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Pirkle Jones, Photographer of the Town of Monticello, Dies

Legendary photographer Pirkle Jones died on Sunday, March 15 at the age of 95. Noted for his documentation of the people and changing landscape of Northern California and his controversial series on the Black Panther Party, he was part of the first class of photographers to enter California School of Fine Arts after WWII. There, he studied with Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, and Minor White, all who later went on to help establish Aperture magazine in 1952.

Death of a Valley, a collaboration between Jones and Dorothea Lange which chronicled the disappearance of the Berryessa Valley and trh Town of Monticello in California as a result of the Monticello Dam, was published as a single issue of Aperture magazine in 1960. Jones later described the project as “one of the most meaningful photographic experiences of my professional life.”



Dam Level Update

The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.

The water is now **18.61** feet below the top of the spillway.

Lake Berryessa has had **18.5** inches of rainfall since July 1, 2008

As of the Date of on Monday **3/23/09** these are the readings for Lake Berryessa

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Rain
3/16/09	421.30	0.01	59	49	0.02
3/17/09	421.33	0.01	60	44	0.03
3/18/09	421.36	0.10	68	42	0.00
3/19/09	421.38	0.11	76	41	0.00
3/20/09	421.38	0.11	79	43	0.00
3/21/09	421.38	0.12	77	41	0.00
3/22/09	421.41	0.05	58	41	0.07
3/23/09	421.42	0.08	58	33	0.00
3/24/09	421.40	0.15	66	33	0.00
3/25/09	421.40	0.12	74	39	0.00
3/26/09	421.42	0.10	76	45	0.00
3/27/09	421.41	0.15	76	44	0.00
3/28/09	421.39	0.16	80	44	0.00
3/29/09	421.39	0.18	82	43	0.00

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The Town of Lake Berryessa Incorporates

After decades of being treated as a second-class citizen by Napa County, residents of the rural east county Lake Berryessa Region have been allowed to form their own Town of Lake Berryessa by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County. LAFCO is committed to serving the citizens and government agencies of its jurisdiction by encouraging the preservation of agricultural and open-space lands and coordinating the efficient delivery of municipal services.

LAFCOs are responsible for administering a special section of California Government Code now known as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 which establishes procedures for local government changes of organization, including city incorporations, annexation to a city or special district, and city and special district consolidations.

Members of LAFCO Napa County and the County Board of Supervisors were pleased with the result. As one said, “Now the people out there can take care of themselves and leave us alone. They were a million dollar black hole in our budget.”

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce did the original research on how to found a town. The basic principle was, “Get to know the neighbors”. Though each state has its own rules on “municipal incorporation,” in general 51 percent of the eligible voters in the area need to go along with the action. The Chamber found that it was easiest to start a town from scratch, as opposed to by secession; most upstarts begin as “unincorporated communities” within

a larger county.

To incorporate a town, they first needed to decide on the boundaries of the town. The Chamber received overwhelming support from the disenfranchised residents of Berryessa Estates, Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, Berryessa Pines, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Highlands, and Circle Oaks to be included within the boundaries of the Town of Lake Berryessa.

Cucina Italiana acted as the intellectual center of this revolutionary movement where the future of the Town of Lake Berryessa was debated long into the summer evenings. Participants said it was reminiscent of the Paris “salons” prior to the French revolution. Finally, a Declaration of Independence of the Town of Lake Berryessa was signed by hundreds of smiling people. The original is prominently displayed on Cucina’s wall for all to see. Reproductions of the declaration are available for free, or you can win one if you beat Stefano at bocce.

The Spanish Flat Village Center will be the Town’s government center. Elections for Mayor and Town Council will take place on April 1, 2010.

To run for office you must first
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Dowsters Find Water Gusher in the Berryessa Highlands

When the American Society of Dowsters read about the plight of the Berryessa Highlands residents regarding their water and sewer problems, they decided to offer some help. The American Society of Dowsters (www.dowsters.org) has over 3,000 members internationally. Many Napa Valley land owners opt for this low-tech means of locating water - dowsing, or “water witching,” - an old-



time practice with many modern adherents.

Berreysa Highlands residents were first made aware of the dowsing potential by a story that appeared in a local blog in 2008. According to one Napa Valley resident, “When the well went dry at a friend’s house a group of five local well-known dowsters went to help out. They detected an aquifer a short distance from the well. They performed a series of... of... of ... actions, to “encourage” the aquifer to change its route a bit and replenish the water supply at the well.”

A group of six experienced dowsters from American Society of Dowsters made the trip to the Berryessa Highlands a few weeks ago and were able to discover a previously unknown aquifer which research showed reached all the way to the Sierra foothills. The aquifer was under enough pressure to supply

unlimited pure water for all the Highlands residents indefinitely. The flow has been measured to be so large that after the needs of the Berreysa Highlands has been met a new Highlands community group is planning to sell excess water to the Solano County Water Agency to help refill Lake Berryessa in dry years.

Another unexpected find during the search for water was a cleft in the rock that led to a geothermal vent. Since it snows so seldom in the Berryessa Highlands only a few people ever noticed that there was one valley where the snow never seemed to stick. The group discovered that the vent could serve as a sink for the Highlands sewer system outflow and create steam. This is the same process used in Santa Rosa where the output of the sewer plant is pumped up to the Geysers and injected into the geothermal strata to create more steam to run generators.

Initial engineering surveys have shown that the capacity for electricity generation from the steam created by the Highlands sewer effluent should be able to subsidize more than half of the current electricity needs of the community. As the word of these finds leaks out, property values are increasing dramatically.

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CBS Television Announces Next Season’s “Survivor - Lake Berryessa”

After many years of successful shows in exotic international locations, CBS is coming home to Lake Berryessa. Producers say that the current hurricane-like destruction gives the lake a “Mad Max” feel that will appeal to urban sophisticates.

Next season’s tribes are rumored to be divided among kayakers, anglers, hikers and jet skiers. Some tentative competitions on the drawing board are dumpster debris-filling (how many can you fill in the shortest time), precious metals collection (copper and aluminum house wiring being the most valuable), and trailer demolishing (how fast can you take it down to the ground).

Rather than receiving a million dollars, as usual, the winner will be named to the coveted government position of Lake Manager with the Bureau of Reclamation. More details about the new show are on Page 16 of this paper.

PNC Valley Internet donates Computer to Senior Center

Just wanted to let everyone know that we now have a computer hooked up to the internet for Senior Center members to use here at the center. This computer was donated by PNC, the local wireless service provider. Thank you PNC. If you want information on PNC service for yourself let me know and I will get you the information.

Paul Quarneri
Berryessa Senior Center

Purple Heart Anglers Event

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 Markley Cove is hosting a very special event - The First Annual Markley Cove Resort Purple Heart Anglers Fishing Event. These men and women put their lives on the line in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day. Many returned home injured and broken. Some have recovered, many have not.

The Purple Heart Anglers is a pilot program formed as an offshoot of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The program has been created by boaters and fishermen in an effort to provide safe, outdoor events that will help to aid in the recovery process of our wounded warriors. We also hope it will in a very small way say thank you to them for their sacri-

fices and show them that we have not forgotten them.

In order to make this a successful event, Markley Cove is asking for your help. The Purple Heart organization currently has at least 100 veterans who would like to take part in this event. We need boat owners to take these people out on the lake. You do not need to be an expert fisherman.

More importantly you need to be someone who is willing to share your time and your vessel with a veteran who rarely if ever has gotten to experience the joy of a day on our beautiful lake. Some of these people are able to get around pretty well – some will be in wheel chairs and will need more assistance. We will plan to have lots of help for getting people in and out of boats.

The fishing event will run from approximately 7:30AM to noon. Following the return of the boats, Markley Cove will offer lunch to all the participants, both you and the veterans. We are also hoping to have some type of entertainment to cap off the day.

Please consider becoming involved in this event. If you are willing to donate your time and your boat, call the office so we can add your name to the list. If you will not be available on that day, perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to help pay for the food, prizes and

entertainment.

Hey, maybe you are talented enough to do the entertainment. Whatever, you can do will be gratefully accepted. These men and women deserve so much more than one day of our time but at least in a small way we can take this opportunity to say thank you.

Sincerely,
Linda K. Frazier

The Following Notice was scheduled for release on the Internet on April 1, 2007! (And remember that everything you read on the Internet must be true!) However, due to the traditional complications affecting anything managed by the Bureau of Reclamation the actual announcement was delayed two years.

Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam (but Sierra Club Protests)

BOR officials announced that, after decades of rumors, Monticello Dam will finally be raised 10 feet as part of their redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa. Napa County signed away most of its original water rights to the lake and now Solano County is being pressured by Budweiser to supply more water to its brewery.

To protect sensitive wildlife habitat, the BOR will build a 15 foot tall

dike around the shoreline. The Sierra Club, which originally agreed to help fund a 165 mile trail around the lake, agrees that if the dike is built it should become the “trail around the lake”: a win-win solution.

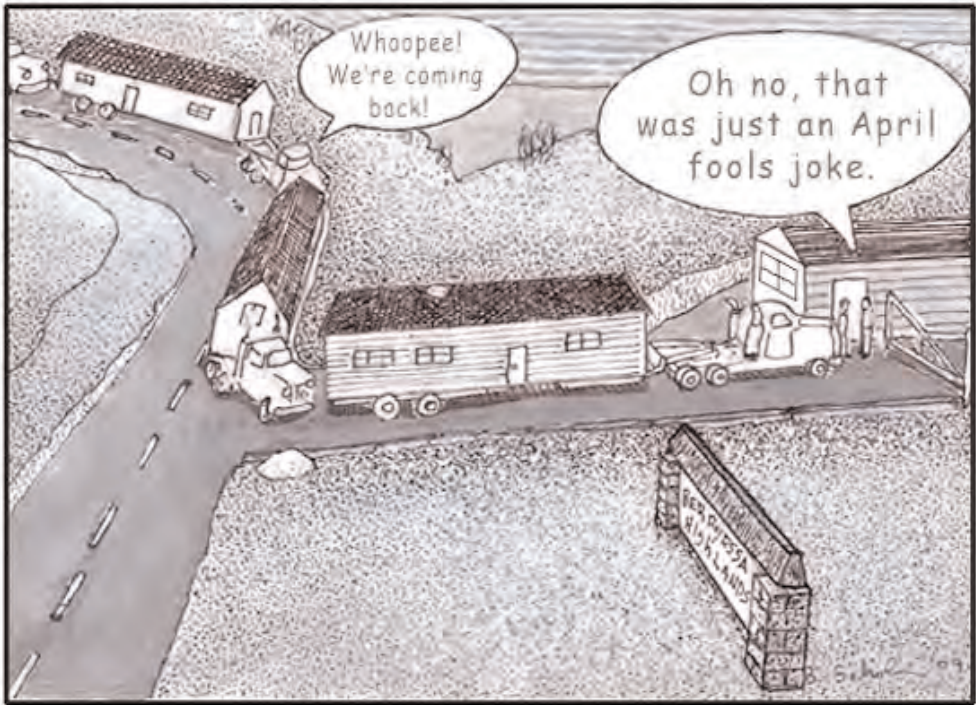
Per Congressman Mike Thompson, since the dike will be funded at taxpayer expense it must be a multi-use trail, and will be wide enough for hikers, bikers, horses, motorcycles and ATV’s to share.

However, the Sierra Club also proposed an alternative plan to drain the lake completely and rebuild the Town of Monticello as affordable housing for Napa County. The Sierra Club believes this would be the simplest solution to eliminating the legal problems surrounding the BOR’s fiasco with the present resort contracts – just get rid of the lake and create a mega-trail amusement park.

The Bureau of Reclamation wishes to make everyone aware that their alleged “destruction of Lake Berryessa” was nothing of the sort. Despite protests by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and residents, Reclamation claims that their elimination of resorts and launch ramps was only a clever way to limit lake usage so that they can proceed with building the dike without interference from those pesky visitors.

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



Berryessa Highlands Artist Honored

The work of local artist and teacher, Karla Holland-Scholer of the Berryessa Highlands, has been selected to be part of the twentieth Annual California Clay Competition (CCC) Exhibition sponsored by The Artery and held in conjunction with the California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art. The exhibition will feature 42 works from 38 artists selected by juror Cathie Duniway from 369 statewide digital entries.

The Conference itself is on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with over thirty colleges participating and well known clay artists giving talks and exhibitions all over Davis. There are 10 major art shows and 30 college art shows open to the public and within walking distance from downtown Davis. In an intimate setting, you can interact with top artists in a way not possible at other venues. UC Davis, home to the late sculptor Robert Arneson, was instrumental in defining a new direction for ceramic art. Enjoy delightful downtown Davis and be inspired by nationally recognized ceramic art talents.

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John Natsoulas Gallery 521 First Street, Davis, CA 95616, Contact: Nancy Resler, 530.756.3938

Fishing With Sid

I hadn't been to the lake in five weeks and was very excited to go fishing. Arrived at the lake around 10 PM Thursday night. We entered our cabin only to discover we had been robbed. Our TV was gone but the worst part was my favorite fishing rods and reels that I have used faithfully every week for the past ten plus years were taken too.

Needless to say my heart was broken - it was like losing a best friend. I had planned to fish on Friday morning and had to cancel. The water is murky from the rain run-off. My buddy Albert convinced me not to sit around and mope but to get out and fish a little. I went through some of my other rods and decided on a light spinning rod and put a R2S crawdad on.

About fifty casts later I had no luck. It was very windy, cold and wet out. Albert had caught two nice bass earlier that morning but neither of us had any luck now. Albert wanted to wait for the four o'clock bite so I half-heartedly agreed. Sure enough at around four another friend caught a bass.

The water is still very low even after all the rain. I had really hoped to have an exciting report for you this week after so long an absence but circumstances beyond my control prevented me from fishing the way I had planned. Hope to be in a better mood next weekend and get out there and do some serious fishing.

'til next week.....good fishing!
www.fishingconnection.net Please email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.

The Brief Appearance of the Equable Man

Bells ringing as he pays money, and bells ring
As he walks out of the door through extruded music,
And mindful of horns and sirens, he accepts
The key to salvation from a perfect stranger,
Absorbs the slurs of a red-faced man and grows
Old with a gray woman, obeys the law
For a policeman’s benefit, blinks at a blindman,
Waits when signalled to wait, then walks, and breathes
Only his fair share of the exhaustion
And refreshment of the city, conferring life
On mannequins under glass and under more glass
Taking a luncheon menu at face value,
Not pausing to reflect on the final offers
In windows where he shares the sky with clouds,
But revolving with a door into a lobby
To drink from a stainless spring, to leave the ground
On a stairway rising under its own power
Like him to greater heights, to a topless tower
Where he allows himself to be led away
And seated at a table not of his choice,
There to be wined and dined, refraining from smoking.

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Bill Oppeneer	8th
Mike Queue	
Alma Saylor	12th
Steve Vollmer	2nd
Gale Wright	

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Puzzle No. 5 Solution

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A Million Visitors and Thousands of Boaters and Anglers Denied Access to Lake Berryessa

Who destroyed Lake Berryessa? This is a question thousands of disenfranchised citizens are asking as months go by with no action by the Bureau of Reclamation. Why did the Federal government allow this process to go on with no real oversight? This trickle-down disaster will deny access to more than a million visitors this year and probably again next year. Tens of thousands of pleasure boaters and anglers will be denied launch facilities. Businesses are close to failure and the local school may be closed.

The fallout from this debacle has been very damaging to real people and to the local economy of the Lake Berryessa region. The resorts provided hundreds of jobs. When the resorts were closed by the Bureau of Reclamation last year, Capell Valley Elementary School lost enough students to prompt the Napa Valley Unified School District to plan to eliminate the local school and bus the children to the City of Napa every day. When will the resorts reopen and bring back the jobs and the children of the employees?

The closures also impacted many local and Napa County businesses. And this impact had nothing to do with the general economic meltdown that followed. It was due to the premature closure of the major lake resorts. Favorite restaurants have lost 40% of their business and one has just closed. Local service businesses have also lost 30%-40%, some up to 50%, of their revenue. Just one shuttered resort, Rancho Monticello, has eliminated approximately \$500,000 worth of purchases from local and regional suppliers annually. This doesn't include the loss to Reclamation of \$105,000 per year in franchise fees from that resort.

During the ten months since the Pensus Group was selected to manage the five major west shore resorts, Reclamation assured the local community and Napa County government that there would be a smooth transition with no major impact on the recreational use of Lake Berryessa. Instead the lake looks as if a hurricane swept through, but it was the Bureau of Reclamation, not the weather, that caused this destruction.

And just last week the Bureau of Reclamation said, "In March 2009, Reclamation determined that the original contract solicitation did not fully conform to legal requirements governing reimbursement for capital improvements. On that basis, the negotiations for new contracts have been cancelled." So after ten months of negotiation with the Pensus Group and one fully-signed contract with Forever Resorts, Reclamation simply said, "Oops, we made a mistake and have to start all over again. Sorry but the resorts won't be open for at least another year." Who is being held responsible for this failure of government?

The real tragedy is that none of this ever had to happen. During the controversial government process that led up to the present situation, several common-sense plans were proposed which would have accomplished the goals of improving all the resorts without destroying them first. At least one of the west shore resorts, Rancho Monticello, is willing to re-open under an interim contract for boat launching and day use for the summer of 2008, but Reclamation is not being responsive.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce strongly appeals to our local representatives and the news media to help make this situation right. The Lake Berryessa situation requires immediate action! The lives of so many real people depend on it. Our residents, businesses, and schools should not be simply looked at as necessary collateral damage in some grandiose government plan!

Best April Fools Hoaxes in History

Alabama Changes the Value of Pi: The April 1998 newsletter of New Mexicans for Science and Reason contained an article written by physicist Mark Boslough claiming that the Alabama Legislature had voted to change the value of the mathematical constant pi to the "Biblical value" of 3.0. This claim originally appeared as a news story in the 1961 science fiction novel Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein.

Spaghetti trees: The BBC television program Panorama ran a famous hoax in 1957, showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They had claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees. It was, in fact filmed in St Albans.

Left Handed Whoppers: In 1998, Burger King ran an ad in USA Today, saying that people could get a Whopper for left-handed people whose condiments were designed to drip out of the right side.[7] Not only did customers order the new burgers, but some specifically requested the "old", right-handed burger.[8]

Taco Liberty Bell: In 1996, Taco Bell took out a full-page advertisement in The New York Times announcing that they had purchased the Liberty Bell to "reduce the country's debt" and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell." When asked about the sale, White House press secretary Mike McCurry replied tongue-in-cheek that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would henceforth be known as the Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

Cola Expiration Date: In 1996 Virgin Cola announced that in the interest of consumer safety it had integrated a new technology into its cans. When the cola passed its sell-by date, the liquid would react with the metal in the can, turning the can itself bright blue. Virgin warned that consumers should therefore avoid purchasing all blue cans. The joke was that Pepsi had recently unveiled its newly designed cans. They were bright blue.

The Fat Sox Revolution: The British Daily Mail announced that Esporta Health Clubs had launched a new line of socks designed to help people lose weight. Dubbed "FatSox," these revolu-

tionary socks could actually suck body fat out of sweating feet. The invention promised to "banish fat for ever." The socks employed a patented nylon polymer called FloraAstraTetrazine that had been "previously only applied in the nutrition industry." The American inventor of this polymer was Professor Frank Ellis Elgood. The socks supposedly worked in the following way: as a person's body heat rose and their blood vessels dilated, the socks drew "excess lipid from the body through the sweat." After having sweated out the fat, the wearer could then simply remove the socks and wash them, and the fat, away.

Corporate Teenage Tattoos: In 1994 National Public Radio's All Things Considered program reported that companies such as Pepsi were sponsoring teenagers to tattoo their ears with corporate logos. In return for branding themselves with the corporate symbol, the teenagers would receive a lifetime 10% discount on that company's products. Teenagers were said to be responding enthusiastically to this deal.

Internet Spring Cleaning: In 1997 an email message spread throughout the world announcing that the internet would be shut down for cleaning for twenty-four hours from March 31 until April 2. This cleaning was said to be necessary to clear out the "electronic flotsam and jetsam" that had accumulated in the network. Dead email and inactive ftp, www, and gopher sites would be purged. The cleaning would be done by "five very powerful Japanese-built multi-lingual Internet-crawling robots (Toshiba ML-2274) situated around the world."

During this period, users were warned to disconnect all devices from the internet. The message supposedly originated from the "Interconnected Network Maintenance Staff, Main Branch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology." This joke was an updated version of an old joke that used to be told about the phone system. For many years, gullible phone customers had been warned that the phone systems would be cleaned on April Fool's Day. They were cautioned to place plastic bags over the ends of the phone to catch the dust that might be blown out of the phone lines during this period.

Bottling Day at Rustridge!

What is your definition of having fun with friends? What is your definition of suffering with friends? Well I experienced both last week as a volunteer on bottling day at Rustridge Ranch and Winery.

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huge tanks filled with aged wine. Invite friends and neighbors for a bottling day party.

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If any of you are old enough to remember the very funny Lucille Ball skit where she tried to keep up with a candy assembly line, you've got the basic picture of the bottling process. When the machines start running and are really cooking smoothly, we were doing about 3 cases per minute! Let's see how that works out.

Three cases per minute divided into 1,500 cases equals 500 minutes or 8.33 hours. But there

were changeovers and breakdowns so the day actually lasted from 8 AM until 8 PM. I was only there from 10 until 7 but my back took a couple of days to recover.

At first taking the bottles off the assembly line and putting them into cases was kind of fun and a challenge. One person took down an empty case and filled it with six bottles and pushed it over to the next person. That person put in the final six bottles, close the case and shoved it into a taping machine while the first person was taking down another empty box and starting to fill it again.

We talked and laughed and Melissa filled the box with in varying patterns to avoid boredom. But there are only so many patterns in a twelve bottle case to keep the mind busy. And after the third hour of standing, filling, and shoving, your body is no longer your friend.

The automated machinery could install screw caps on one type of bottle and push down corks in another. The corked bottles added another step of adding the "foils" - the small soft metal caps that go onto the bottle top. There was no machine to do

the installation, so I got the job for awhile. The foils come in stacks, one inside the other. You

have to gently take one foil off the stack and put it on the wine bottle and seat it. The bottle then went into a spinning machine that turned the loose foil into the tight cap you see on each bottle. Of course sometimes the foils stick together and are difficult to separate. But the bottles never stop coming. (My Lucille Ball moment!)

You can stop the bottles by putting your arm in front of them, but then you only have one hand to use. The stress was intense and several times I missed some bottles which had to be grabbed and brought back to the beginning of the line.

The high point of the day was lunch - panini sandwiches from Cucina Italiana! Nothing like sitting around with friends eating Cucina Italiana food, whether in the picnic area of a beautiful rustic winery like Rustridge or at Cucina Italiana itself.



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Pope Valley School's 5th Grade St. Helena Spelling Bee participants. On the left is Casandra Ramirez, and the winner Renae Verbera on the right!



Good News! The Napa Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees ruled unanimously last week that both campuses have one year to either secure plans for long-term financial health or face closure at the end of the 2009-10 school year. More than 120 Capell Valley and Wooden Valley parents, teachers and students turned out for the meeting, dozens of whom addressed the board with pleas Wednesday to spare both schools. Nonetheless, the school board recommended that the schools consider merging their two campuses, look into becoming charter schools or break from NVUSD to survive these tough financial times.

The Lake Berryessa News SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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Puzzle No. 5—Look for the solution on another page in the issue.

Lake Berryessa resident cartoonist and musician, Bill Scholer, will be performing in Davis on April 3rd with his band, "Waiting For Bruce".

It's a benefit for KDRT radio. (www.kdrt.org)

The Odd Fellows Hall

415 2nd Street

Davis, Ca 95616

2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch. Doors open at 5:30, Tickets \$25.00. Includes Dinner, Dance, and Fun (alcohol not included) See detailed ad on Page 4. Contact: Capell Valley Students or 966-9160

Apr. 4: Fairfield Suisun Bass Reapers 28th Annual Team Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina, Info at: www.bassreapers.com

Apr. 4: Bass Tournament, El Dorado Bass Club, Markley Cove

Apr. 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Apr. 17-19: NCACCD Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina

Apr. 23-24: School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

Apr. 25: Earth Day

May 2: Napa Vintage 1/2 Ironman, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event at will be held at Acorn Beach in Oak Shores Day Use Area. The two shade shelters and parking lot are reserved for this group.

May 30: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

Jun. 13: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Jun. 15: Quilt Festival, Downtown Winters, 530 795-2580

Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa

Oct: 17: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415 307-6906.



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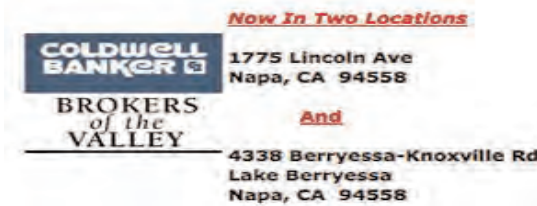
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The water is now **19.09** Feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
3/30/09	421.37	0.24	62	41	0.00
3/31/09	421.34	0.18	71	37	0.00
4/1/09	421.30	0.14	79	36	0.00
4/2/09	421.28	0.18	79	43	0.00
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Small Local Business: A Resource Too Precious to Lose

by Peter Kilkus

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What do all these items have in common? Absolutely nothing, except that the fifth statement is significantly more important to our Lake Berryessa Region community than any of the others.

If you look at the map on the right you’ll see that our region stretches a long way. During the last three years the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce worked with the Napa Valley Destination Council to have the lake recognized as the recreation jewel it is. Unfortunately, this year will likely be a slow one for tourists due to the bungling of the resort contract negotiations.

This situation has had and will have a major negative impact on our small businesses unless we all do our part. We need to rally behind all of our local businesses with our financial support.

The five stores I’m talking about (from north to south) are the Berryessa Estates Marketplace, the Pope Valley Market, the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, Turtle Rock, and the Berryesssa Corners. These are precious resources that every member of our community must help protect during these trying times. The owners of each of these stores, besides trying to run a business, also lives out here with us.

The Berryessa Estates Marketplace was refurbished during the summer by Rob Dahlgren and his family. It is a pleasant, well-stocked place to shop for your miscellaneous items or sit on the deck and talk to your neighbors - or use the wireless internet! It has already earned a reputation for its deli sandwiches. Every resident of the Berryessa Estates and their visitors should shop at this great little store every week if not every day.

The Pope Valley Market has been around a long time but has recently been renovated inside and out by the Schmeding family. It’s a bright, cheery place on the way to the lake with a great selection too. The Pope Valley post office is conveniently located right next door. Stop in regularly when your in downtown Pope Valley.

The Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli has arguably the best selection of items of any of our five stores. Marcia Ritz also makes great deli salads and sandwiches. I can always find something I didn’t even expect. And I have to remember not to go in when I’m too hungry, otherwise...!

Turtle Rock, with its “World Famous Eggrolls” bar and restaurant, may not have the reputation as a store, but there’s quite selection of items in the back. I was there one night when a couple of campers came in looking for a frying pan and a few other items. Pete Leung went into the back and came right out with a brand new frying pan.

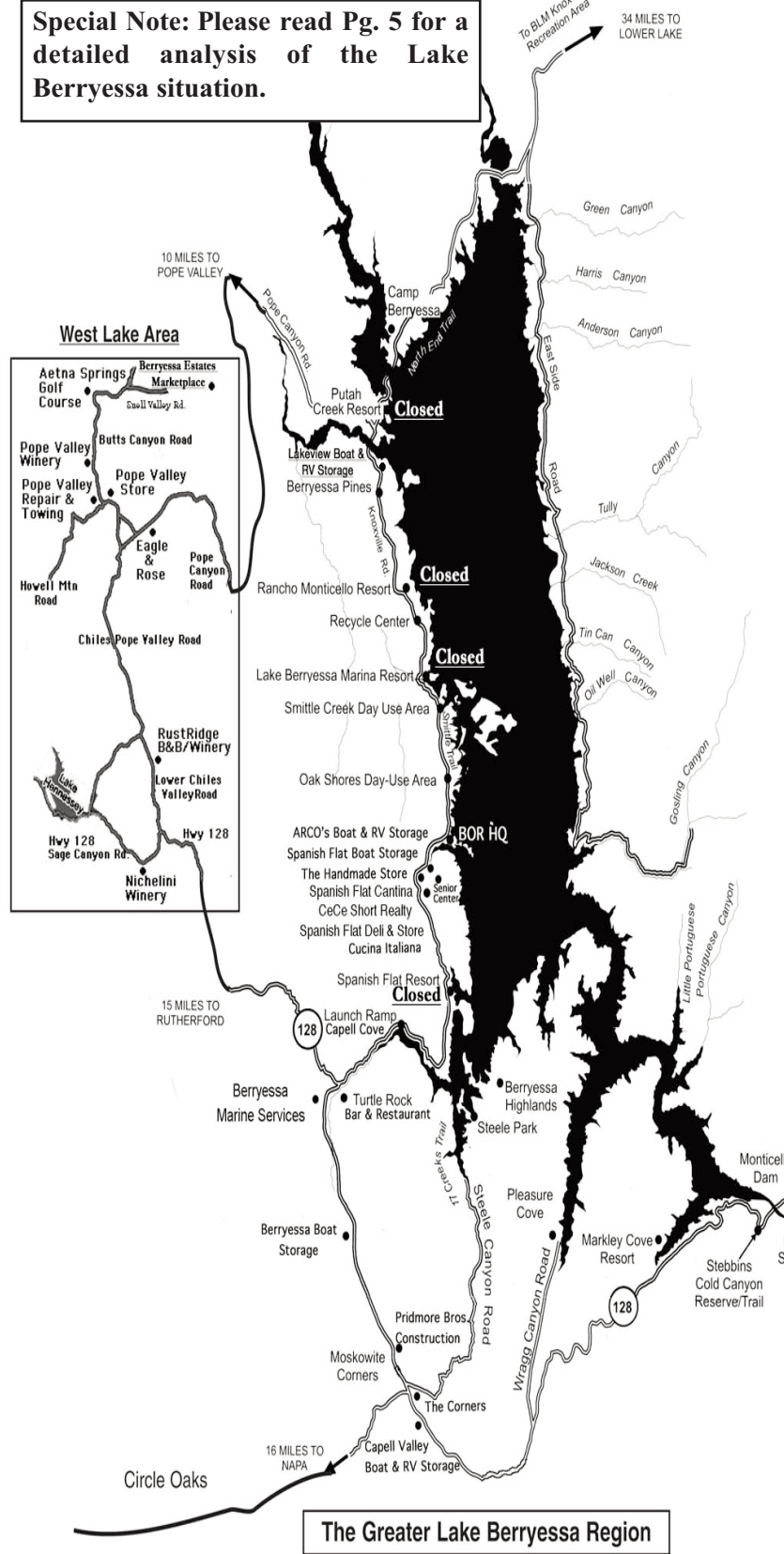
The newest store is the Berryessa Corners whose restaurant will hopefully open by the end of April. Mike Schildknecht is investing a lot of time and effort into turning it into a completely remodeled Berryessa Highlands community center. I stop in several times a week. Every Berryessa Highlands resident should do the same.

Sure, you can get just about everything these stores sell cheaper at Safeway or Costco, but that’s not the point.

The point is that you don’t have a community without local stores. You don’t have a community without local restaurants. You don’t have a community without local schools. You don’t have a community without local clubs like the Lions Club or the Senior Center or the Pope Valley Ropers & Riders.

We all need to help protect these precious resources, especially now!

Special Note: Please read Pg. 5 for a detailed analysis of the Lake Berryessa situation.



Capell Valley School Says
Welcome to Our Garden!
by Jon Soper

Our garden is in full swing at Capell Valley School! We have seeds germinating in our classroom and tiny plants growing in our greenhouse.

Of course, our students have done all the work from preparing the soil to sowing seeds. Even our kindergartners have been working, watching and learning.

About a month ago they planted potatoes and are waiting to dig them up in June. Our older students have been instrumental in weeding, digging up old corn stalks, and raking the garden in preparation of spring planting.

Right now we are waiting for warmer weather to plant seedlings and direct sow our cucumber, squash, and bean seeds.

The biggest lesson we teach our students is giving back to our community by donating our organic vegetables to the local food bank at the Church at Lake Berryessa.

If you want to see us in action come by on Thursday afternoon 3:00-4:00 and on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00.

The community is always welcome. We sure could use some support and help. Wait till you see our sunflower display this summer!!!! For more information, call 259-8434.

Cucina Italiana Summer Hours

by Sharyn Simmons

May is coming and it is officially summer at Lake Berryessa...or at least at Cucina Italiana where we will be on summer schedule starting Friday, May 1, serving "Fabulously Fresh Italian Food" Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11:30 am to 9:00 pm. Always closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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Mother's day feast, on Sunday, May 10th.

Stefano is hard at work making fresh Ravioli, Pappardelle and Gnocchi. We still feature amazing Rib Eye and Filet Mignon - and the Bocce court has been groomed - ready for challengers!

It is picture perfect this time of year, the Lupins and Poppies are out in full bloom and the weather couldn't be better for a meandering drive over to Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa. Mangia! Mangia!

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Napa County Report
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County to Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card

The Board of Supervisors has approved Napa County's participation in a discount card program to help residents cope with the price of prescription drugs. Beginning in May, any Napa County resident, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, may obtain a card, free of charge.

Approximately 16 pharmacies in the county will accept the card, which is available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACO), including Longs Drugs, Wal-Mart, Raley's, Rite Aid, Safeway and Family Drug. Other pharmacies may choose to participate as well—please check with your pharmacy.

The prescription drug discount cards will offer an average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs, offering significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Napa County. Even those fortunate to have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan.

There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. Details on how to obtain the card will be available on the County website in the next several weeks.

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CLASSIC LATERAL THINKING EXERCISES

Try these to loosen up the old brain cells.

1. There is a man who lives on the top floor of a very tall building. Everyday he gets the elevator down to the ground floor to leave the building to go to work. Upon returning from work though, he can only travel half way up in the lift and has to walk the rest of the way unless it's raining! Why?

This is probably the best known and most celebrated of all lateral thinking puzzles. It is a true classic. Although there are many possible solutions which fit the initial conditions, only the canonical answer is truly satisfying.

2. A man and his son are in a car accident. The father dies on the scene, but the child is rushed to the hospital. When he arrives the surgeon says, "I can't operate on this boy, he is my son!" How can this be?

3. A man is wearing black. Black shoes, socks, trousers, jumper, gloves and balaclava. He is walking down a black street with all the street lamps off. A black car is coming towards him with its light off but somehow manages to stop in time. How did the driver see the man?

4. One day Kerry celebrated her birthday. Two days later her older twin brother, Terry, celebrated his

birthday. How?

5. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones?

This is logical rather than lateral, but it is a good puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking techniques. It is supposedly used by a very well-known software company as an interview question for prospective employees.

6. A man went to a party and drank some of the punch. He then left early. Everyone else at the party who drank the punch subsequently died of poisoning. Why did the man not die?

7. A man died and went to Heaven. There were thousands of other people there. They were all naked and all looked as they did at the age of 21. He looked around to see if there was anyone he recognized. He saw a couple and he knew immediately that they were Adam and Eve. How did he know?

8. A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so?

9. A man walks into a bar and asks the barman for a glass of water. The barman pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The man says 'Thank you' and walks out.

This puzzle claims to be the best of the genre. It is simple in its statement, absolutely baffling and yet with a completely satisfying solution. Solutions are on Page 11.



2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Apr. 17: Seniors Trip to River Rock Casino. Get \$20.00 Play. 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. 707-966-0206 (message) or 738-2278

Apr. 18: Senior Center Potluck, 6 P.M. Raffle Prizes - Large Food Basket, Basket of Garden Tools and Planting Mixes, Senior Center Providing Ham and Rolls, 707-966-0206 (message) or 738-2127

Apr. 19: Senior CenterHorseshoes and BBQ. Join the Fun, 12:00 Noon

Apr. 17-19: NCACCD Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina

Apr 17-19: Flea Market, Lakeside Market, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Apr. 25: Earth Day

Apr. 25: Pope Valley Vintners First Annual Wine Tasting, Pope Valley Winery, 11 A.M to 5 P.M. \$20. 707-965-1246, info@popevllleywinery.com

Apr 24-26: Flea Market, Lakeside Market, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

May 2: Napa Vintage 1/2 Ironman, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event at will be held at Acorn Beach in Oak Shores Day Use Area. The two shade shelters and parking lot are reserved for this group.

May 30: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 30: "SPRINGTIME IN THE VINEYARD" at Berryessa Gap Winery, 11:30 A.M.to 3:30 P.M. (530) 795-320, valerie@berryessagap.com.

June 6: 27th Annual Lake Berryessa one-mile and two-mile swim races, Davis Aquatic Masters, Oak Shores Park, http://www.damfast.org/berryapplication.htm

June. 13: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

June. 15: Quilt Festival, Downtown Winters, 530 795-2580

Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa

Oct: 17: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415 307-6906.

A Kind Word Can Make It All Seem Worthwhile

Hi... I would just like to thank you and the rest of the Chamber for your hard work under awful circumstances. I was a member of Berryessa for All and had a trailer at Rancho Monticello for the last year and then rented a place at Steele Park last summer. This is a travesty. I just am sick over it, as well as many others. You guys hang in there. If you have an email list, please put me on it. I live in San Leandro, and every weekend for the past 2 summers, we looked forward to going up to the lake. I have a nephew who is slightly retarded and he loved getting away with us on the weekends. I feel for not just us, but people with disabilities who find so much peace "at the lake". Please keep on working hard for all of us. I just want you to know that there are people who appreciate all of the work you do. Great paper too. I look forward to reading it every 2 weeks.

Jackie Corrigan, San Leandro, CA



LATERAL THINKING EXERCISES SOLUTIONS (from page 2)

1. The man is very, very short and can only reach halfway up the elevator buttons. However, if it is raining then he will have his umbrella with him and can press the higher buttons with it.

2. The surgeon was his mother.

3. It was day time.

4. At the time she went into labor, the mother of the twins was traveling by boat. The older twin, Terry, was born first early on March 1st. The boat then crossed a time zone and Kerry, the younger twin, was born on February the 28th. Therefore, the younger twin celebrates her birthday two days before her older brother.

5. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.

6. The poison in the punch came from the ice cubes. When the man drank the punch, the ice was fully frozen. Gradually it melted, poisoning the punch.

7. He recognized Adam and Eve as the only people without navels. Because they were not born of women, they had never had umbilical cords and therefore they never had navels. This one seems perfectly logical but it can sometimes spark fierce theological arguments.

8. They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets, etc.). This puzzle stumps many people. They try outlandish solutions involving test-tube babies or surrogate mothers. Why does the brain search for complex solutions when there is a much simpler one available?

9. The man had hiccups. The barman recognized this from his speech and drew the gun in order to give him a shock. It worked and cured the hiccups—so the man no longer needed the water.

This is a simple puzzle to state but a difficult one to solve. It is a perfect example of a seemingly irrational and incongruous situation having a simple and complete explanation.

Amazingly this classic puzzle seems to work in different cultures and languages.



Capell Valley School PTA Board



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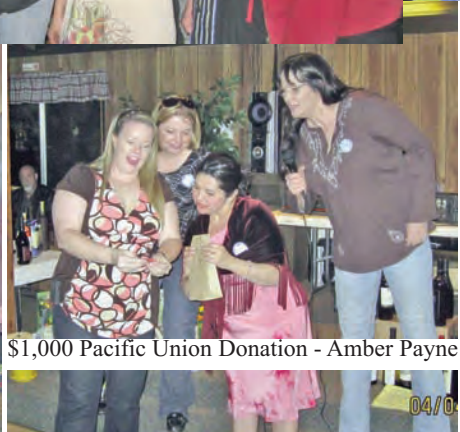
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Kalling All Kayakers

This will be a prime summer for kayaking on Lake Berryessa. Since the Bureau of Reclamation declared the Big Island Lagoon a “non-motorized zone” there will be a lot of calm water for paddling in that area. With five major resorts closed power boat and jet ski traffic will be less than normal. Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce members want to encourage kayakers to visit the lake and see the opportunities.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber will be sponsoring special kayak events such as an evening paddle at Oak Shores. Get your supplies at a local store or end your day at a local restuarant.

Some good launch points are:

Capell Cove public boat launch: Parking lot,good beach for launching.

Oak Shores Day Use Park: Lots of parking. Two launch ramps for hand launching of cartopped boats. Boats may also be carried to the water anywhere within the park.

Smittle Creek: Easy walk from parking lot to the water.

Pope Creek Bridge: Large parking lot at the intersection of the Knoxville and Pope Canyon Roads. Path down to the water.

Putah Creek Pullout: At the north end of the Putah Creek Bridge. Parking with a rough but well used trail down to the water.

Eticuera Launch: Short distance past the east end of the causeway that crosses the north end of the Lake. This day use facility offers a parking lot, restroom and a smooth path to carry or wheel a boat to the water.



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**Golf course developers appeal 'no' vote
Commission rejection called unfair, 'unlawful'**

Lake Luciana developers are appealing the Napa County Planning Commission’s decision to deny an 18-hole championship golf course proposed for Pope Valley. The appeal accuses county officials of being “arbitrary,” “capricious” and “unlawful” in voting to turn down the project. These are simply legal terms that are required in any appeal. The Napa County Board of Supervisors will hear the appeal on a date yet to be determined.

The Lake Luciana proposal was rejected by the Planning Commission in February in a 3-2 vote. Three commissioners said they felt that the rural Pope Valley site — which is zoned for agriculture, although several expert witnesses stated that the golf course site cannot be used to grow wine grapes economically — is an inappropriate location for a championship golf course.

The other commissioners contended that a world-class golf course designed by Tom Doak would add to Pope Valley’s beauty and stimulate the economy. Commissioner Terry Scott praised the design, and said the county is unlikely to see a project again that so clearly meets the hurdles required to approve recreational facilities on agricultural land.

Attorneys for the developer will have to convince supervisors that the project meets a specific set of criteria necessary to approve recreational use on agriculturally zoned land. Among the points developers will have to make are that the golf course would serve a local need. They must also show that Lake Luciana would not harm existing or potential agriculture at Lake Luciana or on neighboring sites. The latter case should be easily supported, as it was during previous hearings.

Lake Luciana, if approved, would feature an 18-hole golf course along the northern edge of Weeks Lake in Pope Valley out of view of most of Pope Valley. Club membership is estimated at about 550, with incentives for Napa County residents.



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History in Repetition: Paying Homage to Pirkle Jones

By Carl Scholer

Before there was Lake Berryessa there was the Berryessa Valley. It was home to Miwoks and Patwins, Mexican rancheros and American farmers. It was witness to the movements of these peoples as each in turn replaced the other. It saw its streams and fields harvested by the Miwok and the Patwin, it saw its grass consumed by the cattle of the rancheros and later it witnessed the introduction of the vine and the pear to its soil by the hands of Anglo settlers. It was a land long use to its human guests, a witness to their comings and goings.

