwood chips, stretch wrap, labels, electronic equipment and batteries, according to the firm.

Anheuser-Busch has been salvaging material from its brewing process since the late 19th century, when the company started offering used grain as cattle feed.

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

According to Kevin Finger, General Manager 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 we 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

new equipment, including a bio-energy recovery system reclaims water from the brewing process. The bio-energy system also generates more than 15 percent of the brewery's fuel needs by capturing the nutrients in brewing wastewater for conversion into biogas. Use of the renewable fuel enables the brewery to decrease its use of natural gas.

Honored more than a dozen times for waste reduction, the Fairfield facility recycles more

NBRID Transition Committee Schedules Community Meeting

**Tuesday, September 6, 7 PM,
Capell Valley Fire House**

NBRID Process Update

Subsequent to the article about the NBRID in the last issue, Napa County staff explained to the Lake Berryessa News that they are vigorously pursuing solutions to both the Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) problem as well as the winter effluent storage problem.

The NBRID wastewater system has a twofold problem. One is excessive I/I during wet weather. The other is that there is insufficient storage for treated effluent that cannot be legally discharged during winter wet weather events.

The only current means of effluent disposal is land application (i.e. spraying). By permit, spraying is not allowed prior to, during or shortly after rainfall events. Discharge of tailwater to the watershed is also not allowed.

Therefore, in a wet winter, there has to be sufficient storage available to retain all treated effluent and any rainwater entering the system. Short-term actions are focused on eliminating the I/I. The longer-term solutions to resolving the storage and disposal issues is anticipated to require property acquisition, CEQA/NEPA compliance, and coordination and approvals by several State and Federal agencies.

Following the selection of Summit Engineering at the August 2nd NBRID Board meeting as the contractor for operating, upgrading and maintaining the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, there was some dissatisfaction with the thoroughness of the process.

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Pensus requested in a public statement to County officials and staff, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board that the selection process be extended an additional step to more thoroughly analyze the bidders' responses and ask additional questions of each.

"In our (Pensus) opinion an evaluation to assure an informed and beneficial decision for the ratepayers should, at a minimum, compare each response as to:

i. The stated cost of annual operations for this year and in subsequent years

ii. Guarantees offered as to operating costs

iii. The stated cost estimates to make the system improvements to meet the needs of the District

iv. A Summary of the specification of improvements proposed

v. Guarantees as to limitation of capital improvement costs

vi. Guarantees as to funding of improvements

vii. First year and subsequent year rates provided

viii. Guarantees as to rates

ix. The timing of improvements planned

In addition we feel that the following assurances should be a requirement of selection:

1. Guarantee of funding for all improvements needed throughout the term of the contract, which should be at least ten years.

2. Commitment to provide funding of the initial I&I improvements by September 2011.

September Birthdays

Bob Loudermilk 4th	Effie Macholtz 20th
Chris Lacombe 6th	Susan Heyden 25th
Pam Stadnyk 6th	Marlene Einings 26th
Naomi Burney 10th	Mike Hanes 27th
Paula Brown 11th	

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3. Commitment to make improvements to the sewer collection system to reduce winter I&I prior to the first rains of 2011.

4. Guarantee removal of the Cease & Desist order and connection of Lupine Shores and other new residences by spring of 2013 meaning expeditious solution of the non compliance to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board.

5. Provision of an improvement schedule that addresses water and sewer rates through the term of the contract.

6. Provision of a detailed operating budget for the term of the contract.

7. Provision of a description of the improvements to be made to all District facilities, the technologies involved, and the performance parameters of each system.

8. Statement of intentions related to the hiring of existing District employees.

9. Provision of a buy-out schedule of the contract and improvements through the term of the contract should the contract be terminated.

10. Agreement to establish a reserve account (25% minimum), within a time certain, to be used for funding emergencies and rate stabilization.

11. Provision of all required insurances to the minimum levels included in the RFP plus an umbrella policy of \$10M.

12. Acceptance of ownership of all improvements constructed and funded by the company through the term of the contract.

13. Provision of a bond for completion of all construction improvements and evidence of bonding capacity."

Has Anyone Ever Actually "Polluted" Lake Berryessa – NO!

Last winter when both NBRID and LBRID were forced to begin discharging due to heavy rains, the effluent was tested. The effluent is routinely tested for the presence of coliform bacteria. Almost all strains of e. coli are harmless to humans, but they are easy to detect by simple testing. So they are used as an indicator of water that might be contaminated by truly pathogenic organisms.

