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August 1, 2016

"Visit Napa Valley" Helping to Revive Lake Berryessa

by Evan Kilkus

2016 may be a transitional year for Lake Berryessa, and the county-wide chamber of commerce known as Visit Napa Valley may now get to play a bigger role helping to promote the lake.

In June the Napa County Board of Supervisors told county staff to investigate the pros and cons and feasibility of a Managing Partnership Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. To help in their research, County staff called on Visit Napa Valley for their expertise.

The Visit Napa Valley Board of Directors includes representatives from top tier hotels, resorts, wineries, and other tourist serving businesses from around the county. Over the next several months the county will consult with these experienced tourism professionals while they are working with the BOR on the terms of future contracts.

The Visit Napa Valley organization has successfully helped promote Napa County's tourism since 2010, and year after year growth shows that they have the experience and local knowledge to understand what both consumers and resort operators need to coexist.

According to industry reports, 3.3 million visitors to the Napa Valley spent \$1.63 billion dollars in 2014, an average of \$4.48 million per day. Hotel revenue alone in June of 2016, was \$36.7 million, up over 10% from 2015. (See pg. 6.)

While very little data exists on current Lake Berryessa usage, it doesn't take a calculator to see that the lake is almost completely vacant on summer weekdays and from Labor Day through Memorial Day.

The Lake Berryessa News is thankful that Visit Napa Valley is now involved in helping revive the lake. Napa County and Reclamation staff expect to have an update in October, so for now, carry on and enjoy the lake!

From Napa to the Space Station: A Journey Years in the Making

by Evan Kilkus

In today's world getting on a space ship and blasting off to the International Space Station for some reason is less fascinating to the masses than a cell phone and a Pokemon. Thank goodness that for every so many gamers, there is a person that puts the science into the technology.

Kate Rubbins grew up in Napa with her parents and younger brother and sister, and graduated from Vintage with the class of 1996. She was just another kid on campus, playing soccer in grade school and high school, and she worked her way up to the Editor in Chief of the Vintage school newspaper.



20 years later she is not just an average student. This week and for the next few months she is living on the International Space Station conducting research on the impacts of space on diseases, and how people are impacted differently when they are in space. Kate said in an interview on the NASA youtube channel, "we are going to try to do the first DNA sequencing in space... it will be a combination of bacteria, virus, and mass genome."

Her fascination with space and science was apparent as a small child when "she took a Star Wars lunch box to kindergarten at Vichey Elementary", according to her father and Berryessa resident James Rubins. Driven by a true curiosity for science, in 7th grade Kate went to a week

long NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, and then to a week long DNA Conference at the Exploratorium in 10th grade, at which point her parents knew she would be a scientist.

"There's never been a time when I was a kid that I couldn't remember wanting to be an astronaut." Kate said at her Space Camp Hall of Fame induction ceremony. "It was always the standard little kid answer when I was 4, 6, 8 12 years old, I wanted to be an astronaut, biologist, or geologist."

When growing up in Napa the family did lots of camping in National Parks, visited tide pools on the Pacific Coast, and took advantage of local opportunities including driving over to the Angwin College Observatory on Friday nights for star observations, and going to star parties sponsored by Napa College at various Napa Parks.

From Napa to the Space Station... not bad. Let us know if you can see a rare Pokemon from up there.

Follow the LB News for future updates on Kate's research and trip to space, and follow the action on the International Space Station at facebook.com/ISS.



To see Kate's recent interview from space, visit the LB News Facebook page, LakeBerryessaNews.com, or

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2 **Bass Fishing Is A Professional Sport, And Lake Berryessa Is Its Best Stadium!**

Lake Berryessa has been declared by Bassmaster's to be the seventh best bass lake in America! In the future, with Napa County's and Visit Napa Valley's help, Lake Berryessa can become the HUB of the best bass fishing in the West by combining it with the Delta (#5) and Clear Lake (#3). At Lake Berreyssa you can catch a Bass Triple Crown (three species of bass in one 24-hour period) and get International Game Fish Association recognition, notes Bill Ryan, fishing sports writer for the Napa Register.

The main draw would be the variety of available resorts and Lake Berryessa's central location. The resorts can promote a week's stay with one-day drive-outs to the Delta and Clear Lake for added spice.

Marketers need to realize that the new bass anglers aren't your dear old grandpa anymore. They spend \$50,000 for a boat and \$400 for a rod - and another \$400 for a reel! These bassmasters are prime prospects for Napa Valley wine tourism. They can be lured by a robust Lake Berryessa partnership with Napa Valley winery organizations.

Also, major bass tournaments can be pursued. Lake Berryessa should get a couple of big ones a year. The final bass weigh-ins are a good draw for the general public looking for a new experience. The size and array of the different fish catches are quite amazing.

Everyone benefits: lodging, gas, dining, tackle shops - even local guides who take the pros out for a "pre-fish" scouting of the lake. Duration of stays is not just for the tournament - but the for

pre-fishing days, too.

The bass tourney scene has grown and widened in the past few years. The new hot category is bass tourneys for high school and college bass clubs. These are very much like all varsity sports with more schools offering them all the time. All leading to the need for new tourneys and venues in the years ahead.

Letter to the Editor

"Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand -and melting like a snowflake." Sir Francis Bacon

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and volunteers who have supported our campaign for Supervisor District 4, with particular acknowledgement of the voters in the Berryessa Highlands, Circle Oaks and Soda Canyon precincts. We won in your precincts and garnered over 30% of the total votes in District 4!