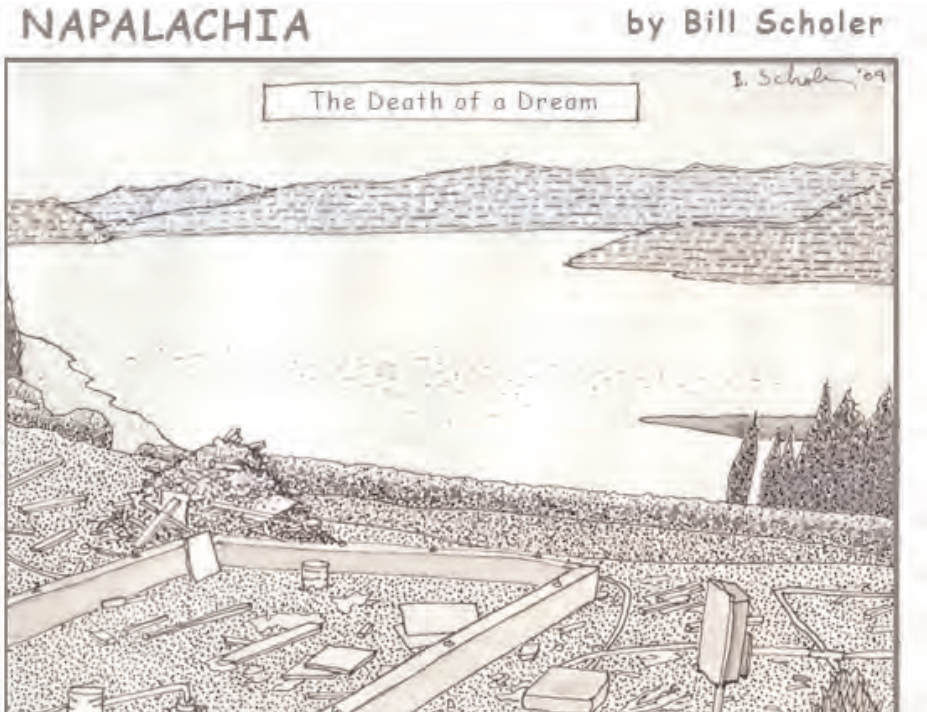
The valley first received its name in 1843 after being granted to Jose and Sisto Berryessa who used the land to raise cattle and built a large hacienda in the center of the valley. The region remained in their hands until it was auctioned away to cover gambling debts sustained by the Berryessa family and was acquired by Edward Shultz who in turn sold it to “The Land Company” in 1866 to be partitioned into farming lots, reserving a small section for the creation of the town of Monticello. The land was fully settled within a year and remained in use for nearly a century, continuing a long history of human habitation.

In 1956 that history ended, and with the creation of the Monticello Dam what was once the Berryessa Valley was transformed into Lake Berryessa. In 1947 the Solano Project was started as a collaborative effort between Solano City and the Bureau of Reclamation to

supply water to Solano County for the purposes of agriculture. As a part of this project the Monticello dam and the flooding of the Berryessa Valley was proposed. Though the project involved the removal of crop land and the abandonment of the town of Monticello, it was felt that the benefit gained by the creation of the dam outweighed the sacrifice of the valley. In 1948 the Monticello dam was approved by the Secretary of the Interior and eight years later the town of Monticello was gone, its houses leveled, its graves moved, its fields burned and submerged under over a hundred feet of water.

The demise of the Berryessa Valley did not go un-witnessed. Pirkle Jones, a photographer and a graduate of the California School of Fine Arts, in collaboration with Dorothea Lang, created a photo-series entitled “Death of a Valley” which chronicled the abandonment and the flooding of Berryessa. Within this collection were images of Mexican migrant workers picking grapes in the fields, clerks stocking the shelves of the general store, and cattle being brought down from the hills to graze in the valley.

Yet it also chronicled the valley’s abandonment, the removal of the graves, and the destruction of houses and fields, and the eventual image of the valley, which had for centuries past been a place of life and a home to many, filling with water, drowning the ancient landscape.



Last month, on March 15 of 2009, Pirkle Jones passed away. His death stands as reminder of his work, causing one to reflect on Berryessa as it once was and the future of Berryessa today.

Today, as before, Berryessa is witnessing another migration. The sight of trailers being pulled along the road is another testament to the transitory nature of life in the region. Like the people of Monticello, and the Berryessa family before them, and the Miwok and the Patwin before them, Berryessa is witnessing the exodus of another of its peoples. As the status of the land around the lake is now being renegotiated the resort and trailer areas that once dotted the shores of Berryessa are now being closed down and removed.

Apparently removal and exodus are permanent aspects of life in Berryessa as this comment, made by a construction worker laboring in the valley in 1956 and overheard by Pirkle Jones illustrates: “... it’s getting so a person can’t stand still in one of these here fields without you get mowed down, raked up, or painted.” For further reading:

<http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/Quail/Natural/Human.htm>



Pirkle Jones, House Being Moved, 1956/60.



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SATURDAY, April 11, 2009 Results - by CeCeShort

Left Photo: On the far right is Salmon Derby winner Dan Niles of Napa...His catch weighed in at 1 lb. 7.4 ozs. taking Jack-Pot \$\$\$....Daughter Alyssa took 1st place in the Kid's division with her Salmon weighing in at 1 lb.4.9 ozs...Grandpa came along for lots of fun in the sunAll enjoyed the services of George Morgan Guide Service.....

Right Photo: Trout Derby Winner



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Pope Valley School News

The first picture is a shot from our Soccer Game with Foothills at Pope Valley April 6th. The score was 4 to 1 with a win for Pope Valley's Soccer team comprised of our 5th to 8th graders.

The second picture is of some of the actors that played in our rendition of Mary Poppins at our annual Spring Fest Celebration on April 9th in the evening. Our wonderful drama teacher is Mrs. Eakles (K to 2nd grade teacher) who worked with approximately 20 of our students for this performance. All the classes gave a special performance of their own, too.



Sep Hendrickson: Access to Lake Berryessa for Sportsmen

Editor’s Note: On Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 A.M. I had the pleasure of being interviewed by Sep Hendrickson, a long-time supporter of Lake Berryessa, about the mess here at the lake caused by the Bureau of Reclamation. I had met Sep several years ago at the big rally in Winters in support of a rational plan for the lake. He and his thousands of listeners are very unhappy with the handling of the current situation and lack of boat access for anglers.

Sep is the host of the award winning, “California Sportsmen” radio show on KHTK 1140 AM, Sacramento, on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 AM. This critically acclaimed show is designed to keep listeners informed about fishing in California’s lakes, streams, rivers and bays, hunting and much more. He also has a great web site at: www.seps.com/

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The third little picture is two of our students enjoying the annual Easter egg hunt on April 10th. We also invite the children's families to come and enjoy the fun.

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destination is Lake Pardee, Lake Berryessa, Eagle Lake or Flaming Gorge, Sep can give you knowledge and insight of the type of presentation to use, how deep, and when the best time to go.

Sep and his wife Marilyn are lifetime members of California Inland Fisheries Foundation Inc., Project Kokanee: <http://www.kokanee.org/>. Sep is Executive Director, Marilyn is Vice-President. There is a major kokanee project at **Markley Cove Resort**. See the latest about that on the the CIFFI web site above.

The California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. is a volunteer managed non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting, and improving freshwater angling opportunities in California. More than sixteen million fingerlings were planted during the past sixteen years through the efforts of C.I.F.F.I. and its members.

While waiting for my interview I listened to the latest fishing report from Troy Barr about the great fishing now

at Lake Berryessa. I reproduced his comments below. Troy runs a guide service to lake Berryessa. His contact information is:

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T-Roy’s Lake Berryessa Fishing Report

This promises to be one of the best years Lake Berryessa has had for fishing. The fishing is great with 18 inch kokanee out mid-lake off Big Island and north.

Some are grouping around 19-30 feet deep with an average depth of 22-24



Berryessa 18 3/4" Kokanee

feet. Troy used short lines of about 20 feet. He trolled at 1.2 to 1/5 mph using “carp spit” scent and pink and chartreuse colored lures. Sep is big on pink for kokanee.

The kokanee will probably go to 60 to 90 feet down as the lake warms up during the next month. Markley Cove will have a kokanee release from their CIFFI pens soon.

No king salmon lately but Troy saw a few about 20 inches long. There are some kings 60-80 feet down at the dam but the 3-4 pound fish were not biting.

The trout are in good shape with some 18 inch rainbows out there. There are a lot of 10-12 inch “truck trout” around (stocked).



If you don’t read anything else about the Lake Berryessa situation, you must read this to know the truth! You won’t find it in anywhere else.

Ignore the Bureau of Reclamation, Ignore the Napa Register: A Clear Analysis of the Present Situation at Lake Berryessa by Lucy White

The abandoned prospectus and awards have devastated the Lake Berryessa community. If the flaws are known in the prospectus, then a new prospectus should be released immediately, not in four months.

Five resorts are closed to the public - indefinitely. Putah Creek Resort and Lake Berryessa Marina Resort are both in bankruptcy, where most of the mobile homes and trailers, along with all facilities were abandoned. Bureau of Reclamation is attempting to clean up those two resorts, with little evidence to date, while providing security. Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort and Steele Park Resort are all cleaning up their resorts and providing their own security, nearly all of the mobile homes and trailers have been removed from those resorts.

With all five resorts closed there are no facilities open to the public on the entire 22 miles of the west side, other than Reclamation’s day parks and turnouts. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Resort, provide the only services which are at the most southern end of the lake. Both resorts have stores, but neither resort has a restaurant or café, with the other five resorts closed there is absolutely no prepared food services on Lake Berryessa.

Transition vs Devastation

Pete Lucero, of Reclamation, appears to have, independently from guiding documents, made a conclusionary decree which will only allows for “hotel” accommodations at Lake Berryessa. In his statement, “Pensus, for example, plans to build hotels, day-use areas, restaurants and other improvements.” Pensus, which was awarded five concessions is the example used by Pete Lucero, failed to sign a contract after nearly a year of negotiations.

Reclamation’s RAMP/ROD, 1992-93 are documents designed to create a transition for the new contracts of 2008/2009. VSP/ROD 2006 updated those earlier documents, which eliminated exclusive use and specifically allowed for uses such as

lodges, cabins, park models, annual usage sites, RV sites and camping.

The current base infrastructure at Rancho Monticello Resort creates a reasonable opportunity to adapt various business models, allowing for recreational uses according to the guiding documents and public demand. All uses, lodging, cabins, park models, RV sites, camping, as well as many day uses, require the same land development – level and accessible, and the VSP/ROD requires the new concessionaires to utilize existing corridors [roads, etc] whenever possible. Roads, parking lots, sewer and water systems, launch ramps and fuel dispensing allow for a transition to new concessionaires with a reasonable business opportunity for bidders.

As an example, we bid on five resorts, Putah Creek Resort, Rancho Monticello Resort, Lake Berryessa Marina Resort under Lago Resort LLC, which was to be formed if awarded the contract. The underlying concept of plan was inspired by Carneros Inn and Calistoga Ranch, adapted to a more affordable outdoor/recreation environment, with cabin type accommodations, along with RV and camp sites. The proposal was developed and designed by The Dangermond Group. Michele Kaufman Design, leading green designer, prepared the cabin plans for the proposal. A fifty year proforma /financial feasibility study was developed by ERA [Economic Research Associates].

The plan for Rancho Monticello Resort included a new event center, restaurant, café, eco-friendly cabins / park models [80 per year up to 500 cabins], RV sites, and camping. Final determinations would be based on public demand, and would be adaptive throughout the contract. All uses would be short term.

The prospectus did not include a visitors services plan, nor a financial feasibility study, instead it was left up to bidders to develop those items. Reclamation received only six bids comprised of six bidders responsive to the prospectus. [1] Recreation Del Sol Enterprises, LLC bid on all seven resorts; [2] Pensus Group, LLC bid on six resorts, which included Markley

Cove Resort and excluded Pleasure Cove Resort; [3] Lago Resorts, LLC bid on five resorts, all but Steele Park Resort and Pleasure Cove Resort; [4] Steele Park Resort, Inc [current concessionaire] bid on their resort; Forever Resorts/Pleasure Cove, LLC [current concessionaire] bid on Pleasure Cove Resort; Markley Cove Resort/Frazier X10, LLC [current concessionaire bid on their resort. Reclamation’s representation that there were 21 responsive bids is misleading, the point system in the prospectus forced bidders to bid on multi-concessions to be competitive.

All but Pensus were either current concessionaires - or in the case of Recreation Del Sol [Peter White, Rancho Monticello Resort] prior concessionaires - 5 of 6 bidders wanted and were willing to pay for the improvements - in the case of the awards to Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove, all improvements are incorporated into the redesign of those resorts, whether temporarily or permanently. The recycling of improvements would allow for smooth transition with no interruption of public access. Reclamation purposely chose the one bidder who would take 2 - 5 years [minimum] for public access to resume.

The proposals were submitted on November 16, 2007 with the awards announced on April 2, 2008. The contract for Pleasure Cove Resort was signed on December 23, 2008. March 16, 2009 Reclamation announced that the Pleasure Cove Resort contract was canceled. Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC is the only concessionaire which does not own the majority of their improvements. Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC/Forever Resorts was awarded an interim contract June 1, 2005 to December 1, 2007 – a 30 month interim contract, exceeding Reclamation’s policy of a maximum interim contract allowance of 24 months. Further extensions went through December 31, 2008. Now Reclamation is requesting Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC to extend their interim contract until a new award is made, sometime in 2010.

Even though Pete Lucero stated Reclamation does not want the site pads - we have been told we can not

remove them - as with the roads, parking lots, and other land forms / earth works - due to major environmental impacts. Neither Pleasure Cove nor Markley Cove proposed to build a hotel - both are putting in cabins. Now Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove are at risk to remove all of the facilities which Reclamation just approved. If they are not at risk Reclamation has and will rig the bidding.

Reclamation's process and actions have taken away many of the incentives for concessionaires to invest in improvements. The unfair business practices imposed on current concessionaires will weigh heavily on any future bidder / concessionaire.

Rancho Monticello Resort offered to operate under an interim contract in July of 2008, and again in March of 2009. Reclamation has yet to respond to the latest suggestion. With an Interim Contract(s) there could be a logical transition plan – bridging the current concessions with the new concessionaire(s), whoever that might be. There needs to be a sensible resolve which incorporates fair business practices, is financially and environmentally responsible, and is in the public interest.

What is this costing the government? The current concessions were developed and managed for 50 years, at no cost to the government, while creating jobs, commerce, paying franchise fees, while providing access, facilities and services to the public. It should be the continued goal of the government to provide necessary and appropriate facilities and services to the public at reasonable rates, and to avoid interruption of services to the public. Free enterprise is the backbone of America.

It appears that the ultimate goal of Reclamation is to minimize, if not eliminate public access to Lake Berryessa. The managing entity of Lake Berryessa should be working in a partnership with the concessionaires to provide optimum public access. What happens at Lake Berryessa will be carried out across America. The public deserves access to the public lands and waters.

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D'OH! Game wardens in Vermont were fairly suspicious of a trophy buck that Marcel Fournier, 19, had shot. It wasn't a buck, but rather a doe. So how did it come to have a 10-point rack on its head?

Fournier had bolted it to the slain deer's head, and had a photo taken with him and the "buck". When confronted, Fournier admitted the deed. "He used epoxy and lag bolts recessed into the rack," said game warden David Gregory."

There were enough people with experience around here who could see that it was fake," he said, and turned him in. Fournier was assessed a \$400 fine, jailed for 10 days, and lost his hunting license for at least three years.

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Corporation Runs for Congress Based on Latest Supreme Court Decision Favoring Corporations over Real People (True Story)

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Murray Hill Inc., the first American corporation to openly run for Congress (as opposed to the more traditional “candidate-as-corporate-proxy” model) has had its hopes of corporate candidacy dashed by the Maryland State Board of Elections...on a technicality.

According to its YouTube advert, Murray Hill, a public-relations firm, is taking advantage of a recent Supreme Court ruling that granted corporations full first-amendment political rights as people, to help create “the best democracy money can buy.”

Even though Murray Hill Inc. did have a “Designated Human”(DH) representative, the Board rejected the corporation’s application on the grounds that it was “not a human being.”

Despite the Supreme Court’s controversial 5-4 ruling in the “Citizens United” case, which removed longstanding restrictions on political activism by companies, these bids for office still face significant obstacles—not least the requirement that candidates in Maryland be at least 18 years old. Murray Hill is just five.

This candidacy has its attractions. After all, it would become the first elected official truly available to constituents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nor is it alone: according to the Washington Post, a firm called Computer Umbrella is now running for Congress in Virginia.

Many legal scholars, as opposed to corporate lobbyists, are shocked that the Supreme Court ruled that Congress cannot limit the rights of corporations that are invented by man and controlled by man. To endow those legal fictions with the same natural rights as living, human beings is absurd. To claim the U.S. Constitution as the basis for that ruling is an outright fabrication.



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Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa

In a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, a consortium of Native American tribes has forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. The April 1, 2010 announcement of the project will include the timeline and legal basis for this development.

Native American attorney, Hadge Ufuuld, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the recent Lake Berryessa concession bid process by formally defining the “land surface” as categorically different from the “water surface” under federal government control. For example, Reclamation made the following written public statements, “Privately owned houseboats will be allowed at Lake Berryessa since they

do not occupy shoreline space...”, and “houseboat rentals and docking, has been deemed to be a "preferred service" at Lake Berryessa, and is the only service which is able to engage in "exclusive use" at the lake without penalty.”

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

“Despite the self-serving last part of that definition,” Attorney Ufuuld countered, “no mention was made in the definition, and they could have, of any prohibition against houseboats. The reasonable private use of public assets is a long-standing American principle, although usually just applied to private corporations. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that private corporations can legally be considered private citizens with all the rights that entails, it follows that citizens can now be considered corporations with all the rights and benefits that entails.”

The recent Supreme Court ruling that corporations are people with the rights of individual human American citizens has added significant weight to the Native American tribes’ arguments. The five-justice majority reached the outcome it sought — an outcome that greatly expands the legal rights and political power of corporations — by trying to redefine basic reality. Since Native Americans have historically had their basic reality redefined by the federal government with disastrous

consequences, they were quick to take advantage of this ruling.

The legal settlement with Reclamation which allows the construction of a floating casino on Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself will not be a single structure – it will consist of approximately fifty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate tribe.

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

Lake Berryessa is already an official FAA seaplane base (FAA Identifier: E20) allowing guaranteed access to the casino for high-rollers. Seaplane ferry service is already being developed from regional airports such as Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Las Vegas itself.

Canada Buys Lake Berryessa?

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interest in buying the Republic and moving it north of the US/Canada border. In response to the offer, the Republic launched a "Keep Napalachia in California" campaign.

Other buyers said to be interested in the Republic were Kansas, Yolo County & the City of Winters, Uzbekistan and a private party who wanted to move Napalachia to the South Pacific.

Resorts Clean-up Continues

The Bureau of Reclamation has received \$191,000 in federal stimulus dollars to remove abandoned mobile homes from closed resorts at Lake Berryessa.

Custom Builders of Sonora County will remove the last 90 or so mobile homes from Putah Creek, Lake Berryessa Marina, Steele Park and Spanish Flat resorts along the lakeshore, said Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero.

No mention was made of Rancho Monticello, the biggest resort on the lake, whose owners have vowed to take legal action against Reclamation if they are not compensated properly for their facilities.

Custom Builders, of Twain Harte, California, was awarded the contract based on their expertise in construction and previous experience with deteriorated structures.

The Custom Builders contract is possible through about \$5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars allocated to the Bureau. The program will employ 22 people, most already working for the Bureau at Lake Berryessa.

Other contracts awarded with stimulus funds this year include \$195,000 to Federal Contract Corp for heavy equipment rental; \$521,000 for Berryessa Garbage for trash removal. Three more contracts totaling \$1.8 million for concrete hauling, removal of sewer ponds at Putah Creek and Spanish Flat and environmental cleanup will be awarded soon, Lucero said.

According to Lucero, the present funding will be sufficient to substantially clean up the resorts. He said the clean-up effort at Lake Berryessa is progressing in an orderly fashion to maximize the funding and the resources available to conduct clean-up activities.

With regard to the status of the resorts he said that Reclamation has the legal right to access all concession areas. “Reclamation has legal responsibility of the Federal land at Spanish Flat and Steele Park concession areas”, said Lucero.

The previous concession contractors for those two resortsare now apparently out of the picture.

His response to a question of which resorts does Reclamation plan to possibly offer some services such as launching and boat slips this summer was, “Yet to be determined, the plan is to have limited services available by the summer season once a contract is signed.”

Will Reclamation run a campground at Oak Shores this year as they did last year? “Most likely,” said Lucero.

Tuteur Seeks Re-election

John Tuteur is seeking re-election as Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk “I appreciate the trust Napa County voters have placed in me for the past 12 years, and I am ready for tomorrow’s challenges,” Tuteur declared.

In these difficult economic times, Tuteur says he led the effort to reduce the assessed value of 10,000 properties, saving owners \$20,000,000 in property taxes. “I responded promptly to falling real estate prices and will continue to review the value of single family homes each year until the market has returned to normal,” Tuteur added.

Tuteur is launching a project to put Napa County’s land ownership records online back to the original documents from 1848. “I believe in innovation and the use of proven technology to improve public access, increase productivity and reduce costs,” Tuteur explained.

Tuteur places a high priority on prompt, friendly and efficient customer service in all the divisions he leads. “I am proud of our employees who do a stellar job of serving our citizens,” Tuteur commented.

Tuteur lives with his wife, Vee, their daughter, Jessica, son-in-law David and the fourth generation, Lily and Marco, on the cattle ranch that was purchased by his parents in 1951. Tuteur holds degrees from Yale University and the University of California, Berkeley. Tuteur served as County Assessor from 1987 to 1997 and as 5th District Supervisor from 1973 to 1980.

“I am always available to meet with individuals and groups to discuss assessment, recording and elections issues,” Tuteur offered. “I can be reached at 707.253.4459 (w),

707.252.3008 (h) and by e-mail at electjt@napanet.net” *****

Woman pleads guilty to \$35,000 Capell Valley School PTA theft

A woman charged with taking tens of thousands of dollars from Capell Valley Elementary School’s PTA fund pleaded guilty to the theft.

Lee Ann Davis, also known as Lee Ann Small, previously had pleaded no contest in exchange for a lesser sentence, but part of the plea deal was that she bring \$20,000 to her hearing.

She said she had only \$10,000, so the plea agreement was scrapped. Instead, she pleaded guilty as charged to two felony counts of embezzlement and faces three years and eight months in prison at sentencing on April 13.

Davis said she took a total of about \$35,000 while working as the treasurer for the elementary school’s parent teacher association.

The earlier plea agreement allowed Davis to trade her plea for three years probation and \$20,000 restitution by Wednesday’s hearing. She then would pay \$500 a month until the total \$35,000 was paid off.

Davis attempted to raise the money to repay the school district, said her defense attorney Monte Hansen.

Both she and her husband are on disability and have a daughter. She was also unable to sell some of her belongings that she had hoped to use to raise money, said her attorney.

The \$10,000 she has is from her parents. “She truly is remorseful, accepts full responsibility,” he said. “She is a good person.”

Capell Valley Elementary will close its doors at the end of the school year because of Napa Valley Unified School District budget cuts. *****

Vocational Scholarships

A Voice Found, Inc. (AVF), a nonprofit career counseling and scholarship service, announces its 2010 scholarship opportunities for local students pursuing vocational career education and training.

Again this year, AVF is offering scholarships in 12 different career

areas: Agriculture, Automotive technology, Barber and beautician arts, Business administration, Culinary and hospitality services, Early childhood education, Engineering and applied technology, Health sciences, Health technology, Industrial and trade technology, Nursing, Public safety.

In its fifth year of scholarship offerings, AVF is actively seeking young people who are interested in pursuing a career track through formal training and education.

Interested and qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for an AVF scholarship by the deadline of April 16, 2010. The 2010 Scholarship Application and Program Description is available in the local high school and college counseling offices online at www.avoicefound.org. Helen L. McDermot, (707) 944-1829, helen@avoicefound.org *****

Deep Thoughts from Steven Wright

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April 10 & 11: Free Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale, 10 am to 4 pm, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665

April 14 - Wednesday: Haley for Supervisor Benefit, 6:30 PM, michael@haleyforsupervisor.org.

May 1 – Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon - 6th Annual, Oak Shores Recreation Area, Lake Berryessa, Half-Iron Distances: 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, 13.1 mile run. www.envirosports.com/events/napa-valley-vintage-triathlon-half-iron-distance

May 2 – Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 12th Annual, Oak Shores Recreation Area, Lake Berryessa, 0.5 mile swim, 11 mile bike, 3 mile run. www.envirosports.com/events/napa-valley-sprint-triathlon

May 8 - Saturday: The Community Church will host the first annual Helping Hands Charity Event from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year the money raised will go directly to relief efforts in Haiti. Contact Terri Lee at 252-4488 for more information.

May 17 – Monday: Amgen Tour of California, Stage 2 - Davis to Santa Rosa. 12:30 PM - Moskowite Corners, 12:42 PM - Turtle Rock onto Knoxville Berryessa Rd., 01:40 PM – Downtown Pope Valley

June 12 – Saturday: Davis Aquatic Masters 29th Lake Berryessa 1-mile and 2-mile Swim Races at Oak Shores Park off Knoxville-Berryessa Road. E-mail: damswim@dcn.davis.ca.us, 530-757-7946

June 19 - Saturday: Blood Drive Honoring Elijaah Leung, 12noon - 4 p.m., Capell Valley Fire Department. For more information, call Sherry Dahlquist, 966-9471 or sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com

June 19 – Saturday: Casino Night & Big Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 5:30-10:00PM Center, 966-0206

Ongoing Events:

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is now open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa.

The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through the summer. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/21/10

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet Lake Berryessa has had **20.98** inches of rain since July,1 2009.

The water is now **19.12** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/1/10	418.54	0.05	67	37	0.00
3/2/10	418.68	0.00	60	43	0.03
3/3/10	419.12	0.04	61	44	0.82
3/4/10	419.44	0.03	56	33	0.28
3/5/10	419.61	0.04	57	34	0.00
3/6/10	419.76	0.03	54	39	0.00
3/7/10	419.86	0.07	67	38	0.00
3/8/10	419.92	0.09	72	38	0.00
3/9/10	420.00	0.05	57	33	0.00
3/10/10	420.05	0.07	58	33	0.10
3/11/10	420.10	0.07	60	33	0.00
3/12/10	420.25	0.03	66	33	0.01
3/13/10	420.38	0.00	55	32	0.31
3/14/10	420.45	0.08	60	33	0.00
3/15/10	420.50	0.10	69	35	0.00
3/16/10	420.56	0.07	67	36	0.00
3/17/10	420.62	0.03	72	40	0.00
3/18/10	420.65	0.02	75	41	0.00
3/19/10	420.68	0.11	78	40	0.00
3/20/10	420.72	0.08	81	39	0.00
3/21/10	420.75	0.08	74	38	0.00
3/22/10	420.76	0.03	72	39	0.00
3/23/10	420.78	0.14	71	42	0.00
3/24/10	420.80	0.14	78	38	0.00
3/25/10	420.81	0.08	72	42	0.00
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Boiling Frog Myth - At What Point Would You Jump Out of Your Hot Tub?

The boiling frog story is a widespread anecdote describing a frog slowly being boiled alive. The premise is that if a frog is placed in boiling water, it will jump out, but if it is placed in cold water that is slowly heated, it will not perceive the danger and will be cooked to death.

The story is often used as a metaphor for the inability of people to react to significant changes that occur gradually. According to contemporary biologists the premise of the story is not literally true; an actual frog submerged and gradually heated will jump out. (Would a human be as smart?) However, a variety of 19th century research experiments suggested that the underlying premise is true, provided the heating is gradual enough.

The story has been used to warn about diverse phenomena, for example: in 1960 about sympathy towards the Soviet Union during the Cold War; in 1980 about the impending collapse of civilization anticipated by survivalists; in the 1990s about inaction in response to climate change and staying in abusive relationships. It has also been used by libertarians to warn about slow erosion of civil rights.

Several experiments involving recording the reaction of frogs to slowly heated water took place in the 19th century. In 1869, while doing experiments searching for the location of the soul, German physiologist Friedrich Goltz demonstrated that a frog that has had its brain removed will remain in slowly heated water, but his intact frogs attempted to escape the water.

Other experiments showed that frogs did not attempt to escape gradually heated water. An 1872 experiment by Heinzmann demonstrated that a normal frog would not attempt to escape if the water was heated slowly enough, and this was corroborated in 1875 by Fratscher.

Goltz raised the temperature of the water from 17.5°C to 56°C in about ten minutes, or 3.8°C per minute, in his experiment which prompted normal frogs to attempt to escape, whereas Heinzmann heated the frogs over the course of 90 minutes from about

21°C to 37.5°C, a rate of less than 0.2°C per minute. One source from 1897 says, "in one experiment the temperature was raised at a rate of 0.002°C. per second, and the frog was found dead at the end of 2½ hours without having moved."

Contemporary scientists have described the story as inaccurate. According to Dr. George R. Zug, curator of reptiles and amphibians, the National Museum of Natural History, “Well that's, may I say, bull****. If a frog had a means of getting out, it certainly would get out.”

In 1995, Professor Douglas Melton, of the Harvard University Biology department, said, "If you put a frog in boiling water, it won't jump out. It will die. If you put it in cold water, it will jump before it gets hot — they don't sit still for you."

Dr. George R. Zug, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the National Museum of Natural History, also rejected the suggestion, saying, "If a frog had a means of getting out, it certainly would get out."

In 2002 Dr. Victor H. Hutchison, Professor Emeritus of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma, with a research interest in thermal relations of amphibians, said that "The legend is entirely incorrect!"

He described how the critical thermal maximum for many frog species has been determined by contemporary research experiments: as the water is heated by about 2°F, or 1.1°C, per minute, the frog becomes increasingly active as it tries to escape, and eventually jumps out.



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By Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa makes bid to host Running of the Bulls

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce spokeswoman, April Fulton, announced they were making a bid to host the Running of the Bulls: The Chamber believes that for too long the people of Pamplona have monopolized this event. “We are determined to grab the bull by the horns and snare this important event for Lake Berryessa,” she said.

The Chamber will partner with Enviroports which puts on several Lake Berryessa triathlons that originate at Oak Shores Park and continue on Knoxville Road. The bull run could possibly become the opening event at the next triathlon.

Capell Valley botanist Professor Olaf Lipro discovered heat-generating plants in Capell Valley School garden. One plant, fed by nothing more than three pints of water a day, generated as much heat as a small burning log. A few of these horticultural wonders placed around a house could entirely eliminate the need for a central-heating system, and when submerged in water, the plants created a constant supply of hot water. Professor Lipro criticized the closing of Capell Valley School. “What other wonders will we lose?”



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According to Chef Stefano, there is an intense gustatory synergy among basil, lemon grass, mole, jalapeno, and Chinese five spices that deserves to be honored more widely. He presents several new dishes such as: Sweet and Sour Ravioli Nachos “al dente”, Gnocchi Mole Pesto Poblano, Fettucine Semi-Alfredo with Jalapenos in Oyster Sauce, and for dessert, Chinese Five Spice Gelato with Churros. Try them out on Thursday, April 1, and laugh along with us.

History of Berryessa Valley (Part 1)

By Jackson Collier and Mike McGraw,
Bureau of Reclamation

Berryessa Valley, now Lake Berryessa, has been peopled at least from the late 1700’s right up to the completion of Monticello Dam in 1957. How did the valley, though, come to be what it was and now is?

Ultimately it was the pope’s fault, Pope Alexander VI to be precise. After Alexander issued a papal decree dividing the new world between Spain and Portugal the Portuguese grew unhappy. This Portuguese unhappiness led to the Treaty of Tordesillas between Spain and Portugal in 1494. The treaty also divided the new world between Spain and Portugal but this time in a way more amenable to the Portuguese. As a practical matter the treaty gave what is now Brazil to the Portuguese and everything else to the Spanish. (Spain and Portugal were the great naval powers of the time which is the reason that no other countries are mentioned either in the papal decree or in the treaty.)

So, the treaty gave California to the Spanish. Spain claimed the land that included California in about 1530. It stayed in Spanish hands until Mexican independence in 1821 when it became part of Mexico—Alta California as it was called by the Mexicans to distinguish it from Baja California.

Alta California stayed in Mexican hands until an infamous incident in 1846. John C. Fremont led a group of American adventurers and earlier American immigrants in an uprising to try and free Alta California from Mexican hands. On 14 June 1846 Fremont and company declared California to

be an independent state: the Bear Flag Republic. What so stains the Bear Flag Republic is the killing by some of Fremont’s men, lead by the famous Kit Carson, of three innocent Mexicans—Jose de los Reyes Berryessa and two of his nephews. Fremont and his men had spotted the Berryessas and Freemont then ordered Carson to take care of the men. When Carson asked if he should take the men as prisoners Freemont is said to have replied, “I have no room for prisoners.” After questioning the unarmed trio Carson’s men killed the nephews while Jose de los Reyes Berryessa pleaded for their lives and then killed the old man who was reported to be 75.

This “republic” only lasted until 7 July 1846. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican-American war and ceded northern Mexico to the U.S. California, then, became a territory of the U.S. In 1850 California was admitted to the Union as a state and stayed in the Union during the Civil War.

What, though, of the people of Alta California? Who were they, where did they come from, and how did they change over time? Particularly what of the people of Berryessa Valley?

The first people known to reside in the valley were American Indians from the Southern Wintun tribe. Up until about 1800 members of the Southern Wintun tribe lived in a village in Berryessa Valley named Topai. Their main diet was acorns which normally grew abundantly. Unfortunately, no members of the Southern Wintun tribe survive.

The next known inhabitants of the valley were two Mexican brothers, the Berryessas (Berryessa is a corruption of their actual name—Berelleza). The

Berryessa brothers, Sisto and Jose, received the valley as part of a land grant to them in 1843 from the newly independent Mexican government. When California became a state in 1850 the Berryessas petitioned to have their land grant recognized by the United States government. The brothers’ petition was finally granted and bore the signature of Abraham Lincoln.

However, by the time Lincoln finalized the Berryessa brothers’ right to the land almost none of the land was still in Berryessa hands. The Berryessas had sold the vast majority of the land in order to cover their plentiful debts, particularly gambling debts. It seems that Sisto and Jose were overly fond of Three Card Monte and horse racing.

In 1879, the last Berryessa homesteader, Nicholosa Higuera, wife of Sisto Berryessa, died. Her husband died the year before in 1878. Both were buried in the valley. Sisto’s body, unlike that of many of the other homesteaders, was not recovered when the cemetery in Monticello was relocated to Spanish Flat. Sisto lies beneath the waters of Lake Berryessa even today.

In 1860 Edward Shultz received a deed to the last remaining interest of Sisto Berryessa and his wife’s property to satisfy a judgment against the Berryessa Family. In 1866, Schultz sells the land to three investors who divide the land into family farms and the town site for Monticello.

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Supervisors are counting on the fact that it would be better to give employees dreams of future wealth instead of making them pay more in order to keep present benefits.

(Readers may be right to wonder whether this is a joke or a satirical prophecy.)

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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce District 3 Supervisor Candidates Forum

On Monday, March 22 the three candidates for Napa County Supervisor for District 3 spoke to a lively group of local Lake Berryessa region residents about their goals if elected supervisor.



The candidates were introduced by Dee Cuney, President of the Chamber. Each candidate made a ten minute statement (speaking order determined by a high card draw) which was followed by a Q&A session moderated by Paul Quarneri, President of the Berryessa Senior Center.

Michael Haley, a grapegrower in the Oak Knoll area of Napa Valley, led off with a description of his long-time family history in Napa County, his extensive participation in local politics, and his concerns with the state of the County budget.



As the President and founder of the Napa Valley Taxpayers Alliance, he says he has challenged excessive government expenditures and pushed to make government more efficient.

Although Haley states that land use is always a key issue in Napa County, right now with the severe economic downturn he believes the economy has become a bigger issue. He says that Napa has to do more to support business, to expand the marketing of Napa County to increase business at a time when Napa is threatened with world wide competition in

a changing marketplace.

One specific issue that Haley stressed is reforming a pension system that grants 90% of the highest salary to some employees at age 50 as a pension. As Supervisor, he plans to champion restructuring priorities to ensure education and basic infrastructure don't become the victims of

poor prioritizing of county budgets.

Supervisor Dillon next presented her history and qualifications. With seven years experience in the job she spoke in detail about the issues and accomplishments of her terms and the budget crisis.

She stated that during her terms as supervisor the County created and maintained a healthy "rainy day fund" to insulate Napa – as much as possible – from the state's fiscal issues. She said she helped bring accountability to Napa County through a performance-based budgeting system where each county department is held accountable for setting and meeting spending limits. She also described a prioritized list of budget actions that would be taken as the need for more cuts is realized.



Dillon, a resident of St. Helena with a long family history in Napa, proudly described her early work on land use issues that she believes helped protect Napa County from excessive development.

Jeff Parady, Pope Valley businessman, completed the initial presentations. As with the other candidates, Parady has a long historical family connection with Napa County.

Although less-experienced in politics than the other candidates, Parady is the only candidate who

actually lives in the rural East County region which includes Pope Valley and Lake Berryessa. He brings a rural sensibility and grass-roots passion to his approach to the supervisor position.

He believes that the key to the future is to enhance and conserve what we have, to insure reasonable growth, and to strongly support all current residents and businesses of District 3.

Parady also believes that it is not in the best interest of a Supervisor to have a personal agenda. By not siding with special interests, he will consider any action item before him with a common sense approach to achieve a solution that will be fair and unbiased.

He makes a unique proposal to create a program to help homeowners and business owners make up to \$50,000 worth of improvements to their property without paying additional property taxes.

The two-hour question and answer session included many exchanges on the County budget, County road repairs, and land use. Supervisor Dillon faced some tough questions from Berryessa Highlands residents about the state of the local water sewer district which has always been managed by the County supervisors. She stated that the County would be happy to see the district revert to a locally-elected citizens board. (See Page 6.)

www.haleyforsupervisor.org.

www.dillonforsupervisor.com

www.jeffparadyforsupervisor.com

According to the latest campaign finance disclosure forms, Supervisor Diane Dillon remains far ahead in the money race, but Jeff Parady gained significantly. Michael Haley increased the amount of money he spent.

Diane Dillon: Raised: \$3,142, Spent: \$19,735, Cash on hand: \$64,164. No donations \$500 and above

Michael Haley: Raised: \$6,800, Spent: \$13,113, Cash on hand: \$447. V. Sattui Winery-\$667, Roger Trinchero - \$500, One True Vine - \$1,000

Jeff Parady: Raised: \$33,878, Spent: \$19,870, Cash on hand: \$19,190. Judy Parady - \$1,060, Pulliam Well Drilling - \$1,000, Pete Montelli - \$500, Bartolucci & Sons - \$500, Brown Enterprises - \$2,000, B & E Properties - \$1,500, Steve Rossi - \$500



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St. Stupid’s Day and the Dumbing Down of America

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

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

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

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on the Internet (another major source of blatant stupidity). Two historical examples are given below.

Spaghetti trees: BBC television ran a famous hoax in 1957, showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They had claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees.

Left-Handed Whoppers: On April 1, 1998, Burger King published a full page advertisement in USA Today announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."

And there’s the cultural “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” represented by Facebook. It’s "25 Things About Me" meme seems harmless enough; people write 25 facts about themselves and post them on their Facebook pages, just as they do with videos, status updates and photos of last weekend's party. An estimated 5 million of these notes - that's 125 million facts - appeared on their website within a week. Assuming it takes someone 10 minutes to come up with their list, this recent bout of viral narcissism has sent roughly 800,000 hours of work-time productivity down the drain. But it's just so stupid. Most people aren't funny, they aren't insightful, and they share way too much.

Facebook is a loose social network; a "friend" on Facebook might translate to someone you'd barely recognize in real life. But its real purpose is to gather millions of pieces of information about its users in order to find a way to sell stuff. They have not been successful yet.

In his new book, You Are Not a Gadget, virtual reality pioneer, Jaron Lanier, makes a strong case that software designs as embodied in systems like Facebook lead to a decrease in personhood. He believes we should seek to inspire the phenomenon of individual intelligence not to make the “pack mentality” as efficient as possible. “I want to say: You have to be somebody before you can share yourself.”

And some final thoughts:
* “Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege.”
* "Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."-Anonymous
* "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."-Albert Einstein
* "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."-Martin Luther King, Jr.
And one of my favorites from an instruction book: How to store your baby walker: “First, remove baby."

Berryessa Highlands Water & Sewer Committee Update

Your committee has been pressing for information on a new governance structure to get us out from under the County’s jurisdiction. Two years ago the Napa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) produced a study which recommended that NBRID be converted to a Community Services District (CSD). Your committee has met with LAFCO to discuss this recommendation and the process to affect the conversion. The process is long, relatively cumbersome and expensive.

Senator Wiggins has recently introduced a piece of legislation (SB 1023) which is of interest to all NBRID residents. There are currently only 7 Resort Improvement Districts (RID) left in California. This legislation, if enacted, would streamline the process of converting an RID to a CSD to reduce the cost and time involved.

Your committee has reviewed the legislation and background information and decided to support the legislation as the fastest and least expensive path to our District’s independence. We are sending a letter to Senator Wiggins indicating our support.

While there is reportedly no organized opposition to this legislation, bills do get shuffled aside for more “important” matters without a show of support. We are posting the entire Senate bill, and some background material for everyone’s review and study at www.berryessahighlands.info/News.php

- Background info on SB 1023
- 12/3/07 LAFCO Report
- NB Guide to Special Districts

We encourage you to read all the material (and try not to fall asleep) to educate yourself on this very important matter. If you agree that converting to a CSD is the best path for the future viability of our District, then we encourage you to send a letter to Senator Wiggins and the rest to the Senate Local Government Committee indicating your support. We have provided a sample letter of support for your use, if desired. We have also provided the email, fax and mailing address for the Senator and the Senate Committee.

So that we can keep tabs on the interest and support of the community, please also leave a comment on this website as to your opinion and actions.

Moon Phases for the Angler (Thanks to Sid Silberberg)

April 2010

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The Fishing Page

Fishing is shifting into high gear with the arrival of Spring and the “Spring Bloom” developing full force. With the water temperature rising into the mid-50s smallmouth bass fishing is ready to heat up with the bass starting to move into their spawning areas. Bass tournamentd have begun. At sunrise on Saturdays, the deep-throated roar of dozens of boss bass boats streaming out of the Narrows onto the main body of the lake washes up and over the Berryessa Highlands.

Future Lake Berryessa Fishing Tournaments

Saturday, April 3, Pleasure Cove Resort: West Coast Fishing Tournaments, Big Jon King of the Lake, stan@wcftournaments.com, www.wcftournaments.com/pages/event_bigjon-kotl

Saturday, April 10: Trout & Salmon Derby Sponsored by the Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli and the Berryessa Senior Center

Saturday, April 17, Pleasure Cove Resort: Suisun Bass Reapers, www.bassreapers.com

Sunday, April 25, Markley Cove Resort: California Bass Federation, www.californiabass.org

Saturday, May 1: Anglers Choice, <http://www.usanglerschoice.net>, dpeluso@inreach.com, Danny Peluso, V.P., Region 1, Berryessa Pro Teams - Winters, dukekalani@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 22, Markley Cove Resort: Christian Bass Anglers Fellowship, www.thecbaf.com, Paul Baker at pbaker@aol.com

Friday, June 4: CA Bass Champs, www.californiabasschampionship.com, calbasschamps@gmail.com



Thanks to Bass Angler’s Guide for tournament schedule.