The statement has often been made that "the effluent is better than what flows into the lake naturally". The results of coliform testing performed on the NBRID and LBRID effluent are always within standards and are usually "non-detect". This means the disinfection systems are working as they should. NBRID wastewater is disinfected secondary treatment water and the effluent water quality is completely innocuous.

When tests are performed on untreated lake water, e.coli are detectable - the source being everything that lives in the watershed. However, testing shows that untreated Lake Berryessa water meets primary and secondary public health drinking water standards which means the water is clean and safe.

The only time the e.coli count rises in the lake is after the first major rainstorm when the first flush off the land reaches the lake. This is primarily due to the cattle that have been grazing around the lake. Even then the number detected is quite low and drops dramatically as the land surface water is diluted and flows out of the lake.

The spills from the holding ponds, which were mostly rainwater anyway, have NEVER caused measurable "pollution" of the lake.

Event Calendar

August 28 – Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers & Riders Horse Carriage Clinic. Judy (Wilson) Barrish will demonstrate horse and buggy driving. Lunch will be provided by Dale Roth. Bring your horse for a play day after the clinic.

September 10 - Saturday: R 2011 - Classic/Hot Rod Car & Motorcycle Show. Any year welcome. Check in time: 11:00am, 1962 Capell Valley Road, 707-252-0140. 5 Peoples' Choice Awards will be given at 4pm. 50/50 Raffle Winner announced at 13pm. Horse shoes & games. Bring a picnic lunch. Bbq pits are on site. Live band at 7:00pm in R lodge.

September 11 – Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers & Riders Roping Clinic with Michael Barrish, 9 a.m. Michael Barrish will perform a roping demonstration. Lunch will be provided but bring something to share. Bring your horse for a play day after the clinic.

September 15 – Thursday: The BRBNA Conservation Partnership is joining the Putah Creek Council to co-sponsor the September "CreekSpeak" - the Council's regular lecture series. Paul Aigner and Leslie Scott from the U.C. McLaughlin Reserve will join other partners to talk about the Eticuera Creek Watershed Restoration Project in the Berryessa/Knoxville area. 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Center Club room, 203 E. 14th St. in Davis.

September 17 - Saturday: Coastal Cleanup Day, 9 AM - Noon. Volunteers needed above and below our waterways. Underwater scuba dive clean-up at the Pope Creek Bridge. Contact Marianne Butler at (707)301-5778 or Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111, ext 143, or jgjordan@usbr.gov.

September 17 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Potluck, 6 PM. The Center will furnish lasagn, salad, and garlic bread. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Nominations for the board of Directors will take place.

September 18 - Sunday: Classic Car Auto Tour of Lake Berryessa starts at Cucina Italiana at noon. We hope you can join us for some for some informal fun with some cool cars. Questions? Call Hugh 707-290-5849

September 23-25 - Friday - Sunday: 32nd Annual Clear Lake Seaplane Splash-In. The largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi will be held in Lakeport. The public can get a close-up look at float planes on Saturday, talk with pilots, and witness a spectacle of aerial events including water-bombing contests, a parade of seaplanes, fly-bys, and more.

Bureau of Reclamation Announces Events at Lake Berryessa

Saturday, August 27, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Let's Move Outside Along the Smittle Creek Trail

Meet at Smittle Creek Day Use Area Parking Lot to join a Park Ranger for a morning hike along the shoreline of beautiful Lake Berryessa. Get some fresh air and exercise while learning about the flora and fauna of the area on an easy-to-moderate 2.6-mile hike. Hikes will take about 3 hours. Hikers may stay with the Ranger for the entire hike or leave early if they choose. To reserve a spot or for additional information, please call 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