Thank you Lake Berryessa News for your endorsement...your support made the difference.

I especially want to thank the nearly 100 volunteers who came out, rain or shine, to gather signatures, phone banked, sat at the table at the Farmer's Market, knocked on neighbors' doors in every precinct of the District. I also want to thank each one of you who contributed financially to our campaign, some time and time again.

Ours was a grassroots campaign, powered by you. My opponent had all the money and the machine behind him. Considering he was an appointed incumbent and Chair of the Supervisors, we did exceptionally well.

I was the only candidate who included Berryessa and east County in my platform and now the Board of Supervisors are considering doing what I advocated.

My perspective on the environment is that it includes all of our surroundings, all conditions, circumstances and influences affecting our surroundings: the natural environment, our hillsides, water, air, roads, transportation, how we interact, how we educate our children, how we do business, how our government serves us. I pushed for a sustainable future for Napa County: protection of our hillsides and water, smart public transportation, affordable housing planning and increase of the minimum wage to \$15 NOW.

As to the future: Stay active and involved! When the good of the whole is placed before the good of the few, all are assured a sustainable future filled with abundance. Thank you, Diane Shepp

Capell Valley Park Moves Forward

On July 23rd the Community Church held its annual Helping Hands event. This is an event put on by the church in support of a community or wider ranging effort. This year the event benefits the local effort to turn the old Capell Valley School site into a Park / Community Center.

The event was a huge success and big thanks goes out to the community for supporting the event. We had 20 some booths for our rummage sale with items ranging from clothes, tools, arts and crafts, horse tack, custom pet portraits, canning supplies, jewelry and so on. Lunch, a bake sale, car wash and a local kid's lemonade stand complemented the event.

Special thanks to the gentleman who had one glass of lemonade and went home but returned with a \$100 donation! As a result of the effort a donation of \$1,226 is now available for the Community Center/ Park effort.

The Napa County Park and Open Space District has voted to move forward with obtaining the old Capell Valley school site as a Park/Community Center in support of our group's efforts. We would like to thank the NCPOSD for their trust and support, without their assistance this project would not be possible.

Thanks, Bob Lee

Building Permits in Napa County

Property owners should be aware that they will need a permit for just about any improvements they wish to make to their property in the unincorporated areas of Napa County, whether it's on one acre, 50 acres, or 150 acres and more.

As a public service, the County of Napa offers Quick Permits, an accelerated means of completing certain permitting requests. Not all permit types qualify. Below is a list of qualifying activities. Note: Even if your project is on the list, if it is unusually complicated, it may not qualify as a quick permit. Each department will make its own evaluation.

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Ag Building

Carport

Deck

Garage (no other use)

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Gazebo

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Pump House

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Napa Valley CanDo:

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Napa Valley CanDo brings together people from all over the Napa Valley who want to help our communities thrive through volunteerism and community action. We're strong, creative, and growing quickly! We have no dues and no required service hours. We don't even meet on a regular basis as a whole.

What do we do? We feature "done-in-a-day" and family-friendly volunteer opportunities. Some of these come at the request of local nonprofits seeking volunteers. Others are based on CanDo's own projects which grow out of the interests of our members as we identify unmet community needs. We also spotlight exciting community events.

Week after week NVCan Do stimulates the community to get up and do something to make a difference--The group started as an outcome of Candidate Obama asking his supporters to continue to work to make their communities a better place.

See CanDo's weekly eNewsletter with community events, playful tidbits, and volunteer opportunities at www.nvcando.org/

Lake Berryessa Ranger Programs

By Jennifer Onufer

In June 2016, Bureau of Reclamation Park Rangers welcomed 395 visitors ranging in age from young children to senior citizens to beautiful Lake Berryessa, located in Napa County, California.

Most of the visitors joined the Rangers for 'Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!' on Saturdays from 12-3 p.m. Participants learned about the Berryessa Valley prior to the construction of Monticello Dam on Putah Creek in 1957 and how the filling of Lake Berryessa changed the valley and formed Reclamation's Solano Project.

They also learned that the Solano Project provides flood-control protection for the city of Winters and other downstream communities and delivers high-quality water for irrigation use and for the cities of Vacaville, Suisun City, Vallejo and Fairfield. Many of the visitors asked the Rangers for help in planning future trips to the lake where numerous recreation opportunities are offered, including camping, boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, picnicking and swimming.

In June, Lake Berryessa Park Rangers kicked-off a series of Ranger programs held at the Oak Shores Day Use Area every Sunday at 1 p.m. The first program, 'Reptile Ramble,' came complete with a rattlesnake sighting for the fortunate families who happened to have excellent timing! If the rattler in the attached photo looks a little sluggish, you have to forgive him: he'd just finished swallowing a small ground squirrel.