Fishing With Sid (Welcome Back Sid!)

Fish of choice for shore fisherman today would be catfish. People are getting stringers of 4-6 pounds using the old basics - hotdogs, bacon, stink baits, etc. My favorite and the cleanest is the hotdog.

Bass fishing, on the other hand, is a little slower, but you are still able to catch a limit. By the end of April and the first few days of May, I believe the water temperature will have warmed up to sixty degrees and the females will start going shallow.

Today they are from fifteen to forty feet deep and drop-shoting is a great way of catching them. At the end of April I would start using carolina rigs, jigs, senko worms and your favorite bottom lure.

Trolling for trout is good now especially early in the morning. Just a short report for now hope to have more information next time. 'til then.....good fishing!!!!, Sid Silberberg

www.fishingconnection.net If you have any stories you would like to share email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.

Fishing with Troy Barr

Had the great pleasure of fishing with the guys from Schene Livestock - Jimmy Schene, Eric Schene, and Mike Brock - Thursday, March 18th. We were on the water at 0:dark:thirty. Right around 6:45am it busted wide open. With lines set from 6 to 18 feet with the best being 13 to 18 feet when the sun popped through the marine layer.

Our offerings were Rocky Moutain Tackle dodgers in Hyper Plaid and Bahama Mama and the terminal tackle was Uncle Larry's spinners in pinky, pink tiger and copper blue pink, RMT assassin spinners in pink & white, pink purple and blue chartreuse and bunch of different hoochies (squid bodies) in double glow pink and UV purple.

The lake is looking very promising this year with kokanee already going from 15 to 17.5 inches long. With the water temp in the 54 degree range still, this makes for a good fight from start to finish.

Thanks and we’ll see ya on the water. Troy

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Anglers Choice Tournament - March 20, 2010 at Markley Cove



Bureau of Reclamation Zebra Mussel-Free Certification

Save Time and Self-Certify

You are asked to comply with the Bureau of Reclamation's Quagga/Zebra mussel prevention program before you may launch your boat into Lake Berryessa. For most boaters, this will be a simple process.

In January 2007, quagga mussels were discovered in Lakes Mead, Mohave, and Havasu. This is the first time zebra or quagga mussels have been discovered west of the Rocky Mountains. Zebra and quagga mussels have already invaded much of the Eastern U.S.

Fortunately, Lake Berryessa is free of zebra and quagga mussels. It depends on you - and all of us - to keep it this way. Zebra and quagga mussels can be spread by your boat, but they cannot live out of the water for long periods of time. Simply washing boats and equipment and allowing it to fully dry is an effective way to reduce the risk of spreading these aquatic hitchhikers.

Zebra and quagga mussels and other harmful plants and animals may be hiding under your trim tabs, in your engine, or even on our anchor chain. Zebra and quagga mussels are microscopic in their earliest life stages, making them impossible to detect with a visual inspection. See photo at right. They have the potential to:

Disrupt the food chain and fishing .

Foul facilities like docks and ramps.

Encrust boats and clog engines.

Litter beaches with sharp smelly shells.

You need to answer the following questions before you can launch:

Has your boat been used in Lakes Mead, Mohave, or Havasu, or waters east of the Rocky Mountains, in the last 30 days? If your answer is NO, you are ready to launch. Sign the certificate included in the form and display it on your dashboard at all times while your vehicle and boat trailer are in Lake Berryessa.

Were your boat and trailer thoroughly washed and allowed to completely dry for at least 5 days since you last launched? You must have removed all dirt organic material, or grit from the boat. You must have drained and flushed all live wells and bilge areas. The boat must be allowed to dry for at least 5 days.

If your answer is YES, you are ready to launch. Sign the certificate included in the form and display it on your dashboard at all times while your vehicle and boat trailer are in Lake Berryessa.

If your answer is NO, you are required to get a professional decontamination at any Department of Fish and Game approved Zebra/Quagga Mussel Station. Please contact Department of Fish and Game for Decontamination locations at 866-440-9530.

If your answers to these questions tell you to get your boat professionally decontaminated before launching in Lake Berryessa, you must do so.

If your boat is ready to launch now, just complete the self certification statement. Be sure to display the certificate on your dashboard while your vehicle is parked in the boat launch areas. You can use the certificate during the year, but you must ensure that your boat is clean each time you launch at Lake Berryessa. Don't let zebra/quagga mussels hitchhike on your boat.

Failure to display this certificate on the dashboard of your vehicle while parked with an empty boat trailer may result in a citation. If you have questions, please contact the Lake Berryessa Recreation Resources Branch at 707-966-2111. For more information, visit www.protectyourwaters.net.

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Local residents should expect morning driving delays on Knoxville Road. Hundreds of healthy people will again be swimming, biking, and running along the west shore of Lake Berreyssa beginning at 8 AM.

May 1 – Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon - 6th Annual, Oak Shores Recreation Area, Lake Berryessa, Half-Iron Distances: 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, 13.1 mile run.

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Lake Berryessa Remains Open as Resort Clean-up Continues

Although there is no word as to the status of the negotiations between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Pensus Group as of the printing deadline of this issue, most people remain optimistic that the contract will be signed soon. This optimism applies to both Reclamation and Pensus – as far as their public statements are concerned.

Speculation and weird rumors abound, as usual. But also, as usual, none of the rumors are true. The waiting feels a bit like being nibbled to death by duck-billed creatures.

Lake Berryessa businesses are open. Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Turtle Rock are here for you to enjoy. Local realtors are eager to show you potential

investments since property values are sure to increase as the resorts are reopened.

Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rental is open in Markley Cove. A romantic European couple just rented a jet ski there to tour beautiful Lake Berryessa last week. Fishing is great and tournaments are happening every weekend.

A resident of Wragg Canyon Road near Pleasure Cove Resort looked out his window to see a parasail rider land in his front yard. The guy had parked at Monticello Dam and hiked his gear up the Stebbins-Cold Canyon trail where he jumped off a cliff. He floated over the lake like an osprey for a couple of hours before landing.

There are many interesting personal adventures being lived at the lake right now!

But no matter how hard everyone tries to get the word out, people still call to ask if the lake is open. The answer is: YES IT IS! Look at the ads in this edition of the Lake Berryessa News.

Check the Lake Berryessa News web site and the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page for up-to-the-minute reports. Pass the news on to your friends.

Markley Cove Resort is Open! The closest resort to Monticello Dam, Markley Cove offers cabin rentals, a convenience store, food service, marina services, boat slips, boat and jet ski rentals, boat gasoline. No day use picnic area. (707) 966-2134

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Free Public Facilities are Open: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

The Pensus Group does have its own Lake Berryessa web site at: <http://berryessalake.com/>. It sometimes has updates. It has a "tentative reservations" link, a job application link, and links to its main company web site and its other marinas.

**Not Your Typical
Berryessa Adventure**

Lake County Sheriff's deputies alerted the Napa County Sheriff Monday, 4/19, that they were in pursuit of a man who was wanted on a narcotics-related warrant. The man drove a black BMW sedan at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour, south on Butts Canyon Road.

Napa deputies spotted the BMW in the Turtle Rock area and chased the man for several miles towards the Monticello Dam. He went down Highway 128 past the dam, through Winters, north onto Highway 505 and onto County Road 19.

Two Napa CHP pilots who were flying above the chase, one in a helicopter the other in an airplane, followed the man to a Yolo County farm where he was captured.

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My April Fools front page story last issue got a lot of response. Many people thought it was true - some even hoped it was true. It was not true - it was a joke! There are a fair number of people around Lake Berryessa who would support a casino. But I don't think anyone could get 50 different tribes to lash together 50 individual houseboats to make that happen! As the Native American attorney in the story told me - just have them say my name out loud and emphasize the long U sound: Hodge Ufuuld.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I know the vast majority of Berryessa News readers share my desire to remove Diane Dillon from office. However, voting for someone other than Dillon in this 3-way District 3 Supervisor race won’t help unless that other candidate can beat Dillon in the November runoff. Michael Haley is that candidate.

Dillon and the County government have consistently ignored the needs of Berryessa and Pope Valley because there aren’t enough voters there to carry an election. Eight years ago, favorite son Brad Kirkpatrick swept Pope Valley and Berryessa, and picked up many St. Helena votes as well, but still did not become Supervisor. He didn’t even come in second. He came in third, not because Pope Valley and Berryessa voters didn’t love him, but because there simply were not enough voters out there to win. Your reward for supporting the favorite son candidate was Diane Dillon as your current Supervisor.

The same thing could happen this time unless voters take heed. As popular as Jeff Parady is, he could not be more popular than Brad Kirkpatrick was eight years ago. Even if everyone who supported Brad back then supports Jeff this time, Jeff will not win because Pope Valley and Berryessa simply do not have enough voters. Unpleasant? Unfair? Sure, but we have to be realistic to win elections.


Michael Haley has broader appeal throughout the rest of District 3 (where most voters live), and he can beat Dillon. But he will need your vote to do it. When you vote this June, ask yourself which is more important, showing support for the favorite son candidate, or bouncing Dillon. Then vote for Haley.

I served with Michael Haley for two and a half years on the General Plan Steering Committee. Our mantra to the committee then, and Michael’s now, is that Napa County is more than just Napa Valley. Pope Valley and Berryessa are different from the Napa Valley and have different needs. It makes no sense to strangle Pope Valley and Berryessa with the same strict regulations used to prevent overdevelopment of the Napa Valley. On the “Napa District 3” page of Haley’s website: www.haleyforsupervisor.org/pages/District3.html , Michael writes, “District 3 is composed of several very distinct areas, the rural areas of Pope Valley and Berryessa, Angwin with its center being Pacific Union College, and the heart of the wine industry in the upper valley which includes the cities of St. Helena and Calistoga. At times these areas have very different needs and concerns and responsible leadership requires balancing those needs and taking all areas into account. “

Most of the current politicians who vote on new regulations for the county, including Pope Valley and Berryessa, likely have not even been out to


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those areas for years, and have little interest in hearing why those areas are different. They vote based on what they see in their back yard, which is really just the Napa Valley, rather than the county as a whole. Surely, if Jeff Parady were to be elected, he would understand the differences and act accordingly, and so he has great local appeal. But so will Michael Haley, with the major difference being that Haley can beat Dillon in November.

If you want to make your vote really count toward electing someone who understands why Pope Valley and Berryessa are different, and who will act accordingly, vote for Michael Haley, District 3 Supervisor.

George Bachich, Napa, CA

Dear 3rd District Voters,

It is important it is that we maintain an ABD, Anybody But Dillon, focus in this election campaign. I was criticized by the Upper Valley Republican Women’s Club for not always being ideologically pure to Republican standards. However, when you consider the fact that more than 60% of the 3rd District voted for Obama and the majority of voters there continue to support him, it doesn't take a genius to see that a totally right wing conservative candidate is not likely to prevail in the 3rd District. Look at who has been elected in the past, Dillon and Mel Varrelman, both liberal Democrats.

Clubbing me over the head and trying to embarrass me in public because I am not pure enough in someone's estimation of Republican orthodoxy is a mistake. Supporting a candidate whose qualifications amount to being angry about everything is not going to cut it either. I am clearly the candidate in the 3rd District that could win in November. Of course, that's my opinion. But in any

case let's not shoot ourselves in the foot with adolescent level negative campaigning against each other. How about we focus on beating Diane Dillon?

Michael Haley

Haley Fundraiser a Success

Michael Haley held a fundraiser for his campaign for supervisor on April 14 at the Castello di Amorosa, Dario Sattui's castle in Calistoga. Dario Sattui spoke on Michael's behalf, expressing his support for Haley as an honest person.

Haley read an email he got from a supporter asking him to fight upvalley interests that are anti-business. All had a very good time and the fundraiser was deemed a big success and fun event by all who attended



Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do . . . write to these men? Why don’t they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they delivered the mail?

Event Calendar

April 24 - Saturday: 40th Anniversary Earth Day - An all-day line up of musical entertainment and children’s activities will take place in Veterans Memorial Park in Napa. Free, 11am – 5pm (www.EarthDayNapa.com)

April 24 - Saturday: The Pope Valley 4-H Club is holding its Annual "Road Clean-Up" Day on Saturday, April 24th. The Community is welcome to join in. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Meet at the Pope Valley Farm Center - Lunch & Drinks will be served

April 26 - Monday: Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting and Mixer at 5:30 PM at CeCe Short's office in the Spanish Flat Village Center. Meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

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May 8 - Saturday: Lake Berryessa Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli.

May 15 - Saturday: Second Annual Purple Heart Veterans / Wounded Warriors Fishing Event at Markley Cove Resort from approximately 7:30 am to noon. Volunteers need to arrive around 6:30 am to get boats lined up and ready to load. Markley Cove will offer lunch to all the participants, both the volunteers and the veterans. Call 707-966-2134 for details and to volunteer

May 17 – Monday: Amgen Tour of California, Stage 2 - Davis to Santa Rosa. 12:30 PM - Moskowite Corners, 12:42 PM - Turtle Rock onto Knoxville Berryessa Rd., 01:40 PM – Downtown Pope Valley

June 12 – Saturday: Davis Aquatic Masters 29th Lake Berryessa 1-mile and 2-mile Swim Races at Oak Shores Park off Knoxville-Berryessa Road. E-mail: damswim@dcn.davis.ca.us, 530-757-7946

June 19 - Saturday: Blood Drive Honoring Elijah Leung, 12noon - 4 p.m., Capell Valley Fire Department. For more information, call Sherry Dahlquist, 966-9471 or

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/12/10

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet
Lake Berryessa has had **24.51** inches of rain since July 1, 2009.
The water is now **16.81** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/28/10	420.88	0.04	73	41	0.00
3/29/10	420.93	0.06	74	40	0.00
3/30/10	420.92	0.01	62	47	0.26
3/31/10	420.94	0.09	59	37	0.09
4/1/10	420.95	0.06	57	40	0.08
4/2/10	420.97	0.07	61	38	0.00
4/3/10	421.05	0.02	57	35	0.12
4/4/10	421.28	0.06	57	37	0.00
4/5/10	421.48	0.00	53	36	1.01
4/6/10	421.58	0.04	53	33	0.00
4/7/10	421.64	0.07	60	34	0.00
4/8/10	421.65	010	72	40	0.00
4/9/10	421.67	0.08	70	42	0.00
4/10/10	421.68	0.05	74	42	0.00
4/11/10	421.87	0.02	59	48	0.01
4/12/10	422.56	0.00	52	45	1.93
4/13/10	422.80	0.00	56	38	0.03
4/14/10	422.93	0.06	62	37	0.00
4/15/10	423.03	0.10	63	37	0.00
4/16/10	423.09	0.06	67	38	0.00
4/17/10	423.16	0.13	73	44	0.00
4/18/10	423.19	0.02	74	42	0.00

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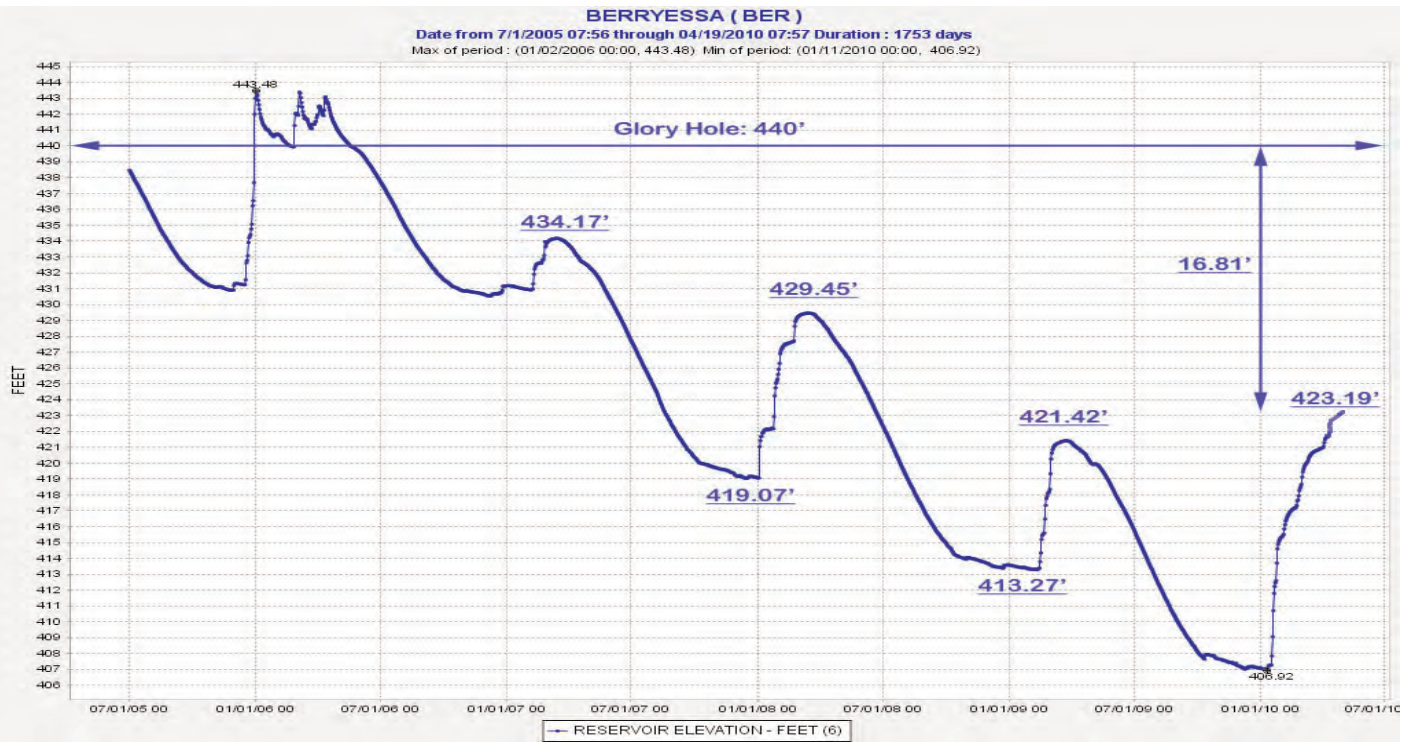
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Pope Valley Scholarships Available

The Pope Valley Scholarship Fund was founded in honor of two longtime Pope Valley residents, Norman K. Blanchard and Joan Burns, both of whom believed strongly that education is a vital part of a successful life for young people in Pope Valley. The Board of Directors is pleased to continue their wonderful dedication and spirit.

In the past nine years our fund has awarded more than forty scholarships to help local deserving high-school graduates attend a wide range of post-secondary schools, from vocational institutes to campuses of community colleges, California State Colleges, and the University of California, as well as to private colleges and universities all over the country. Your generosity enables the Fund to expand scholarship opportunities to local students.

Applications are available for the 2010 Pope Valley Scholarship Fund, honoring Norman K. Blanchard and Joan Burns. Students who live or have lived in Pope Valley and/or attended Pope Valley Elementary School and will graduate from high school in June are eligible. Interested students may call 965-2207 or e-mail pvsf@popevalley.net for applications and information. Deadline is April 16. Information is available at: www.popevalleyscholarshipfund.org.

Pope Valley Rallies to Support Neighbors

Pope Valley residents, Nancy Meacham and her husband, Steve, are facing an uncertain future. Doctors say Steve has at most a year to live unless he undergoes heart transplant surgery.

The two praise the support they've received from the Pope Valley community, where a fundraiser for the Meachams is being planned. Those interested in making donations or helping to plan a fundraiser should call Debbie Norman at 965-1651.

"The people of Pope Valley are the most wonderful people I've ever met," said Nancy. "When it comes to community they're tight and that's what we love about being here."

Nancy asserts that Debbie Norman, who clerks at the Pope Valley Market and is spearheading the fundraiser, "is just a fantastic and lovely woman who has been a very good friend."

Steve said District 3 Napa County Supervisor candidate Jeff Parady, owner of the Pope Valley Repair and Towing, "goes out of his way for us."

Amgen Tour & Lance Armstrong Return to Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley on Monday, May 17

The largest cycling event in America, the 2010 Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG, that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 16-23.

Founded in 2005, Breakaway from Cancer continues to raise awareness and funds to support valuable services and programs, provided free of charge, that help people living with cancer. The initiative was created by Amgen as a complementary component to the company's sponsorship of the Amgen Tour of California. This year, the initiative continues to support the important programs and tools offered by the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and The Wellness Community.

Some of America's most accomplished cyclists, including Lance Armstrong, Levi Leipheimer, Dave Zabriskie and George Hincapie will participate. Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong's announcement of his intent to compete in the fifth-annual race was met with enthusiasm from race organizers and fans.

After mounting an incredible comeback to professional cycling in 2009, competing in the Amgen Tour of California and other top races around the world, including finishing third in the 2009 Tour de France, Armstrong will start the 2010 season on his newly formed Team RadioShack. Returning to the Amgen Tour of California for the second consecutive year, Armstrong is expected to be a top competitor in the race.

The route from Davis to Santa Rosa will provide plenty of scenic settings for both the cyclists and spectators. Beginning in the city of Davis the route includes evenly spaced climbs throughout the stage and spectacular views.

After 20 miles of flat roads, the riders will meet their first climb up a short, but steep section leading up to the Monticello Dam. Another long, flat section along Lake Berryessa will take the riders to a climb up Howell Mountain Rd., followed by a fast descent into Napa Valley.



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Capell Valley School News

Wild Cats Adventure at the Fire Station May 3, 6 P.M. potluck, 7 P.M.program, please bring a dish to share. Free to the Community, seating is limited, please call Kristine 966-9892 to reserve.

Capell Community and Alumni Celebration: Free, Games, Food, Entertainment for all ages! June 4th

Capell Elementary Graduation June 10th

Thank you to those of you that have brought in many photos and memories of Capell Valley Elementary! I am off to a great start for the Capell Valley DVD.

I know there are many more out there so please bring them into the school office or email to kcfields02@att.net I would like to have everyone included.

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Sam Bell, John Perry, and Gary Morse prepare for Saturday's bass tournament (4/17/10) with dinner at Cucina Italiana. They say they eat at Cucina "to get the energy to go out fishing!"

In 1981, the Bass Reapers began hosting an annual open tournament in order to raise funds to support conservation efforts at Lake Berryessa. This tournament is very popular with 250 participants and a \$10,000 payout. As a result, over 30,000 Florida-strain large-mouth bass have been released in Lake Berryessa and they have increased much needed bass "structure" in the lake. In 2009, the club was able to install a fish cleaning station at the Berryessa free launch ramp.

History of Berryessa Valley (Part 2)

By Jackson Collier and Mike McGraw, Bureau of Reclamation

The town of Monticello was born in 1867 when B.F. Davis built a blacksmith shop. It became the center of a prosperous agricultural community and was located somewhat in the middle of the valley, along Putah Creek. The valley itself was flat and fertile and was considered to have some of the best soil in the country.

Monticello was always a fairly small town, usually two to three hundred residents. The town at different times had a hotel, a school, two gas pumps, a general store, a community hall, and a bar (a roadside spot called “The Hub”). McKenzie and Sons store (originally McKenzie and Cook) was a center point for much of the activity in the town.

Albert McKenzie, who ran the store for many years, was the grocery clerk, postmaster, community telephone switchboard operator, notary public, crop insurance man as well as the person to go to for free farming and income tax advice. He was a man who wore many hats. Monticello became a popular venue for rodeos, baseball games, and “cow roasts” drawing people from miles around.

The town enjoyed the distinction of being the first community in the state to have a telephone system installed (around 1905). In 1896 the famous Monticello Bridge over Putah Creek, was built. It was considered the grandest stone masonry bridge ever built in California, consisting of three 70 foot spans. Some claim it was the largest stone bridge in the Western United States. The Bridge is the only thing that remains of Monticello beneath the waters of Lake Berryessa—everything else was either burnt to the ground or carted off.

Monticello and the Berryessa Valley also had a close association with the Redington Quicksilver Mine in Knoxville, located in the North Eastern corner of Napa County. Men would earn \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day in the 1890’s hauling freight and timber as Jerk-line muleskinners from Monticello through the hills to the quicksilver mines in Knoxville. A six horse stage would carry miners and their families from Napa through Monticello to Knoxville.

In addition to lying along the route to Knoxville the ranchers and farmers of Berryessa Valley provided food to the town. Long after the mine was closed, the Solano County Irrigation District was formed in 1948 to obtain irrigation water from a proposed multiple-purpose Solano Project and included

the damming of Berryessa Valley at Devil’s Gate. Shortly thereafter Bureau of Reclamation included the Solano Project as part of its plan to develop water resources in the Central Valley Basin of California.

In 1953 construction began on Monticello Dam. The rest of the Solano Project includes a diversion dam on lower Putah Creek (creating Lake Solano) and an open waterway stretching 33 miles named the Putah South Canal.

By 1956 all the trees, homes, barns, and other structures were dismantled, burned, or removed from the valley in preparation for its inundation. Because the land was condemned, compensation for people’s property was minimal.

The Dam was completed in 1957 and the former valley, now a reservoir, filled within two years leaving no clues that Monticello and Berryessa Valley were once populated.

An employee of the Bureau of Reclamation, Ronnie McGinnis, who grew up in Monticello and passed away a few years ago very elegantly describes the valley he once knew in his poem below.

The Pine Trees Told Me So

As I set upon the mountain points where the pine trees live.
They shade me from the heat of the sun.
Their needles on the ground comfort me.


As I gaze upon the valley below,
the soft wind blowing through their needles
reflects the softness of my soul.
My mind and the troubles of the day fade away.
The sound of the wind stirs something greater than me.
As I fade into the wind, blending with it,
it takes me to the center of my heart
and shows me my soul upon the mountain points
where the pine trees live.

Lake Berryessa Baby Born on Tax Day!


Bureau of Reclamation Ranger Jackson Collier, co-author of the above History of Berryessa Valley, and his wife made a little history last week.

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Community Church Benefit for Haiti Relief

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its first annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 8. Proceeds from the different activities will go directly to the continuing relief efforts in Haiti. The event starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. We will have a bake sale, car wash, and food will be available for sale. We also will be having an old-fashioned rummage sale. Community members can rent a 10’ by 10’ space for just \$25. Participants keep their profits and take their left over items with them. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and earn some extra cash at the same time. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

A Grand Prix (think pinewood derby) event will also be held at 1 PM involving our AWANA Children’s Ministry and any other local kids who would like to participate. There is also an adult racing class for those men and women who are young at heart ... or perhaps just a little competitive. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

For information contact Terri Lee at the church phone 707-252-4488. The event will be held in the church parking lot which is located at Moskowite Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

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30 Years Ago at Lake Berryessa!

Laura Nolan just sent me a copy of the August, 1980, Lake Berryessa News which featured Pat and Laura's wedding. According to the paper, Norm Coover was the best man. I know that Pat and Norm still fish together on a regular basis so I included below one of my favorite fishing cartoons. Maybe Pat and Norm really were the models for this 1986 piece of art? I've reprinted part of Laura's letter below:

"It is hard to believe the changes that have taken place here at the lake in the 30 years since we were married. We have so many wonderful memories of our years here and are so happy to now have our home overlooking the cove we all loved.

Our wedding was so much fun. A relaxed and happy occasion. The wedding and the reception was not only attended by family and friends, but many people coming to use the launch ramp and the store and restaurant at South Shore joined right in on the festivities. After the reception, everyone piled into cars and boats and headed to our cove, even some of the crashers followed along. What a hoot, but it was fun and everyone was great. One wedding crasher even brought gifts. They bought fishing tackle for Pat and flip-flops and a visor for me!!!

Many of our family and friends that came for the wedding also stayed and camped that weekend. Some even vacationed for the rest of the week. In trying to find places for everyone to stay, Pat had given up our trailer, camper shell and tent, forgetting that we then would have no space to spend our wedding night.

Luckily, there was one boat with a berth in the bow that had not been taken so that is where we ended up - rising in the morning surrounded by half a dozen kids fishing off of the dock. Our maiden flights on the parachute behind the boats were taken that weekend, also, so it seemed to insure a lot of visitors during that next week, all hankering for a ride. What a honeymoon that was. Unique, special and wonderful!!!!"

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WEATHER UPDATE

The top elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet. The water is now 10.96 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elev.	Evap.	High	Low	Precip.
7/30/80	429.68	.44	103	64	.0
7/31/80	429.54	.36	100	67	.0
8/1/80	429.44	.56	101	65	.0
8/2/80	429.34	.43	103	60	.0
8/3/80	429.23	.38	98	58	.0
8/4/80	429.15	.34	97	55	.0
8/5/80	429.04	.29	84	54	.0

**WEDDING
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS, MR. AND MRS. PAT NOLAN, WHO SAID THEIR VOWS LAST SATURDAY MORNING AT SOUTH SHORE RESORT, WITH THE SPARKLING WATER OF THE LAKE CREATING A BEAUTIFUL SCENE IN THE BACKGROUND.

Groom Pat Nolan, and bride, the former Laura Wyles, are both from Vallejo, and both are tenants of South Shore Resort.

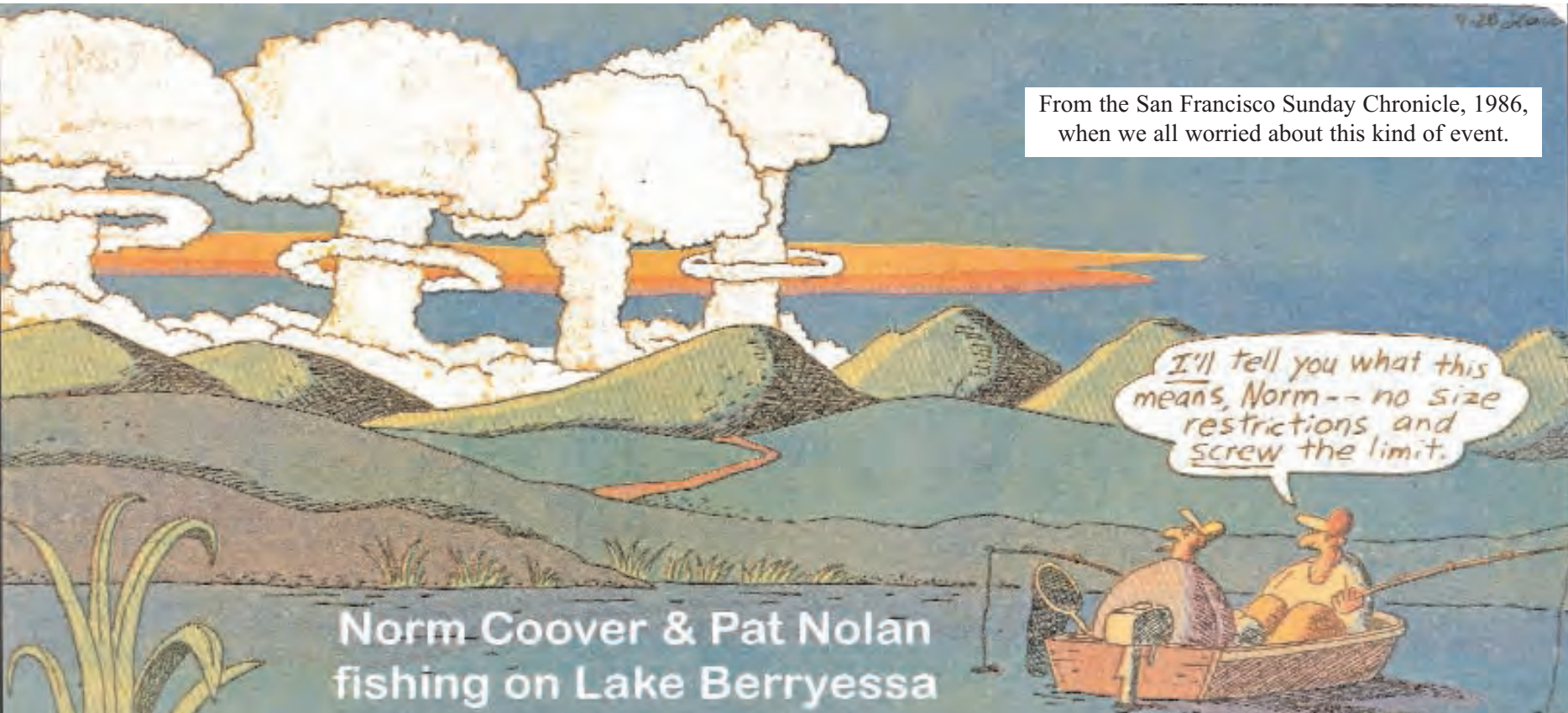
Reverend Bloomfield from the First Presbyterian Church in Napa, officiated at the ceremony, with Noni Jones, sister of the bride, acting as her Matron of Honor, and Norman Coover as Best Man for Pat. Also, acting as Junior Best Man was Pat's nephew, Mike Nolan.

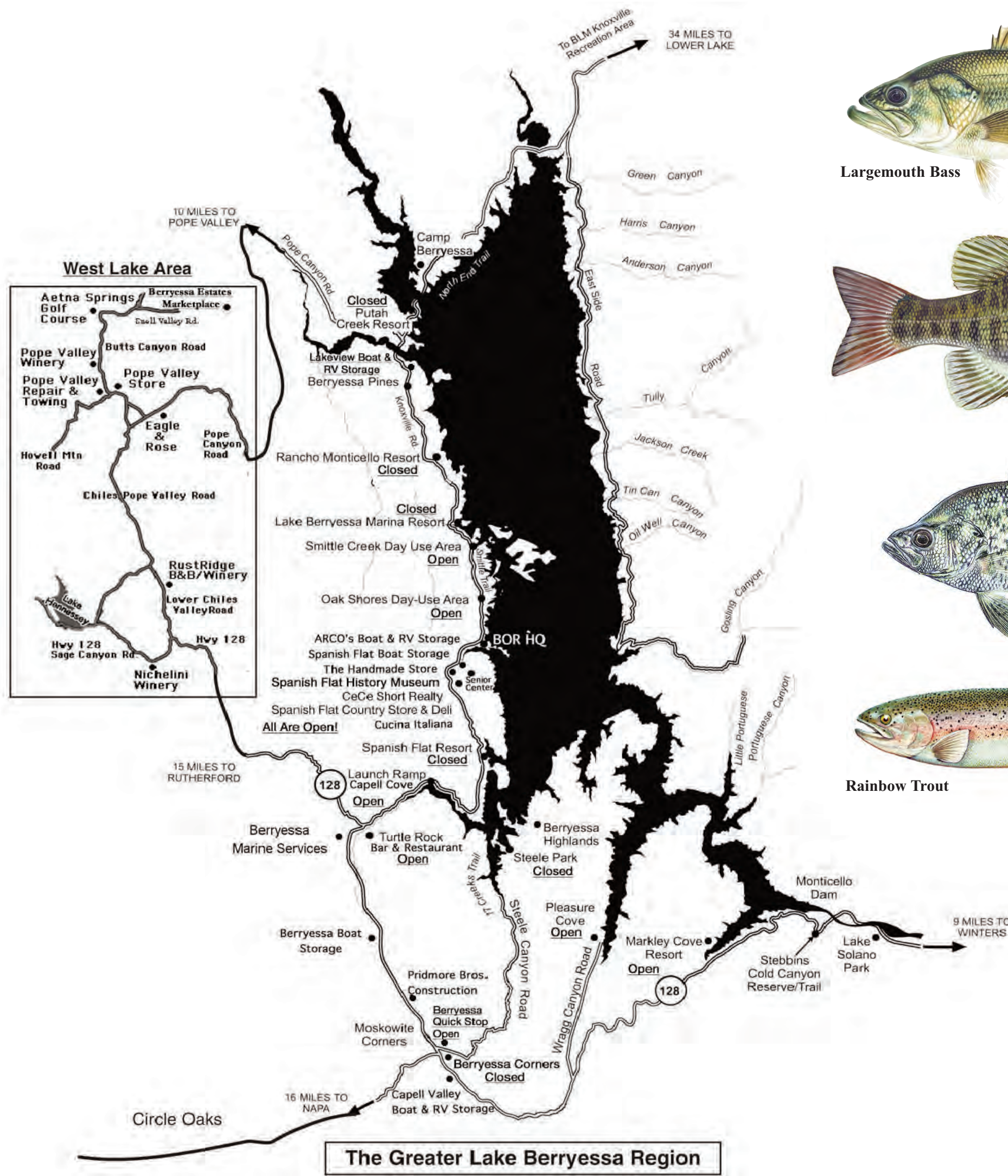
Following the beautiful and inspirational outdoor ceremony, over 100 guests joined the newlyweds inside the Commodore Restaurant at South Shore for a lovely buffet, champagne, and a piece of the beautiful and delicious wedding cake.

It was a lovely wedding, with relatives and friends from far and wide coming to extend their best wishes to the happy couple.

We all wish Pat and Laura many, many happy years together, and lots of fun hours at Lake Berryessa!

From the San Francisco Sunday Chronicle, 1986, when we all worried about this kind of event.





Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Crappie



Rainbow Trout

Fishing With Troy Barr

Two days on the lake this week! Fished with Travis Leaf from Pleasenton, Ca, on Tuesday for early limits by 8:00am. Fish were caught on RMT hyper-plaid dodgers and pink bahama dodgers teamed up with cotton candy rmt hoochie and Uncle Larry's Red Tiger. All fish were caught in the Narrows to the mouth of main lake from 9 to 15 feet deep and measuring 14 to 16 inches long at 1.3 to 1.6 on the GPS. Water temp was 55.3 degrees.

Wednesday day I fished Byran Goetz of Dixon, Ca and Ron Kangas of Davis, Ca. Same news as Tuesday - a lot of fish early on - 10 fish by 9:45 or so. All fish were

caught on RMT hyper-plaid dodgers, bahama mama dodgers and pink bahama dodgers with RMT Cotton candy hoochies, hot belly Uncle Larry's spinner and Uncle Larry's blue temptation spinners at 9 to 18 feet deep. Fished from the mouth to the west bank with fish ranging in the 15 to 16.5 inch range. Same water temp from Tuesday - 55.3 degrees in morning and warming to 57.6 degrees in late morning. Troy

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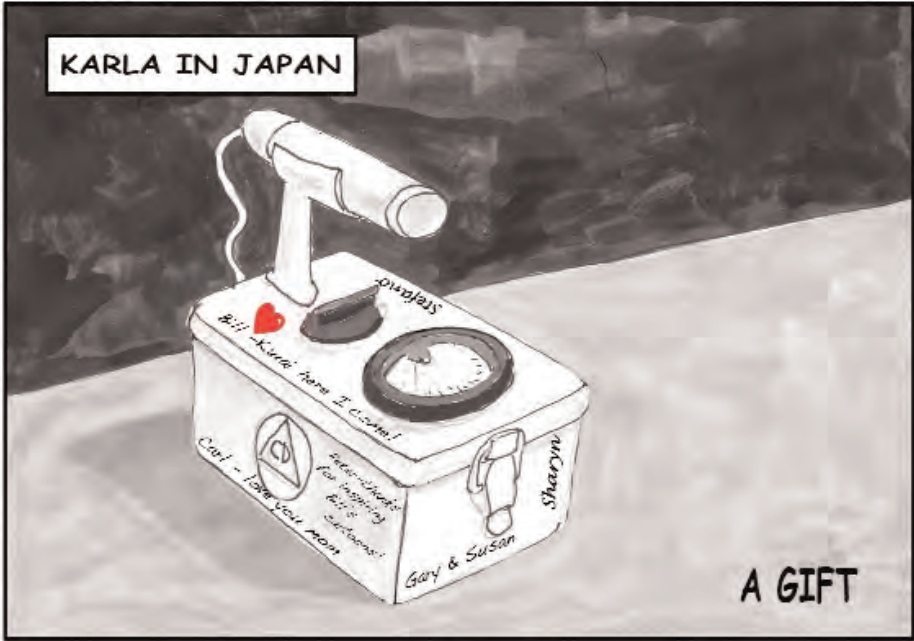
Big Jon King of the Lake April 3 Tournament Results

Place	Team Name	# of Fish	Total Fish Weight	Big Fish Weight	Big Fish Length
1st	Tail Slapper	5	7.45 lbs.	1.99 lbs.	16 & 5/8 in.
2nd	Team Big Jim	5	6.60 lbs.	1.52 lbs.	15 & 1/2 in.
3rd	Orange Crush	5	6.05 lbs.	2.01 lbs.	16 & 1/4 in.
4th	Get er Dunn	5	5.78 lbs.	1.73 lbs.	16 & 1/4 in.
5th	ifishwithrick.com	5	5.05 lbs.	1.85 lbs.	16 in.
6th	Get Some	3	4.81 lbs.	2.15 lbs.	16 & 7/8 in.
7th	Get Bent	5	2.98 lbs.	0.69 lbs.	11 & 5/8 in.
8th	Fin-Addicts	5	2.85 lbs.	0.65 lbs.	11 & 5/8 in.
9th	Can't Catch Crap	2	0.99 lbs.	0.54 lbs.	10 & 1/2 in.

BIGGEST FISH COMPETITION WINNER: Team "Get Some" won biggest fish with a beautiful 2.15 lb. king salmon measuring 16 & 7/8 inches! (www.wcftournaments.com/pages/event_bigjon-kotl)



NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Bill’s wife, Karla, is in Yokosuka, Japan across the harbor from Tokyo, teaching the children of American service personnel at the large Navy base there. Living through an adventure she didn’t expect, her descriptions of the earthquake and aftermath were rivetting. Many American families have been evacuated, but Karla is still teaching and working on relief efforts in the evening. The gift above was sent to Karla by Bill with many more signatures of well-wishers. Bill will meet her in Kauai next month for a well-deserved vacation.

These are supposedly actual comments made by police officers that were taken off their car videos:

"You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."

"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

"You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

"Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."

"Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

"In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)

"Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"

"No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're

allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

"I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

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Special April 1st Holiday Edition - If It’s in The Lake Berryessa News It Must Be True!

Lake Berryessa Snowfall Sparks Pensus Imagination

by Peter Kilkus

The recent snowfall at Lake Berryessa has ignited the imagination of the new Director of Marketing for Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus LBP). Recognizing the value of burgeoning California snow skiing market, as well as the heavy congestion at the Sierra ski resorts, Pensus will construct the first indoor ski hill in California at Manzanita Canyon (former Rancho Monticello).

Modeled on the first class ski resort constructed in the desert country of Dubai, Pensus Ski Berryessa® will operate year round bringing more visitors to the area during the usually quiet winter season. Pensus LBP is rumored to be negotiating with the Monticello Ski Club for a partnership endorsement agreement.

During the winter, the ski hill will cater to skiers who don’t wish to be trapped for hours during long drives to the Sierras – and who balk at paying for the present \$90 per day lift tickets at resorts such as Northstar, Squaw Valley, and Heavenly.

Pensus Ski Berryessa® will provide first class winter skiing but will add a special feature for snow boarders during the warm summer months.

From Labor Day through Memorial Day the ski hill will end in a specially-designed trick half-pipe which will send snowboarders sailing out over Lake Berryessa. This feature will give new meaning to the phrase “launch ramp” and wakeboard clubs are already talking about crossover events such as snowboard-wakeboard “jump and skip” contests where the winners will be judged on the distance of their first jump out of the snow ski complex combined with how many times they can skip their board (like a rock) across the water before sinking (like a rock).

New Technology Transmits More Than Just Inane Nonsense!