Saturday, September 24, 8 to 10 a.m. Paddling Berryessa

Meet at Smittle Creek Day Use Area Parking Lot to experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective on this Ranger-led paddling tour for a fun 2-hour paddling trip, exploring the tranquil waters between the shoreline and Big and Small Islands. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other creatures as the Ranger discusses the natural and human history of Lake Berryessa. This outing is open to anyone with a kayak, canoe or other non-motorized boat.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/22/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **.37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **11.26** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/8/11	429.75	0.26	91	56	0.00
8/9/11	429.66	0.27	92	57	0.00
8/10/11	429.59	0.34	94	59	0.00
8/11/11	429.51	0.29	96	56	0.00
8/12/11	429.43	0.30	95	56	0.00
8/13/11	429.34	0.27	95	56	0.00
8/14/11	429.26	0.29	99	57	0.00
8/15/11	429.18	0.41	97	56	0.00
8/16/11	429.10	0.31	92	55	0.00
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They knew where they stood.
Rapt in her layered leaves,
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She does not stir.
When they moved,
It was because they must
Anger moved them,
And the desire to be elsewhere,
She's dropped into a trance so deep
It looks devout, and, yes,
This is religious zeal - focused less
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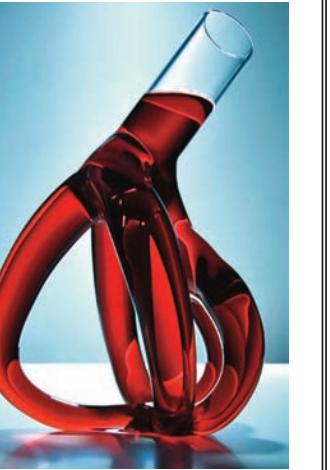
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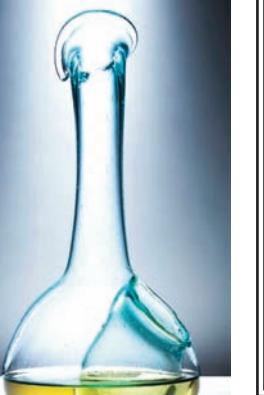
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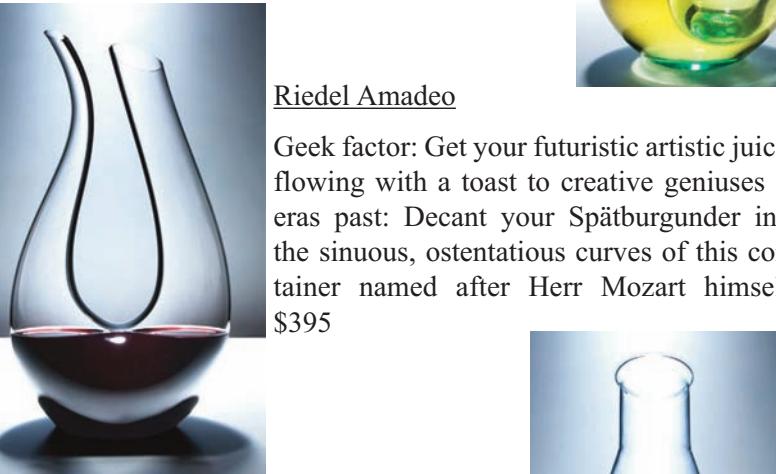
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



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A little light in the loafers.
Got an IQ that's about room temperature.
Got the IQ of garden tools.
Doesn't have the brainpower to toast a crouton.
The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train just isn't coming.
He's so dense, light bends around him.
I don't think his URL allows outside access.
If you stand up next to him, you can hear the ocean.
A flash of light, a cloud of dust, and what was the question?
Looks like he played goalie for the darts team.
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Nichelini: Building a Stairway to Heaven (or at least to Bocce and Wine-Tasting)

The Nichelini Family Winery has provided a couple of great stories for the Lake Berryessa News in the past. Renovating the barn and finding four full beehives, which were successfully saved and transferred to Rustridge Ranch and Winery. Remodeling the house and finding a copy of the Oakland Tribune of May 4, 1939 under the linoleum - fascinating front page stories from pre-World War II days.

Now they've completed a new stairway making it easier to get to the lower level of the winery, which includes the bocce court and the barrel-stave tasting bar outside the barrel room. The tasting room occupies the original building, built by Anton Nichelini himself, and anchored by a hand-hewn stone cellar. Anton Nichelini first came to Chiles Valley on horseback in 1884 when Highway 128 was little more than a dirt trail.

The winery clings to a steep hillside, accessed from Sage Canyon Road above. To get to the tasting room, visitors had to clamber down a rather severe slope. During rainy season, things get slippery, and tastings traditionally had been relocated to a generic room within Nichelini's former house that sits on top of the cellar.

The new stairs snake a path past the production area where all new equipment has replaced the original redwood barrels. But with its 121-year-old construction, the wood barn is dark and rustic.

Multiple generations of Nichelini family carry on Anton's legacy. About 20 acres of Zinfandel remain from Anton's first planting in 1929. The black grape continues to star, as do Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and a Bordeaux white from 1946 vines. Last year, fewer than 2,000 cases total were produced, and bottles are available only through the winery or at a few restaurants owned by family friends - the Buckhorn and Putah Creek Café in Winters and Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa.