Park Rangers will continue to present programs at Monticello Dam and the Oak Shores Day Use Area on weekends through Labor Day. Upcoming topics at Oak Shores will include introductions to bats and birds as well as water safety and CPR. For details on Ranger programs, please contact the Lake Berryessa Park Ranger Office at 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

August 1 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll have a terrifying out-of-body experience this week, followed by an even more horrifying back-inside-your-body experience this week.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Nothing noteworthy will occur in your life this week, as you have not paid your cable bill in months.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Reaffirm your commitment to weight loss this week. Eat five pounds of cottage cheese, six cans of peach halves in heavy syrup, and a liter of Diet Coke for each meal.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): A crazy person will try to convince you that the stars are vast, distant balls of gaseous matter. Ignore him.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You will discover the power of chain letters this week when you accidentally break one and suffer no terrible consequences whatsoever.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Nothing can stop Destiny from exerting its powerful influence over you if it so desires. However, it does not.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll turn to religion this week, dislocating your neck, both shoulders, and most of your tendons in the process.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The natives will treat your sudden appearance with a combination of suspicion and awe, but then, they've never seen anyone purchase 20 cartons of cigarettes at once.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Be sure to watch your temper, as it's about to do some pretty amazing things in the days to come.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It's nice that you're trying to become closer to your coworkers, but really, by now you should have noticed they're trying to edge away as politely as possible.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): When all's said and done, some people will actually admire the way you stand your ground and don't let the escaped zoo elephant just push you around.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The stars actually indicate a lot less than you think they do, but go ahead and make big changes in the workplace if that's what you got out of it all.



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Napa Valley Tourist Economy Continues To Improve

During the summer, Visit Napa Valley ends one fiscal year and jumps right into planning the next. Their team is working very closely with their strategic marketing agency to create new and innovative ways to entice overnight stays and continue to stand out as a world-class destination.

Most of VNV's funding comes from a voluntary self-imposed hotel assessment. When a visitor buys a hotel room, 2 percent of what they pay goes to promote the Napa Valley as a tourist destination. While VNV markets the Napa Valley as a whole, some of that assessment revenue goes to local groups that tout the benefits of their particular cities.

VNV is acutely aware of the anti-tourist sentiment that has been building up lately, and VNV says it does not try to attract visitors on weekends or from May to October, when there are plenty of tourists already. Instead, VNV tries to get people here on weekdays during "Cabernet Season," from November through April.

To maximize the economic boost and minimize the impact on infrastructure, promotional efforts target wealthy people who are likely to spend a lot of money. Hotels would much rather charge higher rent than increase their occupancy.

Average Daily Rate (ADR) is a statistical unit that represents the average rental income per paid occupied room in a given time period. The average ADR of the Napa Valley lodging industry rose from \$312 per night in June, 2015 to \$324 per night in June, 2016. Average occupancy went from 76% to 79%.

Total revenue (the primary metric of interest) rose more than 10%, climbing from \$33.3 million in June, 2015 to \$36.7 million in June, 2016.

Napa Superior Court Ruling Keeps Oak Woodland Measure Off Ballot

A Napa County oak woodland and watershed protection measure, which could have had serious effects on Lake Berryessa area and unincorporated county property owners, has apparently failed.

The Water, Forest and Oak Woodland Protection Initiative attempted to strengthen buffers zones around streams. It would in many cases require property owners wanting to cut down oak trees to obtain a permit from the county. Permits would be limited to removing no more than 10 percent of the oak canopy on a property.

The ballot measure would have set up a controversial showdown in the debate over hillside development. In particular, discussion has focused on whether hillside vineyard development that involves cutting down oaks and involves planting vines near streams is regulated enough.

To obtain a permit, property owners would follow various best management practices detailed in the county's 2010 Voluntary Oak Management Plan regarding planting replacement trees and doing construction work near trees that are to remain.

Opposing the initiative are Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Winegrowers of Napa County and Napa County Farm Bureau. They say the county already has strong protections for watershed forests and streams.

The measure portrays vineyard owners as people who don't care about the health and well-being of their own properties, when the opposite is true, according to the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Association. The organization claims it consists of 700 people who care deeply about the environment and community. They called the proposed measure flawed and said it contains hidden costs to enact for both property owners and the county - and thus taxpayers.

Obama Signs Conservation Act To Preserve Nation's Last Remaining

Area Of Common Ground

Taking action to protect the rapidly dwindling vital resource, President Barack Obama signed an executive order Wednesday that would preserve the last remaining expanse of common ground in the nation. "America's common ground is one of our country's most valuable assets, and one that is under threat today like never before," said Obama during a press conference following the signing of the act, which establishes broad federal protections for the shrinking area of shared values and mutual understanding that has suffered severe erosion in recent years.

"Our country's once vast stretches of common ground are part of our national heritage. Unfortunately, if they continue to be destroyed at the rate they have been over the past decade, there will soon be nothing left. This action is a first step toward ensuring that future generations of Americans will also be able to experience the common ground we too often take for granted." Obama added, however, that there was sadly nothing that could be done to reduce the toxic levels of vitriol that had tainted the nation's dialogue.

Area Child Disappointed To Learn Parents' Love Unconditional

Saying he doesn't even feel like trying anymore, 8-year-old Max Bledsoe expressed his strong disappointment Monday after learning that his parents' love is unconditional. "I always thought they loved me because I'd actually earned it, but unfortunately it turns out that their affection is apparently limitless," said a frustrated Bledsoe, wondering aloud the point of doing well in school, learning how to play the piano, and always going to bed before 9 p.m. if his parents were just going to keep on loving him no matter what. "Look at me: I just wasted the last three years of my life trying to win their approval by being a good kid. And for what? To get the love that was coming to me anyway?" Bledsoe added that he envied his adopted younger brother, who really has to work for his parents' love.

Onion Headlines

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Nation's Overthinkers Convene To Determine What That's Supposed To Mean

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From Passivism to Environmentalism to Sustainability: The Evolution of Local Self-Awareness
Adapted from: *Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction* By Peter F. Kilkus.