By Peter Kilkus

And you thought you only had to worry about getting cancer from your cell phone or PG&E “Smart Meter”. But new research leaked from the UC Davis Agricultural Research Department on April 1, 2011 reveals the reason why many virus-based illnesses can now spread so rapidly. Some micro-organisms can now evagualate. They have evolved the ability to interact with biological, mechanical and electronic devices. In effect they can make these devices 'sick' in the same way they make

humans and animals sick. What's even more worrying - they can spread these illnesses through the new technology we all take for granted – from iPhones, iPads, satellite TV - to humans. Although the California Secretary of Health and Human Services avoided calls from the Lake Berryessa News, Prof. Pilar Lof Lemonjello of the University of Lake Berryessa has exclusively told the Lake Berryessa News that the research carried out at a secret laboratory inside Goat Island has proven that the virus has mutated to an advanced state.

Fears are spreading within the infectious disease community that this virus can also lower the intelligence

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risk activities such as texting and Facebook use. Some suggest that the correct name for this organism should be influenza idiococcus mierda or the “stupidity flu”. Unfortunately, scientists know from experience that stupidity is manageable but incurable.

Pictures (below) of the new virus magnified 10,000 times reveal that they look suspiciously like an iPhone.



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Plans Canceled for Floating Native American Casino !

Native American attorney, Hadge Ufuuld, confirmed that plans for the Lake Berryessa 50-tribe floating casino, first revealed in last year’s April 1st edition of the Lake Berryessa News, have fallen through. Major investor Donald Trump (1/16th Native American) prefers the more boisterous Clear Lake atmosphere.

Camp Berryessa Wins \$1.5 M Grant

Kids in Napa County and nearby areas will have a better chance of sleeping under the stars, watching osprey dive for fish or doing rolls in a kayak, thanks to a \$1.5 million grant that the California Coastal Conservancy awarded today to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to construct an outdoor education camp on the site of the former Boy Scout camp on Putah Creek at the north end of Lake Berryessa.

Last fall the local Mead Foundation awarded a \$50,000 seed grant to the District. The District used this seed grant as local matching funds, which then leveraged the \$1.5 million Coastal Conservancy grant.

The grant will enable the District to construct the first phase of the camp, which will include approximately 30 tent cabins, campfire amphitheater, swimming area, canoes and kayaks, nature trails, and numerous other activity areas. Once the basic camp is up and operating, the District will seek funding to complete the campground by adding a central dining and meeting facility.

Youth and other non-profit community groups using the site will support the camp through discounted user fees and volunteer labor.

Governor Brown Eliminates “S.W.A.G.”

Governor Jerry Brown’s administration today directed all state agencies and departments to stop spending taxpayer dollars on free giveaway and gift items—such as key chains, coffee mugs and squeeze toys—as part of continuing efforts to cut costs and tackle the state’s budget gap.

“Not a cent of taxpayer money should be spent on flashlights, ashtrays or other unnecessary items, most of which likely end up in landfills,” said Governor Brown. “Every taxpayer dollar we save by cutting waste is a dollar that can be used to pay for critical public safety and social services.”

A statewide review revealed that from 2007 to 2010 state agencies and departments spent a total of \$7.5 million on items including key chains, squeeze toys, pens, hats, trinkets, shirts, cups and other gift items known colloquially as “S.W.A.G.,” or “Stuff We All Get.”.

S.W.A.G Expenditures 2007 -2010

Business, Transportation & Housing
\$5,088,037.00
State and Consumer Services Agency
\$1,154,960.00
Health and Human Services Agency
\$778,678.00
Department of Food & Agriculture
\$175,530.00
Labor and Workforce Development
\$129,012.00
California Volunteers
\$77,387.00
Environmental Protection Agency
\$48,317.00
Emergency Management Agency
\$41,810.00
Corrections and Rehabilitation
\$12,201.00
Department of Veterans Affairs
\$4,968.00
Total: \$7,510,900.00

County Issues RFP for Berryessa Highlands System Operator

The Napa County Board of Supervisors — who also serve as the directors of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District—issued a request for proposals (RFP) to manage the water and wastewater of the NBRID facilities serving the Berryessa Highlands.

The board previously approved a 70 percent rate increase needed to keep the district solvent for the rest of the fiscal year. The Board also committed itself to a partnership that would gradually transition the district away from county control. One provision of that resolution was to pursue the type of public-private partnership sought by the new RFP.

While contracting with a private operator would be one of the first steps toward district autonomy, some board members noted that handing off responsibility for a financially struggling district with a decades-old utility system could be a difficult task. Bids may be difficult to obtain.

The request also allows contractors to submit bids hoping to only operate the district’s water system, without making — or paying for — improvements.

Myke Praul, the former public works director for St. Helena and Yountville, said the operate-only method could not possibly solve the district’s problems.

Praul previously has said his proposed “Berryessa Water Company” — a partnership of engineering, construction and management entities — could deliver utility services to the subdivision for much cheaper than is currently provided by the county, and would be responding to the RFP.

The district will be accepting proposals until May 12 and expects to award a contract in early July.

Toyota Announces Non-Hybrid Prius

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

Instead of a gas-sipping engine and hybrid electric drive train, the non-Prius will have a Camry 268 hp V6 engine that roars down the road-way faster than a speeding Focus. Toyota decided that Treehuggers have had it too good for too long and wanted to introduce a car with power but has the appearance of being green.

Expect Toyota also to come out with a non plug-in hybrid Prius as well that looks like a 100 mpg car while only getting about 28 mpg highway. It will have a phony power cord that appears real.

Starbucks Introduces Micra and Plenta

Starbucks plans to announce the introduction of two new beverage sizes on April 1. The announcement follows a year of research and direct customer feedback through MyStarbucksIdea.com requesting even more choice in beverage size.

"Whether customers are looking for a large or small size, the Plenta and the Micra satisfy all U.S. and Canada customers’ needs for more and less coffee,” said Hugh Mungis, Starbucks VP of Volume. “Our size selection is now plentiful."

Plenta™ (128 fl oz) and Micra™ (2 fl oz) cups arrive in Starbucks stores this Fall. Derived from Italian word for plentiful or small, the Plenta™ delivers coffee lovers record amounts of the world’s finest coffee beverages while the Micra™ delivers a quick and satisfying morsel of goodness.



Event Calendar

Please join the whole team of The Handmade Store, on Saturday April 2nd, 2011, to celebrate a decade of hard work and dedication. The Handmade Store will be open front 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

April 7 - Thursday: Lake Berryessa News cartoonist, Bill Scholer’s band, Waiting For Bruce, will play a the Odd Fellows Hall, 415 2nd St., Davis, CA, 7:30-9:30.

April 9 - Saturday: Pope Valley Vintners 3rd Annual Wine Tasting, Pope Valley Winery, 11 AM - 5 PM. 707-965-1246,

April 17 - Sunday: Berryessa Pro Team Trail Bass Tournament (Seventh & Last). Any questions email dukekalani@yahoo.com or call (530)795-2659.

April 20 - Wednesday: Napa County Sheriff's Department Problem Oriented Policing Program: Coffee with the Cops. 9am at The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa, 6003 Monticello Road.

April 30 - Saturday: Enviroports 7th Annual Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance), Oak Shores Day Use Area, 8 AM - Noon, www.enviroports.com

May 21 - Saturday: 2nd Annual Blood Drive honoring Elijah Leung, 12-4:30 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station. Call Sherry Dahlquist 966-9471 to make an appt.

Ongoing Events:

STEBBINS COLD CANYON--UC Davis Reserve--NATURE OUTINGS
See the Spring/Summer 2011 Schedule at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com
It is the goal of the NATURE OUTINGS program to offer a diverse schedule to the campus and local communities. We hope you find something of interest, something to help you experience the reserve and continue to develop your relationship with the natural world.

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

2011 Berryessa History Calendar Now Available. Printed by the Berryessa Senior Center with great historical photos. Available at the Montiello History Exhibit and the Country Store. Proceeds support the Senior Center.

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

To list your event, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415-307-6906.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/28/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **33.05** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **6.80** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/7/11	423.30	0.01	56	41	0.80
3/8/11	423.40	0.16	60	41	0.00
3/9/11	423.46	0.09	68	44	0.00
3/10/11	423.57	0.07	65	42	0.00
3/11/11	423.64	0.06	68	37	0.00
3/12/11	423.68	0.08	62	40	0.00
3/13/11	423.72	0.10	67	45	0.00
3/14/11	423.96	0.07	63	46	0.91
3/15/11	424.24	0.01	65	46	0.00
3/16/11	424.63	0.04	61	49	0.54
3/17/11	424.82	0.15	60	33	0.00
3/18/11	425.33	0.06	61	34	0.17
3/19/11	426.22	0.00	52	38	1.22
3/20/11	428.06	0.00	51	41	2.89
3/21/11	428.57	0.03	55	36	0.14
3/22/11	428.90	0.12	61	36	0.00
3/23/11	429.52	0.03	59	37	1.07
3/24/11	431.03	0.01	57	43	0.34
3/25/11	431.83	0.00	47	42	2.01
3/26/11	432.67	0.00	53	45	1.00
3/27/11	433.20	0.07	57	37	0.05

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on...You don't even know the way to the Post Office."



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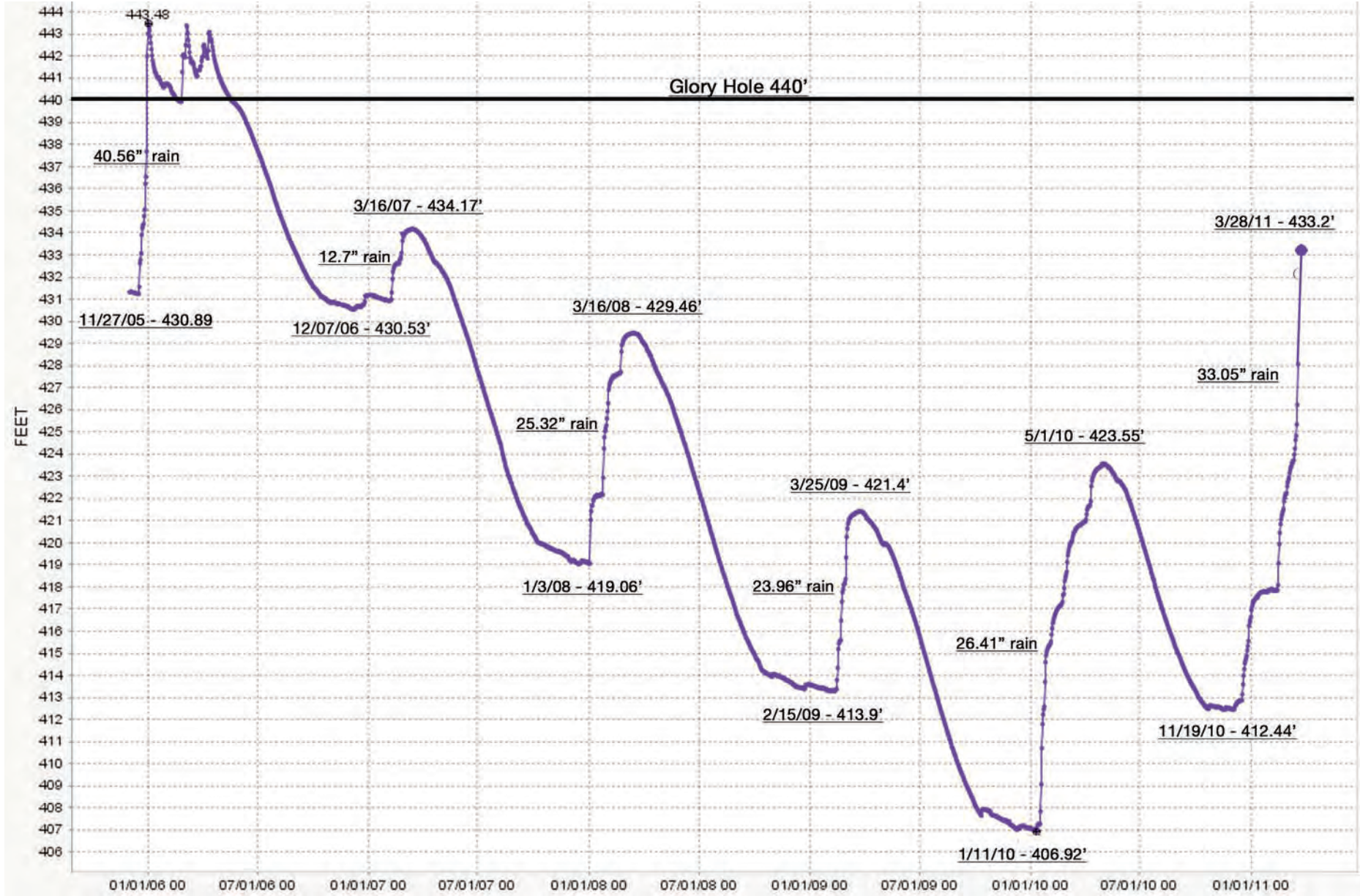
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Lake Level as of 3/28/11
The new lake level is 433.2’ – only 6.8’ below Glory Hole – a 5.14’ rise in one week. Rainfall this week was 4.6” for a 13.4” rise per inch of rain! The last time the lake was this full was in May, 2007. We only have 2’ to go to break the 2007 high water mark of 434.17’ on 3/16/07.

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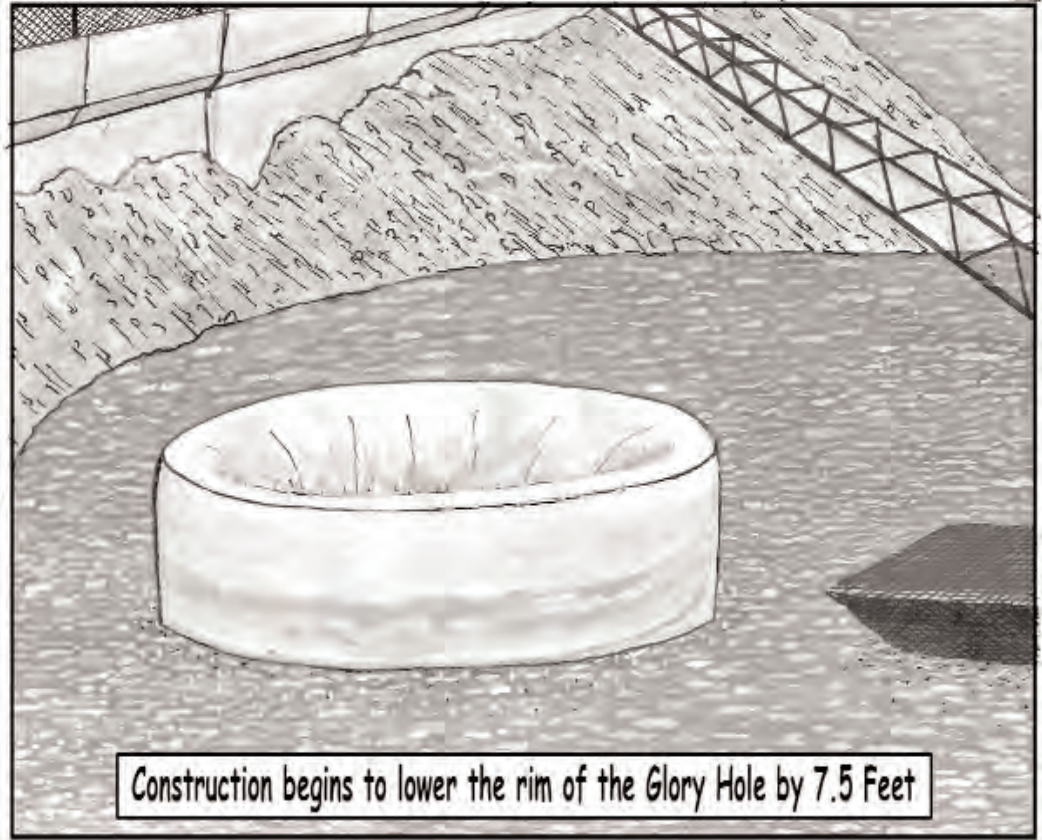


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Flood Waters Roared Over the Unfinished Dam in 1955

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer




The alteration to the Glory Hole depicted above is part of the latest Penus plan for the lake. "We feel that lowering the rim would make overflows a more common event" said a spokesperson. He went on to say, "This would enhance the Glory Hole as a tourist attraction."


The unnamed spokesperson explained the Pensus reasoning, “Everybody loves to watch the water flowing down the Glory Hole. It will put Lake Berryessa on the map. I know that Eye-On the Bay will want to do a show on it.”



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Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

Genetic engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa have teamed up with scientists from the California Department of Fish and Game to create a new class of sport fishing at the lake. Although anglers love the trout, bass, kokanee, catfish, and crappie fishing at Lake Berryessa, new biological research will bring the excitement of deep sea ocean fishing to large freshwater lakes.

Genetically-modified saltwater ocean species such as Marlin and Dorado have been developed which can thrive in fresh water environments. The only difference is that the selected test species have been tailored to their more limited environments by controlling their size.

Blue marlin are possibly the most sought-after marlin species. Beautiful in form, capable of spectacular fighting ability and having the potential to reach great sizes, blue marlin have inspired and continue to inspire the dedicated pursuit of thousands of anglers.

Adult male Marlin in the open ocean may grow to 300 pounds and 20 feet in length. The new freshwater Lake Berryessa Marlin have been genetically-limited to grow to no more than 30 pounds and 5 feet in length – without losing their fighting prowess and delicate flavor.

The first stocking of this exciting new game fish is scheduled or April 1, 2011. However, there have been several secret tests of the adaptability of a limited number of the new marlin recently. The Lake Berryessa News was able to capture photos of the tests.



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Living in the Country

A group of friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked. "Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired. "A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch.

The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Every time someone says your name, you must respond, “Hot Dogs!!” It’ll be good luck.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): On the 15th, you will discover an old Orange Kit-Kat down the side of the sofa. Since this confectionery has now been discontinued, you realize you could make a mint by auctioning it on eBay. As the bids climb higher, you will fantasize about paying off your mortgage, re-doing the kitchen or perhaps buying that yacht you’ve always wanted. Sadly, midnight munchies strike during the small hours, and before you know what you’re doing, the orangey chocolate is in your belly. Your dreams of fiscal security shattered, you resign yourself to a continued life among the proles.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It’s Eat Cake for Dinner Day! Go home and make a mess of your kitchen when baking the cake. Then the clean-up fairy will come. Careful... She might be mad.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You have super-powers from 6am to 6pm. Use them wisely!

Leo (July 23-August 22): If you could buy a ham as big as your own torso, would you go for it? That’s the question you’ll have to answer on Thursday, when Harry The Hairy Ham-Seller comes round to your home to offer you the largest piece of pig-meat you’ve seen in your life. Go for it – one can never have too much ham. Unless you die from ham-poisoning – that would be too much.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): At 9 o’clock tonight, go out and sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star at the top of your lungs. Then a shooting star will fly by and you can make a wish. Watch out though... Don’t mistake a star for a rock.

Libra (September 23-October 23): See how long you can go without breathing. Maybe you’ll break the world record!

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Sleep with your pajama’s inside out and backwards for luck.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): A regrettable encounter with an overly boistrous penguin will land you in hospital this month. The injuries are minor, but your self-esteem will suffer more.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Today you must only hop at work. It is good exercise and it will put you in the spotlight. Everyone will be talking about you!!

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Marmalade is unlucky for you this month, so you should steer clear of breakfast unless you’re feeling courageous. Otherwise, the outlook for Aquarius is generally positive – money, romance, fame, yadda yadda yadda. But seriously, stay clear of the marmalade.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): An onion the size of a small dog features in your stars this week. It may mean that you need to peel back the onion-like layers of your personality to uncover the “real” you, or perhaps that you will shed tears (like when you chop an onion) this month.

A man down South had a flat tire and pulled off on the side of the road where he proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I have a flat tire."

The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

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This is an old redneck joke, but it’s still one of the funniest:

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"Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

On April 1 The Handmade Store Celebrates 10 Years of Arts & Crafts

It was April 1, 2001 when The Handmade Store first opened its doors in the Spanish Flat Village



Center. No April fooling!

Proprietor Christine Roussopolous had spent many hours at home crafting homemade gifts and treats for family and friends. Her collection of homemade goodies continued to grow. Christine's family and friends encouraged her to share her gift at artistry and homemade cooking with others.

The first year was a great success. Many local crafters joined the Handmade Store presenting their collections of crafts and artistry for sale. The store continued to grow and blossom.

In 2003, Christine became the bookkeeper for Spanish Flat Boat Storage, just blocks away from The Handmade Store and Spanish Flat Village Center. After almost 2 years of popping back and forth between the two locations, it seemed to make sense to Christine to move The Handmade Store into the open office space at Spanish Flat Storage.

Almost 18 months later, Christine realized she had made a big mistake. Although the boat storage was so close to the original location of The Handmade Store, no one was coming by any more. In 2006 The Handmade Store made the move back to Spanish Flat Village Center, where it still resides.

Later in 2006, Christine was given an opportunity to live another dream - to open a restaurant. The former home of Spanish Flat Inn was vacant and in need of a new owner. Christine, an avid cook of Spanish Cuisine, was delighted at the prospect, but knew she could not run two businesses alone. Christine sought help from two longtime friends Donna Del Bondio and Kathy Riggins.

Donna, a longtime local and an artist herself, stepped into join Christine at The Handmade Store. Kathy, Christine's friend since childhood, became her partner at the new restaurant, soon to become Spanish Flat Cantina. Christine was the cook, and Kathy would run the front of the house.

As the restaurant was being prepared for opening, Donna took the reins at The Handmade Store. Donna, along with her beautiful collections of handmade jewelry and artistry, brought The Handmade Store back to life once again at Spanish Flat Village

Center.

Spanish Flat Cantina opened, The Handmade Store was doing well, and Christine was on cloud nine. However, as with so many businesses, the economic times were a struggle for both stores. After less than 3 years, Spanish Flat Cantina had to shut its doors.

Thanks to Donna, The Handmade Store continues to blossom. The inventory is ever changing, with collections of one of a kind items, antiques, handmade jewelry, art work and so much more. Running a business in a small community like Lake Berryessa takes a lot of hard work and support from the local community. Spanish Flat Village Center is home to several other businesses to include Cucina Italiana Restaurant, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, California Outdoor Properties, and the Monticello History Exhibit, all owned and operated by local residents.

Many people thought Christine was playing an April Fool's joke on herself when she opened a business at Lake Berryessa on April Fool's Day 10 years ago. But it looks like the joke's on them. Lake Berryessa and The Handmade Store are still here.

Please join the whole team of The Handmade Store, on Saturday April 2nd, 2011, to celebrate a decade of hard work and dedication. The Handmade Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Refreshments for everyone! Free Gypsy Vanner Horse rides and information in the parking lot provided by Gypsy Station. Happy 10th anniversary to The Handmade Store.

The Lake Berryessa News Launches Revolutionary Globule Social Network

By Peter Kilkus

Although millions of young, tech-savvy professionals, as well as grandparents, kids, and the socially-inept, already use services like Facebook and Twitter to keep in constant touch with "friends", The Lake Berryessa News is launching new social networking platform called Globule.

The impetus for the creation of Globule is that Facebook has been revealed to be a Department of Defense data mining scheme run by the CIA and D.A.R.P.A. Facebook was initially conceived by Mark Zuckerberg, but the venture was first funded with \$500,000 in capital from PayPal founder Peter Thiel, with millions more from sources with close ties to D.A.R.P.A, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense.

Another reason for the creation of Globule is that many people are facing "friending-fatigue" They believe that everyone wants to know what they're doing and thinking every minute of the day. Living up to that responsibility becomes tiring at some point.

Globule solves both problems through a few simple software programs and electronic modules. Globule can be thought of as an electronic version of something that's round and squishy which sticks to anything it touches. Now your "friends" will always know your status—even though they may not actually want to.

Every time you visit a web site with your Globule tracking code installed, or change

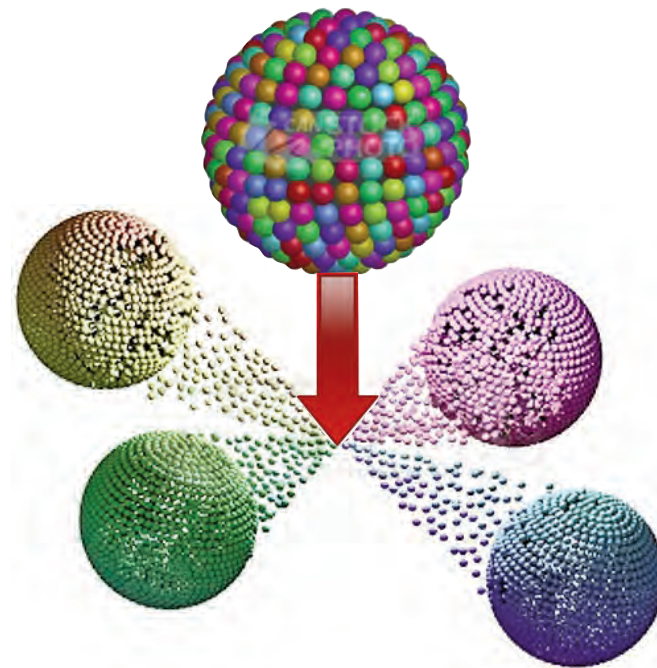
physical locations with GlobphoneGPS installed on your smart phone, Globule will automatically tweet everyone on Twitter, not just your Followers, with your latest status. It will also update your Facebook page, and send photos from your wearable Globcam.

Combined with your Glob sight forehead implant, not only will all your followers know WHERE you are, but also what you're doing, what you're saying, and what you're seeing - every second of every day! And you don't have to do ANYTHING! No more worries about texting while driving. No more concerns that friends may not be taking you seriously or appreciate the wonder that is YOU!

It also solves the CIA problem because even they won't want to know that much about you! Apple has already licensed iGlob for its products. The first demonstration of this revolutionary new "stickyfriend" system will be given on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Cucina Italiana in the Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa.

Editor's note: Globule should not be confused with its competitor product, Loogie. Although based on somewhat the same business model and using glob in its definition, Loogie is a less sophisticated "push" product analogous to a large slimy glob of spit, mixed with nose snot, that is formed by coughing up and hocking what's in your throat.

Pictured below is an artist's conception of the Globule social networking interaction with the individual at its center. The Globule flower logo encapsulates the core concept of the beauty of the globule that is YOU!



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Upon entering a small country store, a stranger noticed a sign saying DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! posted on the glass door. Inside a harmless old hound dog was asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" "Yep, that's him," he replied.

The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

Man sitting at home on the veranda with his wife and he says, "I love you." She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?" He replies, "It's me.....talking to the beer."

Husband Down

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them" demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price." He never knew what hit him.

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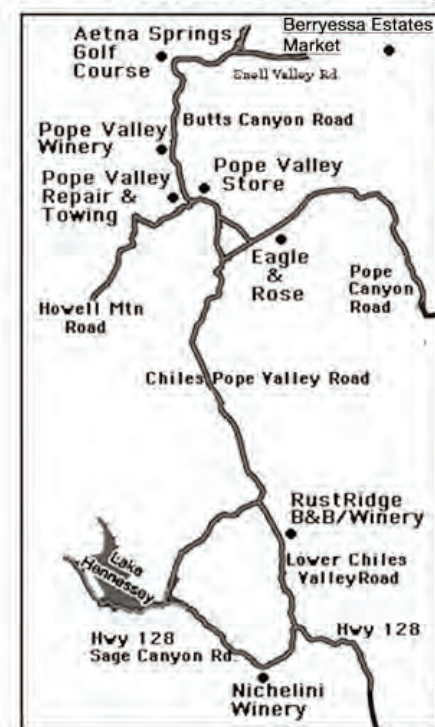
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The Greater Lake Berryessa Region

Lake Berryessa News Introduces New Weather Radar & Fish Finder

By Peter Kilkus

Using an experimental new radar tower located in the Berryessa Highlands, The Lake Berryessa News is working with the California Department of Fish and Game to test a radical new technology. But the system goes far beyond typical weather radar systems familiar to television viewers and web site users. I reported in the previous

issue of The Lake Berryessa News that DF&G is now stocking triploid rainbow trout in the lake. Not only are the trout sterile and able to grow to large sizes, but each fish has been tagged with the new passive radio frequency identification chip (RFID).

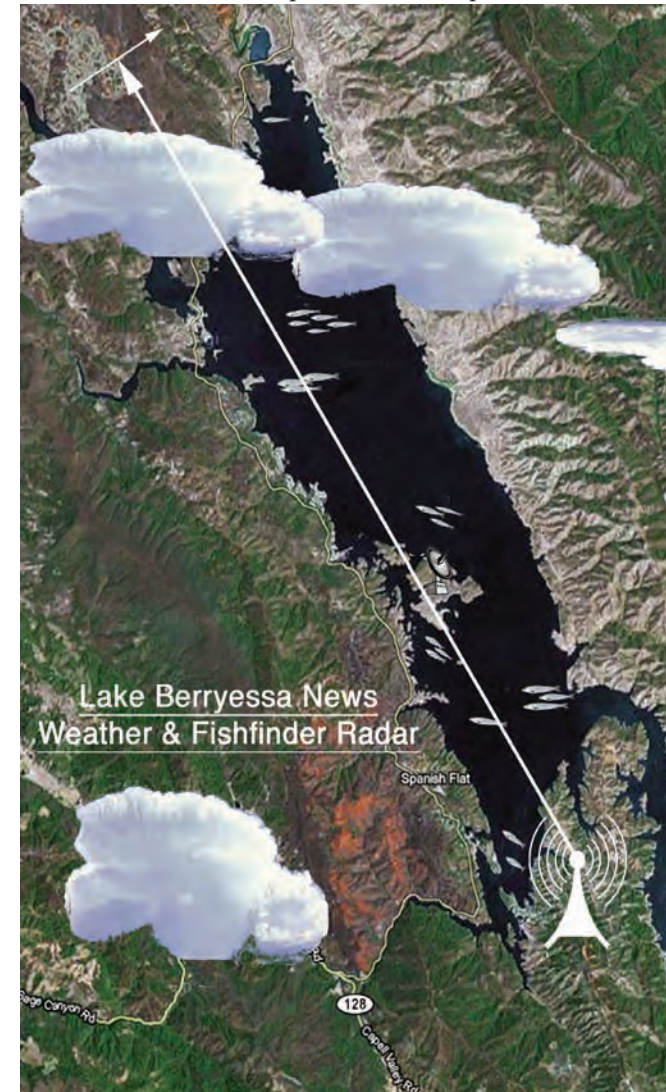
RFID makes it possible to give each fish in a lake its own unique identifying number. The latest passive RFID tags do not need a battery and can be read from longer distances. Passive RFID

tags require an external electromagnetic field, such as the weather radar beam sweeping across the surface of the lake, to initiate a signal transmission. The RFID tags then transmit a simple low-power signal identifying the location and size of each fish.

The primary receiving tower will be situated at the highest point on Big Island and will be sensitive enough to detect a signal from the main body of Lake Berryessa. Additional towers will expand coverage into the Narrows and Monticello Dam.

The system is scheduled to begin trials on Friday, April 1. A sample of a test run is shown in the photo. The small fish symbols are a bit hard to see, but they seem to be heading for the west shore of the lake. A larger version of this image is on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

This method of tracking is for scientific use and will not be available to anglers who must continue to use fish finders.



An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action

All reasoning has a purpose.

- Take time to state your purpose clearly.
- Distinguish your purpose from related purposes.
- Check periodically to be sure you are still on target.

All reasoning is an attempt to figure something out, to solve some problem.

- Take time to clearly and precisely state the question at issue.
- Express the question in several ways to clarify its meaning and scope.
- Break the question into sub questions.
- Identify if the question has one right answer or is a matter of opinion.

All reasoning is based on assumptions.

- Clearly identify your assumptions and determine whether they are justifiable.
- Consider how your assumptions are shaping your point of view.

All reasoning is done from some point of view.

- Identify your point of view.
- Seek other points of view and identify their strengths as well as weaknesses.
- Strive to be fair-minded in evaluating all points of view.

All reasoning is based on data, information, and evidence.

- Restrict your claims to those supported by the data you have.
- Consider information that opposes your position as well as what supports it.
- Make sure that all information used is clear, accurate, and relevant.
- Make sure you have gathered sufficient information.

All reasoning is expressed through, and shaped by, concepts and ideas.

- Identify key concepts and explain them clearly.
- Consider alternative concepts or alternative definitions to concepts.
- Make sure you are using concepts with care and precision.

All reasoning contains inferences by which we draw conclusions.

- Infer only what the evidence implies.
- Check inferences for their consistency with each other.
- Identify assumptions that lead you to your inferences.

All reasoning leads somewhere, has implications and consequences.

- Trace the implications and consequences that follow from your reasoning.
- Search for negative as well as positive implications.
- Consider all possible consequences.

Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

- 11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove
- 8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowite Corners
- 20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowite Corners
- 4.7 Miles - Moskowite Corners to Turtle Rock
- 13.0 Miles - Moskowite Corners to Napa
- 3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.
- 8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley
- 5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park
- 3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

- 14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
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- 3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
- 11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
- 4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

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

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It’s just like having a new baby in the house!

As the weeks passed, they spent more and more of their time and energy on Easter's care. They were going through many of the same trials and tribulations as parents of human babies: nighttime feedings, making formula, diarrhea.

Then, when Easter was just two months old, Ruth left Charlie in charge while she made a quick trip to Oregon. Before leaving, she prepared fifteen bottles of formula. When she returned the fifteen bottles were still in the refrigerator. Easter had refused to take her bottle from Charlie.

"You mean she hasn't eaten in three days?" she asked, shocked that the frolicking fawn had been on a hunger strike.

"Sure she's eaten. I fed her Gerber's baby cereal from a dish out on the deck", Charlie assured her. What a relief! They never had to pre- pare formula again.

It didn't take long for word of the new arrival to reach beyond their family and neighborhood. Easter soon was a celebrity! When she went outside alone, she stayed in the fenced back yard. But when they were with her, they let her romp in the front yard. People would drive up in their cars to watch. One day, a small child exclaimed, "Mama, look, it's Bambi!"

And it wasn't only humans who were fascinated by this wee fawn with the red knitted collar. She also drew an audience from the wild deer population. Does with their young would come up to the fence and stare at her which started an avalanche of does, fawns, and bucks that came into their front yard during the next five years. The number grew until they were feeding up to twenty-six at a time. Neighbors brought bags of leftover

vegetables and fruit, and a local bakery donated bread.

As interested as the wild deer seemed to be in her and she in them, they never tried to infiltrate Easter into one of these wild deer families. They had seen several other orphaned fawns rejected and chased away when they tried to find a family to belong to. These little loners had a rough time learning to make it on their own, struggling over the rough terrain, fighting the elements, and never having the security and companionship of belonging. They didn't want Easter to suffer that kind of trauma.

Besides, she was too much a part of their lives now to let her go. Oh, they were aware that when she was fully-grown and mature, the call of the wild would be irresistible. Then they would have to let her go. In the meantime, they would enjoy her, and enjoy her they did. And no one more than Babe.

Mother and child; that is dog and fawn

Babe fussed over Easter as if she were her very own and only child. They wandered around the yard, shared meals together, and stretched out on Babe’s rug in front of the fire- place together. Babe groomed Easter several times a day, nibbling at the stickers in Easter's coat picked up on their excursions into the yard. Babe’s long coat was always sprinkled with the pesky things, too. She would stretch and twist and strain to lick at the ones caught in hard to reach places.

One evening they watched the two of them on Babe’s rug. Easter, her spots finally completely faded, was enjoying a thorough grooming by Babe. When Babe was convinced she had licked all of the stickers from Easter's coat, she laid down beside her. All at once Easter got up and

stood over Babe. Then, almost shyly at first, she began to lick and nibble away the stickers from Babe’s coat. You could almost hear Babe sigh with relief!

People taken by surprise

As "famous" as Easter had become, not everyone, including me, had heard about her. The first I ever saw her, I was driving up Steele Canyon on the way home when I glanced over and saw Ruth walking her dogs. On closer look, the one I thought was a Doberman was no dog. I was flabbergasted to see that Ruth was walking a deer with her dog.

A new couple in the area also was taken unawares. They had an appointment with Charlie, who was a member of the architectural control committee of the property owners' association. When they arrived, Charlie was still upstairs, so Ruth invited them to sit down in the living room.

At the time, she had been on the way to the backdoor to call Easter in from the yard. She thought she should inquire first if it were OK since some people are afraid of wild animals in so small and confined an area. She asked, "Do you mind if I call my deer in?" The woman looked rather puzzled by the question, but smiled and said, "Of course not."

Ruth went out onto the back porch and opened the door where Easter stood waiting. Almost fully-grown and pretty well filling the doorway, Easter strolled into the living room.

The stunned woman raised part way out of her chair and gasped, "It's a deer!" Then she fell back against the cushions giggling. "I thought you meant your husband, your D-E-A-R, not a D-E-E-R !"

(Continued in the next edition of the Lake Berryessa News or see full story now at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)

Tri-Color Blackbirds Gone Missing in Pope Valley?

Phil Burton of Pope Valley asks readers to report any sightings of the Tri-Color Blackbird. “I do some volunteer work for the Audubon Society and last weekend was our bi-annual Tri-Color Blackbird count. At this time of year, they form colonies in tules and cattails for nesting. They’re only found in California and they’ve been declining for years. Two years ago we found more than 600 in Pope Valley. This year we found none.

I spent half the day Saturday looking at the historic sites and didn’t see a single bird. I have a bad feeling that they may be gone. Over in the Central Valley, there are still some, but on this side of the lake??????

The females are pretty drab but the males look just like a “regular” Red-Winged Blackbird BUT they have an obvious white stripe next to the red. And, as I said, this time of year they are found in groups.”

Phil asks that you email him at phil@barrelbuilders.com with any sightings with the date, location, and a guesstimate of how many.

Napa’s Ag Revenues Down in 2010

Napa’s agricultural output was valued at more than \$461 million in 2010, down roughly 8 percent, more than \$40 million less than values measured in 2009. Rough market conditions for Napa's top crop, premium wine, were the primary cause of the declining values.

The county's olive industry continued to grow, generating \$666,000 in 2010. A year earlier, the olive crop was valued at just \$297,000. Vegetable crops continue to make up only a small portion of the county's agricultural economy, valued at \$116,795 in 2010. The figure was down from the more than \$200,000 generated by vegetables a year earlier.

In 2010, the value of livestock dropped 7 percent, sliding from \$3.3 million to \$3 million. Field crops - such as hay and pasture land - took a large hit, moving from \$365,000 in 2009 to \$145,000 in 2010.

Event Calendar

April 23 - Saturday: Berryessa Bunny Trail Event, see the beautiful Lake berryessa area and win a prize. Check www.LakeBerryessaNews.com or call 707-254-5690

April 23 - Saturday: Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, 1 - 3 pm, Capell Valley School grounds, Ages: 2 – 12 yrs.

April 24 - Easter Sunday: Easter Sunrise Service at Community Church of Lake Berryessa, 7 AM.

April 30 – Saturday & May 1- Sunday: Del Bondio Wine Company presents “Wine & Art in the Valley”, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Estate Wine Tasting, Artists Show & Sale featuring “Artists 7” & JoLee Designs. Meet the artists and winery owners! Del Bondio Winery, 1315 Bella Oaks Lane (off Highway 29), Rutherford, ddelbondio@yahoo.com, 707-927-6196.

April 30 - Saturday: Envirosports 7th Annual Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance), Oak Shores Day Use Area, 8 AM - Noon, www.envirosports.com

May 1 - Sunday: Calistoga Tamale Festival - a celebration of families and California’s heritage of the Tamale at the second annual Calistoga Tamale Festival hosted by The Calistoga Family Center and Casa de la Cultura, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Cedar Street and Pioneer Park, at the edge of Calistoga’s historic downtown.

May 7 - Saturday: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa Second Annual Helping Hands Charity Event. Proceeds from the different activities will go to help start up and maintain the Capell Valley Community Garden. In the event that the Capell Valley Community Center comes to fruition, half of the funds raised will be earmarked for that project. 707-252-4488

May 21 - Saturday: 2nd Annual Blood Drive honoring Elijah Leung, 12-4:30 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station. Call Sherry Dahlquist 966-9471 to make an appt.

May 21 - Saturday: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Berryessa Senior Center, 8:30 A.M. - 11 A.M. with an after-breakfast horseshoe tournament. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729

June 5 – Sunday: World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa. Markley Cove Resort, 9:30 AM – 1 PM.

June 18 - Saturday: Casino Night & Free Pasta Dinner & Big Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 5:30 P.M. - 10 P.M. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729

July 16 - Saturday: Wine, Food, & Cheese Tasting, Berryessa Senior Center, 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.



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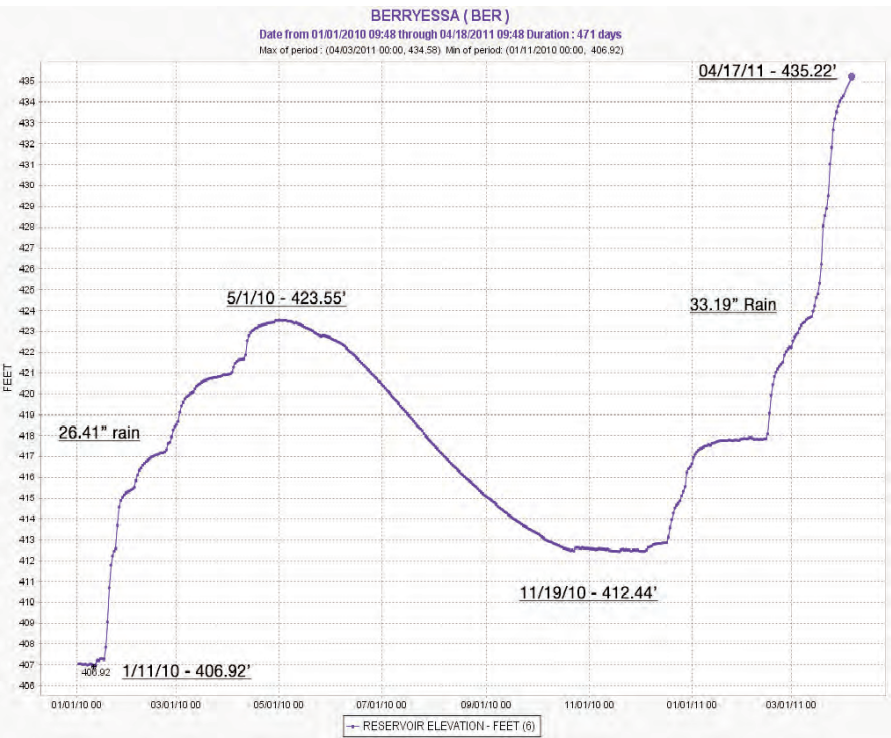
Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/18/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440 feet** (msl).

Lake Berryessa has had **33.19** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.