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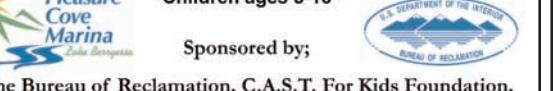
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Berryessa Senior Center Offers New Services to the Community

The Berryessa Senior Center has always had an open-door invitation to the Lake Berryessa community for all of its events and they have added some new services.

A Lending Library of books and puzzles is available, including games and cards. They accept book donations.

Ceramics: There is large variety of "Green Ware, to be cleaned", "Bisque Fired Ware" - ready to paint, and "finished pieces" ready to be "fired" for completion. Their kiln is in good working order and they will fire when they get a full load.

Making Clear Plate Pictures with Cloth: Material provided. Thanks to the Quecke family who donated plates, material, and cloth.

New Hours: During their regular Monday BINGO Game doors will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 PM or later if anyone wishes to stay. On Fridays they will open the doors from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, and again at 7:00pm to 10:00 PM during Cards and Movie time.

There is no charge, but donations are accepted gratefully. You may come in and look around or borrow pieces to work on at home. They will request that you sign out any material or paint for the ceramics and return the colors as you finish using them.

They have a good supply but limited colors. They have a Boutique that will sell finished products or you may keep them. If you have any questions please call Georgia at 707-966-2127.

The Senior Center rents it fully-equipped facility and Popcorn Machine for weddings and private events. They also loan medical supplies and equipment at no charge. Call 707-966-0206 and leave a message.

Wine and Food Pairing: Ripple & Ribs or Thunderbird & Tri-tip?

By Peter Kilkus

As an ignorant, non-wine snob, when I heard about wine and food pairings I thought that meant mixing a forkful of food with a slug of wine and chewing til it tasted good. I learned the sad, complicated truth from a book I was just sent for review.

100 Perfect Pairings by Jill Silverman

Hough of Napa, tried to set me on the right path to perfection. The first part of the book explains in relatively simple terms the principles of wine and food pairing.

Hough says, "We've all heard a lot about how this wine tastes jammy and that one is aromatic, and those nuances can come into play. But in pairing a food with a wine, or vice versa, the most important factors are the wine's broader characteristics, not the nuances. And those broad characteristics are:

- the wine's sweetness or dryness (lack of sweetness)
- the wine's acidity, crispness, or brightness
- the wine's tannins (which cause that bitter, dry-mouth feeling you often get from a red wine)
- the wine's weight or richness (how light or heavy it feels in your mouth)
- the wine's intensity (how subtle or strong its flavors are)

To create great food and wine combinations, the trick is to be familiar with these characteristics for each wine variety - or at least the ones you like - and then apply a few tips about what works and what doesn't."

general pairing tips

1. Pair sweet foods with sweet wines. For example, chocolate and Port. If you pair a sweet food with an unsweet, or dry, wine, it

can make the wine taste sour or, in a red wine, it can accentuate those bitter, dry-mouth tannins. Even a dish that's just a little sweet, like honey-glazed ham, can have enough sweetness to make a dry wine taste less than ideal. So while sweet dishes need sweet wines, slightly sweet dishes often need slightly

A New Culinary Concept: The Cookbook Restaurant!

Whenever I see a recipe that looks fantastic, I count the number of ingredients, the number of preparation steps, and the time to complete the process. If the recipe violates my 5-5-5 rule (more than 5 ingredients, 5 steps, and 5 minutes) I must reject that recipe on principle.

After reading 100 Perfect Pairings, discussed at the left, and the mouthwatering recipes included there, I wished there were a restaurant to which I could bring an intriguing recipe and have them prepare it for me right then and there! It's not as if they don't have all the ingredients already (probably). Fascinating recipes from the book I wish I could try:

Bacon-wrapped filet mignon with blackberries

Smoked trout salad with endive, ricotta salata, and pickled fennel
Herbed goat cheese-stuffed chicken breasts on a spring herb salad
Aniseed-crusted ahi with edamame three-bean salad
Coriander and fennel seed Cornish hens with cucumber sauce

Merlot-braised lamb shanks with gorgonzola polenta
Tapenade swordfish skewers with warm edemame bulgur salad

Macadamia-crusted sturgeon with brown butter papaya
When I broached this subject with my friend, Chef Steano Gusberti of Cucina Italiana, he simply whacked me in the back of the head and walked away shaking his head and nearly losing his toque chef hat. I wonder what that means in Italian?