How do we explain the structure of influence that is at the heart of environmental problems - especially those affecting the welfare of individual human beings? There are many proximate causes of environmental degradation, but I submit that they are fundamentally financially-driven, based on incorrect economics combined with income inequalities, exacerbated by population growth, fueled by overconsumption, and supported by the mythology-based propaganda of the "free market/globalization at any cost" advocates. Since language often drives perception, we must make it clear that environmental groups and sustainability organizations are not special interest groups. They don't build boats or run sawmills. These organizations are universal interest groups with a special mission and responsibility in the growing "social sector" of society. There is more universal truth in a forest or an ocean than in any chainsaw or drift net, and these universal truths are what sustain human life – literally! Sustainability groups are advocates for the very life support system of the earth, which must be healthy for the rest of civil society to flourish.

The environmental fervor of the 1970s, which solved so many of the critical problems of pollution and corporate malfeasance, has evolved into the broader philosophical (and practical) approach of Sustainability. There are several good definitions of Sustainability and the one you like may just be a matter of style. The "Three E's" – Environment, Economy, and Equity (Social Justice) - are being used by many sustainability advocates as a unifying concept.

A simple yet elegant definition, derived from Redefining Progress, is given by Sustainable Sonoma County: "Sustainability means securing a high quality of life within the means of nature.

Sustainability secures people's quality of life within the means of nature in a way that is fair and equitable to all humanity, to other species, and to future generations. Sustainability recognizes the interrelatedness of the economy, society, and environment. It requires that we not consume resources faster than they can be renewed nor produce wastes faster than they can be absorbed."

Sustainability will remain a hard sell until we can show that people have more to gain than to lose by changing their ways. Change flows from necessity, hope, realizable aspirations, and joy, not shame and blame. It's useless to think we always have to harm what we touch. We're going to touch it as long as we exist. The romantic fantasy of humans as an irretrievably nasty plague on the Earth needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences. And for those dedicated to imposing their more ascetic solutions on the rest of us let me quote one of the most basic economic principles given by Herman Daly, "We can surely eat lower on the food chain, but we cannot eat recipes."

Sustainability advocates recognize that solving any problem requires carefully defining the root cause of the real problem and understanding its impact on society and the economy. Solutions don't need to be the result of some dialectical struggle between good and evil.

Many years ago, philosopher/logician Francisco Varela described the "Star" hypothesis in which he proposed that for every duality in apparent conflict there is a larger whole within which the duality is integrated and to which it contributes stability. He pointed out that in Hegelian dialectics dual interactions are of the zero sum form: what one side gets the other side loses. But the operational form of real interactions seems almost universally to be of non-zero sum form: every participant



can win (by playing the game of the whole). When we look at natural systems, nowhere do we find opposition apart from our own projection of values. The apparent conflict pair, predator/prey, for example, does not operate in opposition. Both generate a whole unity, their ecosystemic domain, where there is complementarity, mutual stabilization, and benefits in survival for both species (although not necessarily for individual members of the species). So although we can project values to the apparent duality of predator/prey, the inclusive whole is really ecosystem/species interaction. A humorous example can illustrate this point.

Years ago several endangered peregrine falcons were released in the San Francisco Bay Area. Within days a distraught person called the local Audubon Society to report that the falcons were killing and eating some beautiful little quail that lived nearby. This person demanded that someone come to kill the hawks to save the quail!

To simplify, if you really think there's a basic conflict that can't be resolved, you're not thinking at a high enough system level. But it often takes a lot of work to educate the other side in an apparent conflict situation. I prefer to think of working strenuously toward a solution I believe is correct as a "strategy of aggressive balance" rather than compromise. Part of the final solution is to maximize educated citizen involvement at every level possible.

Why do we really care about what happens to the earth, to our children, after we die? Motivational studies over decades have confirmed that everyone, given the choice, wants to do the best they can. Good educational and business environments are designed to allow for individual initiative in solving problems and

achieving optimal solutions. Because of the fragmentation of our political system, our operating reality is "majority rule by the minority who care", and we who care must be effective. But it is still difficult to get widespread participation. Paul Hawken's book, *The Ecology of Commerce*, addresses this issue, especially for small businesses:

"It's like being a single parent when the dog has run away, the children are fighting, the dinner is burning, the baby-sitter hasn't shown up, we are late for the PTA meeting, and have just spilled gravy on the carpet when someone doing a survey knocks at the door and wants to know how we feel about the proposed landfill at the edge of town."

Rather than just a simple conspiracy, I believe we are witnessing another evolutionary struggle of ideologies. An ideology is a belief-system – a set of beliefs, myths, and hypotheses with some internal coherence – that seeks to shape the fundamental thought processes of a society. Once an ideology is dominant and internalized by the majority, an automatic pilot syndrome can control a society's path with almost no one paying attention to, much less questioning, the outcomes.

I believe Sustainability organizations are the most important examples of social sector institutions. If we understand economics as a subsystem of the environment, these organizations take on special significance since they are the vanguard bringing the concepts of natural capital, ecosystem services, carrying capacity, and ultimate survival-mode issues into the conversation.

Formulating solutions to complex problems is always difficult. That's why they always seem so radical, especially when economics is involved – there's a built-in massive inertia inherent in the status quo. Sustainability organizations must work to create "conversion experiences" in everyone they can reach.

It's critical for as many people as possible to contribute in every large or small way they can in every area of the social sector. Hopefully the conversion experience for society doesn't have to wait for some avoidable disaster to trigger it.