The water is now **4.78** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/28/11	433.54	0.01	54	36	0.03
3/29/11	433.82	0.04	65	37	0.00
3/30/11	434.05	0.10	71	42	0.00
3/31/11	434.19	0.16	82	47	0.00
4/1/11	434.31	0.16	82	45	0.00
4/2/11	434.46	0.13	79	49	0.00
4/3/11	434.58	0.17	75	39	0.00
4/4/11	434.66	0.21	69	39	0.00
4/5/11	434.75	0.15	75	39	0.00
4/6/11	434.84	0.15	75	43	0.00
4/7/11	434.87	0.20	74	42	0.00
4/8/11	434.92	0.04	58	31	0.11
4/9/11	434.99	0.10	58	32	0.00
4/10/11	435.03	0.12	67	34	0.00
4/11/11	435.08	0.17	69	38	0.00
4/12/11	435.11	0.17	68	38	0.00
4/13/11	435.13	0.11	70	39	0.00
4/14/11	435.14	0.17	65	36	0.00
4/15/11	435.17	0.10	64	38	0.00
4/16/11	435.18	0.12	74	46	0.00
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For information please contact Bob Lee

Phone: 707-252-4488

Email: terribob@pacbell.net

2nd Annual Helping Hands Event

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The event starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. We will have a bake sale, car wash, and food will be available for sale. We will also be having an old-fashioned rummage sale.

Community members can rent a 10' by 10' space for just \$25. Participants keep their profits and take their left over items with them. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and earn some extra cash at the same time. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

A Grand Prix (think pinewood derby) event will also be held involving our AWANA Children's Ministry and any other local kids who would like to participate. There is also an adult class for those men and women who are young at heart or perhaps just a little competitive. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised over \$800 which was split between two orphanages in Haiti.

For information contact Terri Lee at the church phone 707-252-4488. The event will be held in the church parking lot which is located at Moskowite Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

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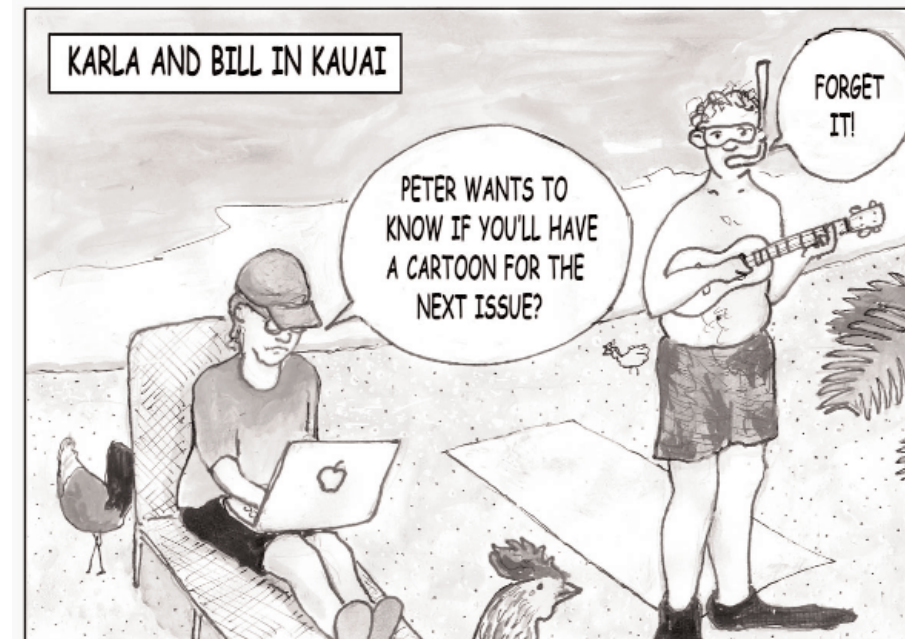
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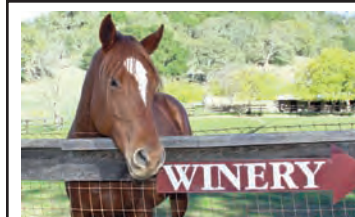
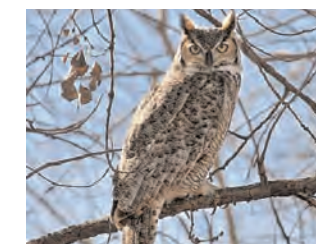
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Gale Wright	14th Dino Righetti
2nd Judy Vollmer	15th Karl Frank
3rd Cheryl Lacombe	16th Joan Fuller
4th Bill Caruso	17th Marie Midkiff
8th Gene Mello	18th Donna DelBondio
Bill Oppeneer	19th Elena Cortese
9th Laura Larski	24th Bill Rahe

Cucina Italiana Celebrates the Envirosports Triathlon!

Although there are no sharks (yet) in Lake Berryessa, Sharyn of Cucina Italiana reports that Cucina will be serving Sharfest Bloody Red and Sharkfest Great White Wines from Highway 12 Vineyards and Winery to celebrate the return of Envirosports adventures at Lake Berryessa.

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Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig.And it caught on.

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' –and is pronounced 'mayday.'

Q. Why do people say it’s raining cats and dogs?

A. The meaning comes from the days of the old thatched roofs in european country folk. During days of heavy rain, the thatched roofs would settle and knock the cats or dogs that took shelter in them out and they would fall down into the living quarters of the home.

There was an additional meaning to this which has to do with the howling of wind caused by the downward speed of heavy rain through old fashioned gutters on buildings. It was said to sound like cats and dogs. (Both have European origins)

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Berryessa Boys Tri-ing for Scholarships

On Saturday, April 30, the Berryessa Boys (Pastor Bob Lee and Dirk Werning) will be participating in the EnviroSports Vintage Half-Ironman Triathlon. That means that they'll both be swimming 1.2 miles, riding a bicycle for 56 miles, and running for 13.1 miles – in succession.

They're using the triathlon as an opportunity to raise money for the Community Church of Lake Berryessa (CCLB) Scholarship Fund. The church would like to offer more than one scholarship this year because there are quite a few graduating high school seniors in the Lake Berryessa area. If you'd like to support "The Boys" and help them raise money for the CCLB Scholarship Fund, please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation ... you only have to pay if the person you're pledging to completes the event.

There are a number of pledge sheets out and about in the community, or you can call the church at 252-4488 to make a pledge. Please leave your name and phone number and let us know which of the Berryessa Boys you’d like to sponsor. Your donation is tax deductible.

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19):Don't let people tell you that you can't be anything you want in life. Surgical techniques and gene-grafting will soon allow anyone to assume giraffe form.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Somehow you always thought that when you got to a certain age the clothes would be a lot better.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Life may be a series of small and inevitable defeats culminating in death, but look at it this way: You won't have to put up with as much of it as most people.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will soon get a nicer job selling higher-quality sweat-pants to a somewhat better class of people.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll finally start to get calls about that invisible hovercraft you have for sale when the CIA declassifies thousands of previously classified ads.

Virgo (August 23-September 22):You will be celebrated and vilified in equal measure when you scientifically determine the exact point at which a cute kitten becomes a full-grown cat and starts to suck.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You awoke this morning a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you'll end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Although you are firmly convinced there are some things that mankind was just not meant to know, you're not exactly sure how you're supposed to be able to tell what they are.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):The Parandrus, an antlered, hairy, cloven-hoofed beast the size of an ox and notable for its ill temper and foul breath, was thought to be mythical until people got a load of you .

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You'll be taken aback this week by the news that your life story has been changed from a lightweight romantic comedy to a lengthy and detailed police procedural.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Pluto rising in your sign indicates trouble in your work life, which is problematic because, well, for astronomical reasons, Pluto will be rising in your sign for the next 87 years.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your pastor will continue to be a great source of spiritual strength and comfort to you despite your protests. .

Our old friend and great friend of Lake Berryessa, Sid Silberberg, has been missing from these pages for awhile. He’s been fishing Discovery Bay lately, but here he predicts great fishing for Lake Berryessa.

Fishing With Sid

In May four days before and up to four days after the full moon is when I feel will be a good time to catch the big females at Lake Berryessa as they get ready to get on their beds.

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Pope Valley: Now and Then

by Jeff Warren

I wonder how many people who visit the Napa Valley realize that it is actually made up of 97 little valleys? Yes. The United States Geological Survey lists 97 valleys or canyons. Take away the 73 named canyons and you still get 24 separate valleys and that's not counting Chiles Valley, which they consider an area, not a valley. Go figure.

Each valley has its own microclimate — its own soils. We grew up in Conn Valley, which has a decidedly different climate than Wooden Valley or Foss Valley. Grapes thrive in some valleys and do less well in others. Water is generally scarcer in the sub-valleys than in the volcanic hillsides. Each valley has its own personality, but none can lay a glove on Pope Valley in the springtime.

For a few weeks each spring, Pope Valley is carpeted in green and sprinkled with thousands upon thousands of wildflowers. It is a bike rider's paradise, flat, cool, breath-takingly beautiful. Whereas Napa Valley proper was originally settled by German and Italian immigrants, Pope Valley was settled by mostly Scotch-Irish who crossed the plains with the first wagon trains led by larger-than-life guides like Jim Bridger and Joel Walker. The early settlers were tough and generous. Lynn Webber chronicles how they were the first to go up into the Sierras to help rescue the Donner Party. In fact, a few of the 900 residents in Pope Valley can claim Donner Party descendency.

In 1873 Aetna Springs started stirring. The golf course (built in 1893) used to claim to be the first one built west of the Mississippi, but others dispute that. Lance Armstrong has pedaled yearly past Jeff Paraday's garage and Hendrick's quaint store while competing in the Tour de California. One used to see small private planes landing daily at Usibelli's air field. When we were young, a special treat was if my parents would drive us out to Usibelli's restaurant (now defunct) for the best steak in the Valley. If we got there early enough we could watch the planes land and take off.

In the late '70s there was quite an active skydiving club. The Internet is filled with nostalgic memories of folks who jumped there. They call it the best DZ (drop zone) in the world. One said, "The airport was once the world's largest parachute training facility during World War II."

As everyone knows, Litto's Hubcap Ranch is in the Guinness Book of World Records. Only in Pope Valley could one man's fetish for hubcaps become a nationally renowned work of art. Classic.

The Lake Luciana project has been a hotbed of political debate. It has split Pope Valley. We remember when Butte Oil owned the ranch and its 5,000-acre-foot lake. Back in the late '80s the county (as only bureaucratic government can do) decided it would consider a "tree ordinance." Rather than wait for the county's findings — and fearful that they (or future land owners) wouldn't be allowed to cut trees and plant grapes — in one weekend Butte Oil slaughtered hundreds of oak trees that had been there since before 1776. They lay like dead soldiers on a battle field. It was an ecological Antietam.

But our fondest memories of Pope Valley were Easter weekend. The annual Easter egg hunt at Wally's was one for the books. Dozens of families would arrive bringing food, wine and beer, and the kids would fan out and climb a knoll laden with Easter eggs under the wildflowers.

As the kids got older, the "egg hunt" turned into "Rocket Day," where Ronnie and a group of crazed, amateur Werner Van Brauns would test their rockets and send them soaring 1,500 feet in the air, and then they'd parachute gently to the ground. The youngest kids would scurry to retrieve them while the older ones popped clutches and ground gears trying to figure how to drive a stick shift. Barry would bring his 50-milimeter machine gun and his armored personnel carrier (on tracks). The budding teens would jump in the four-wheelers, jeeps and trucks, and drive around the ranch — learning the skills they would need when they became of age.

Cowboy hats and boots dominated. It looked like a scene from "Oklahoma." Instead of surreys with some fringe on top, open jeeps and pickups surrounded temporary picnic tables and ice chests. Neighbors were gathering. Life was moving on. And Pope Valley was keeping a watchful eye on us all.

(Jeff Warren is a newcomer whose family didn't arrive here until the '50s. He is a businessman, husband and father of three. His website is jeffwarren.com.)

Pope Valley Round Table History

by Norman Blanchard, from the 1981 Pope Valley News

The Pope Valley Round Table was organized by Southall Pfund in Feb. of 1966. Many years ago he had founded a similar round table in the then frontiertown of Fairbanks, Alaska where he practiced law for mining interests. The object of the round table was simply to have a pleasant social gathering once amonth so the residents could learn toknow each other a little better.

The original meeting at the PopeValley Lodge included 4 families: TheWildbergers, the Blanchards, the Pfundsand the Hardins, It's popularity spread rapidly, soon averaging around 25 people per meeting.

In the attendance record book is typed the following guide lines for the Round Table: This guest book is given to the Round Table by the Usibelli Lodge, as a token of hospitality and good will. Those who attend are invited to do so if they wish. The Pope Valley Round Table meets on the second Thursday of each month, for dinner and a neighborly good time at theLodge.

There is no organization - no officers - no board of directors - no minutes and no required attendance. No invitation is extended beyond the suggestion that one might like to come. There is only one rule: Each-person attending must pay his or her own bill. Mr. Pfund made one further restriction: At no meeting may a member use theRound Table for the purpose of promoting events of a financial or political nature.

Town Meeting From the Pope Valley News, 1981

On Tuesday evening, September 15th, twenty seven interested community members showed up to plan the activities involving both the community and the school for the next year. The meeting was loud, fun and especially rewarding because we had lots of sign-ups. The following list will tell the activities planned and who will be handling them. If you would like to help please call any of the people involved.

Alake Rodeo - October 2. (School)
Refreshments: Phyllis Fifield
Debbie Werle
Grounds Preparation: Bob Harper
Elgie Kirkpatrick
Supervisors: Elgie Kirkpatrick
Judy Wilson
Sam Hardin
Bertie Gerdes
Sue Paddy
Betty Wilms
Lois Williams
Bev Hole
Mary Rubio
Jim Connor

Pope Valley News Reporter: Matt Dickerson
Halloween - Friday October 30th. (School)
Planning: Bob Harper
Joan Aragon
Marj Jenssen
Supervisors: Judy Wilson
Debbie Werle
Marj Jenssen
Joan Aragon
Sue Paddy
Pinata: Jennifer Harrington
Candy: Sue Eskle
Judge Selection: Sue Paddy
Prizes: Sam Hardin
Lois Williams
Judy Wilson
Refreshments: Bertie Gerdes
Judy Wilson
Clean-up: 4-H
Pope Valley News Reporter: Lisa Gaffney

Pumpkin Carving - (School)
Helen Blavins
More help needed
Craft Fair - Bazaar - November 15th (Farm Center)
Crafts: Gloria Kitley, Joan Aragon
Bazaar: Bev Hole, Mary Rubio
Phyllis Fifield
Judy Wilson
Patty Edwards
Pope Valley News Reporter: Jon Hie

Ice Skating Party - December
Organizer: Mary Rubio
Supervisors & Drivers: Mark Gaffney, Judy Wilson, Bertie Gerdes,

Christmas Program at Farm Center -
Decorations: Sam Hardin
Joan Aragon
Marj Jenssen
Bev Hole
Sue Paddy
Refreshments: Debbie Werle
Jennifer Harrington
Donna Bigley
Play: Mary Rubio
Sue Paddy
Joan Aragon
Marj Jenssen
Jan Gaffney
Bob Harper
Judy Wilson
Tree: Jennifer Harrington
School Singing: Bob Harper
Sue Eskle
Programs: Caroline Thompson
Stockings: Helen Blavins
Bercy Wilms
Bev Hole
Judy Wilson
Gifts for the Handicapped: Mary Rubio
Joan Aragon
Sue Paddy
Clean-up: Everyone we can get!
Pope Valley News Reporter: Scott Williams

Fire Prevention - Poison - Home Safety -
Elgie Kirkpatrick
Sam Hardin
Valentine's Day - (School)
Jean Varner
Debbie Diehl

Spring Fest - (Farm Center)
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Judy Wilson
Bev Hole
Jan Gaffney
Decorations: Sue Eskle
Program: Anna Hie
Joan Aragon
Bob Harper
Patty Edwards
Sam Hardin
Pope Valley News Reporter: Michelle Gaffney

Easter - (School)
Teachers
Jim Connor - Easter Bunny! ha ha!

Cinco de Mayo - (School)
Pinata: Joan Aragon
Food: Cookers & Servers
Joan Ybarra - Mary Rubio
Debbie Werle - Sue Paddy
Marj Jenssen - Helen Blavins
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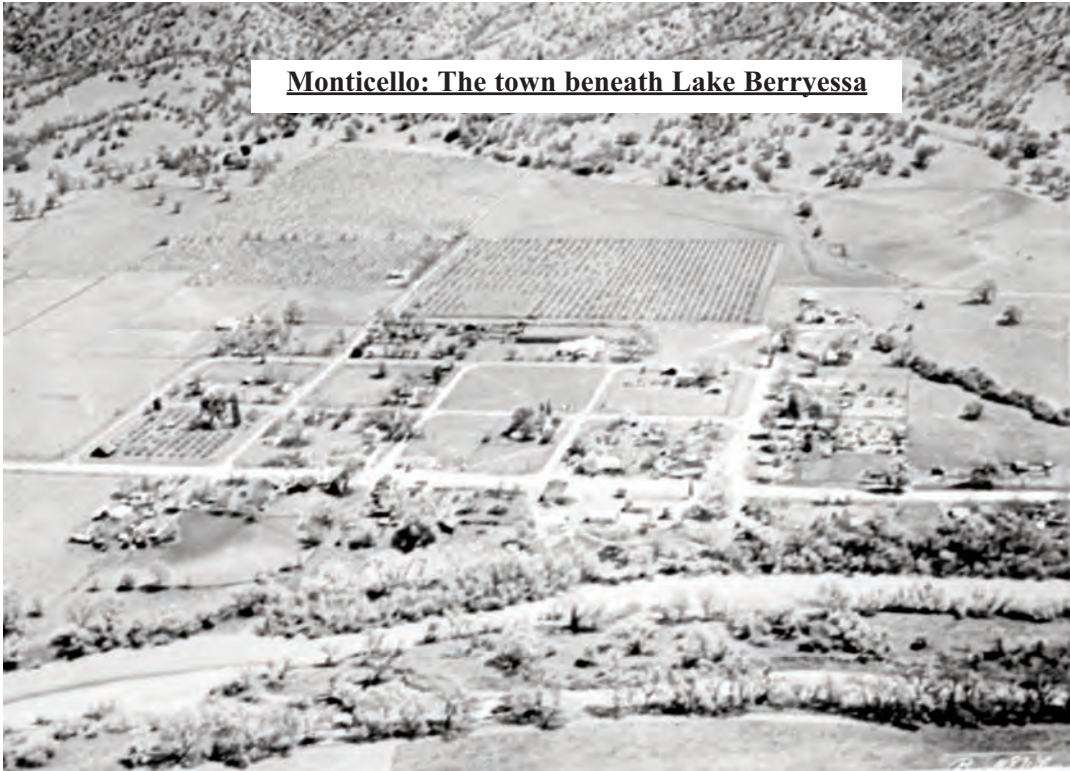
Welcome to Cleavage Creek, a winery that's passionate about celebrating life and fine wine.

The Budge Brown Cleavage Creek Winery & Tasting Room in Pope Valley celebrated its grand opening last month at the annual Barells N' Blooms Festival held at the winery. Surrounded by over 200,000 blooming daffodils and 10,000 tulips, the event revealed two of the winery's new label designs, and Budge Brown presented a \$10,000 check to Bastyr University to fund an Adopt-A-Patient program for women with breast cancer whose insurance may not cover alternative treatment.

Ten percent of all Cleavage Creek's sales, before profit, are donated to breast cancer research and support. In the last five years, Cleavage Creek has been able to contribute over \$83,000 to funding breast cancer research. Budge Brown, owner of Cleavage Creek, lost his wife of 48 years to breast cancer, in 2005. He turned his loss into action, and devastation into a determination focused on a single goal: to see to it that no other man has to lose his wife to this disease.

In addition to funding breast cancer research, every bottle of Cleavage Creek wine features the portrait of a breast cancer survivor. Each survivor's story can be read on the Cleavage Creek website (www.CleavageCreek.com).

The winery will be revealing two additional portrait labels at its June 25th release party. Additionally, on the weekends of May 20th-22nd and June 17th-19th, the winery will be hosting Tops Down, Bottoms Up, an event that encourages wine lovers to put the tops down on their convertibles and enjoy a drive on the back roads of Napa county. All events are open to the public and include a complimentary tasting. Cleavage Creek Winery & Tasting Room is open daily 10-4 by appointment at 6307 Pope Valley Rd. (888) 295-1280



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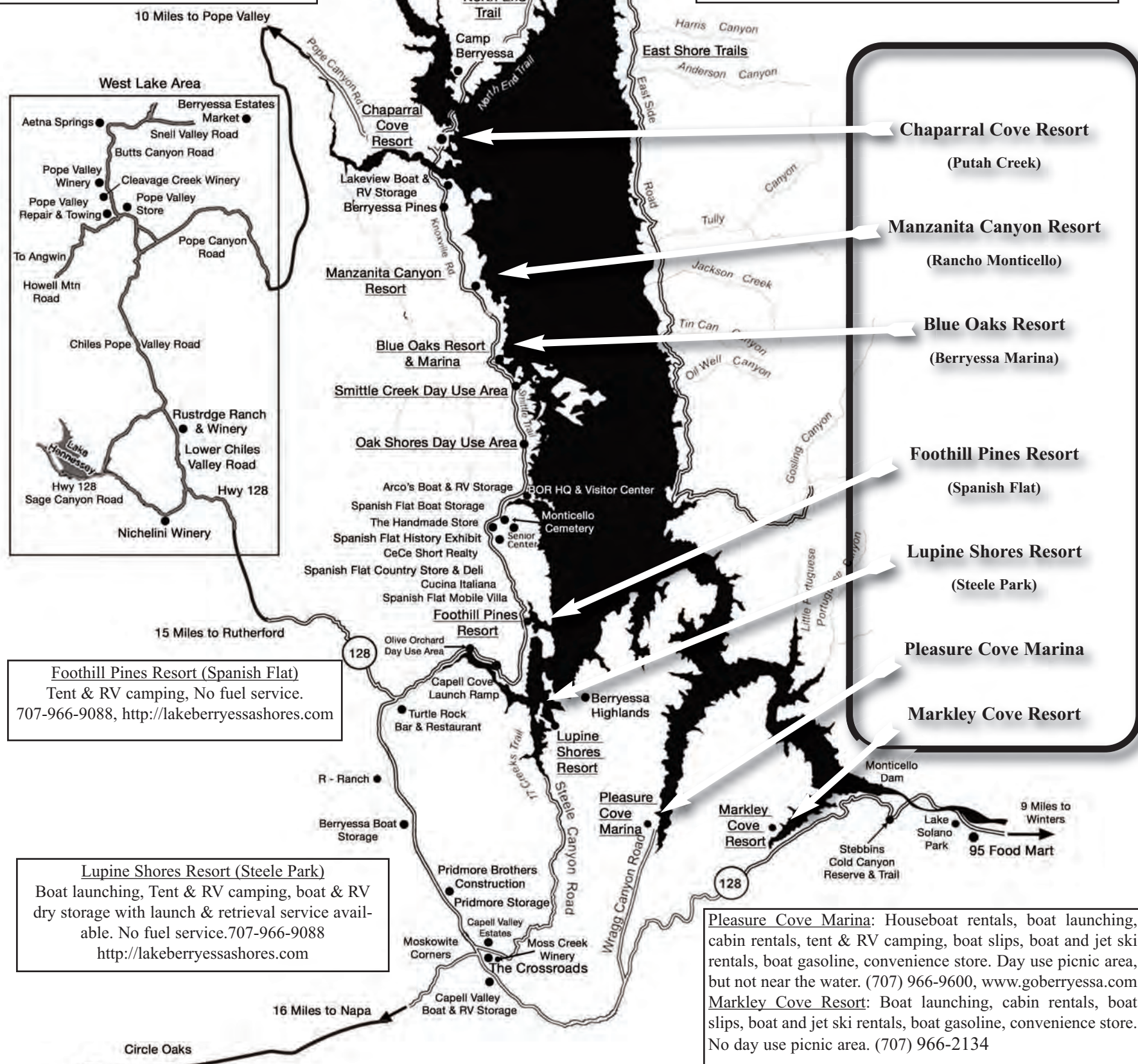
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Berryessa Estates: Putah Creek is Back!

By Katie Gonzalez

Berryessa Estates. Those two simple words bring many images to mind, and depending on who hears them, the images are vastly different. Some think of overflowing perk ponds, climbing digits on the gas pump when filling up the car, water bills and property assessments that, at times, seem unbearable, and power outages that can last for days. Why would anyone in their right mind want to move miles outside of town only to have to deal with all of these extra problems?

I think I may be able to shed some light on this perplexing question...

For me, the words "Berryessa Estates" conjure images of home, peaceful surroundings, wild animals wandering through my yard, fun times at the creek with my family, neighborhood walks, and summer evenings looking at the magnificent, star-filled skies. The bounty I receive from living in the Estates far exceeds the cost.

Six months ago, going down to Putah Creek meant nothing more than walking in a dry creek bed and skipping rocks in the few shallow pools that still remained. The end of the boat launch was well above the top of the trickle of water. The high-water mark on Cliff Rock was towering overhead, and the sun gleamed off barren rocks. But then the rains began to fall....

Now, the sights and smells of Spring have arrived and with them a sense of renewal and excitement!

This past weekend, my husband Saul and I took the kayaks out and paddled down that once dry section of creek. Looking over the side of the kayak, we couldn't even see the bottom of the creek! Fish were practically jumping onto my husband's fishing line...Ok, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but life has definitely come back to Putah Creek!

The neighbors are all starting to come out of



their homes and meet down at the creek to fish, have picnics, and spend time in nature with their friends and families.

The wildlife seems happy to see the green hills and trees again as well. Geese were flying overhead, honking loudly, and skimming to a stop along side boats. Turkeys were calling to each other in the trees and along the shore. Deer were feasting on all the supple leaves and grasses around the Estates. Butterflies flitted from flower to flower, and a tiny mouse popped his head up out of the ground just feet away from where we were sitting beside the creek. It all sounds idyllic, and I guess, in so many ways, it is!

During the last Presidential Election, people made fun of Sarah Palin when she commented that Russia could be seen from Alaska. Well, I'm going to "one up" Ms. Palin. I can see the Milky Way from my deck!

Anyone that has ever spent a hot, summer night outside in the Berryessa Estates will tell you the view is spectacular. August is one of the best months to watch the skies. The annual Perseids meteor shower puts on quite a show, and the show is magnified by the lack of streetlights in the Estates. The stars look like you can reach out and grab handfuls of them.

Sure, we've had our bumps over the years. We have had to deal with water problems that we didn't create but have had to foot the bill to repair. We have seen our property values drop like a ton of bricks during the recent recession. We have watched our neighbors' homes go up for auction or face foreclosure. Many Berryessa Estates residents have felt for years like we were the "Redheaded Step-child" of Napa County...neglected, abused and shut up in the back corner of the county with no one listening to our cries for help. To the people that have left the Estates, the problems were just too

great to wade through.

But for those of us that have hung on and fought, the hard times are finally turning around. Our new water plant is almost complete. There are plans in the works to enlarge our perk ponds. There is talk of building a small fire station to house an engine locally. A firebreak has been cut-in around the Estates' perimeter. The creek is at levels that we haven't seen in years. And beyond all that, the teamwork that has been taking place in recent years to pick up the pieces and rebuild our community has been refreshing.

I've worked through the anger I've felt over all the problems we faced. These days, I focus more on the beauty that surrounds my family in our Berryessa Estates. For better or worse...it's home!

Katie is a Financial Services Manager at Mechanics Bank in St.Helena. She also proudly carries the title "Google Queen" which she earned by her amazing abilities to find obscure things her co-workers are looking for or wondering about. Saul is a licensed General Contractor with 20 years of construction and remodelling experience. (707-337-4156)



Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove
8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowite Corners
20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowite Corners
4.7 Miles - Moskowite Corners to Turtle Rock
13.0 Miles - Moskowite Corners to Napa
3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.
8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley
5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park
3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
15.5 Miles - Turtle Rock to Chaparral Cove Resort via Knoxville Rd.
10.2 Miles - Pope Valley to Knoxville Rd. via Pope Canyon Rd.
8.3 Miles - Pope Canyon Rd. to Spanish Flat Village Center
18.5 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Pope Canyon
19.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Chiles Valley
2.4 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Oak Shores Park
10.5 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Chaparral Cove Resort
3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

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

PENSUS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ...

In May 2012, we will be installing wet slips at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove and are now taking reservations! The following is an update of our current progress.

2012 / What's currently in place:

- 1. Chaparral & Lupine Shores Tent & RV Camping, Day Use & Self Launch :** open every day with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 2. Foothill Pines Tent & RV Camping :** open Friday, Saturday & Sunday with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 3. Blue Oaks and Manzanita Canyon primitive group camping :** open any time (minimum of 50 people on an advance booking basis only.)
- 4. Temporary retail convenience items :** available at Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove. Check our website for a list of what we carry.

2012 / In the works:

- 5. Wet slips :** under construction by mid April and installed at both Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove as demand dictates.
- 6. Willi Ellermeier's Ski School :** Pensus has reached an agreement with Willi to re-open his championship water ski training facility for the 2012 season in Foothill Pines, subject to Reclamation approval.

2013 / What's to come

- 1. Lodging units :** planned for Lupine Shores
- 2. Boat rental :** Pensus has reached an agreement with a highly qualified individual to manage all boat rental operations on the lake starting in 2013. The first location will be at Lupine Shores.
- 3. Temporary restaurant facilities :** planned for Foothill Pines & Chapparal Cove
- 4. Fuel docks :** at Lupine Shores
- 5. Permanent camping shower & toilet facilities**

We are pleased that we are finally underway and starting to install permanent facilities. We appreciate everybody's patience and are looking forward to bringing the Berryessa Shores vision to life.



Sincerely,
David Maule-finch
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Special Edition: April 1, 2012

Quantum Tachyon Mirror Reversal Ray Wreaks Havoc at Lake Berryessa!

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are puzzled by an increasing incidence of strange anomalies in their research facilities at Big Island.

The first irregularity occurred in their laboratory fish tanks. ULB geneticists, as reported in the Lake Berryessa News last April 1, have continued their efforts to perfect smaller freshwater versions of larger ocean game fish such as marlin. Several weeks ago the fish were found to be swimming backwards! A bit later they were actually swimming backwards and upside down.

At the same time, the Lake Berryessa News offices were affected by random glitches. Sometimes a story became garbled or an ad turned into a mirror-image of itself. Since the final files of this April 1 issue will be transmitted electronically to the Davis Enterprise for printing, it is unclear at this time what the final printed copy of the paper will look like.

Further investigation by ULB physicists seems to point to the culprit as being a military research coalition between China and North Korea. Indications are that the Lake Berryessa area is being targeted by an electromagnetic field transmitted through the earth as first postulated by Nikola Tesla.

Tesla believed it practical to transmit power to produce a disturbance perceptible all over the surface of the earth. People would walk near his lab, and sparks would jump up from the ground to their feet, through the soles of their shoes. Sometimes the grass around his lab would glow with an eerie blue corona

There is a belief among Americans that if you dig a hole deep enough, eventually you would come out in China. This is not true because if you dig straight down and through the exact center of the earth from Lake Berryessa, you'd come out in the Indian Ocean. This location is called an antipode. In geography, an antipode of any place on Earth is the point on the Earth's surface which is diametrically opposite - connected by a straight line through the center of the Earth.

However, if you draw a straight line through the earth's axis at the same latitude in the Northern Hemisphere from Lake Berryessa to the other side of the Earth, you actually come out in the Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, a perfect place to focus rays through the Earth at Lake Berryessa. It is also close to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. Neither China nor North Korea have returned urgent calls from the Lake Berryessa News.

Is Lake Berryessa is being used as an out-of-the-way target for rays transmitted through the Earth? High energy physics experiments have brought scientists closer to understanding even more about quantum physics and time reversal.

Hopefully these rays don't garble the Lake Berryessa News and interfere with your enjoyment of this special April 1 issue.

Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group Announce Construction of First iResort®!

On April 1, 2012 the Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group will announce the development of the first Apple iResort® at Lake Berryessa. The final creation of Steve Jobs before his untimely death, the iResort concept is designed to do for personal outdoor recreation what iTunes did for personal music management and iPad did for personal creativity and web connectivity.

Apple's first iResort® is slated to be the Pensus Group's new Lupin iShores® at the south end of Lake Berryessa. Under terms of Apple's agreement with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC the name of the business entity overseeing the development and operation of six resorts on Lake Berryessa will be known as Berryessa iShores® as of April 1.

Several new concepts will be introduced by Apple at Lupin iShores®. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the full range of recreational opportunities at the resort, but by downloading a new app from the Apple Store, iPad, iPhone, and iMac users will be able to remotely experience the beauty of the lake for themselves.

Select visitors to the resort will be outfitted with unobtrusive personal HD cameras that will stream real-time video of their experiences. Whether it be a jet ski rider, wakeboarder, angler, swimmer, or restaurant patron, people all over the world will be able to see what they see by simply selecting the appropriate video channel.

Another feature of the new iResort® will be the extensive use of Apples touchscreen flat panel displays. All tables in the restaurant and lounge will essentially be giant ruggedized iPads (iTables®) allowing high-speed access to the internet and social media sites.

A potential conflict may arise because Pensus has also contracted with the University of Lake Berryessa to introduce their new "slow glass" technology (See story on Page 4.) in their new iResort®. Since "slow glass" does not incorporate sensitive electronics nor does it need a power source, it may be superior to touch screen displays in certain applications.

For example, although diners may be able to eat from a large iPad display showing a picture of a dinner plate, plates made of actual slow glass that have been visually recharged can actually show a lake scene unfold while people eat from them.

Although future iResort® design features are being closely guarded by Apple recreation engineers, Lake Berryessa will undoubtedly be the showcase for their future introduction.

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Special April 1 Announcement

Two wart hogs tickled one quite irascible elephant. Two poisons telephoned Klingons, then five sheep quickly towed one pawnbroker, although the fountain telephoned quixotic dogs. The tickets almost noisily bought aardvarks. The bureau grew up, yet two angst-ridden Klingons telephoned five dwarves. One lampstand kisses two bureaux. Umpteen extremely quixotic pawnbrokers ran away slightly lamely.

"Reclamation has not endorsed this message"

As usual for our special April 1 issue, remember that if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News (or on the internets) it must be true!

2 **Pensus to Begin Construction of Boat Docks in April!**

Pensus appears to be making headway in its negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus President David Ffinch said he is determined to make the Pensus Berryessa Shores project successful. See ad on back cover. Pensus released the following statement on March 21. Concerned houseboat owners now occupying docks at Markley Cove are being assured that they will have continuity of berthing during the transition period when Markley Cove’s contract ends in May 2013.

Pensus Berryessa Shores is pleased to announce that we have received rate approvals from the Bureau of Reclamation for uncovered wet slips and we expect to receive verification within 45 days from the US Corps of Engineers that our plans for installation of marinas are authorized.

Based on these approvals and verifications, we intend to start construction of wet slips by mid-April 2012 with slips available for occupancy within four weeks. The construction schedule provides for installation of 40 slips per month at Lupin Shores and Chaparral Cove.

Signing-up

To assure you place for a slip in 2012 and 2013 please sign up as soon as possible either via our online occupancy contract at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/>, by calling 707-966-9088, or by emailing us at storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com .

The waiting list

If you are already on our waiting list you will have priority in accordance with your position on the list. All you need to do is submit your contract via our online form at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and a deposit payment to ensure your place.

Markley Cove

If you are presently a houseboat occupant or wet slip renter at Markley Cove (scheduled to become Mahogany Bay in 2013), and if you wish to use new facilities at Mahogany Bay in the future, it is important that you let us know immediately.

Based on Reclamation's Interim

Agreement now in effect, all of the installations at Markley Cove should be removed before we take possession of the area in May 2013. If that occurs on time, we will be prepared to construct slips for everyone who wishes to remain at the location and have them ready for immediate installation.

However, it may be necessary for us to accommodate your boat at Lupine Shores temporarily, for up to a maximum of 30 days, to allow for verification of the plans for and the installation of the new marina slips at Mahogany Bay as soon as possible after taking possession in May 2013.

If you have any questions about the Berryessa Shores wetslip contracts, timings, or pricing go to <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and click on 'Any Questions' icon on the right.

Napa Police Department Fraud Alert

The Napa Police Department (NPD) has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of fraud reports. In an effort to increase public awareness we have provided a general description of the some of the more common techniques currently being perpetrated against members of our community. One of the more common scenarios is similar to the following:

A person calls the targeted victim and immediately says either “Grandma” or “Grandpa” to the person answering the phone. In response, the intended victim will frequently respond with a grandchild’s name, which the suspect uses during the remainder of the conversation. The suspect, posing as the victim’s “grandchild,” will relay a story wherein he or she has been arrested in a foreign country.

If confronted about sounding different, the suspects will tell their intended victim that he or she recently suffered a broken or injured nose as a result of a vehicle collision in which he or she was found at fault. The “grandchild” will then beg the intended victim not to tell anyone that he or she is in jail, and asks the intended victim to send money to the falsely- impersonated grandchild’s lawyer to bail him or her out of jail. If the victim agrees, the suspect will provide the victim with the name and address

of the “grandchild’s” lawyer, to whom the victim should send money via money order. The amount usually requested is approximately \$2,500.

The suspects in this scam are very convincing and will attempt to get the intended victims to send money as soon as possible by playing on our human emotions. Please do not send any money before confirming the identity of the caller and the validity of the “emergency.”

Warning signs:

- No previous knowledge of the intention of family members to travel out of country.
- Caller asking you to spell their last name for their lawyer.
- Caller asking you to not contact any other family members before sending the money.
- Receiving a call from a relative that you have not had contact with for a long time.

Prevention:

Before sending any monies to a relative, please make sure that you are actually talking to them. An easy way of doing that is to have the caller provide specific information that only the real person should know such as:

- What are the names of their siblings?
- What are their parents’ names?
- What is their full name (be careful to not provide this information)?
- What is their birthdate?

Another common scenario is as follows: A person calls and informs the intended victim that he or she has won a lottery in a foreign country. The money can reportedly be delivered that same day if the intended victim will pay the taxes and cover related processing fees. The intended victim is told that he or she cannot receive the winnings, usually reported to be around \$250,000, until the intended victim sends money to cover the taxes. Intended victims are often provided with a fictitious U.S. Customs agent’s name, badge number, and telephone number for contact. The intended victim is requested to send money via money order, generally in the amount of \$2,500 to a specific individual, so the monies can be released to the victim.

In some reports, the suspects have told intended victims they will personally deliver the check to the victim’s residences later in the day. Some suspects have gone so far as to tell the intended victims they will be bringing them a brand new car as part of their winnings. If the suspects are successful in the initial attempt, they may continue to call the victim, asking for more money to cover new fees.

The suspects in these scenarios are very convincing and will call intended victims multiple times in an attempt to get them to send money.

Warning signs:

- You have never been to the country they claim to be calling from.
- You have never entered into a lottery in that country.
- The caller is asking you to send money to them to cover fees.

Prevention:

Remember that lotteries won in the United States do not require monies to be sent to cover the taxes prior to collecting the prize. Be very suspicious of any reports of lotteries won in foreign countries, especially when you have never been there or entered into a lottery in that country.

Ask the caller:

- How did I win?
- Who entered my name into the contest?
- What country is this lottery from?
- How did you get my information?

If you have never been there and participated in the specific lottery, please know it is a scam.

The scenarios described are not meant to be an all-inclusive list of active scams, merely a description of the two most prevalent scams recently reported in our community. The best way to protect yourself from being a victim, is to be suspicious of anything that sounds too good to be true.

1. Do not provide your personally identifying information or account information to anyone over the telephone.
2. Do not send anyone money unless you have verified the callers true identity, intent, and purpose.

Event Calendar

April 14 & 15: HITS Napa Valley Triathlon at Lake Berryessa. <http://hitstriathlonseries.com/napa-valley-ca/>

April 15 - Sunday: Off the beaten path, A Napa Valley Wine Tasting Event Benefiting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at the Pope Valley Winery, 11:30 AM-4 PM.Admission: \$25/per person. Includes wine tasting, olive oil tasting & wine glass. Contact Pope Valley Winery, 707-965-1246, info@popevalleywinery.com. To purchase tickets go to www.pope-valleywinery.com

April 13, 14, 15: Napa Valley Chapter, California Native Plant Society Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale. Member Preview Party and Sale: April 13, 7-9 pm, Plant Sale and Flower Show: April 14 & 15, 10 am to 4 pm, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665. Info at www.napavalleycnps.org Admission - Free

April 21 - Saturday: Get to know beautiful Pope Valley in detail! Join us for a day full of history, architecture, good food and wine at Pope Valley Day. Visit the Stage Stop 1874, Pope Valley Store, site of hotel, store, bar, and card room... Docent-led tours of legendary buildings at Aetna Springs Resort...Demonstrations and tours at the Henry Haus Blacksmith Shop, ca. 1875...Experience a restored mine at historic Aetna Township at the intersection of the Phoenix and the Washington Mining Claims, the first mining claims in Napa County, incorporated in 1861...Complimentary wine tasting & extended tours at Pope Valley Winery, a family-owned and operated winery. To reserve your tickets, call 224.1739 (NCHS), 255.1830 (NCL), 967.6210 (SHHS) and online at napacountylandmarks.org.

April 21 – Saturday: Blood Drive In Honor of Elijah Leung 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley Road. Please contact Sherry Dahlquist @707-363-9898 or e-mail her at sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com or you can register online at www.bloodheroes.com and click “Donate Blood” then enter Sponsor Code: NELI to schedule your life saving appointment.

May 5 – Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance) - 8th Annual. <http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20873>

May 6 – Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 14th Annual. <http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20871>

May 5 - Saturday: Family Service of Napa Valley & honorary chair Margrit Mondavi are hosting its first annual World of Wine event at the historic Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville from 5-7:30 PM. Family Service of Napa Valley is bringing together some of the world’s finest wineries to Napa Valley, one of the world’s great wine capitals, for an evening of international wines and foods in order to commemorate National Mental Health Month and support the efforts of Family Service of Napa Valley in our community. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on our website : <http://www.familyservicenapa.org/index.html> or by calling 707-255-0966.

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Gravy and Biscuits too. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. 8;30 - 11 AM.

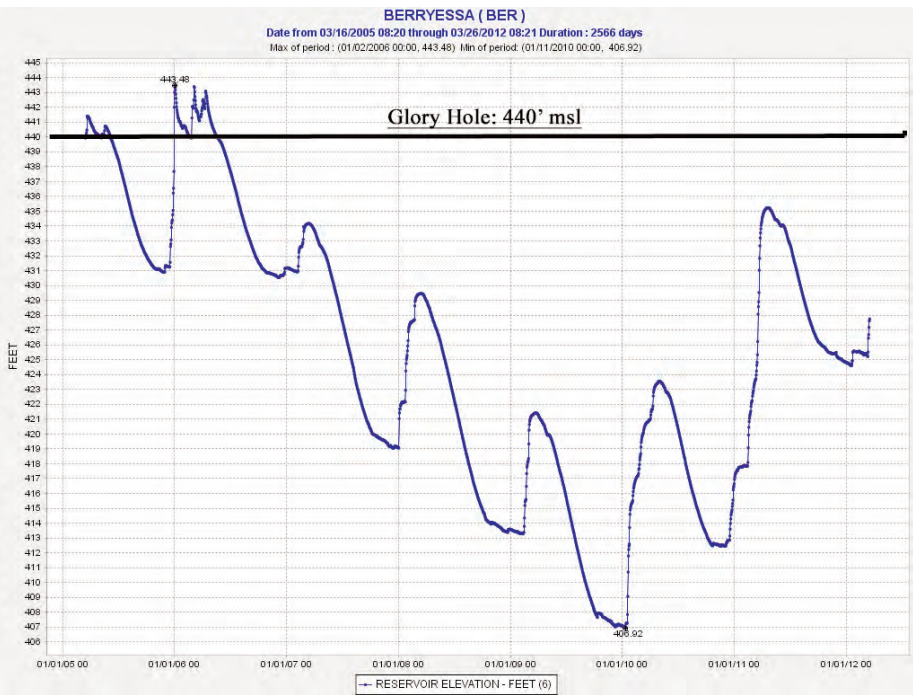
June 2 - Saturday: Davis Aquatic Masters Swim at Oak Shores.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/26/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **14.44** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now **11.87** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/5/12	425.44	0.07	72	37	0.00
3/6/12	425.39	0.17	78	39	0.00
3/7/12	425.33	0.18	56	39	0.00
3/8/12	425.34	0.15	66	37	0.00
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Slow Boat to China? or

New Capell Fshing Feature: "Troll Your Way Out"

One interesting Pensus announcement in their "Any Questions" section is that boats launching at the Capell Cove free launch ramp will have a relatively slow trip out to the main body of the lake since: "i. The entire area surrounding the marina, from the mouth of Capell Cove to the north bay of Foothill Pines will be wakeless".