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8 Clean Water & Why It Matters

Bilgee is a giant bilge pad who is also known as "The Protector of Clean Waterways." He's the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership's mascot and visits Lake Berryessa during the summer to remind everyone that more than 500,000 people drink the water that comes from Lake Berryessa; and that the region's fish, wildlife & plants depend on clean water from the lake to survive.

Untreated Lake Berryessa water generally meets primary and secondary public health drinking water standards. This means the water is clean and safe, which is very good for all the lake visitors and permanent residents who rely on Lake Berryessa's clean water for drinking and household uses, as well as the people and ecosystems that rely on the Sacramento Delta, where the water eventually ends up.

The Travels of a Piece of Lake Berryessa Trash

By Sabrina Larsen and Jesse Hewson, LBWP Summer Interns

A day out on the lake with family and friends often results in loads of laughs, sun, food and the disposing of a day's worth of trash. Unlike the day use areas and resorts, the lake itself does not have strategically placed recycling and trash bins meant to help keep the lake garbage free. Despite the minor inconvenience of keeping a designated trash bag on your boat, the lack of floating trash bins does not justify the practice of dumping garbage into the lake itself.

Some boaters are still unaware of the unintended consequences that littering on the water may cause. During a routine bilge pad installation, a recent visitor to the boat launch at Lupine Shores shared his hopefully unique experience of picking up piles of trash that were floating on the water throughout the day. Even more concerning than the fact that garbage had been dumped on the water was imagining what may have happened to the trash if this boater had left it out there.

Imagine a plastic bag that happened to avoid capture by good Samaritans during its journey to Monticello Dam. Being unaware of the concept of a watershed, this lucky plastic bag doesn't realize the voyage that it is has embarked on. Lake Berryessa's watershed extends far beyond its shores and past the dam. Assuming that an unlucky bird does not decide to eat the indigestible plastic for its next meal, or that it doesn't get caught up in riparian vegetation (plants along the creeks corridor) this single piece of plastic will make its way from the grocery store, to Lake Berryessa, through either Solano County to the end of Putah South Canal or find its way flowing in Putah Creek out to the Sacramento River. The eventual destination may just be the Pacific Ocean where the plastic will break into smaller and smaller pieces and remain forever.

Similar to an invasive Zebra Mussel, the seemingly immobile plastic bag can use people and boats to travel to and from Lake Berryessa just as you do. Please keep this scenario in mind the next time you see a plastic bag or any piece of trash. And, just maybe you will pick it up and stop its voyage before it begins.

The Majestic Plastic Bag - A Mockumentary at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLgh9h2ePYw>



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Soon you will reach the halfway point of your life, allowing you to look back on past triumphs as well as forward to the time when you'll be old enough to legally buy alcohol.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Demanding excellence from yourself and your colleagues is not enough. Demand excellence from yourself and excellence, cash, and valuables from your colleagues.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Sleep will elude you as you wrestle all night with existential questions of mortality and meaning as well as a couple of random wrestlers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Remember, only you can give yourself permission to be happy, although the people in charge of giving you permission to use the bathroom may have something to say about that.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You hate the phrase "We're through the looking glass here, people," but you'll have to use it anyway this week when you and a bunch of people go through a looking glass.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): People will say you've hit a new low even for you, which is depressing, as they clearly haven't been paying attention to a thing you've done.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You knew that moving to the suburbs would expose you to a whole new kind of culture shock, but you had no idea there were people who didn't get drunk to mow the lawn.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Romance will bloom in your sign this week, coating everything with a thin layer of pollen and making a mess before germinating into the overripe and rotten fruit of routine.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): There will be no major changes in your life this week, which given the fires and barracudas, is pretty terrible news.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Everything will go just fine next week except for the part with the truckload of carpet tacks, which doesn't really come when you'd think the part with the truckload of carpet tacks would.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): It's true that just one more cookie won't hurt, as the volcanic activity that will soon render all your earthly concerns irrelevant has been building up for months now.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll have difficulty making yourself understood next week, and for quite a while, even though the people who found you frozen in that block of ice are extremely intelligent scientists.



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- 2 . All idiots, after reading #1 will try it.
- 3 . And discover #1 is a lie.
- 4 . You are smiling now because you are an idiot.
- 5 . You soon will share this with another idiot.
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