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2016 Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program: 7/18 – 7/24
Category: Weekly Total - Season Total
Boats Screened (Invasive Species): 675, 6,884
Boater & Recreator Surveys: 97, 1,057
Total People Educated: 230, 2,807
Bilge Pads Installed: 35, 345

Capell Cove was lively as always with the parking lot completely full by 1 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. There were no boats of concern and we talked to a heavy dose of regulars who only visit Lake Berryessa. On Saturday and Sunday morning we worked alongside Rangers Erica and Dylan to conduct invasive screenings. Throughout the course of the 7 day week, we had 192 screenings and 23 surveys.

Putah Canyon was fairly busy this weekend, with most of the screenings done on Saturday. Overall 88 screenings were conducted. Many people were interested in doing boater surveys in order to receive the boater kits. However, there was only one intern stationed at Putah so we focused our efforts on invasive screenings. Despite this we still did 10 boater surveys.

It was another a busy weekend at Steele Canyon with 160 screenings and 32 surveys over the weekend with 78 screenings and 17 surveys. We did not have to do any full inspections, but did conduct a couple of visual inspections for water hyacinth from boats coming from the Delta. Steele is down to one launch ramp so it can get backed up very easily which can lead to some boater frustration. Even though it was hot, boaters still came out in good numbers.

Markley Cove was busy as always with 235 screenings and 17 surveys. Traffic through the parking lot was hectic and much of our efforts were spent clearing up and managing the steady flow of boats while conducting invasive screenings. There was only one boat of concern, a jet ski that was recently purchased by a new owner and they did not know the launch history. After unsuccessfully attempting to contact the previous owner the jet ski underwent a full inspection and it was found to be clean and dry and was cleared to launch.

Despite the hot weather Oak Shores was very busy with a majority of the people that we talked to visiting for the first time. 15 surveys were conducted this weekend, with 9 of them coming from Sunday. Recreators were much more eager to interact with Bilgee on Sunday which made for a great end to the weekend.

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

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

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Napa County Continues Managing Partnership Discussions With Reclamation

Napa County staff analysts have received a draft Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA) from the Bureau of Reclamation. The first in a series of meetings has been scheduled within the next few weeks to review it in detail.

This process is of historical importance to the County and to Lake Berryessa. County analysts are fortunate to have the range of hospitality and recreation management professionals of Visit Napa Valley to assist.

The goal of both parties is to understand each others' interests and the potential positive benefits of an agreement to the County and to Reclamation in the revitalization of Lake Berryessa recreation. Reclamation sources remain "very optimistic" about the outcome of this process.

An MPA would give the County more flexibility in recruiting professional recreation management companies to run Lake Berryessa resorts and in writing smart contracts to optimize the benefits for the concession companies and for the recreating public. Major issues such as how many of the recreation areas the County may choose to manage are open for discussion, as are budget and staffing requirements.

County staff is still planning to make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors some time in early October. Shortly after that Reclamation has said they will hold another Lake Berryessa Public Forum meeting.

Markley Cove Bid Process Continues

The final bids are in! Although Reclamation will not yet reveal how many bids were received, nor from whom, the review panel is now going over them in detail. The Reclamation deadline for a panel recommendation to senior Reclamation management is the first week of September.

John and Linda Frazier have operated Markley Cove for 29 years, since 2009 on a series of interim contracts, and submitted one of the bids.

Markley Cove's boat slips and other improvements are worth \$6.5 million, according to an appraisal done by the BOR. Any incoming operator wanting to keep these improvements would have to buy them from the Fraziers.

5,731 Acre Cold Fire Contained After An All Out Aerial and Ground Battle

by Evan Kilkus

After an initial three days of intense firefighting, followed by seven days of hard labor doing mop-up work, CAL Fire declared the Cold Fire to be 100% contained, unfortunately leaving one hunting cabin and an outbuilding destroyed. While the smoke stopped billowing and the fire seemed "out" on Thursday, it took hundreds of firefighters, several bulldozers, and a fleet of helicopters several days of time consuming work to make sure the fire didn't restart.

A close look at CAL Fire's map shows the fire perimeter, and how steep the terrain is with one canyon after another. In the first 24 hours of the fire, it got within hundreds of yards of dozens of homes in the Golden Bear Estates Community on the East edge of the fire. Fortunately, thanks to great defensible space created by homeowners, and fast and effective work by fire crews, no homes or structures were damaged.

As you can see in the photos on pg.2, firefighters had to climb all over the steep hills with thousands of feet of fire hose. Meanwhile several helicopters went back and forth between the lake and beyond the ridgeline to soak the remain

smoldering hillsides.

While CAL Fire helicopters were working last Friday doing their mop-up work, someone who probably thought the fire was out unfortunately flew a drone near Markley Cove Resort, temporarily grounding the helicopters.

CAL Fire wants this be a reminder that they have lots of work to do and they need lots of space. Don't fly within 50 miles or more of a fire scene. It is an operator's responsibility to know if there is an active wildfire still not fully contained. This goes for curious boaters too - don't go visit the helicopter when they are dipping in steep the terrain is with one canyon for water. Stay 500' to 1000' away at all times.