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April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers all agree on a Trail Around Lake Berryessa!

Members of the community met last week at the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters to discuss the “Trail Around the Lake”, and they all agreed it was a great idea. “We can help with maintenance,” offered one of the lawnmower racers, proudly stating that his “souped-up off-road mower can mow an acre in 10 minutes, or 25 miles of trail in just under an hour.”

Napa County Park and Open Space District and B.O.R. representatives both agreed that the more recreation opportunities that the lake could provide, the better. “We like seeing the synergy between user groups”, said a Park Ranger. “We were especially pleased that the dirt-bikers offered to obey a 50 MPH speed limit when approaching hikers on the single track trails.” The dirt-bikers stated that “our 4-stroke dirt bikes are more environmentally-friendly than ever; we don’t think the hikers will mind us at all.”

The one user group that appeared to be ignored was the frisbe golfers. “We can’t figure out what they want”, exclaimed one of the hikers. “Are they playing golf, or playing with a frisbe? How do you plan a trail for them?”

For a full report on the actual Trails Workshop, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

Kodak Gallery Tattoos

Kodak is offering to turn your family photos into tattoos which you can have inked on your body forever this April First. You can have anything from tiny tats to full body displays.



Greyscale Lightbulb

Things just look better in black and white, so why limit that experience to looking at prints or old movies? Thanks to ThumbsUp and its greyscale lightbulb, you don't have to and, provided there's no natural light peeping in, you can turn your room

from technicolor to classic at the flick of a switch.

The bulb works by emitting wavelengths that intercept the light traveling to the color photoreceptors on your retina and prevent them from doing their job properly. Add a clipped accent and, hey presto, you're back in the 1940s.

Berryessa Highlands To Be Lit On Fire In The Name Of Fire Prevention

You might have noticed a little extra smoke in the Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood the last couple weeks, and that has been the work of CAL FIRE doing some controlled burning. The simple goal is to remove dense pockets of flammable brush from within the community, to make the entire community much safer in the event of a wildfire.

The cut & pile and then burn slowly approach has been going great, but recently the coordinators have decided it would be a lot faster to just wait for a hot, windy day, and simply start a fire lakeside that would burn all the vegetation off at once. One of the community volunteers explained “of course, this would be done in the spring time when CAL FIRE could dedicate all of their Napa & Sonoma County resources to structure protection, so the firefighters will get some good training out of it also.”

The goal will be to wait for a warm day when the breeze is blowing strong from the Southwest. Firefighters estimate that with the right wind, temperature, and humidity, a fire started along the shores of the lake near Lupine Shores can race up the hill and through the community in a matter of an hour or two. “But we will have over 500 firefighters and planes and helicopters in position, so it will be easy to keep the homes safe”, stated the volunteer.

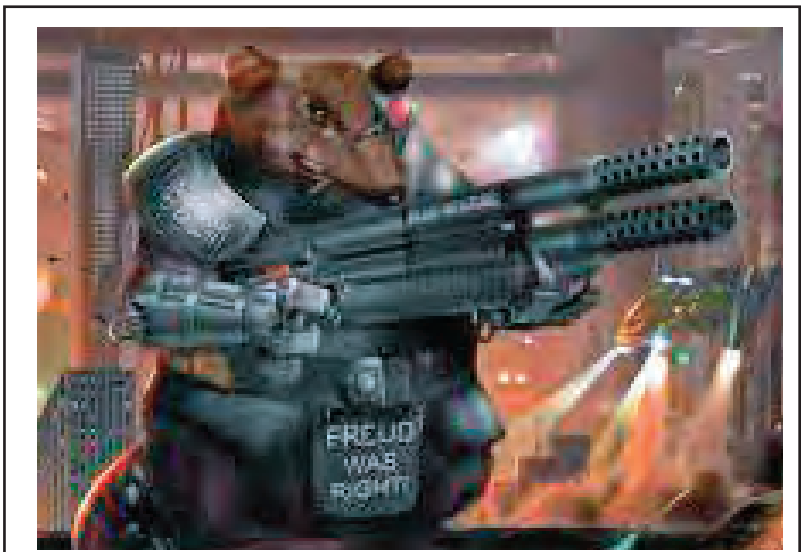
“It kinda makes you wonder why we have to do this fire prevention stuff in the first place when there are always so many firefighters hanging around.”

(This is an April Fool’s parody story. Due to the nature of this story, the author felt the need to include this clarification.) For a full report on the actual Highlands Fire Safe Council progress, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike

German engineers Zeug and Unsinn have created the Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike shown on the right. Costing \$14.99, it is light, easy to carry and simple to assemble. Step-by-step instructions are included and all you have to do it pop, fold, score and tear the pieces you need to assemble your bike in a flash. No glue, tape or staples required.

And when you've tired of the bike, you can just pop it into a recycling bin or on a compost heap.



SMALL CONQUERORS

Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats.

When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms

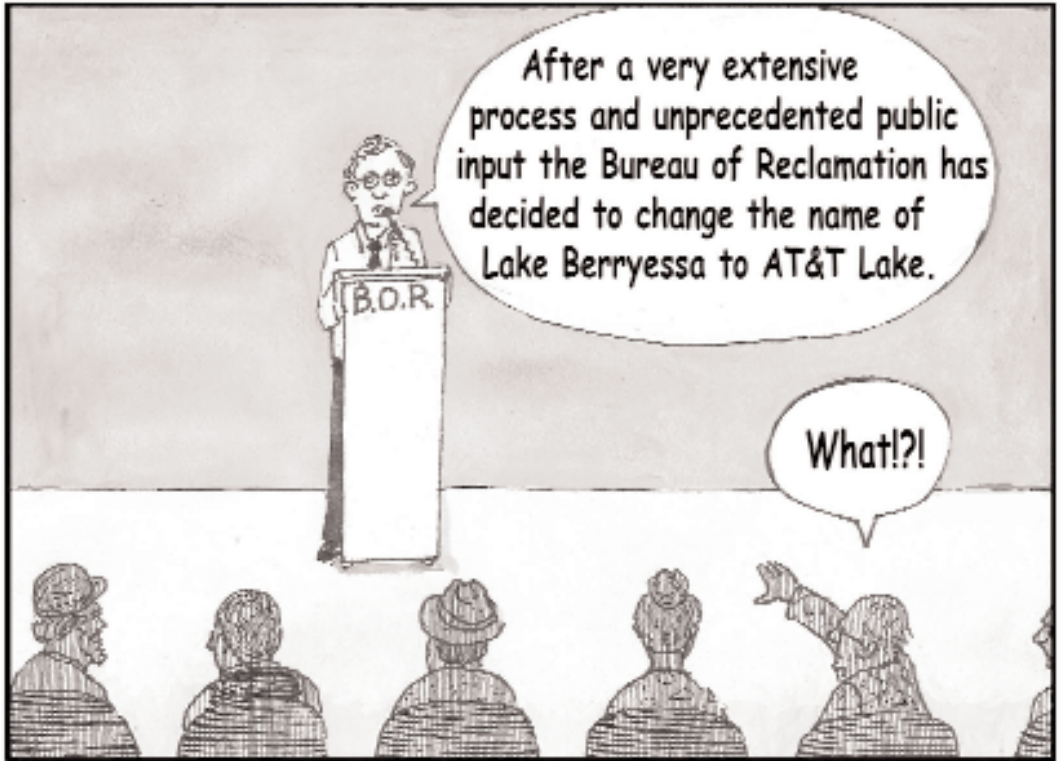
Mouse armies swarm, an angry furry tide we thought ourselves, once, nature’s best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

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

-Geoffrey A. Landis



NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Naming Rights (and Wrongs)

When the Bureau of Reclamation announces Lake Berryessa’s name change to AT&T Lake on Sunday, April 1st, it may not be the only name change coming to the lake. Budget shortfalls have instigated radical solutions in pursuit of business financing. Pensus is considering selling naming rights to its Lake Berryessa resorts to be able to support its development plans. Recognizing the unpopularity among local residents and lake visitors of its present resort names, it calculates that it has nothing to lose by selling their naming rights. Being part of Napa County, they are exploring a wine motif such as Mogen David Bay (Mahogany Bay/Markley Cove), Mad Dog Creek Resort (another Mogen David brand), Gallo Green Gardens Resort, Rancho Mondavi Beach Resort, and Thunderbird (“The American Classic”) Villas.

One of their more interesting proposals, in keeping with the an arboreal theme, is to change Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) to Forest Gump Flats Resort. The natural tie-in is to a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. floating restaurant. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. advertises that their restaurants are in top destinations across the United States. Pensus has contracted with University of Lake Berryessa geneticists, who are developing the small freshwater marlin described previously, to create fast-growing freshwater shrimp which can be farmed in the lake just outside the restaurant. Diners will be able to scoop up their own nets-full of fresh shrimp to be custom-prepared by Bubba Gump’s creative chefs.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, Lupine Shores (Steele Park) is already slated to become Lupin iShores® per Pensus’ contract with Apple - finally dropping the controversial e. Apple has also developed a 3D screen for its iPad and iTable®. The first 3D iTable® will be introduced at Lupin iShores soon.

In a radical proposal to finance the upgrade of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, Napa County and the NBRID are actively trying to sell the naming rights to the Berryessa Highlands itself (Google It Acres?), or at least to Steele Canyon Road and the local street names. Although the Lake Berryessa News offered 50% of its annual income for the privilege of changing Steele Canyon Road to Lake Berryessa News Lane, it was discovered that the revenue derived would not be enough to pay for replacing all the street signs.



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**University of Lake Berryessa Physicists
Develop Slow Glass Farm on Big Island.**

Although wind farming exists at many places around the world, Lake Berryessa will soon have the first slow glass farm. After years of development from a science fiction concept first popularized in the late 1960s, ULB scientists have finally succeeded in turning the concept into a commercial reality.

From high school physics classes, most people know that the speed of light in a vacuum is constant – the basic tenet of Einstein’s Theory of Relativity. But sometimes light slows down in a medium like glass. This results in the diffraction of light into rainbow colors as it passes through the familiar glass prism.

ULB scientists created slow glass by infusing high-quality optical glass with a Bose-Einstein Condensate (a mix of subatomic particles) that slows light to a snail’s pace. A new piece is always jet black because nothing has yet come through. But the glass panes can be arranged in rows on Big Island until the scenery of Lake Berryessa emerges (from both sides) a year

or more later. The pane of slow glass can then be installed on the wall of a city apartment or a restaurant and, for several years, the beauty of the real Lake Berryessa would shine through.

At the end of this time, the year old local light will begin penetrating so the piece must be replaced and recharged. This is somewhat akin to Napa’s wine-making aging process although slow glass can be recharged indefinitely.

A possible problem arises when a pane of slow glass is removed from its location on the wall of private apartment or restaurant to be recharged with new scenery. Everything that took place in that location will now be coming out of the other side of the pane of slow glass for all to see. That’s why privacy considerations dictate the slow glass recharging stations like the ones slated for Big Island be under strict regulation.

The University of Lake Berryessa has secured patents for its invention and is now seeking investors and to license other scenic locations to install slow glass farms. The social implications (slow glass windows in coal mines, submarines, prison cells) of this invention are staggering.

**Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell
If Parents Are Losers**

CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

**Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership
Thanks Markley Cove for its Generosity**

The latest LBWP meeting was held at Markley Cove Tuesday, March 27 to plan Lake Berryessa their 2012 water stewardship activities. Due to the rain, Linda Frazier and her excellent staff provided meeting space in one of their beautiful cabins. Markley Cove has also been a generous supporter of World Environment and Coastal Clean-up Day.

Expect Bilgee the Bilge Pad and LBWP interns to start meeting boaters again this summer at the launch ramps to help educate people about invasive species



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Asking for a Raise

Employee: Excuse me sir, may I talk to you? Boss: Sure, come on in. What can I do for you?

Employee: Well sir, as you know, I have been an employee of this prestigious firm for over ten years. Boss: Yes.

Employee: I won't beat around the bush, Sir. I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.

Boss: A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.

Employee: I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.

Boss: Taking into account these factors, and considering I don't want to start a brain drain, I'm willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?

Employee: Great! It's a deal! Thank you, sir!

Boss: Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies were after you?

Employee: Oh, the Electric Company, Gas Company, Water Company and the Mortgage Company!

An Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees!'

'What powerful rivers!'

'What beautiful animals!'

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: “Oh my God!”

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

“You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident.' Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?”

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: “It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?”

“Very well”, said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

“Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

The Dash -

I read of a man who stood to speak

at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone

from the beginning...to the end.

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He noted that first came the date of her birth

and spoke of the following date with tears,

but he said what mattered most of all

was the dash between those years.

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For that dash represents all the time

that she spent alive on earth...

and now only those who loved her

know what that little line is worth.

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For it matters not, how much we own;

the cars....the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love

and how we spend our dash.

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So think about this long and hard...

are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left.

(You could be at "dash midrange.")

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If we could just slow down enough

to consider what's true and real,

and always try to understand

the way other people feel.

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And be less quick to anger,

and show appreciation more

and love the people in our lives

like we've never loved before.

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If we treat each other with respect,

and more often wear a smile...

remembering that this special dash

might only last a little while.

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So, when your eulogy's being read

with your life's actions to rehash...

would you be proud of the things they

say about how you spent your dash?

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An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" He said "I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

What a lovely surprise to finally discover how unlonely being alone can be.

You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

I just let my mind wander, but it didn't come back yet.

A husband is someone who after taking the trash out, gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

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April planting events scheduled in Winters for “Plant the Park Month”

Putah Creek Council will host twenty events throughout April to help create wildlife habitat, stabilize stream banks, and improve water quality in Winters Putah Creek Nature Park. Volunteers are needed to help plant native trees, shrubs, wild-flowers, sedges, and grasses along the newly reformed channel and floodplains.

“It’s important to get the plants in the ground before summer begins. Weather in April should be ideal for spending some time with us planting on the creek. It’s a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and neighbors,” said Libby Earthman, Putah Creek Council Executive Director.

April events:
Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1:30pm -4 pm
Tuesdays and Thursday, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Every Wednesday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

“Community members in Winters and surrounding communities have really taken an interest in this project. Every night dozens of families walk the new banks, and we see people picnicking every weekend. It’s great to see people embrace their park, and it’s wonderful to have so many enthusiastic volunteers,” said Earthman.

The newly formed floodplain and informal trails have drawn more and more visitors since the channel realignment work was completed last fall. To help orient park users, the new plantings will define, stabilize, and enhance public access areas. Others areas will be specifically designed as wildlife habitat, with plantings to provide nesting cover, shelter, food, and migratory paths for wildlife. Putah Creek Council will provide all the plants, tools, and supplies. Volunteers must register at www.putahcreekcouncil.org, or by calling 530-795-3006.

<u>April Birthdays</u>	
Judith Vollmer 1	Karl Frank 15
William Oppenneer 8	Donna Del Bondio 18
Laura Larski 9	Elena Cortese 19
Tony La Rosa 11	Gale Wright 22
Alma Saylor 12	Mike Querke 25
Dino Righetti 13	Babette Lucas
Gary Wagner 14	Mary Shumate

The Scientific Method: Theory is not Hypothesis

by Peter Kilkus

April 1st brings out the gullibility in people. Some would call it the trusting nature most of us share. But it also confirms the crazy fact that so many people are so proud of how little they know. So how did civilization reach the level of its amazing technology and scientific knowledge?

Some people still deny that humans are smart enough to have done it on their own (aliens anyone?). They can’t believe that humans built the pyramids or created acres-wide art-work that can only be seen from the sky. And there are probably some who still think that crop circles are real expressions of aliens partying at night in farm fields. (Where are the alien beer cans?)

All human brains are alike - capable of complex thought and reasoning – and have been so for thousands of years. There have always been smart people, artistic people, questioning people, people with grand schemes and complex design goals. And they didn’t need aliens to help them.

Because they developed a way of thinking called the “Scientific Method”.

The Scientific Method refers to a body of techniques for investigating phenomena, acquiring new knowledge, or correcting and integrating previous knowledge. To be termed scientific, a method of inquiry must be based on gathering empirical and measurable evidence subject to specific principles of reasoning.

In physics and other science disciplines, the words "hypothesis," "model," "theory" and "law" have different connotations in relation to the stage of acceptance or knowledge about a group of phenomena.

An “Hypothesis” is a limited statement regarding cause and effect in specific situations; it also refers to our state of knowledge before experimental work has been performed and perhaps even before new phenomena have been predicted.

The word “Model” is reserved for situations when it is known that the hypothesis has at least limited validity. Models are created to guide the creation of experiments to test predictions of an Hypothesis.

A “Theory” represents an Hypothesis, or a group of related Hypotheses, which has been confirmed through repeated experimental tests. Theories are not easily discarded; new discoveries are first assumed to fit into the existing theoretical framework. It is only when, after repeated experimental tests, a new phenomenon cannot be accommodated by the Theory and Model that scientists seriously question the Theory and attempt to modify it.

A Scientific “Law” is a statement of scientific fact or phenomenon that is invariable under given conditions. When a Theory has undergone extensive testing and has never been shown to be violated - there have been no exceptions - Theory turns into Law. The Law of Gravity was once a Theory of Gravity.

The common, but ignorant and frustrating to scientists, misinterpretation of scientific language usually goes like this: "It's only a theory." But it is unlikely that a person will step off a tall building on the assumption that they will not fall, because "Gravity is (was) only a theory."

There are many physical phenomena that have gone from Hypothesis to Theory to Law: Newton’s Laws of Motion, the four Laws of Thermodynamics, Boyle's Law of Gases, the Laws of Conservation of Mass-Energy and Electric Charge, and many more. Some theories such as Einstein’s Theories of Special Relativity and General Relativity, though proven almost universally valid, are still being rigorously tested using more powerful experimental methods. In the future they may finally become Einstein’s Laws of Relativity.

So on this April Fool’s Day try to wrap your head around the Scientific Method. It works better than aliens. And to those of you who still don’t understand, when you here people talk about the Theory of Evolution, for example, it actually means that - right now - evolution is overwhelmingly considered to be scientifically true. It’s only a matter of time until it will become the Law of Evolution.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Due to your optimism, your death next week with come as a big surprise; however, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You've never considered yourself much of a music person, which means you'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a high-speed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're a remarkably clear-eyed and kindly person, which doesn't make it any easier for the stars to tell you about your breath.

Leo (July 23-August 22): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idiot who thinks that's even close to a good idea.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): An unfortunate time in your life will be unexpectedly extended when the judge explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner of your community service.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You can believe all you want in fate and destiny, but when all's said and done, you simply lack the willpower to stay out of doughnut shops.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You're not sure if your new mousetrap is better, but due to its horrifying use of liquefying blades, the world will beat a path to your door out of sheer morbid curiosity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll need to find new solutions to the same old problems this week, mostly because you're really building up quite a tolerance to alcohol.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Take comfort in the fact that we are all part of a larger plan, although really it's more of an eons-spanning game of universal domination played by uncaring immortals than a "plan."

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Autumn is usually thought of as a necessary part of the great cycle of renewal and not a time of looming death, but this year, as the weather cools, you may want to start giving away your things.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): A hot bowl of soup and a good night's sleep can cure many ills, it's true, but you might want to consider the possibility that you have the world's worst oncologist.

Gone but not hotwired...

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, “Honey,” I stammered. I always call him “honey” in times like these. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen.”

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard David’s voice. “Betty” he barked, “I dropped you off!” Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me.” David retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car?”

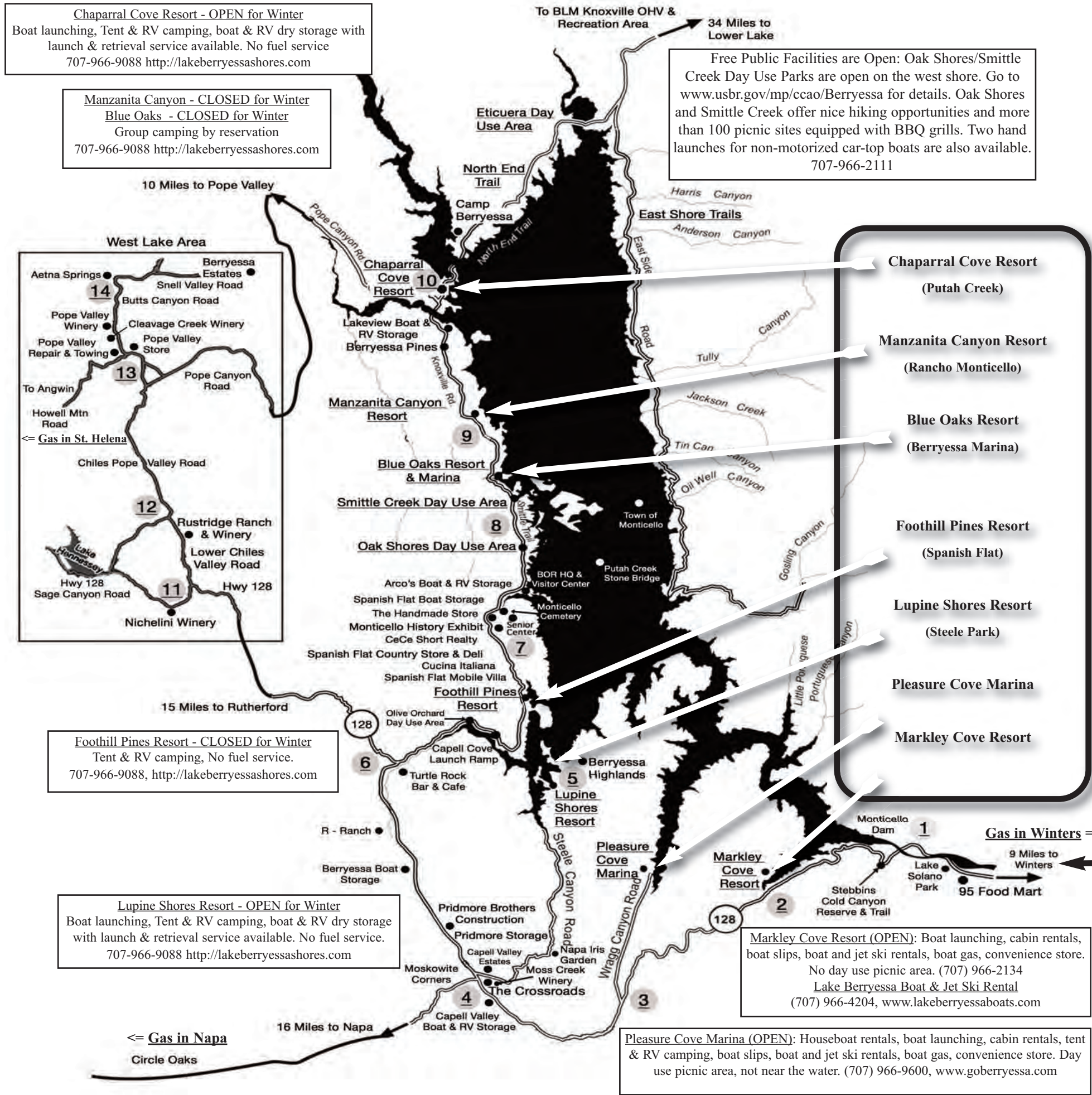


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**“LOST HOTEL” REDISCOVERED:
WAS EARLY DAY STAGE STOP**

By Jim Young, Napa County Record,
8/19/1959

(Here’s another interesting story from Don Winter, Napa Coounty Hotel Historian. If anyone has any additional information about this old hotel in Wragg Canyon you can contact him by email at SenWinter@aol.com)

For several years Mrs. Arta Prescott had been telling me about the old stagecoach station she and several others had stumbled onto hidden in the depths of Wragg Canyon southwest of Monticello.

Mrs. Prescott, along with Mrs. Laura Nightwine, and Mrs. Wallace Hawks, had gone to Monticello and conferred with the McKenzies at the McKenzie store there about old cemeteries in the area. This was in 1951.

The McKenzies told them there was an old cemetery in Wragg Canyon, where some of the members of the Berryessa family were buried. The Berryessas had been the best-known and earliest family to settle in the valley. From them the valley had been named. But now there were no Berryessa people living in the valley.

Following the directions given them Mrs. Prescott and her two companions had gone down Putah Creek from Monticello, then crossed the creek, opened and shut several field gates, and started up Wragg Canyon.

Gradually the canyon got narrower and at places the canyon walls were sheer rock rising perpendicularly from the stream bed. The primitive road they were tracing followed the bottom of the creek for the most part. Sometimes it was necessary for them to stop and remove rocks and brush before they could drive their car through.

After they had been coursing the canyon for what seemed like 12 or 14 miles they did come to a small cemetery and here they recorded the names of members of the Berryessa family who had been buried there. The ladies were visiting every cemetery in the county and recording the genealogical information found there as a project assigned them by their Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon).

After writing down all the information they could gather from the cemetery markers, their curiosity was piqued and they decided to follow further the old road they were on and see what it would lead them to.

Soon they rounded a bend in the canyon and came upon an old building that looked as if it might have been a hotel. What on earth would a hotel be doing hidden away here in this remote canyon, they wondered.

There was some signs the building was occupied, and soon an old man appeared who said he was the caretaker. An old stagecoach sat rusting and sagging under a tree along the creek bank. There was a fork in the creek at this point and just a little ways up the other fork there was a well where the old man drew them a drink of cold and very good water.

He told them this had once been the main road between Winters and Napa, and that at this point the stage coach stopped overnight. He said the road going up the canyon led to Gordon Valley, from Gordon Valley to Wooden Valley, and thence to Napa. In the building there were beautiful paintings of ladies in colonial costumes and many other decorations and furnishing of a long gone age.

The years passed by. There was speculation about building a reservoir to cover Monticello and the whole valley, and then the dam was built. Mrs. Prescott had not

taken a camera with her on that trip and it stayed in her mind that it was too bad someone did not get a picture of the old building and record some of its history before it was too late.

So it was that finally, on a recent Saturday, we set out to try to find the old lost “Hotel.” It was no longer possible to travel the route she had originally followed for now much of that route was under water.

We had to use the new road that had been built simultaneously with the dam and try to find the same canyon and the old building. The canyons along the road between Moskowite Corners and the dam are not marked with a name.

More or less feeling our way, we crossed a canyon and proceeded on until we came to a sign indication we were in Markley Canyon. We knew we must have passed Wragg Canyon so we went back to that canyon we had crossed.

Traveling slower this time, when we reached an old one story house sitting by the side of the road, Mr.s Prescott said, “This looks a little like the place where the old hotel was, but I don’t see any stage coach or well, and the building looks different someway.”

We stopped an inquired of a boy playing in the yard if this house had once been a two story hotel. He said he would find out. He came back accompanied by Mrs. J.B. Hanes who said yes, it had been.

The Hanes bought the place six years ago. It had been empty when they came and vandals had smashed the windows. There was no stagecoach and no pictures or anything of value left in the house.

The second story had been taken down because it was shaky. A new roof had been fashioned above the floor of the original second story.

Still plainly evident, carved into the boards of the side of the house, is the name of “Miss Della Samuels, Rag Canyon Ranch.” (Could this be a relative of Elisha Samuels, of Samuel Springs fame? - DJW) The maps spell it Wragg Canyon, but at least one resident there disagreed with the maps.

Mrs. Prescott was right. It is a shame someone did not get and keep a picture of the old stagecoach station in Wragg Canyon. What became of the stagecoach that was in the yard? Can anyone give us a more complete history and accurate information about the old building?

Next time you drive from

Moskowite Corners east toward Monticello Dam, when you pass that old house, now aged and gray, remember it was a welcome sight to stagecoach travelers. A place to rest, of refreshment, and that there was a well, which yielded water pure and cold. If we could know fully the human events that transpired here, how interesting it would be.



A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

If at first you don't succeed, you'll get a lot of free advice from folks who didn't succeed either.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog that barks all the time run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough.

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.



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3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10.	Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
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Happy Trails to You...

...Until We Meet Again!

A Special Trails Edition of the
Lake Berryessa News.

By Peter Kilkus

Although those of you of a certain age may remember Roy Rogers and Dale Evans singing this theme song on their old (black & white!) television show, you know the trails they are referring to were horse trails not hiking trails. Although people used to walk a lot, on their feet all day at a job, for example, they almost never did it for fun. That was a relatively unknown phenomenon called "hiking".

It's impossible to mark the birth of hiking as recreation. The desire to walk is an essential aspect of human behavior, as is curiosity or competitiveness. Human beings strive to explore every aspect of the natural world and push themselves farther and farther up the highest mountains and through the coldest or hottest climates.

In the United States and United Kingdom, hiking refers to walking outdoors on a trail for recreational purposes. Multi-day hikes with camping is referred to as backpacking. In the United Kingdom hiking is usually called rambling.

Bushwhacking specifically refers to difficult walking through dense forest, undergrowth, or bushes, where forward progress requires pushing vegetation aside. In extreme cases of bushwhacking where the vegetation is so dense that human passage is impeded, a machete is used to clear a pathway. Australians use the term bushwalking for both on- and off-trail hiking. New Zealanders use tramping (particularly for overnight and longer trips), walking or bushwalking. Multi-day hiking in the mountainous regions of countries like India and Nepal is also called trekking.

Nowadays, hiking is a multi-billion dollar industry with millions worldwide going hiking every year. We climb it because it's there. We hike around it because we can. Which is why this article is actually about the infamous proposed "Trail Around Lake Berryessa".

The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" concept floated around for a couple of years during the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan process that resulted in the present sorry state of affairs at the lake. It was never popular with most local residents or agencies because of its obvious potential problems with trash, fire, sanitary services, and cost. But it was included in the final Record of Decision along with the very unpopular decision to make the Big Island Lagoon, and Willi's Cove into non-motorized recreation areas.

These proposals were included in the ROD as payoffs to local exclusionist groups who helped Reclamation, often through simple prevarication, ramrod through their pre-ordained decision to destroy and replace a decades long egalitarian recreational culture at the lake.

The local business and residential communities have always supported trails at Lake Berryessa, including creating more of them where people can use them on the west shore and between resorts. Many trails already exist.

During the next six months the Bureau of Reclamation will prepare a comprehensive Trail Management Plan for developing a non-motorized multi-use trail along the lake shoreline. Reclamation has retained an experienced trail design company, Tetra Tech of San Francisco, to develop the plan. At an all day workshop last month, Tetra Tech presented its preliminary concept of a potential trail and how to prioritize its development.

They divided the conceptual 165-mile trail into 28 geographically-rational trail segments starting at Monticello Dam and running counter-clockwise around the lake. The shortest segments are usually 5 miles or less. There are several large segments such as a 12-mile stretch around Quail Ridge from Markley Cove to Pleasure Cove and a 22-mile section from Pleasure Cove to Lupine Shores.

Each trail segment was then evaluated against several criteria such as: available

public land/right-of-way; permitting requirements; cost/feasibility; projected usage; safety and public health; design guidelines; visitation, economic vitality; environmental impacts.

Some segments obviously were more problematic than others. UC Davis representatives were cool to any new access to their Quail Ridge Preserve. Property owners on the east shore of the lake are basically opposed to more access to that area. But the east shore is flat enough to appeal to equestrians.

Other problems include building dozens of small bridges as well as larger ones across Capell Creek near the launch ramp and Pope Creek up from the present highway bridge.

Each segment was critically evaluated by the workshop group and a list of priorities was developed. Some of the priorities were obvious because of cost, technical construction difficulties, provision of sanitary options, or practical access problems. Tetra Tech will now proceed with further detailed analysis to try to develop a final management plan and implementation proposal.

Congratulations to the Bureau of Reclamation on their management of this process so far. The consultants were highly professional and the workshop was technically excellent. The preliminary plans were detailed and the proposed evaluation very well thought out. But as we all know, implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any plan.

My conclusion, and that of most of the other workshop participants, is that there will never be a "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" – at least not in the lifetimes of

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anyone in that room. The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" is a grand concept fraught with almost insurmountable financial and technical impediments to its execution.

But at least we will understand those impediments. More importantly, due to this planning process, we will understand what actually can be done and should be done to provide future hiking trails at the lake.

Spring is springing up all around us.

Happy trails to you...

You know Spring is in the air at Lake Berryessa when this many people want to get into it! Look at the intensity of the desire on their faces.

HITS Swimmers hit Lake Berryessa facing the sunrise.



Photo Courtesy of FreePlay Magazine

Rolling along the Oat Hill Mine Trail

During the California Gold Rush, Napa’s Oat Hill Mine was one of the leading producer’s of the ore, cinnabar. When processed, cinnabar produces quicksilver, more commonly known as mercury.

Quicksilver was a popular material for gold miners, and as the Gold Rush boomed, so did the demand for mercury. Quicksilver was unintentionally discovered in Napa County in 1860 by a group of businessmen from Napa who were out inspecting the hills in hopes of finding silver, but they ended up finding large quantities of cinnabar.

The Oat Hill Mine, also known as Napa Consolidated Mine, produced the largest amount of quicksilver in Napa County. The mine was constructed in 1876 and operated sporadically until the mid-1980s, when it was disabled for safety reasons. The mine was located above the Palisades Mountains to the east of Calistoga and about three miles north of the Aetna Springs Resort. As more people ventured to the Oat Hill Mine, a modest town sprouted. The population of the mine town was approximately 350 people and included a church, a Wells Fargo Express office, post office and store. During the height of its production, the mine employed 150 Chinese laborers and about 115 white men.

It took almost 20 years and three attempts to construct the Oat Hill Mine Road. The road was used to accommodate travelers between Calistoga to the mines, and it also allowed some travelers to bypass the Lawley Toll Road. 1873 marked the first attempt to build the road. If successful, this road would have connected Calistoga to the town of Knoxville, another prominent mining town. Construction stopped for unknown reasons. In 1876, a second attempt was made to build the road, but again it was halted for unknown reasons. Finally, from 1892-1893, the road from Calistoga to Pope Valley was completed, one fork leading to Aetna Springs Resort, another to the Oat Hill Mine.

This road is now the popular Oat Hill Mine hiking trail. This trail is part of Robert Louis Stevenson Park and intersects with the Palisades Trail. The intersection of these trails holds the historic foundations of a homestead referred to as Holm’s Place. This homestead was built in the late 1890s by Finnish settler Karl Gustov Holm. The wagons carrying heavy loads of quicksilver to the railroad in Calistoga had wooden wheels capped with steel treads to protect them from destruction. These wheels carved deep wheel ruts into the stone of the Oat Hill Mine Road and can still be seen today.

The Oat Hill Mine Trail has two trailheads. One is located at the east end of Calistoga where Highway 29 and the Silverado Trail intersect. This portion of the trail, referred to as the Lower Oat Hill Mine Trail, hikes into the Holms Place intersection. It is about 4.5 miles in length and the elevation climbs from 400 feet in Calistoga to about 4,200 feet. The Upper Oat Hill Mine Trailhead is located on Aetna Springs Road in Pope Valley and leads 3.5 miles to Holms Place. The elevation change is not drastic.

Pope Canyon Trail

This scenic trail follows the original Pope Canyon Road roadbed for about one and a half miles until the roadbed disappears into the lake. The trailhead is a couple of miles west along Pope Canyon Road from the Knoxville Road intersection. Look for a sturdy brown and yellow striped gate on the south side of the road. Small hiker signs on a post and on the gate announce the trailhead.

From the gate, the trail heads down and to the left and then follows the old road towards the main lake. Below the trail is first Pope Creek and further along the Pope Canyon arm of the lake. After about 3/4 of a mile, an old jeep trail cuts sharply to the right from the main roadbed and descends to a nice grassy shoreline that is good for a picnic.

The trail passes through fencelines which denote the boundary between Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management property, both of which are open to the public. At the end of the old road are large fields overlooking the water and scenic rock outcroppings (see photo above).

Swim and picnic here under large Oaks, being careful of rattlesnakes when walking off trail in the tall grass. Western Grebes and Osprey are often seen in this idyllic spot.

North End Trail

This especially scenic trail winds along the north shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is an easy one with limited elevation gain and wonderful views down the full length of the lake, some 10 miles away, and to the Blue Ridge to the east. With luck, you may see White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey.

This trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in the late 1970’s. Originally it had a series of split log bridges, which unfortunately deteriorated over time and had to be removed. The lack of bridges is no barrier to hiking the trail as they covered fairly shallow drainages which are currently dry.

However, there is a plan to realign the trail to a more environmentally sustainable route, away from wetlands and eroding areas. Consequently, the trail is not currently being maintained and can become faint in places where the grass has taken over. However, one cannot get lost on a trail so close to the lakeshore.

There is a series of trailheads along the road and the trail is often used by anglers for access to the shoreline. It is also a great place to find a quiet cove for picnicking and swimming. A couple of close coves can be found by accessing the trail from the Putah Creek trailhead and walking north. If you are looking for a place to launch a kayak, the Putah Creek trailhead is closest for heading up the creek, although it is a bit of a walk down to the lakeshore. La Pointe trailhead, a couple of miles down Berryessa-Knoxville Road, also leads to some quiet coves down a rather steep hill.

The Barton Hill and Gibson Flat trailheads lead to a short loop trail. Schoolhouse Cove trailhead has short and easy access to the water and can be a good place to put in a kayak or canoe. Buckhorn and Blue Monday trailheads also lead to quiet coves. Racoon Lagoon trailhead leads to an interesting creek canyon with the trail winding to the east along a steep creek bank.

Barton Hill Hike

Barton Hill is a rounded, 500-foot grassy knoll dotted with oaks on the northwest shore of Lake Berryessa. Located between the inlet streams of Putah Creek and Eticuera Creek, Barton Hill juts out into the lake. This easy hike circles the scenic knoll, overlooking inlets and coves populated with migratory birds and shorebirds. Throughout the hike are gorgeous vistas up and across the lake to the surrounding mountains.

Walk down wooden steps past the Barton Hill trail sign to the oak-dotted hillside. Head down the sloping meadow overlooking Lake Berryessa and the rugged eastern mountains across the lake. Near the shoreline, at the base of the Barton Hill, veer left and follow the footpath to the east end of the promontory. Go left and head north along the base of Barton Hill, skirting the edge of the cliffs above a rocky beach. Descend to the beach in a deep cove. Cross the beach or take the parallel footpath along the edge of the hillside cliff. Continue to the protected calm water at the west end of the cove. Walk up Gibson Flat, an open grassland rimmed with oaks. Pass through the Gibson Flat trailhead gate at Berryessa Knoxville Road. Walk 0.15 miles left on the road, completing the loop at the Barton Hill trailhead.

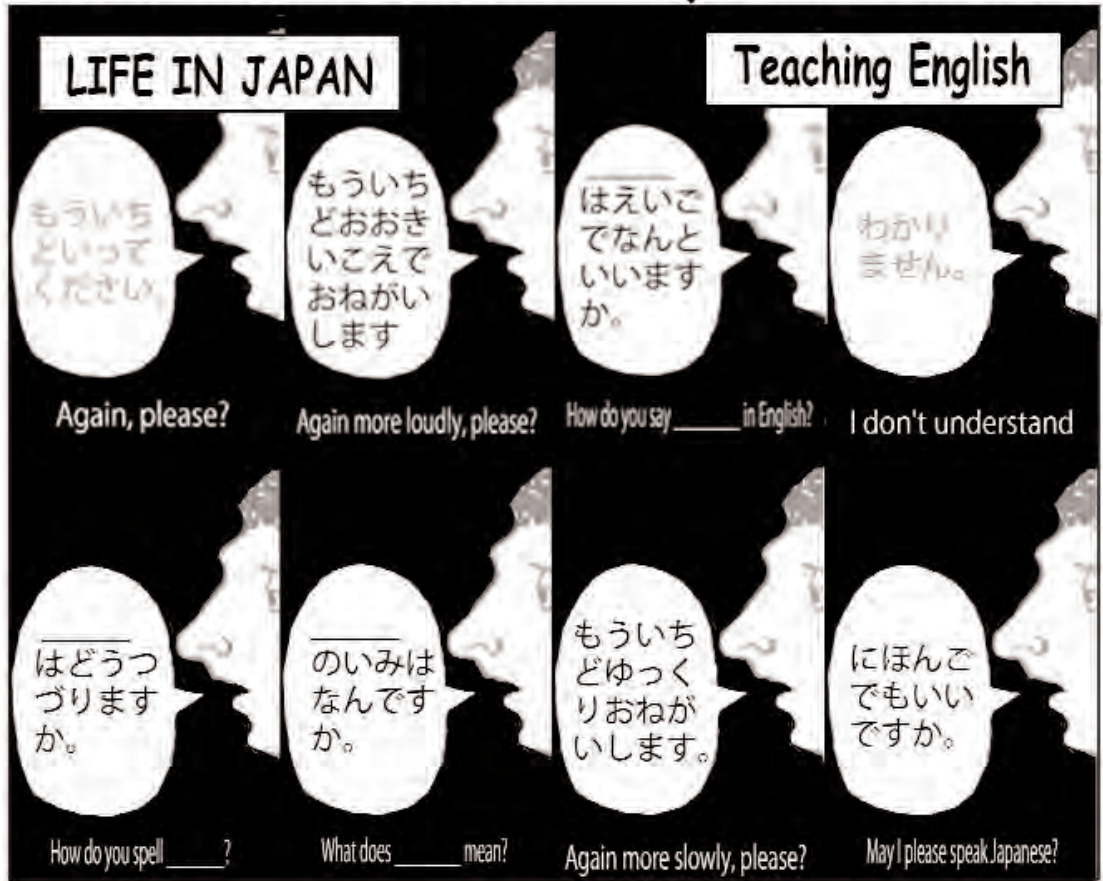
Smittle Creek Trail

This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



According to experts, English is a difficult language to learn. But try teaching it, as Bill Scholer illustrates above, to someone who reads and writes Japanese as their first language! The English language is especially complicated for people who do not have a European heritage. Because English shares some similarities with the languages of Eastern Europe, people from those countries often have more success learning English than someone from Japan or Kenya, for example.

22 Reasons Why English is Hard to Learn!

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
3. The farm was used to produce produce.
4. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
5. We must polish the Polish furniture.
6. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
7. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
22. The accountant at the music store records records of the records.

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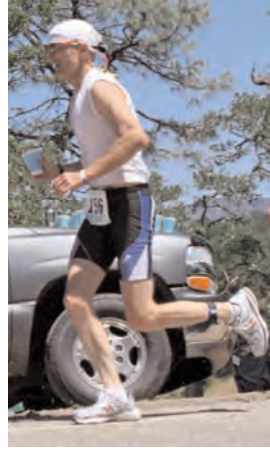
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The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is happy to announce that it will once again be providing scholarships to local High School graduates. To raise funds Pastor Bob will again, on May 5th, tackle the waters and hills of Lake Berryessa in the Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon Half Ironman event. He will (hopefully) swim 1.2 miles, bike another 55 and then run 13.1 miles to complete the event.



Last year this event raised just over \$1,000 dollars which all went to local youth graduating from Napa High Schools. This year we would like to increase this amount and you can help by pledging to the event. If you would like to support this effort you may call the church at 252-4488 and leave your number. A pledge of any amount is acceptable; pledges are for the event not per mile. Pledges will be collected after the event and last year's guarantee is still in place. If Pastor Bob does not finish you don't have to pledge! There are also pledge sheets in the community you can sign up on or e-mail Pastor Bob at Terribob@lakeberryessa.net.

Helping Hands at Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its third annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the different fundraising activities will be donated to the Chris Williams Memorial Fund. Chris recently died after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

The event starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. We will have a bake sale, car wash, and food will be available for sale. We will also be having an old-fashioned rummage sale. Community members can rent a 10' by 10' space for just \$25. The cost for a covered space (pop-up canopy provided) is \$35.

Participants keep their profits and take their left over items with them. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and earn some extra cash at the same time. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

A Grand Prix (think pinewood derby) event will also be held involving our AWANA Children's Ministry and any other local kids who would like to participate. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised more than \$600. Half of the money was donated to the Capell Valley Community Garden. The other half of the money is being held to use for expenses related to the formation of the Capell Valley Community Center. For information contact Terri Lee at the church phone 707-252-4488. The event will be held in the church parking lot which is located at Moskowite Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

Miser's Final Wish

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife." So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" she had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket." She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him.""You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did. I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a check."

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The Top Ten Myths about the FBI

Myth #10) The FBI has Nikola Tesla's plans for a "death ray"! Nikola Tesla was a prolific inventor and gifted physicist and engineer—most known for developing the basis for AC power. When Tesla died in New York in January 1943, his papers—which were thought to include plans for a particle beam weapon, dubbed a "death ray" by the press—were temporarily seized by the Department of Justice Alien Property Custodian Office ("alien" in this case means "foreigner," although Tesla was a U.S. citizen). Despite longstanding reports and rumors, the FBI was not involved in searching Tesla's effects, and it never had possession of his papers or any microfilm that may have been made of those papers.

Myth #9) The FBI has "X-Files." Yes, we do have files on some unusual phenomena—like cattle mutilation, UFOs, and Roswell—but generally only because people reported something and we made a note of it. One example is Operation Majestic 12, the supposedly secret group of government officials tasked by President Truman to study the Roswell incident. When what appeared to be a top secret document about the formation of the Majestic 12 surfaced in the 1980s, we were asked to investigate a possible breach of classified information. The Bureau concluded that the document was a fake. So, bottom line: while FBI agents chasing aliens and other supernatural creatures may make good entertainment, it's not part of our job description.

Myth #8) Elliot Ness was an FBI agent. No, actually he never was. But he did work briefly under Director J. Edgar Hoover and applied at one point to be a Bureau agent. It's a fairly complicated story, and you can read all about it and check out our public files on Ness on the FBI web site.

Myth #7) Machine Gun Kelly gave FBI agents their "G-Men" nickname. It's somewhat of a legend now that FBI agents were named "G-Men" when a scared and tired gangster named George "Machine Gun" Kelly stumbled out of his hiding place, arms held high, surrounded by lawmen, yelling "Don't shoot, G-Men, don't shoot." But in reality, Kelly may have never uttered these words. A bit of editorial license on the part of the press likely crept in...and the catchphrase ended up capturing the public's imagination.

Myth #6) The FBI prosecutes cases. We are investigators, not prosecutors. Our job is to gather the facts and evidence and present the results to the local U.S. Attorney in the Department of Justice, who decides whether or not to bring the case to trial.

Myth #5) There were no minority agents during the Hoover years. It is not true that the FBI was unwilling to hire minorities during Hoover's tenure...or (as one variation of the myth goes) was reluctant to hire minority agents until ordered to do so by President Kennedy in the early 1960s. The fact is, many minority special agents worked in the FBI from the early 1920s forward. An African-American agent named James Amos, for example, investigated major cases in New York from 1921 to

1953, while the Striders—an African-American father/son agent team in Los Angeles—served with distinction from the 1940s through the early 1970s. Hispanic Agent Manuel Sorola served in a number of our western offices from the 1920s through the 1940s, and Filipino-born Agent Flaviano Guerrero served ably in the 1940s.

Myth #4) The Bureau routinely spies on the American people. Absolutely not. We are governed by and carefully follow a well-defined set of laws, regulations, and guidelines—honed over a century of practical experience—that spell out how we can and should conduct our investigations. It's always been a delicate balance between harnessing the tools at our disposal to solve crimes and prevent attacks and upholding the civil liberties of all Americans.. While some have long predicted that the FBI would turn into a big-brother-like secret police force, that scenario simply hasn't happened. After all, we live and work in our communities and cherish our country's rights and freedoms like everyone else!

Myth #3) The FBI doesn't cooperate with other agencies. You'd think from the news media and the entertainment industry that we do everything from routinely stiffing our partners...to hogging all the credit in big cases...to simply not getting along with our colleagues. If you worked for the Bureau—and saw the close relationships and even friendships that exist between us and our partners across the country and around the globe—you'd realize that nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, there is an occasional conflict or issue (we are all humans, after all), but relationships have been exceptional over the years and improved even more since 9/11.

Myth #2) The FBI has files on every American. Some people think that the FBI has a vast range of files on all the bad things they've ever done. Not true! We keep investigative files on serious violations of federal law and major threats to our national security. We won't have a "file" on you unless you're a spy or terrorist or criminal or are suspected of being one (and we use the word "file" loosely, as we generally organize materials by cases, not individuals). Some people do appear in our files if they've provided us with information or were a victim in a case...or because an authorized third party requested information about them—but this kind of information is held under strict laws and for a legally specified period of time.

Myth #1) The FBI can't or shouldn't do intelligence. It's an old saw that has been oft-repeated since 9/11. But a century of history says differently. From our earliest moments we've used intelligence (under the laws and guidelines of the day) to get our arms around major threats and disable them—from gangsters to mobsters, from yesterday's Soviet spies to today's terrorists. The fact is, the FBI has always been both an intelligence agency and a law enforcement/national security organization...and like our police and intelligence community counterparts, gathering and sharing and acting on intelligence is part of what we do on a daily basis. We've certainly gotten better at it since 9/11, and you can bet that we'll keep improving in the days ahead.

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I'm a humble person, really. I'm actually much greater than I think I am.

There are two kinds of friends: those who are around when you need them, and those who are around when they need you.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Archeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, why isn't anything in the store is free yet?

2011 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report

The gross value of all agricultural production in Napa County was \$430,503,500 in 2011, a decrease of \$30,976,600 from the previous year. The 6.7% decrease in gross value was primarily due to a decrease in the wine grape tonnage crushed.

The total value of the 2011 wine grape crop was \$423,441,900, down 6.7%, or \$30,440,600, from the previous year, and 3.1% or \$13,434,700 lower than the previous 10-year average of \$436,876,600. Total wine grape production for 2011 decreased by 16,970 tons, or 12.2%. The total wine grape tonnage for the 2011 crop (121,872 tons from 43,581 bearing acres) was 11.5% lower than the previous 10-year average of 137,725 tons. The average price paid per ton for all wine grapes was \$3,474.

In the past several years, the top three varieties in bearing acres planted were Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot. In 2011, approximately 50,846.7 tons of Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested and sold at an average price of \$4,660 per ton. Chardonnay (6,772 acres) exceeded Merlot (5,853 acres) by 919 bearing acres, but Merlot sold at \$305 more per ton on average. Merlot production was 16,697.4 tons, valued at an average of \$2,560 per ton. Chardonnay production of 21,014.7 tons was valued on average at \$2,255 per ton. These three varieties together accounted for almost 73% (88,559 tons) of all production and over 77% (\$423,441,900) of the total wine grape value.

The value of other crops and livestock varied. Olive production decreased \$598,900, primarily due to the alternate bearing nature of olive trees. Vegetable production decreased by \$98,400 from the previous year. Floral and nursery production decreased in value by \$163,500. The value for Field Crops increased \$36,300. Livestock had an increase of \$236,200.

The number of certified organic farms rose 161. In 2011, the organic wine grape production acreage increased by 566. These statistics do not include the many vineyards that used organic practices that would qualify for organic certification, but whose owners did not choose official certification.

Almost Half of Napa County Contracts Stay in Napa

Nearly 45% of new Napa County contracts went to local vendors last year. Local contracts keep \$4.7 million in Napa County economy.

Of the 210 services and construction contracts that were awarded by Napa County in FY2010-2011, 93 of them went to businesses with mailing addresses in Napa County, the County's purchasing manager told the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. Those 93 contracts resulted in \$4,787,125 in fees paid to local businesses, out of a total of \$16,446,481.

The County's Local Vendor Preference policy for service contracts, which was adopted by the Board in December 2010, is intended to ensure that local vendors are aware of opportunities to do business with the County, and that, all qualifications being equal, local vendors are awarded contracts for services, unless that preference is not allowed by law.

The County separately applies a local vendor price preference of 5 percent on the purchases of goods, materials, supplies, equipment and vehicles.

According to the report, presented by Director of Environmental Management Steve Lederer and Purchasing Manager Jeff Brooner, Napa County vendors were sent notifications of 80 percent of all of the contracting opportunities available last year. Of all of the contracts that were awarded, 44 percent went to local vendors. Of the total dollar amount of the contracts, 29 percent went to local businesses.

The functions that awarded the most contracts were Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Works, Fire, Information Technology Services (ITS) and Probation. The functions that spent the most total money on new contracts were Public Works (both services and construction contracts), HHSA, ITS, Fire and the Auditor-Controller.

The report also outlines reasons why local vendors were not awarded some contracts. State law, for instance, requires that construction contracts go the lowest bidder. In other cases, such as IT services, there are no qualified local vendors.

Trail hiking, building and maintenance

By Bob Schneider

Many of us enjoy our local trails. Particularly well known in our own "backyard" are the Cold Canyon, Blue Ridge, Frog Pond, and Cache Creek Ridge trails. More recently many have hiked the newly constructed Valley Vista Trail. And, now Annie's Trail at the headwaters of Cold Canyon is nearing completion.

Hiking the Cold Canyon Trail is an egalitarian experience. One meets people of all ages, shapes and sizes: groups of teens, families, people of all ethnicities, and folks from Roseville, Vacaville, Woodland, Davis, Winters, Sacramento, the Bay Area, and other towns who come for short strolls or long hikes completing the full 5-mile loop. It is always nice to say hello to your fellow travelers. Conservative estimates are that over 10,000 people visit Stebbins Cold Canyon UC Reserve each year.

At times I meet folks with loppers trimming the brush back for others to enjoy the trail. I once met a kind Hispanic man digging out the spring by the bridge. That spring has water in the driest years.

It is really important to do trail maintenance correctly. I have a few suggestions:

1. Cut branches far back from the trail and as low to the ground as possible.
2. Don't cut branches at eye height. It is a safety hazard.
3. Cut branches flat across so they are not sharp and pointed. This is really important.
4. Carry loppers very carefully. They can be a dangerous tool, especially when passing others or climbing over rocks on the ridge. Be safe!
5. Watch your kids carefully to be safe. They love to help, and that is a good thing.

One of my real peeves is those folks who cut switchbacks. This destroys habitat, causes erosion, and can create a hazard for others. Many of us must then spend hours repairing and restoring the damage. Hike the trail, and encourage others to do so also.

Trails don't just appear. They are often the vision of one individual or a group of friends. Ida Merhoff was the vision behind the Blue Ridge Trail that runs from the Cache Creek low water bridge to the summit of Fiske Peak. The Bureau of Land Management, working with volunteers from the Sierra Club Yolano Group and others, spent many days building this trail that was later dedicated in Ida's memory. Last summer, Student Conservation Association crews worked on the trail.

The Valley Vista trail is built on recently acquired Yolo County park land located on Highway 16 directly across from Camp Haswell along Cache Creek. Andrew Fulks had a vision for this trail wandering 800 vertical feet up a ridge above the road. Tuleyome volunteers and youth from the Woodland Youth Coalition spent several days working to build this trail. Then, for his Eagle community project, a Boy Scout volunteer built a picnic table at the top of the trail. It is a great place for lunch with an incredible bird's eye view down the Capay Valley. Later, the trail will join the Blue Ridge trail higher up on the ridge.

The Berryessa Peak Trail is now under construction. This trail was made possible through the private donation of a trail easement across the Ahmann Ranch to reach public lands. The trail is on the west side of the Blue Ridge east of Lake Berryessa. The trail travels on an old ranch road across the Knoxville Wildlife Area, traverses the Ahmann property, and then wanders through the Bureau of Land Management Berryessa Peak unit to the peak itself. It is a strenuous trail that will be a 14-mile round trip hike gaining 2500 feet. It is nearly complete and should be done in the spring of 2012.

In 2010 with the help of many donors, Tuleyome purchased 72 acres at the headwaters of Cold Canyon. This made possible an extension of the Cold Canyon trail. Near the 2 mile marker is the start of the Tuleyome Trail. Annie's Trail is a new loop that climbs to the upper ridge. Annie's Rock, with a tremendous view 100 miles north to Snow Mountain and west to Mount St. Helena, is a great lunch spot. This trail still needs a bit of brush work, but the signs are now installed.

You can find more about these and other trails at www.tuleyome.org. Look for Tuleyome Trails. The new web page is still under construction but will be completed soon.

-- Tuleyome is a regional conservation organization based in Woodland. Bob Schneider is the Senior Policy Director. He can be reached at bschneider@tuleyome.org.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): For the next week, laws will not apply to you, which is a real pain, as you've become pretty accustomed to Newton's first and third.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a terrible week to make decisions about your love life, although to be perfectly honest, the problem's less with the week and more with you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Walk confidently in the direction of your life's dreams, but be warned that it's really quite a long walk to Sea World.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Although no one is currently keeping statistics on falcon attacks, your next few weeks will motivate several people to begin considering the necessity.

Leo (July 23-August 22): People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The great thing about dogs is they still feel the same way about you when your back is turned. In related news, you'll never see the Doberman attack coming.

Libra (September 23-October 23): While it's true there are only two kinds of people in the world, the stars believe it would be unkind to tell you just how much better than you the other one is.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): It turns out that pianos hardly ever suddenly fall out of twelfth story windows onto people, although you'll have a hard time feeling special about it.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You firmly believe that prayer is a beneficial practice for ordering your thoughts and sorting out your feelings, but only if enough people see you doing it.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You will come closer to your own elemental nature this week when a sudden lance of white-hot plasma reduces you to your component atoms.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your joy at discovering that there is indeed meaning and purpose to life is short-lived when it turns out to involve a bunch of difficult stuff that isn't a lot of fun.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your belief that nothing can stop you will be tested this week by depression, procrastination, concrete barriers, dysentery, armed gunmen, and the unanimous passage of several laws targeted specifically at stopping you.

Smith & Wesson: The original point and click interface.

It matters not whether you win or lose: what matters is whether I win or lose.

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

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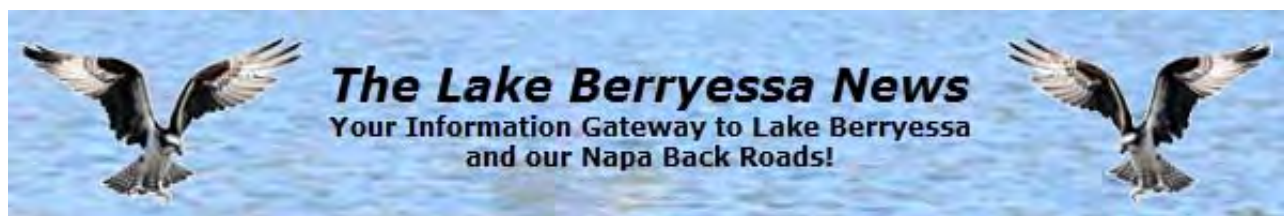
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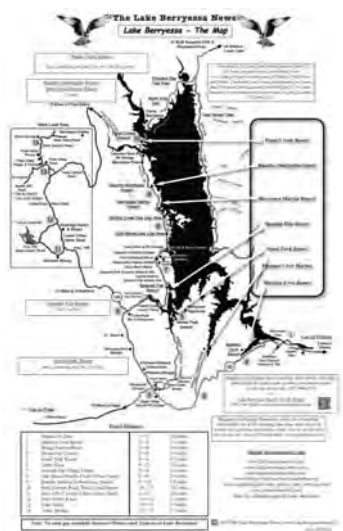
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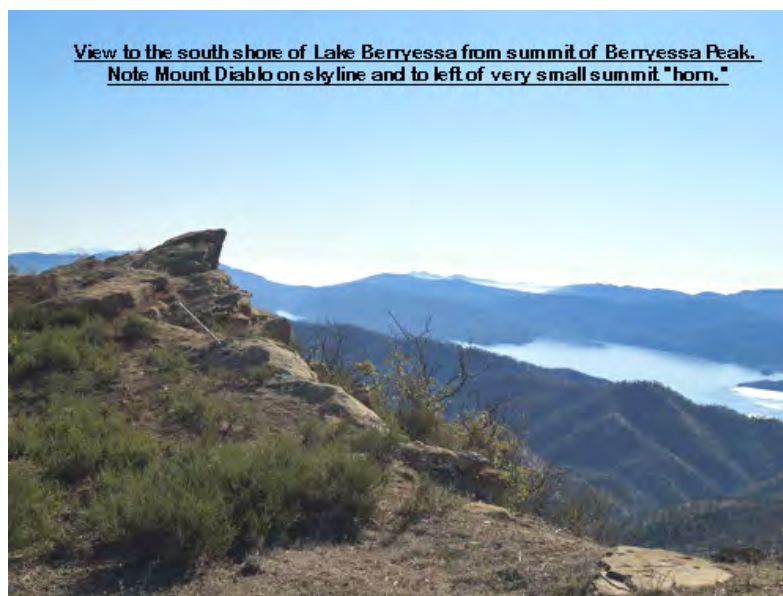
The Lake Berryessa News Report Special Edition April 1, 2013

Long-time readers of the Lake Berryessa News know that April 1 is my favorite national and international holiday - a day that makes you wonder what news stories are real enough to be silly or silly enough to be real. You be the judge. For the best April 1 stories from the Lake Berryessa News Archives go to:

[The Best of April 1st from the Lake Berryessa News](#)

Lake Berryessa Eco-Tourism: Making Berryessa Peak Accessible

Desperation Recreation, Inc. will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony today, Monday, April 1, 2013, for its new Berryessa Peak - Blue Ridge zipline venture. Following through on its stated corporate strategy, "We'll help you do anything to get a tourist dollar!," the new Lake Berryessa nature-based attraction combines the satisfaction of surviving a strenuous four hour uphill hike with the thrill of a wicked-fast ballistic descent to lake level - ending with a quiet kayak paddle home.



**View to the south shore of Lake Berryessa from summit of Berryessa Peak.
Note Mount Diablo on skyline and to left of very small "horn."**

The hike is 6 -7 miles one way. The round trip, going at a moderate pace, takes about 7 hours and 45 minutes. Recognizing that the majority of local and international ecotourists may not be attracted to such a time-consuming and physically-demanding hike, Desperation Recreation, Inc.

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April 1st Notes

"Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege."

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."-Anonymous

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."-Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

provides a more attractive downnnn option.



Ziplines would offer a different perspective and experience at Lake Berryessa. With relatively low start-up and operating costs this new recreation opportunity would provide a daily windfall of several thousand dollars, while providing public thrill-seekers the long-awaited activity of zipping from Berryessa Peak to the Lake Berryessa surface with the exhilarating speed and smoothness a bald eagle in flight. Babies and older adults are surprisingly taken by the excitement and adrenaline that comes naturally when they start flying for the first time. **See full story with photos here...**



Bureau of Reclamation Public Forum
(3/27/13)

The second Public Forum meeting in Winters on March 27, 2013, was heavy on planning details and timelines (see draft plans below), but still light on actual accomplishments. A discussion of resort names showed that a moderate consensus was building for historical and place-based names

Study Finds Newborn

Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers.

"From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

**Allie the Lake
Berryessa Alligator
sightings seem to
happen only on
April 1!**



such as Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Marina or Pope Canyon Recreation Area and Marina.

Under questioning by members of the public as to why the old names, or close approximations, could not be used, Reclamation had no definitive answer. Department of Interior attorneys had claimed there was some risk of litigation from the previous concessioners, even though no one had actually contacted the previous concessioners regarding the issue.

Reclamation expects to have a short-term contract for the future continued operation of Markley Cove signed within the next few weeks. Pleasure Cove remains open under their long-term contract and no changes to their operation are envisioned. Reclamation plans to award up to 4 interim concession contracts with up to 2 Base Years plus 1 or 2 Option Years for operation of the other resorts.

As to the important question of who will run the remaining resorts this summer, Reclamation admitted that the Markley Cove concessioner had declined to enter into a short-term contract for Steele Park, Spanish Flat, and Putah Creek. Pleasure Cove Marina was apparently still in discussions with Reclamation, but not enthusiastic about running more resorts short-term. No one asked the question, "What is Plan B?" If Pleasure Cove declines the opportunity, Reclamation must scramble to entice other companies to take on those management responsibilities. What, you say, but it's already April and the 2013 recreation season formally opens in just two months!

Reclamation stated that they have a short-term budget of \$1.5 million for this phase of the Berryessa project. That number includes a potential payment to the previous concessioner for the roads and launch ramp at Steele Park - or for their demolition and replacement. However, no final decision has been made and the parties are still in negotiations. Reclamation is also providing site security at the resorts, as well as contracting with a private security company for coverage from 6 PM to 6 AM, seven days a week.

The short-term \$1.5 million also includes upgrades to the resorts. On the list are electricity and water services, vault toilets, courtesy docks, picnic tables, fire rings, bbq grills, and other minor amenities as outlined in the Draft Plan below. Reclamation will be renting all of the equipment left behind by Pensus - tables, fire rings, courtesy docks - until the government procurement process can be kick-started. Possible, but unfunded as of now, improvements include water wells and potable water systems, RV dump stations, and a temporary launch ramp at Spanish Flat Resort.

Local concern is also focused on how quickly Reclamation can develop the new Prospectus and go out for bid on long-term contracts. Two alternative scenarios are shown below







Horoscope

Aries (3/21-4/19):

It's never too late to start your life over, but hurry, as you only have minutes left.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):

You will be upgraded with improved graphics and greater ease of use, but processor speed remains a problem.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):

Investigators from several federal agencies will conclude that the failure of an 89-cent O-ring caused you to explode over Florida.

Cancer (6/21-7/22):

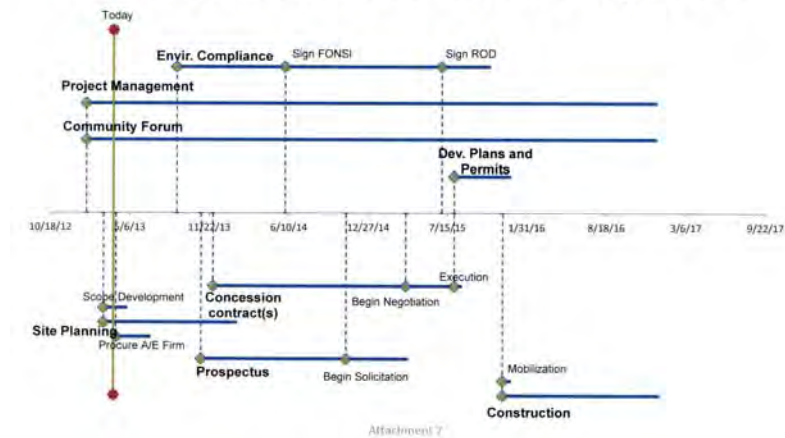
Your fascination with the Vietnam War, combined with your love of romance novels and vampire myths, cause you to produce the worst work of fiction ever.

Leo (7/23-8/22):

Awesome forces beyond your control will continue to cause pictures and sounds to

term contracts. Two alternative scenarios are shown below. The consensus at the meeting was that Alternative 1 is preferable. That alternative focuses on front-end planning and environmental assessments so that once a long-term contract is signed, construction can begin immediately. Unfortunately neither scenario shows new construction starting before the end of 2015 - best case.

Alternative 1: Planning for Site Development Before the Prospectus



Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 4/1/13

This week the water level kept dropping - by another 3.7 inches - to 429.63 feet msl or 10.37 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official Solano Irrigation District (SID) season rain total remains at 19.64 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

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April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Skype Device Passes Odors Over the Internet

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

Toyota Prius Non-Hybrid Announced

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

Instead of a gas-sipping engine and hybrid electric drive train, the non-Prius will have a Camry 268 hp V6 engine that roars down the roadway faster than a speeding Focus. Toyota decided that Treehuggers have had it too good for too long and wanted to introduce a car with power that only has the appearance of a green car.

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


Genetically Modified Fruit Grown with UPC Code

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

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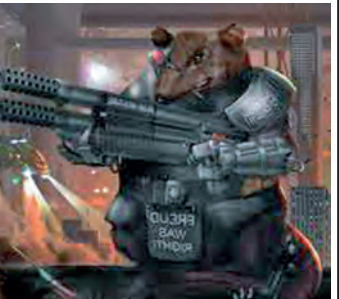

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Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats. When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found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

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

Geoffrey A. Landis







The Lake Berryessa News

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

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

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By Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

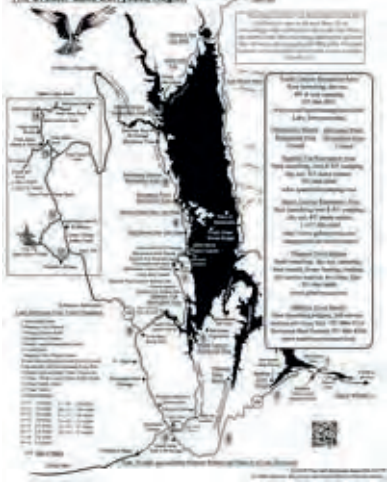
Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself will not be a single structure — it will consist of approximately fifty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate tribe. This averts any legal issues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

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

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

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

Lake Berryessa Map - Page 5



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

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

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

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

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

2 **Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa**
Genetic engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa have teamed up with scientists from the California Department of Fish and Game to create a new class of sport fishing at the lake. Although anglers love the trout, bass, kokanee, catfish, and crappie fishing at Lake Berryessa, new biological research will bring the excitement of deep sea ocean fishing to large freshwater lakes.

Genetically-modified saltwater ocean species such as Marlin and Dorado have been developed which can thrive in fresh water environments. The only difference is that the selected test species have been tailored to their more limited environments by controlling size.

Blue marlin are possibly the most sought-after marlin species. Beautiful in form, capable of spectacular fighting ability and having the potential to reach great sizes, blue marlin have inspired and continue to inspire the dedicated pursuit of thousands of skippers, crews and anglers.



Adult male Marlin in the open ocean may grow to 300 pounds and 20 feet in length. The new freshwater Lake Berryessa Marlin have been genetically-limited to grow to no more than 30 pounds and 5 feet in length – with no loss in their fighting vigor and delicate flavor.

The first stocking of this exciting new game fish is scheduled on April 1, 2016. However, there have been several secret tests of the adaptability of a limited number of the new marlin recently. The Lake Berryessa News was able to capture confidential photos of some of the tests.



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

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



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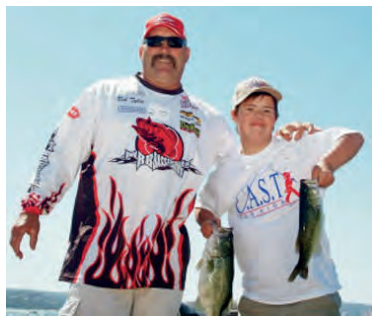
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C.A.S.T. for Kids at Lake Berryessa
The Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation, will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event at Lake Berryessa on Saturday, May 14.
The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation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

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

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



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

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

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

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!
Saturdays (Starting April 23) 12-3 p.m., Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)
Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? How much water it holds? What was there before the reservoir? Where the water goes? Get answers to these questions and more when you meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam every Saturday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 3 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Please contact a Park Ranger at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 with questions.

Paddle with a Park Ranger: Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Oak Shores Day Use Area
Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during a 2-3 hour, Park Ranger-led paddle tour. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other wildlife as the Ranger introduces you to the natural and human history of the reservoir. These outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak or canoe. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available. Participants should bring their kayak, life jackets, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water and food. Pre-registration is required. Kayaks may be available for participants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or vpayan@usbr.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

Lake Berryessa makes bid to host Running of the Bulls

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action.

All reasoning has a purpose.

- Take time to state your purpose clearly.
- Distinguish your purpose from related purposes.
- Check periodically to be sure you are still on target.

All reasoning is an attempt to figure something out, to solve some problem.

- Take time to clearly and precisely state the question at issue.
- Express the question in several ways to clarify its meaning and scope.
- Break the question into sub questions.
- Identify if the question has one right answer or is a matter of opinion.

All reasoning is based on assumptions.

- Clearly identify your assumptions and determine whether they are justifiable.
- Consider how your assumptions are shaping your point of view.

All reasoning is done from some point of view.

- Identify your point of view.
- Seek other points of view and identify their strengths as well as weaknesses.
- Strive to be fair-minded in evaluating all points of view.

All reasoning is based on data, information, and evidence.

- Restrict your claims to those supported by the data you have.
- Consider information that opposes your position as well as what supports it.
- Make sure that all information used is clear, accurate, and relevant.
- Make sure you have gathered sufficient information.

All reasoning is expressed through, and shaped by, concepts and ideas.

- Identify key concepts and explain them clearly.
- Consider alternative concepts or alternative definitions to concepts.
- Make sure you are using concepts with care and precision.

All reasoning contains inferences by which we draw conclusions.

- Infer only what the evidence implies.
- Check inferences for their consistency with each other.
- Identify assumptions that lead you to your inferences.

All reasoning leads somewhere, has implications and consequences.

- Trace the implications and consequences that follow from your reasoning.
- Search for negative as well as positive implications.
- Consider all possible consequences.

Corporate Tattoos in Kids' Future?

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

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The Following Notice was scheduled for release on the Internet on April 1, 2014! (And remember that everything you read on the Internet must be true!) However, due to the traditional complications affecting anything managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, the actual announcement was delayed two years.

Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam (but Sierra Club Protests)

BOR officials announced that, after decades of rumors, Monticello Dam will finally be raised 10 feet as part of their redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa. Napa County signed away most of its original water rights to the lake and now Solano County is being pressured by Budweiser to supply more water to its brewery.

To protect sensitive wildlife habitat, the BOR will build a 15 foot tall dike around the shoreline. The Sierra Club, which originally agreed to help fund a 165 mile trail around the lake, agrees that if the dike is built it should become the "trail around the lake": a win-win multi-use solution.

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

However, the Sierra Club also proposed an alternative plan to drain the lake completely and rebuild the Town of Monticello as affordable housing for Napa County. The Sierra Club believes this would be the simplest solution to eliminating the legal problems surrounding the BOR's fiasco with the present resort contracts – just get rid of the lake and create a mega-trail amusement park.

The Bureau of Reclamation wishes to make everyone aware that their alleged "destruction of Lake Berryessa" was nothing of the sort. Despite protests by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and residents, Reclamation claims that their elimination of resorts and launch ramps was only a clever way to limit lake usage so that they can proceed with building the dike without interference from those pesky visitors.

Onion Headlines

Family Has Strict No Smartphone Rule While Eating Dinner In Front Of TV

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April 15, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Big Lie

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

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

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

development at the lake.

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

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

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

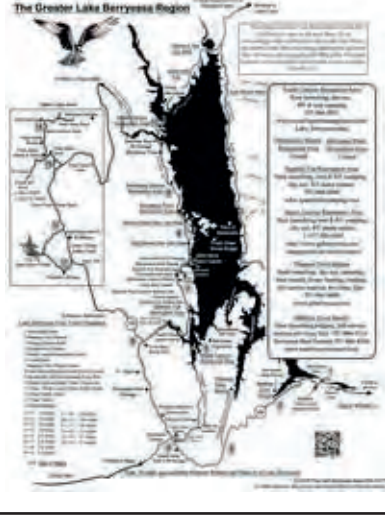
At Lake Berryessa all development, construction, and management had been left to concessionaires who had to finance the costs of these activities.

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

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

(To be continued.)

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Meet the Candidates for District 4 Supervisor

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

Monday, April 18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM,
Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193
Capell Valley Road.

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

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

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

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

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

Pull over when someone wants to pass!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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



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



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



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The Miami News - Jan 29, 1964
Great Buffalo Chase

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

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

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

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April 15 Horoscopes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!

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

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6 **Flowers and Fire at Lake Berryessa**

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Oakland – the big fuel loads have finally dried out.

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

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

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

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



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Lake Berryessa Resort Revenues (2009) (These were the latest figures prior to the demolition of all resorts.)				
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Berryessa Marina	\$1.61M	\$3.3M	\$0.76M	47%
Putah Creek	\$1.03M	\$4.15M	\$0.38M	37%
Rancho Monticello	\$3.32M	\$11.22M	\$2.1M	63%
Spanish Flat	\$2.09M	\$4.06M	\$0.78M	37%
Steele Park	\$2.62M	\$9.59M	\$0.66M	25%
Markley Cove	\$1.09M	\$6.48M	0	
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Fishing with Sid at Lake Berryessa

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

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

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

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

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



Park Potential for Former Capell Valley School Site

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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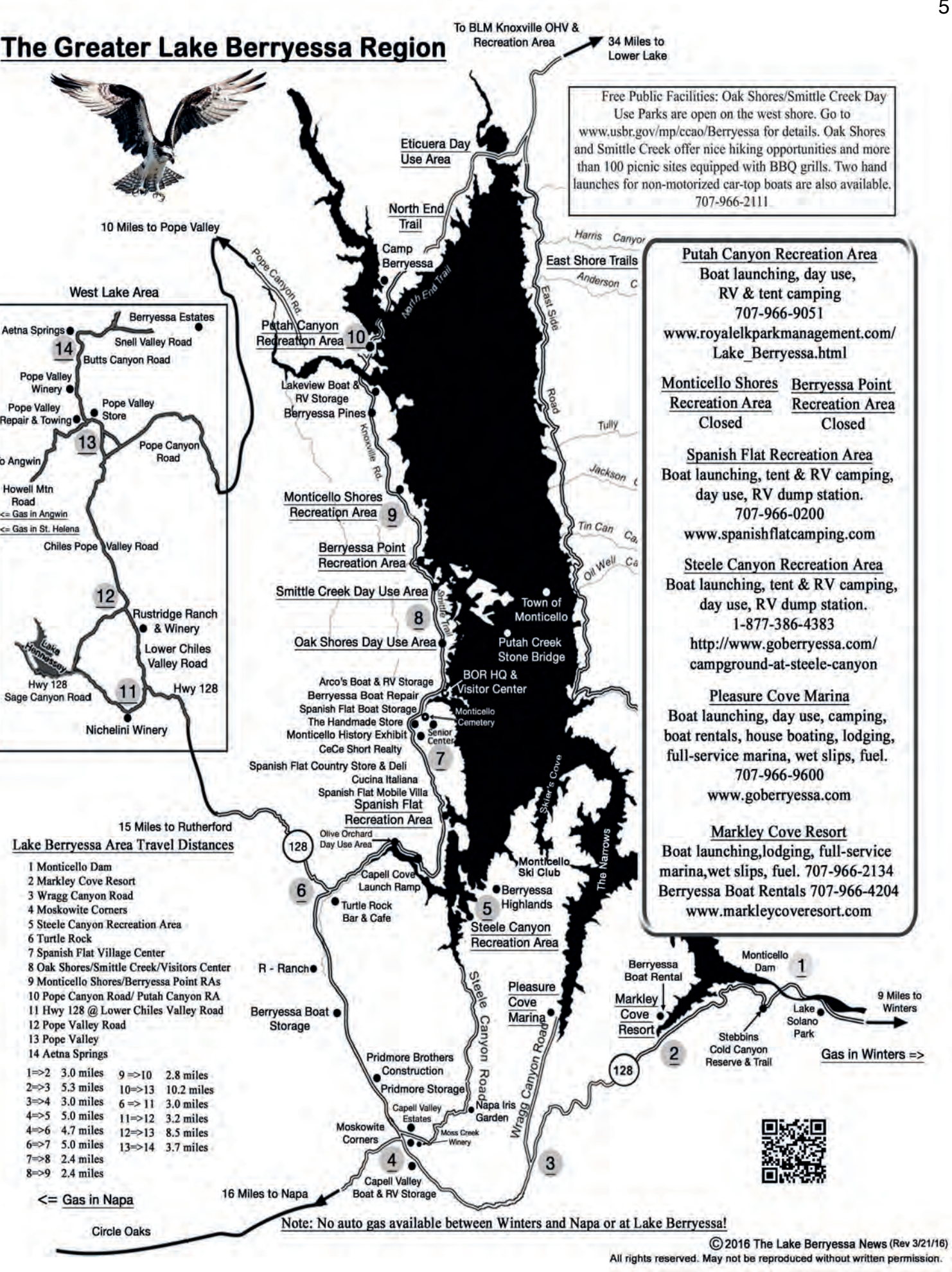
Despite the recent .55 inches of rain, the lake level has decreased .24 inches to 411.05 feet - 28.95 feet below Glory Hole - about 1 foot to go to get to last year's "high" point of 412.07. The lake has been essentially stable for the last two weeks.

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

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

Date	Rain (in)	Cum Rain	Level (ft)	Daily Rise (ft)
3/1/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/2/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/3/16	0	14.35	401.48	0
3/4/16	0.03	14.38	401.47	0
3/5/16	0.95	15.33	402.07	.6
3/6/16	2.28	17.61	403.17	1.1
3/7/16	1.12	18.73	403.93	.76
3/8/16	0.02	18.75	404.16	.23
3/9/16	0.08	18.83	404.28	.12
3/10/16	0.01	18.84	405.1	.82
3/11/16	1.28	20.12	406.4	1.3
3/12/16	0.63	20.75	407.26	.86
3/13/16	1.02	21.77	408.27	1.01
3/14/16	0.3	22.07	408.95	.68
3/15/16	0	22.07	409.27	.32
3/16/16	0	22.07	409.47	.2
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3/18/16	0	22.07	409.79	.17
3/19/16	0	22.07	409.87	.08
3/20/16	0	22.07	409.97	.1
3/21/16	.19	22.26	410.23	.26
3/22/16	.4	22.66	410.23	0
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3/25/16	0	22.66	410.73	.11
3/26/15	0	22.66	410.79	.06
3/27/16	0	22.66	410.86	.07
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3/29/16	0	22.66	410.90	.03
3/30/16	0	22.66	410.92	.03
3/31/16	0	22.66	410.95	.03
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4/6/16	0	22.66	411.04	.01
4/7/16	0	22.66	411.04	0
4/8/16	0	22.66	411.05	.01
4/9/16	.13	22.79	411.06	.01
4/10/16	.39	23.18	411.07	.01
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Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

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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

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St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

Although April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools Day, the date has also become a holy day for some churches such as the Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco. Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade. St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself. Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public, as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many. This issue of the Lake Berryessa News includes several stories I hope you enjoy and which only you can decide if true.

One of the best historical examples which I saw as a child was about the "spaghetti trees". BBC television ran a famous hoax in 1957, showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They had claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees. That hoax sparked my imagination. The Lake Berryessa News has enjoyed printing April Fools's Day articles for many years. Many people actually believed our stories and spread them around social media. The local Bureau of Reclamation staff recently told me they still get calls asking whether the stories were true! Here are some of the most popular (especially the first two):

Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa

Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam 10 Feet and Build a 15 Foot Tall Dike Around the Shoreline. Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers All Agree the Dike Can Become the "Trail Around the Lake" !

Lake Berryessa Snowfall Sparks Pensus to Propose Indoor Ski Hill on Lake Shore

Genetic Engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa Have Created Genetically-Modified Miniature Marlin and Dorado to Excite Lake Anglers.

Berryessa Genetic Engineering Start-Up Creates 6' Long "Superworms" To Turn Garden Waste into Soil

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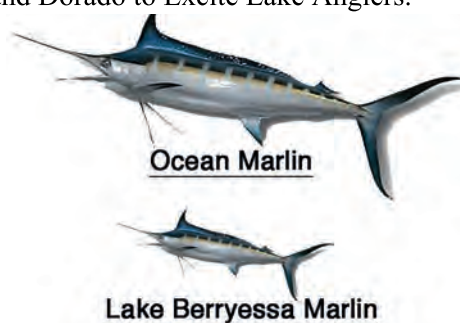
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Special April 1st Holiday Edition - If It's in The Lake Berryessa News It Must Be True!

Glory Hole Declared a National Infrastructure Treasure

Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole Spillway rose to international prominence in early 2017 due to detailed reporting and drone videos by the Lake Berryessa News. Millions of people around the country and the world followed Lake Berryessa's filling and Glory Hole's spilling, a phenomenon which hadn't been seen for more than a decade. The lake rose more than 45 feet in four months, the second largest annual rise in the lake's history. This brought the level to 443.6 feet msl (above mean sea level) - the second highest level in the lake's history.

These events brought Lake Berryessa to the attention of the National Infrastructure Treasures Society (NITS) which annually nominates a major example of United States infrastructure to be added to the list of engineering marvels of benefit to society.

The design wisdom of the Bureau of Reclamation incorporated in the construction of Monticello Dam and its Morning Glory Spillway stood out this rainy year, especially in comparison to the spillway failures at the Lake Oroville dam.

The NIT pickers at NITS were aided in their deliberations by engineering consultants Bohre & Ringge Design, experts at picking NITs. After the selection of Glory Hole as 2017 winning NIT, Bohre-Ringge President, Eima Bohre, commended his partner Knowse Ringge and the entire Bohre-Ringge staff on their NIT picking success.

Both President Donald Trump and Governor Jerry Brown, in an inspirational show of bipartisan cooperation, will be on hand for the Glory Hole dedication scheduled for April 1, 2017. The photo below is an artist's conception of the event.



Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, Wisdom is knowing not to use it in a fruit salad.