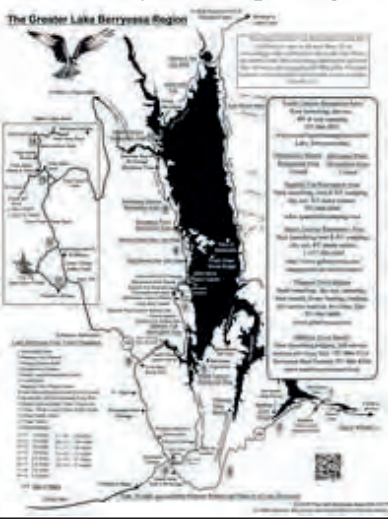
HWY 128 was closed from Tuesday evening thru Friday, but thankfully CAL Fire, Caltrans, CHP, and PG&E got the road open for vacationers at about noon on Friday. Two other small fires were quickly contained in the past week along Berryessa Knoxville Road, keeping fire crews and residents on edge. All fires started near the road, and the causes are under investigation. Travelers should remember, as Smokey the Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."



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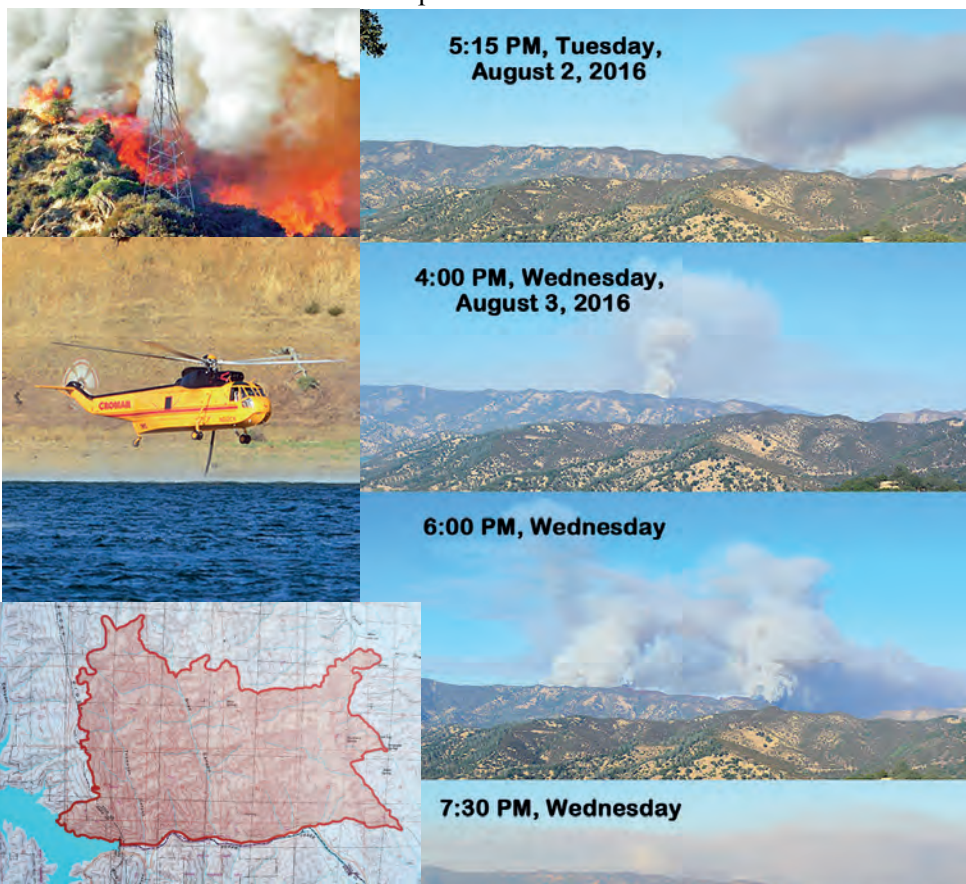
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The Cold Fire burned approximately 4,000 acres in the first 24 hours. These photos show the intensity and rapid spread of the fire during those first hours. When the fire subsided crews spent thousands of man-hours hosing down the remaining hot spots as the above photo shows - hard work!



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What Is That Red Stuff Falling From The Sky?



Planes have been used for water drops since the 1930s, but it wasn't until the mid-'50s that firefighters began using a heavier slurry of water and additives to keep the water from evaporating in the heat or being blown away from the drop zone before it hit the ground. Thickeners also help avoid runoff. Color marks the area hit by the drop, and the fertilizer encourages regrowth of plants in the burn area.

Newer retardants use ammonium sulfate or ammonium polyphosphate with attapulgit clay thickener or diammonium phosphate with a guar gum derivative thickener. These are not only less toxic but act as fertilizers to help the regrowth of plants after the fire.

Fire retardants often contain wetting agents, preservatives and rust inhibitors and are colored red with ferric oxide or fugitive color to mark where they have been dropped. Brand names of fire retardants for aerial application include Fire-Trol and Phos-Chek.

As early as 1930, Forest Service fire fighting crews were flying over wildland fire flames delivering water and hoping to either completely obliterate the fire or at least douse it enough to slow its spread. The first recorded water drop in 1930 used a Ford Tri-Motor airplane and a wooden beer keg filled with water.

The first free-flowing water airdrop from an airplane onto a fire was made during the Mendenhall Fire, August 13, 1955, on the Mendocino National Forest when the pilot of a Boeing Stearman 75 Kaydet dropped 6 loads of water in support of ground firefighters. The operation successfully knocked-down the blazing fire.

To increase the effectiveness of fire control operations, in the 1960s, Navy TBM Avengers were converted to handle slurry drops, becoming the first aircraft dedicated to aerial firefighting and capable of dropping 600 gallons of retardant on a single sortie. Through the 1960s, the Forest Service explored using a wider variety of military surplus aircraft and discovered that multiengine PBYS, B-24s, A-26s, DC-6s, and even B-17s could carry up to 2,500 gallons of retardant and were more effective on large fires.

A wide variety of helicopters are also used for firefighting. Helicopters may be fitted with tanks (helitankers) or they may carry buckets. Some helitankers, such as the Erickson AirCrane, are also outfitted with a front-mounted foam cannon.



Global Trade: Let Them Eat Recipes

When economists talk about trade balances they refer only to money flows, not ecological flows. But some areas constantly give up ecological productivity, while others continuously draw on it. For example, Hong Kong, Switzerland, and Japan provide little ecological productivity to the world, while importing a great deal from other places to maintain their high levels of consumption.

Expanding world trade leads to increased global resource flows, which stimulates total economic production and accelerates the depletion of the planet's natural resources. People who live on ecological goods imported from afar *are spatially and psychologically disconnected from the resources that sustain them*. They lose any direct incentive to conserve their own local resources and have no hand in the management of the distant sources of supply.



Economic globalization has greatly expanded opportunities for the rich to pass their environmental burdens to the poor by exporting both wastes and polluting factories. In their day-to-day operations, the allegiance of the world's largest corporations is purely to their own bottom lines. However, for the purposes of seeking tax breaks, research subsidies, or governmental representation in negotiations that bear on their global marketing and investment interests, they wrap themselves in national flags and call for support from their "home" governments in the name of global competitiveness.

Citizens United: Perversion of Democracy - One Dollar, One Vote!

The Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the court opened the campaign spending floodgates. The justices' ruling said political spending is protected under the First Amendment, meaning corporations could spend unlimited amounts of money on political activities... Disembodied corporations were now transformed into real people.

In his opposing argument, Supreme Court Justice Stevens said: "... corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established."

August 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Continuing a proud, age-old tradition, you will hand down your family's priceless heirlooms to the next generation of Chinatown pawnbrokers.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Endless complaints that your talents are being wasted at work will finally pay off when management decides to promote you to the position of "Head Whiner."

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): There's nothing wrong with being attracted to a man in uniform, but the stars still think you can do better than building custodian.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): To no avail, you will once again pray exactly 223 times for God to heal you of your lifelong obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A scantily clad stripper will soon jump out of the cake, confirming a rather embarrassing mix-up at the bakery, and completely ruining your daughter's fourth birthday.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): They've taken to calling you a broken man, defeated, beaten, dispirited, hopeless—but then, they have access to a thesaurus.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A series of wrong turns combined with a stubborn resistance to ask for directions will cause you, 12 other men, and a giant gay-pride-parade float to enter a not-so-tolerant part of town.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While no proverb currently exists to warn you of the dangers of next week's events, dozens will soon be hastily written to prevent others from suffering a similar fate.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Many believe there to be no greater shame than profiting from the misfortunes of others, but they'll soon change their minds after watching you lose hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to do so.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Although you know it's only a matter of setting boundaries and better managing your time, you will nonetheless continue to struggle to separate your work life from your second work life.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Years of treasured recollections dating all the way back to your childhood will be lost forever when a four-story fall exposes your photographic memory to daylight.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): A loud, inconsiderate group of pickup trucks will roll in 15 minutes late and ruin yet another drive-in movie for you this weekend.

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College and High School Bass Fishing Tournaments

As a follow up to my article about the potential for this kind of tournament at Lake Berryessa, here's an ad from ESPN. It is this kind of coverage of and interest in bass tournaments that can be our secret ingredient in stimulating new interest in Lake Berryessa as a bass fishing destination resort.

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"Hey, things are going great We've got air-conditioning and flush toilets and escalators. There's no telling what our engineer is going to come up with next!" Satan says.

"What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should have never gotten down there. Send him back immediately !" God says.

"No way! I like having an engineer on the staff - I'm keeping him!" Satan says.

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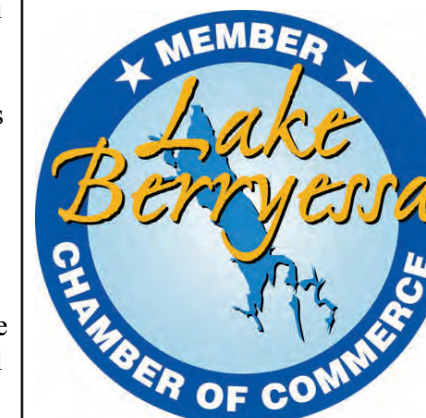
Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

All recreation areas - Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon - are open for launching and will remain open all summer and beyond. The Capell Public Launch Ramp is closed.

Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

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

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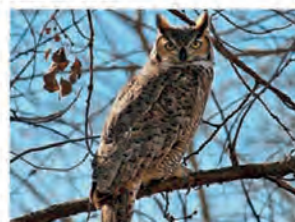
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4 **Don't Flush This!**
Only You Can Prevent Sewer Clogs
Caused By Flushing Trash Down The Toilet

(Note: Although this story was targeted at Berryessa Highlands residents, it also applies to the rural residents of the Berryessa Estates, Circle Oaks, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Pines, and all private properties that use septic systems for their sewage. Sewage is the waste matter carried off by sewer drains and pipes. Sewerage refers to the physical facilities (e.g., pipes, lift stations, and treatment and disposal facilities) through which sewage flows. Too many people, especially children, think that sink and toilet drains simply carry stuff to a magic place where it disappears.)

In May 2016, the pump at Lift Station 2 on Steele Canyon Road near Arroyo Lindo was severely damaged by a large clog of trash. Expenditures nearing \$50,000 were needed to rent a temporary pump to keep the wastewater flowing to the treatment plant preventing a spill and to purchase parts and new equipment to repair the damage.

The content of the clog was mostly disposable wipes, feminine products, and underwear, and clogs like this are still occurring several times a week. These clogs are costly to you, the rate payer, but can be avoided—but only with help from you. The toilet is not a trash can - re-think what you flush!

The ONLY things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper.

Here is a list of things to keep OUT of the toilet by disposing in the trash:

- Disposable Wipes of ANY kind (includes baby, personal and cleaning wipes, etc)
Hair
Clothing
Disposable diapers
Tampons and tampon applicators
Sanitary napkins/pads
Cotton balls and swabs
Condoms
Cat Litter
Facial Tissue
Bandages and bandage wrappings
Unneeded medications - Do NOT dispose in trash.

Unneeded medications can be safely disposed at these Napa locations: Clinic Ole, 1141 Pear Tree Lane; Napa Family Drug, 1805 Old Sonoma Road, Napa; Kaiser Permanente, 1675 Permanente Way, Napa

NO FOG down the drain!

FOG (Fat, Oil, Grease) can cause clogged sewer lines, leading to overflows that can contaminate our streets and waterways, and wreak havoc with the treatment

process. Helping to prevent sewer overflows and backups is easy. Just follow the simple tips below!

The FOG problem...Even if you wash FOG down with hot water and soap, when the water cools the FOG solidifies in your pipes and ours. Pipes clogged by F.O.G. can cause sewer overflows in your home and yard. Overflow clean-up is expensive and unpleasant, and often paid for by the property owner. Raw sewage can reach waterways, polluting the water and harming aquatic life.

F.O.G. problems can increase operating costs for the District, which can cause higher sewer bills.

What can you do?

1. Never pour F.O.G. down the drain or into toilets.
2. Scrape all fat, grease, & food scraps into the trash can.
3. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps, and empty them into the trash.



Actual clog removed from pump

**Berryessa Highlands Water and Sewer Utilities
Community Meeting**

Monday, August 22, 6PM - 7:30PM,

Capell Valley Fire Station

1. Budget Status Report
2. Steele Canyon Sewer Lift Station Failure & Repair
3. Household Income Survey
4. Proposed Near-Term Capital Improvements
5. Drinking Water Quality

**Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program Interns:
Going Strong, All Summer Long**

By Scott Navarro

It's already half way through the summer and it is unbelievable to think that nearly four months have passed since this amazing group of interns came together. The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program (LBBOP) is the front line of defense against invasive species such as Zebra & Quagga Mussels. We have an outstanding team filled with positive communication, strong leadership and a unifying goal of striving to complete our tasks at the highest standard.

The LBBOP is going strong and will ultimately finish strong. Our mid-summer stats run through July 24, 2016:

- 6,884 boat screenings, 1,057 boater & day-use surveys
- 2,807 people educated on clean boating practices.
- 345 bilge pads installed to keep oil out of the water.
- 50% of all boaters surveyed installed bilge pads on the spot.

With the high heat and lower water levels, some launch ramps will end up having to close. The Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp closed August 8. Although it was predicted that Capell was going to close by mid-July, it managed to last a couple more weeks.

Other locations are down to just several launch ramps. When visiting Lake Berryessa, visitors with boats must plan accordingly to avoid the rush on weekends, especially during the hours of 10am-1pm. Spanish Flat, Pleasure Cove and Putah Canyon, are not as busy and can accommodate more launches. The busier launch ramps, like Markley Cove and Steele Canyon, allows us a chance to interact with visitors who have questions and those who like to receive free boating supplies!

My name is Scott Navarro. I am a junior studying at CSU: Sacramento, and as an Environmental Studies major, I have found it is important to know that different environmental problems require knowledge from a variety of disciplines. By working together with people from different specializations, we can solve many problems. Invasive species are an important topic in the environmental classes I have taken and working with Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) has really amplified my interest in the invasive species topic. I am very fortunate that I have the opportunity of a sneak peek on the inner workings of SCWA. This has been an opportunity of a lifetime, a highlight of my professional career, and has shown me a glimpse of the future that I want to pursue.



**Reclamation Announces August/
September 2016 Park Events**

**Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam! Now through Labor Day:
Saturdays 12 to 3 p.m.**

Monticello Dam Overlook Parking

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

**Oak Shores Ranger Programs: Now through Labor Day: Sundays, 1 p.m.
Oak Shores Day Use Area**

Learn something new during a 30-60 minute, Park Ranger-led program. Park Ranger programs will focus on water safety August 14, 28, and September 4. Rangers will introduce park visitors to Lake Berryessa bats and reptiles during nature programs on August 7 and 21. All participants are encouraged to check the weather, bring water and come prepared to meet outside in the heat.

**Free Fishing Day: Saturday,
September 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area**

During two days of the year, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows everyone to fish free of charge. If you ever wanted to learn to fish, this is the perfect time to borrow a pole and join a Park Ranger at Oak Shores Day Use Area for some tips. All fishing equipment will be provided to participants during the program. Please contact a Park Ranger Dylan Dowe at 707-966-2111 ext.113 with any questions or visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/free-fishing-days> for more information on Free Fishing Days.

**Coastal Clean Up Day: Saturday,
September 17, 2016, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

To volunteer, contact Park Ranger John Ellis at 707-966-2111 ext. 113
orjellis@usbr.gov