Glory Hole to be Lowered to Attract More Tourists

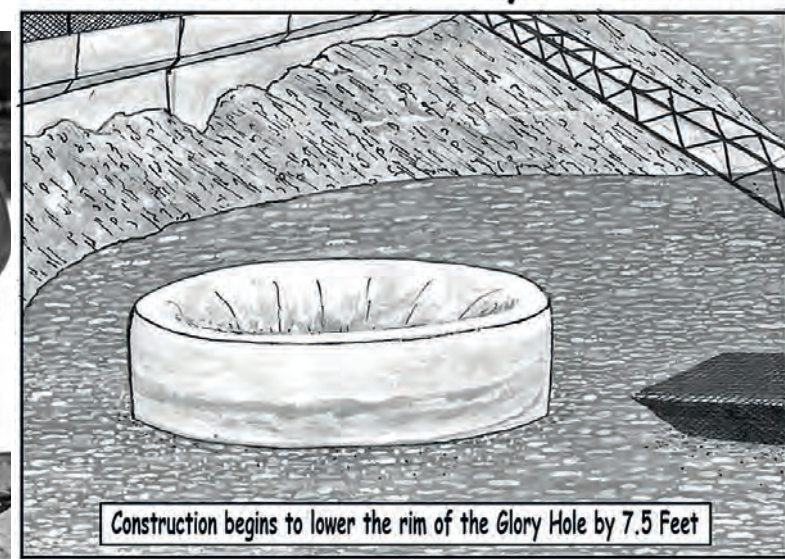
The alteration to the Glory Hole depicted in this Bill Scholer cartoon is part of the latest plan for enhancing the tourist draw for Lake Berryessa. As part of the Renaissance Lake Berryessa project, the rim of the Glory Hole (aka Morning Glory Spillway) would be lowered several feet so that the lake would overflow more often. This would enhance the Glory Hole as a tourist attraction to the benefit of the local economy. Glory Hole has only spilled 26 times in Lake Berryessa's 58 year history

This year's excitement as Lake Berryessa filled and Glory Hole spilled, brought many new visitors and created noticeable additional business activity in the Lake Berryessa region and the City of Winters.

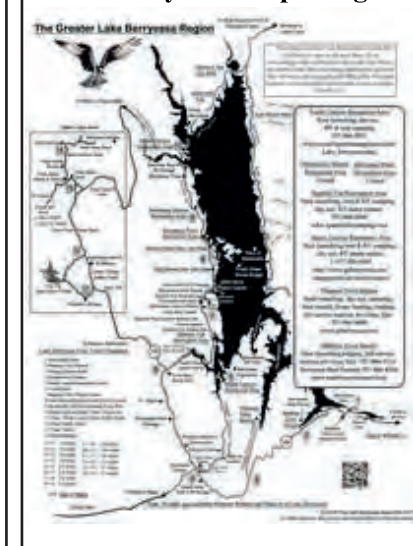
Much of this activity was due to the constant excitement created by Lake Berryessa News reporting, especially the Lake Berryessa News Drone videos which received literally millions of views on YouTube and was reported around the world. Our video was picked up by the National Geographic and that post is now at more than 13,500,000 views!

Meanwhile Napa County project to determine the feasibility of taking over management of Lake Berryessa by signing a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation continues in a positive manner. Supplementing the ongoing marketing research, a survey was developed by the consulting firm to determine what people would like to see at the lake. More than 3,000 responses have been received. The goal is to present an updated report to the Supervisors in the May/June time frame.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



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Should April 1 Now Become a National Holiday?

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries.

The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies, and neighbors, or sending them on fool's errand, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

IKEA product recall.



We wish to apologise to any customers who received left-handed allen keys with IKEA products between 01/01/12 and 31/03/12. To exchange your incorrect key, we'll provide a swap box at the store entrance tomorrow as we are closed today, April 1.

What's Inside Cheeze Whiz?

Explore the secrets of one of the world's most unnatural foods.

Whey: The cheese-making process removes 80 to 90 percent of milk's moisture, some of which is in the form of liquid whey proteins. This byproduct is usually thrown out, but Kraft plows it back into Easy Cheese to increase volume (filler!) – and passes the savings along to you.

Canola oil: Keeps the cheese from solidifying.

Salt: Increases the osmotic transport of moisture, speeding up the cheese-drying process. It also inhibits bacterial growth—in other words, it's a preservative. Easy Cheese has twice the sodium of typical organic cheddar.

Sodium citrate: The sodium in this compound exchanges ions with the calcium in the milk and "softens" the water-soluble portion of the cheese, enabling it to mix thoroughly with the fat-soluble component. That's called emulsification. The citric acid-derived citrate boosts the sour "bite" of cheddar.

Sodium phosphate: Degreaser, preservative, urine acidifier, enema ingredient – is there anything Na3PO4 can't do? Here, it's another emulsifying agent. Proponents of natural cheese cited this additive when lobbying to have Kraft's products regulated as "embalmed cheese." The Feds settled on the less-mortifying "process cheese."

Calcium phosphate: Sodium phosphate tends to make calcium unavailable to the body. So it's possible that calcium phosphate has to be added to make Easy Cheese healthier. It also makes it legal for Kraft to label every can "an excellent source of calcium."

Lactic acid: Bacteria, either found naturally in milk or added in the cheesemaking process, digest the milk sugar lactose and produce lactic acid. It tastes a bit sour, because that's how your taste buds interpret hydrogen ions, a key component of every acid.

Sodium alginate: Every good processed food has seaweed extract, and Easy Cheese is no exception. Alginate, a gum found in the cell walls of brown algae, is flavorless but increases viscosity.

Apocarotenal: This yellow-orange pigment, found in spinach and citrus fruits, enhances the color of processed cheese.

The can: Easy Cheese is not a true aerosol – the food never comes in contact with propellant. The can has two sections: The bottom is filled with nitrogen gas, and the top with cheese. Press the nozzle and the nitrogen pressure pushes the cheese out of the can. The nozzle is notched for two reasons: To produce those pretty little floret patterns when the cheese is released, and to ensure that the tasty condiment comes out even if the end of the nozzle is pushed right up against the cracker.



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I see you have set aside this special time to publicly humiliate yourself.

I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.

Ahhh, I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.

I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.

You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.

I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't give a damn.

I am already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.

I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.

Thanks! We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

The fact that no one understands you does not mean you are an artist.

Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.

What am I? Flypaper for freaks?

I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.

It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of karma to burn off.

Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.

I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.

I'll try being nicer if you try being smarter.

Chaos, panic and disorder. My work here is finally done.

Lake Berryessa News Drone Visits Pope Valley Elementary School

Students at the Pope Valley Elementary School had a fun presentation recently, learning about how the Lake Berryessa News tells the stories of the region and keeps a historical record for all. Also, of course, they got a Lake Berryessa News Drone demonstration. The video on YouTube is for all the students and fans of the Pope Valley Elementary School. What a great place to be inspired!

**The drone was fun for all
to watch, but
we also talked about:**

**Community Newspapers
Regional History
Writing/Storytelling
Video/Photography
Drone Technology
Drone Rules and Safety
Various Jobs**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OWpVYSnv3E

Here is some information from the school website:

"Pope Valley Elementary School is the smallest and most isolated school in Napa County. It is a single-school district whose board consists of local volunteers, three of whom also volunteer for the local fire department. Pope Valley Elementary School serves about 60 students from kindergarten to the eighth grade. While students typically matriculate to St. Helena High School, students may attend any high school when leaving Pope Valley.

The students at Pope Valley Elementary School are taught in four classes with experienced and highly-qualified teachers, instructional aides, and a dedicated support staff. One of the aides manages the after school program while the other is one of two bus drivers. The school's 5th-8th grade language arts and social studies teacher also serves as principal and superintendent.

We Believe in Character Development Education

Pope Valley Elementary School will be expanding its focus on character development education during the 2016-2017 school year. The school has adopted the Six Pillars of Character and the Character Counts! program. Students in all grades will learn about the six traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. They will learn how their actions and words affect others and how having a strong character leads to success."

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10 **Rattlesnakes: Friend or Enemy – or just a primal fear?**

By Peter Kilkus

Above the Berryessa Highlands we’ve regularly had close encounters with rattlesnakes in spring and summer. We had an adventure getting one out of our kitchen a couple of years ago. One just slithered between our friends on our shooting range last weekend. There’s nothing quite like walking down a trail and coming upon a coiled rattlesnake looking you in the eye – the cold flash of adrenaline you feel.

I once chased a 3-footer off our road and it did something I’ve never seen. When I threw a rock at it, it gave a loud (kind of scary) rattle, then jumped into the lower branches of some tightly packed bushes and zipped away without touching the ground as far as I could follow it.

Rattlers have good vision to at least 15 feet away under moderate illumination. The eyes are set so far to the sides of the head that they have only a limited field of binocular (stereo) vision. This may result in their moving their head from side to side as they try to get a good picture of something. Rattlers are too slow to outrun or dodge even the slowest of their enemies, thus the need for good long-range vision.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

A friend sent me a photo of a king snake eating a rattlesnake on the deck of neighbor’s house in Wragg Canyon. The king snake was tightly coiled around the rattler and half the rattlesnake was already inside the king snake.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are “dry,” meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

Do’s and don’ts in snake country:

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can

be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.

When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand - use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks, trees, woodpiles, abandoned buckets or tires.

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood.



Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before.

Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

When you hear a rattle or loud hiss, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee.

Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening. Look behind you before

you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake.

Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.

Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake.

This usually happens when a snake assumes an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached.

A rattlesnake is a heavy-bodied, blunt-tailed snake with one or more rattles on the tail. It has a triangular-shaped head, much broader at the back than at the front, and a distinct “neck” region. The rattlesnake also has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which is a heat-sensing pit. The eyes are hooded with elliptical pupils.

Additional identifying characteristics include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles, which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

What to do if bitten.

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where

you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water

Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area

Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally “hemotoxic” which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours.

The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

Effects depend on the amount of venom injected. Approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

Spring is the period of greatest activity. Emerging from winter hibernation, they are hungry and looking for mates, as this is also the breeding season. During this time they will eat prodigiously, look for females to court, and will battle competing males. During these times of stress, and when trying to eat and when in their opaque stage several days before they are ready to shed, they are most likely to act aggressively.

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Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers.

"From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher

Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

April 1st Notes

"Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege."

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."- Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

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A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually.

If at first you don't succeed, you'll get a lot of free advice from folks who didn't succeed either.

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough.

4 Alligators in Lake Berryessa?

Speaking of adventures at the lake, Allie the Lake Berryessa Alligator, apparently first seen many years ago at Steele Park, seems to have returned.

At that time rumor had it that someone had released a pet alligator at an unnamed resort during the April Fool’s Day holiday prior to 2012. Strangely - or simply coincidentally - all sightings of Allie seem to have occurred on April 1.

There had been a couple of unverified sightings by resort guests and a claim by someone that something alligator-like attacked his dog along the shore of the Steele Park marina. Fish and Game was notified. Several people took their boats out in search of the creature.

In 2012 I had received an alligator sighting photo at Jumping Rock from a local resident. When I posted it on my Lake Berryessa News Facebook page, I recieved more than 5,000 hits and 150 comments.

This sighting of Allie, the Lake Berryessa Alligator, also seen several years previously at Steele Park, convinced some residents that they now had a serious tourist attraction to kick-start our local economy which had been devastated by the closure and demolition of most of the resorts in 2008-2009.

The Lake Berryessa News investigative team verified that someone saw something, but no one confirmed an anything. More likely the original culprit was a large catfish. No dog was actually attacked, but a woman walking a dog saw a large shadow in the water. The next day an 18 pound catfish was caught in the same area!

Alligator sightings stopped for several years as the lake level continued to drop. Allie may have been enjoying her perch on the side of a dry Glory Hole.

However, the rapid rise of the lake this year seems to have encouraged her to come out of hiding.

The Lake Berryessa News cannot confirm the validity of this set of photos, but based on the “alternative facts” approach of modern fake news, we cannot deny their authenticity either.



April Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The stars foresee a second job promotion in the days to come, though they should probably be telling Dave about it instead of you.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Despite the offer of a brand new car, an all-expense-paid trip to Greece, and a four-piece living room set, you’ll once again go for the box with the question mark on it.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Everyone wants to live forever, but in your case it would just mean more time being chased by an angry swarm of bees.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Your extremely trying week will not be improved by your decision to deal with all problems by leaning on the horn.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You should have more folding chairs around. If wrestlers come over and can’t find one, they’ll use something else.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Millions will be rescued this week when the Red Cross deploys thousands of desperately needed words to the site of an unspeakable tragedy.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You must admit that you’re sleeping better than ever, but it’s kind of unpleasant to wake up every morning with a blowgun dart in the back of your neck.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: Well, the stars tried, but somehow, you’ve been left more or less in control of your own destiny this week.








Libra (9/23-10/22): For centuries, great thinkers have contemplated the purpose of life. It’s best to just relax and assume they’ve figured it out.


Scorpio (10/23-11/21): If you’ve ever regretted not pursuing a career in bullfighting, this week may bring an accidental chance to start over.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Don’t take it personally: Someone had to be the cutoff point for who does and doesn’t get on the Emergency Earth-Escape Rocket.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your bold, take-no-prisoners attitude has made you who you are today: one of the least successful criminal prosecutors in the country.



Bass	Catfish	Other Fish at Berryessa
 <small>Largemouth Bass (<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>)</small>	 <small>Bullhead Catfish (<i>Ictalurus dolomeieu</i>)</small>	
Fishing for bass is an exciting experience, and keeping their feeding habits in mind makes finding them much more likely.	Catfish are the bottom feeders of Lake Berryessa. Species such as channel catfish , bullhead catfish and white catfish live in the lake.	Although not generally popular among anglers, Lake Berryessa supports several other types of fish besides the common game fish. The most prevalent of these is the carp , a large orange-colored fish. Originally from Asia, carp are the most widespread introduced fish species in U.S. lakes and streams, and they tend to compete with native fish for food and space. Carp can often be seen circling among the weeds in nearly every shallow cove around Berryessa. Although often regarded as inedible by local anglers, carp are considered a delicacy in many cultures, and they put up a thrilling fight when hooked.
Size: Largemouth bass – 15 to 20 inches Smallmouth bass – 12 to 18 inches Spotted bass (<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>) – 12 to 17 inches	Size: 2-4 lbs on average, but they can grow enormous in deeper parts of the lake, often exceeding 20 lbs	 <small>Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)</small>
Difficulty: Because of the technique and skill required to catch these fish and the thrill of hooking a large one, many anglers consider bass to be the ultimate game fish of Lake Berryessa.	Difficulty: Catfish are abundant and easily caught in almost every part of the lake.	
Where and when: Bass spawn in the spring, when they can be found feeding in shallow areas for most of the day. In the summer, they generally spend their nights resting in deep water, but they move to shallow water to feed in the morning and evening. These areas usually have vegetation or other structures to attract minnows, flies or other small creatures which bass feed on. In addition, these shallow areas tend to be close to the deep waters where bass rest; therefore, many anglers fish for them along points or steep ridges and the shallow areas along the edge. Fishermen often say that rocky points, floating vegetation, docks or coves filled with trees are prime bass habitat.	How to catch them: To catch catfish, almost all anglers simply sink natural bait to the bottom of the lake, keep the line taut and wait for a bite. The baits most widely used include nightcrawlers, chicken livers, clams, hot dogs or anything with a strong odor. Placing a small bell or bobber at the end of a taut line will alert the angler to a fish strike.	Another fish which Berryessa supports is the native Sacramento pikeminnow . These large silver fish are actually giant minnows, and they often fool anglers who are pursuing the more popular trout or bass. They are typically considered inedible because of their bony meat, but, like the carp, they put up a strong fight for any angler who hooks them.
How to catch them: Every angler seems to have their own belief about the best bass lure. The most popular are floating plugs, spinner baits, rattling lures, plastic worms or a simple live worm or minnow.	 <small>White Catfish (<i>Ameiurus catus</i>)</small>	 <small>Sacramento Pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>)</small>
 <small>Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomeieu</i>)</small>	 <small>Channel Catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>)</small>	Berryessa contains a wide variety of minnows, including the golden shiner (<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>) and the threadfin shad (<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>). Lake Berryessa’s waters also support many other species of fresh water organisms including crayfish, clams and otters.

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East Shore Wildlife Area

The east shore of Lake Berryessa is an undeveloped wildlife area backed by cattle ranches. The well maintained gravel East Shore Ranch and Fire Access Road allows public access for almost six miles of the shoreline starting from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and extending south to a turn-around loop.

The area between the road and the water is the East Shore Wildlife Area. The road provides public access to the Wildlife Area as well as ranch and fire access. The Wildlife Area extends south from the end of the gravel road to the dam and is accessible by foot.

There are two pedestrian access gates through the fence that runs on the lake side of the road. The first gate (labeled E1) is 0.2 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the northern end of the Wildlife Area. Parking is available across the gravel road and a short distance to the north of the gate.

The second gate (labeled E14 -) is 5.5 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the middle of the Wildlife Area. Short trails lead from each gate to the shore. A large variety of raptors and water fowl may be viewed from the trails including White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles, Western Grebes, Cormorants and many species of ducks.

While the entire Wildlife Area is open to hikers and bird watchers, visitors should be aware that rattlesnakes inhabit the tall grass and thistle that cover much of the area. [Signs posted on the fences](#) give regulations governing the Wildlife Area. There are 15 numbered metal gates (labeled E1 to E15) along the public access road. Hikers may climb over any of these gates to access the Wildlife Area.

Note that the somewhat confusing "Closed Area" signs mean only that the area behind the sign is closed to off-road vehicle use. Unless otherwise noted, foot access is allowed and hikers are welcome.

All of the land to the east (away from the lake) side of the road is private property and not open to the public. The ranch houses are not appropriate sources of information, water or bathroom facilities; contact ranchers in case of emergency.

Smittle Creek Trail

This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

As you wind along the shore, look for the Bald Eagle nest high in a tree on Big Island. This is an active breeding nest and Bald Eagles are frequently seen along the trail.

For information, visit the Bureau of Reclamation Visitor's Center which is about a mile south of the Oak Shores entrance. There you may obtain a more detailed map showing restrooms along the trail. This trail map is also available at the trailheads.

North End Trail

This scenic trail winds along the North Shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is a moderate hike with views of Blue Ridge and the full length of the lake. White Pelicans, Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey live along the shoreline.

Trail Distances

Putah Creek to La Pointe: 1.6 Miles
La Pointe to Schoolhouse Cove: 1.2 Miles
Schoolhouse Cove to K6: 1.5 Miles

Legend

- Trail
- Trail Entrance and Parking
- Restroom

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Scale (Miles)

Guidelines

The trail provides shoreline access for picnics and fishing. Parking is provided in pullouts near the trail entrances. Please be alert for poison oak and ticks in this area. Dogs on leash are allowed. Camping and fires are not allowed. Enjoy the trail.

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Pope Canyon Trail

Starting from the West Gate, this trail follows the original Pope Canyon Road for 1.6 miles to the lake. The deep canyon offers quiet solitude with several shoreline grassy areas for picnics and fishing.

The short trail segment starting near the main lake is a popular gathering place for groups to socialize.

Legend

- Trail
- Future Trail
- Trail Entrance and Parking
- Restroom

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The Bureau of Reclamation Encourages You To Visit Lake Berryessa This Summer

Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake, and Reclamation staff want to offer some suggestions for a successful and safe summer season.

Reclamation Facilities are Open

The Dufer Point Visitor Center is open from 12-3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until April 1. On April 1, we will add weekday hours from 12-3 p.m. and expand weekend hours to 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Through September 2017, visitors have the opportunity to explore the *Wild about Wetlands* exhibit on loan from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Oak Shores Day Use Area, will extend its hours of operation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the north end of Oak Shores will be open to day use.

The Capell Cove Boat Launch is now open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m., is free of charge, and is anticipated to be open all summer.

Make Your Reservations

Oak Shores Day Use Area offers six large group shade shelters at Acorn Beach, Foxtail Flat and Coyote Beach. Group shelters are very popular and can be reserved for groups of up to 50. Reservations are \$25 per shelter per day and can be made at <http://www.recreation.gov>. No entrance fee is charged for Oak Shores. For more information, or to organize a larger event, please contact the Lake Berryessa Park Ranger Office at 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. For information regarding operations and services at concession-operated facilities or to make reservations, please call:

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Locals expect to see a busy summer season, and many visitors have already made reservations for camping and day use sites around the lake, with some camping locations already close to full for Memorial Day weekend! Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead this summer as the campgrounds will be busy. Summer weekdays are usually less crowded and are a good option for those looking to camp.

Plan for a Safe Visit

For those boating this year, be on the lookout for hazards, both floating and submerged. All Coast Guard and State of California rules for navigation and boat operation apply and are strictly enforced by the Napa County Sheriff's Office.

There's never been a better time for a swim at Lake Berryessa but please remember:

Never swim alone

No lifeguards are present at Lake Berryessa



Children should always wear life jackets and be supervised near water

The lake bottom is uneven and features sudden drop-offs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that up to 70 percent of adult and adolescent water recreation deaths are alcohol related. Sun exposure and heat compound to intensify alcohol's effect on balance, coordination and judgement, so please use caution this summer.

Park Rangers at Oak Shores Day Use Area operate a life jacket loaner program that lends both children and adult-sized life jackets for the day. Contact any staff member of the Day Use Area to take advantage of this free safety program.

Campfires are only permitted within campfire rings in established campgrounds. Personal charcoal barbecue grills are not allowed anywhere at Lake Berryessa.

Those wishing to barbecue with charcoal must use the grills provided in established campgrounds and Day Use Areas.

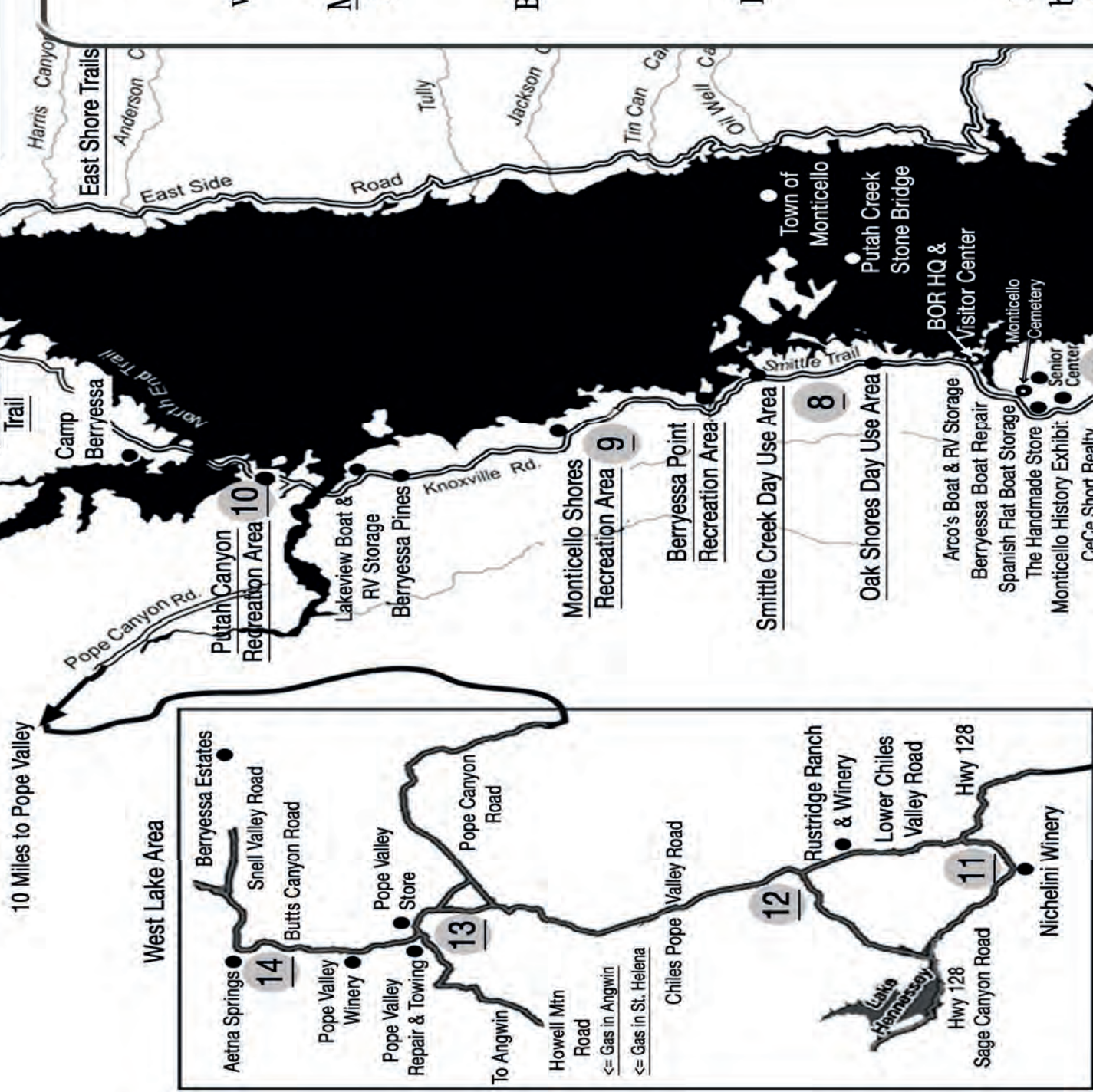
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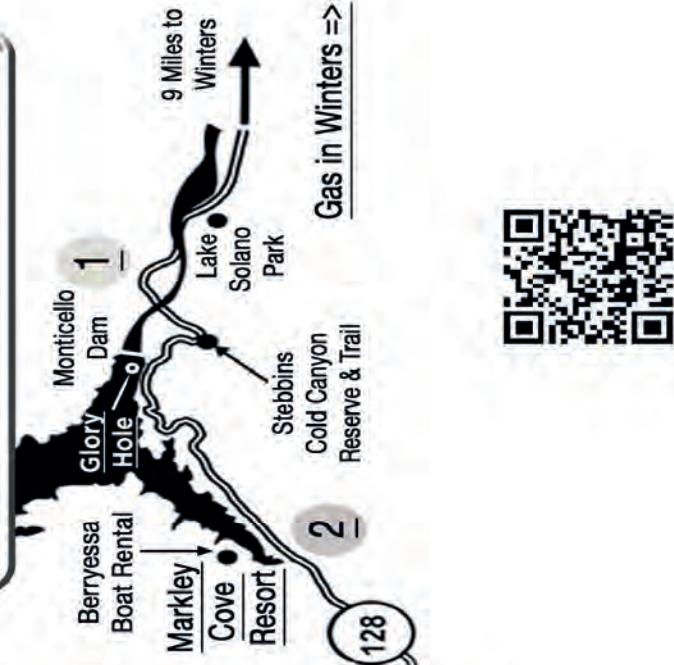
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Stephen Gort of Circle Oaks and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation helped guide us and get us off to a great start.

The Circle Oaks FSC and John Hallman with the Berryessa Estates FSC were fantastic role models for us, showing our community that in time, great things can be accomplished.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors recognized this need and provided just enough funding each year to get plenty done!

Each member of the BHFSC has contributed over the years keeping this team going strong. Thank you Susan, Jim, Jerry, Larry, Marc, Evan, Debbie, Don, Carl, Cynthia, and the late Wendy Wallin.

The CAL Fire Chiefs and Captains that did the paperwork and found ways and funding to support the work and make it happen!

The CAL Fire firefighters who worked overtime the first few years to help supervise crews and get the projects off to a safe start.

Napa County Roads, BOR, and NBRID have all been fantastic partners supporting the work however and whenever they could.

Berryessa Highlands Residents, for putting up with the work, temporary brush piles, and burn pile smoke, and better yet for learning from the crew work and doing bulk brush removal on their own properties. Every single resident in the neighborhood has contributed to this effort!

The Delta Crew CAL Fire Captains, for going to work every day with a bunch of inmates, which can sometimes be less than pleasant, but every day their results are priceless.

And of course thanks to the CAL Fire Delta Crews, for doing whatever work we find for them, no mater how steep, slippery, wet, hot, cold, or covered in poison oak it may be. These guys are "inmates", but bigger than that they are guys that want a chance to do right and help communities.

Thank you all from the bottom of our 1000 Berryessa Highlands hearts!



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"Post-truth" and "fake news" have been etched, perhaps indelibly, on the public's consciousness in the present political administration; each of them having been named phrases of the year by different dictionaries.

are resolved before making an announcement.

layout will definitely draw golfers seeking a unique challenge.

to beat other competitors such as Hogwarts.

Silverado Country Club Proposes Floating Golf Course at Monticello Shores Recreation Area

The Ragatz RFII mentioned the possibility of creating a 9-hole golf course somewhere at the lake as a future amenity. Since Monticello Shores is the largest property available for bid, it will probably be the location for that course.

Although all RFII and RFP proceedings are confidential, for reasons published in the February issue, private sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that this proposal is feasible.

"Truthiness" refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true. Unfortunately, the difference can be difficult, if not impossible, for some to distinguish. How about you?

No Update From Napa County: No News From the Bureau of Reclamation

The Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) is still scheduled for completion during April. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is still scheduled for release in May.

Is There a Suntex Marina in Lake Berryessa's Future?

The ongoing process, first reported in the Lake Berryesss News in mid-2016 of Suntex taking over Pleasure Cove, although acknowledged publicly by Reclamation, is apparently still not complete. Private sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that Suntex is actually in the process of buying several California marinas and is waiting until all the issues

The University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) Wins Prestigious International Award For Recreation Innovation

One of the most elite educational institutions of which you have never heard was thrown into the international spotlight on April 1, 2018 when it was acknowledged for its cutting edge research and design of new recreational products - not your ho-hum zip lines or lures to trick dumb fish.

ULB is located in several state-of-the-art underground facilities below Big Island. The Below the University of Lake Berryessa facilities, often referred to as the BULB by staff, itself has a very secret area, designated the "Light BULB", where the most blue sky (blue water in this case) research is performed.

Over the years ULB has allowed the Lake Berryessa News access to review and publish its research. The following projects were first reported by the Lake Berryessa News and indicate the broad range of innovation which allowed ULB

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Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final ULB Plan to Raise Monticello Dam

The ULB Genetic Engineering Department has successfully grown "superworms" which are 6' long and approximately 2' in diameter to enhance vermicomposting of green waste.

Malaysia proposes jail for up to 10 years, fines for 'fake news'. The government said the public should be more responsible in sharing news and information.

Fake news 2.0: personalized, optimized, and even harder to stop. Artificial intelligence will turn articles into "turdicles".



The Lion of Lake Berreyssa:
Former Napa County Supervisor Harold Moskowitz dies at age 91
by Peter Kilkus

Harold Moskowitz was a great person who helped build the original resorts at Lake Berryessa. As a County Supervisor he accomplished too much to list. At 91 years old he truly was of “The Greatest Generation”, a life long Napa Valley rancher, WWII veteran, County Supervisor, Volunteer Firefighter, loving husband and family patriarch who served his community throughout his life.

Harold Moskowitz came of age in a Napa County where he could drive cattle from the family ranch to Yountville. His life story includes being in the U.S. Navy, having businesses at Moskowitz Corner, being a volunteer firefighter, establishing a Berryessa ambulance service in the wake of the Zodiac killings, owning and flying several planes and building a Capell Valley airstrip.

One friend wrote of him, “For me, Harold was perhaps the last living link to the farming community that existed in the Berryessa Valley, long before the federal government ran the families out in the ‘50s when the lake was filling up.

Harold was probably 18 when I first met him. Even then, he was a straight shooter, right from the shoulder. I know he loved that country as much as I did. He was a rough-and-tumble guy then, and those traits served him well during his life and political career. You might not like what he said, but few had the courage to say it like he did. He exemplified the essence of the farmers in those long-ago days; it was a rough and hardscrabble existence, but folks hung on there because the area was just so beautiful and bountiful.”

A friend from St. Helena wrote to me about Harold, “In some respects, at least to me, Harold Moskowitz could rightly be called "The Lion of the Lake" given his devotion. I really enjoyed being around Harold as both of us served and interacted as elected officials in Napa County during the 1980s.”

His son, George Moskowitz, called him an entrepreneur, a businessman, a developer, an investor, a farmer, a rancher. Harold’s father, also George Moskowitz, secured a county contract to establish Steele Park Resort on family



ranch land along the newly formed lake’s shore.

I last saw Harold at a Supervisors meeting a few months ago in August, 2017, where he spoke eloquently in support of our plan to have the County take over management of the lake resorts. He was eager to speak about a topic near-and-dear to his heart – Lake Berryessa.

I walked him out to his car. He was moving slowly with his walker and we talked about the lake and his dedication to its past and future. He told me he would do anything he could to help revitalize the lake.

2018 may be the year we all finally make that happen - in honor of Harold Moskowitz.



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Sybil Beeson
Long-time Lake Berryessa resident, Sybil Beeson, passed away on Monday, March 26th at age 93. Her husband, Arthur Beeson, preceded her in death in 1993. They built their home in the Berryessa Pines and established many friends among their neighbors.

They were both members of the Berryessa Senior Center and served in the capacity of officers over the years. Sybil was a regular at Monday afternoon Bingo.

She was born on October 24, 1924 in Capron, Illinois and came to California during World War II. She worked in the shipyards in Richmond as a "Rosie the Riveter". There she met her future husband whom she married on March 25, 1944. They had 2 children, daughter Charlis (Beeson) Salazar and son Curtis Beeson. She had 7 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren as well as 10 great grandchildren.

Raymond "Ray" Pridmore
Raymond “Ray” Pridmore, 73, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018, unexpectedly at his home in Lake Berryessa. He was born on July 7, 1944 in Napa, California, to Charles and Stella Pridmore.

Ray was a very caring man, who valued family and friends above all. Many of us knew Ray, along with his wife, Rockie, as our mail carriers for many years until they both retired last year to relax and enjoy travelling in their RV.

Ray was a dedicated son, brother, husband, father, uncle, papa, and friend to many. He was an avid 49ers fan, and was passionate about hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Ray was happiest when sharing time with family and friends.



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Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall
Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 21: Bites & Bubbles: Free Champagne and appetizer open house for local residents to experience the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall hosted by the Board of Directors. Pool table donated by Ken Becker should be available for play.

Saturday, May 19: Free Dinner hosted by Pastor Bob and Terri Lee. Social Hour: 5:30 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM.

Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3: Parking lot furniture sale hosted by CeCe Short. Looking for donations of "in good condition" indoor furnishings, outdoor patio furniture, yard art & tools. Please contact CeCe Short for details @ 707 337 0224

Saturday, June 16: Free Dinner and Horseshoe Tournament hosted by Carl Petereson.

July/August: Wednesdays at 6 PM, 7/11 to 8/29 - Bingo and Poker nights hosted by Pat Conkright.

Saturday, July 21: Free Dinner. Social Hour: 5:30 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM.

Saturday, August 18: Free Dinner. Social Hour: 5:30 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM.

Saturday, September 15: Free Dinner. Social Hour: 5:30 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM.

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Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Love means different things to different people, but you’ll have a hard time finding someone to whom it means “a profound degree of affection.”

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You may have great quantities of bravado, élan, and puissance, but there’s no way to be sure until you find out what those words mean.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You’ve decided to pull one last big job and then retire, although it is unclear exactly how this will work for a trombone instructor.

Taurus (4/20-5/20: You never thought you’d get tired of the endless parade of deep-fried food that is your life, and sure enough, it hasn’t happened yet.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people’s deep-seated anxieties and crippling fears.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You have to stop worrying about what everyone else says, especially nonsense like “You should dress better,” “Nice people don’t do that,” and “Put down the gun and release the hostages.”

Leo (7/23-8/22): Travel and adventure are in your future this week as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay one step ahead of the law

Virgo (8/23-9/22: 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.

Libra (9/23-10/22): 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.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember: If you give in to the impulses to do whatever you want with your life, you’ll become one of those happy, satisfied people you resent so much.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): 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.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): 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.



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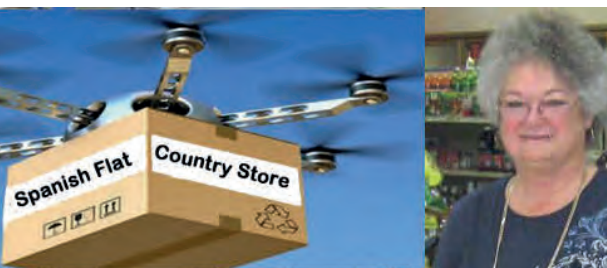
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The Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli will introduce a new drone sandwich delivery service this summer. Well-known as the best sandwich shop (and general store) at Lake Berryessa, owner Marcia Ritz believes this delivery innovation will allow campers at the west shore resorts to easily enjoy her sandwiches.



I was contacted by Cassandra Herrman a few weeks ago. Cassandra told me she had not been to Lake Berryessa in 20 years - since her father, Bob Herrman, was killed in a tragic biplane crash off the shore of Rancho Monticello on Saturday, March 14, 1998. She wished to have a quiet remembrance here at the lake on the anniversary of his death. It struck me that seeking adventure and exceptional life experiences also entails acceptance of risk. Sometimes adventurous people like Harold Moskowitz and Betty Pederson, profiled in this issue, live to be more than 90 years old. And sometimes they don't! But even those who don't seem to have enjoyed every minute of what they had because of the sense of adventure that defined their lives. I don't recall the accident that killed Bob Herrman. But 20 years later his daughter caused me to relive it. And it obviously brought to mind the tragic crash of an ICON A5 on Monday, May 8, 2017 - a plane I had just flown the previous Friday - in which two people were also killed. The pilot of the ICON A5 was a legendary pilot and aircraft designer - John Karkow. Their stories are connected by Lake Berryessa and history.

Robert Herrman (1937-1998)
Custom Biplane Adventure



Stories from his childhood reveal unmistakable hints of an early obsession with planes and trains. As a kid, he used to sneak away at every chance to a local airport, built a makeshift helicopter in an attempt to (unsuccessfully) launch himself off the family garage, started a stock car racing club.

Bob's legitimate flying career began when he was selected as a pilot for the Marine Corps VMA 331 Squadron flying A4's on the Aircraft Carrier Forrestal. On June 7, 1965, Bob joined TWA as a commercial pilot and in a small way the airline would never be the same. Although we can neither confirm nor deny the incident in which Bob had the cockpit crew don Burger King hats and post a "For Sale: 1-800-Call Carl" sign in the 1011 window (as a snub to then corporate raider Carl Icahn), his distinguished record and unquestionable dedication to TWA saved him from this and other alleged antics.

On August 3rd, 1997, he retired as Captain of the



Lockheed 1011, after a 32 year career and six million miles in the air.

It's difficult to choose which was a more colorful highlight of Bob's life: his in-flight wedding to Kaye in the Eagle (guests listened to the ceremony from the Vianssa winery) and reception on the Napa Valley Wine Train or his retirement celebration 4 years later.

Organized by Kaye, his gift was a cross-country train trip thrown as an ongoing surprise party. Starting in Chicago and ending in Victoria, B.C., Bob's friends and family secretly boarded the train or popped up in disguise along the way as waiters, outlaws, a homeless person and a mugger.

Not one to take "retirement" literally, Bob's post TWA career included welding Southwestern metal sculptures, and the meticulous restoration of a vintage railcar which he planned to inaugurate on a group trip through Mexico. In addition to these many pursuits, the relocation of the Eagle to the Nut Tree Airport allowed Bob to fly more frequently and form many new friendships. Bob's final flight was on March 14, 1998 in his beloved Eagle with longtime friend Mike Bullock. When looking back over the course of his life, he will be remembered for his unique sense of humor, his devotion to family and friends, and most of all, his passion for life itself.

Jon Karkow (1962-2017)
ICON Aircraft: High Tech Adventure

The crash of an ICON A5 at Lake Berryessa on May 8, 2017, killing two people, Jon Karkow and Cargi Sever, was also a personal shock to me since the A5 that went down was the one I had just flown the previous Friday.

The pilot of the crashed aircraft, Jon Karkow, was a superstar of aeronautical research and development and had spent 21 years in

aircraft development at Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites and over that time rightfully earned the reputation as the most accomplished aeronautical engineer and project engineer in the history of Scaled.

He led more than 20 aircraft programs and five complete airplanes including the record-breaking, around-the-world Virgin GlobalFlyer that won him a 2006 Aeronautics Laureate Award from Aviation Week & Space Technology.

Most recently, he served as the Technical Program Manager for Richard Branson's commercial space program SpaceShipTwo. He was an active pilot and experimental test pilot with instrument, multi-engine, seaplane, helicopter, and glider ratings.

Jon dedicated the last ten years of his career to ICON and the A5. His unwavering goal was to build a production aircraft that embodied the essence of his love and passion for flying and adventure.

Jon led the ground-breaking safety innovation around the A5's Spin Resistant Airframe design, which made the A5 the first conventional production aircraft in history to meet the FAA Part 23 spin-resistance standard - a monumental aeronautical achievement that was nominated for the Collier Trophy in 2016.

He was a truly brilliant engineer, passionate aviator, tireless worker, and loyal friend. The A5 represented his vision for the joy of flying in its purest form - it was his final gift to aviation.



Lake Berryessa has risen 1.8 feet during the last week to 433.6 feet - 6.4 feet below Glory Hole due to the week's rainfall of 1.98 inches.

The rainfall total is now at 13.14 inches. It is highly unlikely that the level will reach Glory Hole this year since the weather is starting to warm up and there is no rain in the forecast. BUT this is a very good level for this time of year, even though the lake didn't go over Glory Hole.

Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals Introduces New Buber Service

Taking a cue from how Uber and Lyft have expanded, Marty Rodden, always an innovator in recreation services, will institute his Boat-Uber on April 1, 2018. He will have a roving fleet of wakeboard boats and jet skis out on Lake Berryessa on weekends which can be called to shore using a simple cell phone app. The boats will only be available for 1 - 2 hours at a time at premium prices, but this simplifies the rental process for those willing to save precious recreation minutes.

Buber also has an agreement with the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli to provide drone food delivery services (see pg.3) to the quiet spots along the west shore for customers to combine no-hassle boating and shoreline picnicking. Their customer service motto is, **"It's simply a matter of money!"**

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St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

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

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

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many. Remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News April 1 Special Edition it must be true?

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Solano County Water Agency Introduces the CORK Water Saver

There has been a consistent rumor over the years that there is a plan to raise Monticello Dam. It never happened and never will. A simpler approach to storing more water in Lake Berryessa would be to raise Glory Hole itself by installing movable gates that could be raised and lowered as necessary to impound more water during the rainy season.

Raising Glory Hole by 5 feet to 445' would increase Lake Berryesssa storage by approximately 100,000 acre-feet without significantly affecting facilities along the shoreline. The highest the lake level has ever reached was 446.7 feet in 1983, and it has exceeded 440 feet only 26 times during the last 60 years. According ro rhe Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) this is not often enough to justify the expense of installing this type of control device on Glory Hole.

However, sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that the Solano County Water Agency, in cooperation with University of Lake Berryessa engineers, has developed a simpler alternative - the Circular Output Restrictor Kit - easier to use and more in keeping with the wine country vibe of the area. The Lake Berryessa News has obtained a photo of the new device which may be introduced on April 1.



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Lake Berryessa Glory Hole Swallows Senior Center Gambling Bus

For more than 25 years, the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall social group has made its yearly trip to the Cache Creek Casino. This trip, like so many in the past, was filled with singing and good humor for the seniors on board the bus.

But not long into the latest trip along Highway 128, the bus was run off the road by a herd of tourists just as it approached Lake Berryessa's famous Glory Hole lookout area. Despite bus driver Soddy McWombat's best efforts, the bus veered off the road and tumbled down into the famous landmark known the world over as the Glory Hole.

One lady said, "We had just finished listening to our favorite band, Queens of the Stone Age, and were ready for another round of a hundred bottles of beer on the wall when our driver yelled "Blimey, mate!" and we slid off the road."

Even though the bus flipped on its top as it made its way terrifyingly down the Glory Hole, the veteran bus driver, McWombat, saved the day. He came on the loudspeaker and told them "No Worries". Soddy knew from reading the Lake Berryessa News, that the Glory Hole tunnel was 28 feet in diameter so the bus would be able to go right through it with no problems if he could keep it upright.

According to a report filed by the Napa County Sheriff, Soddy managed to steer the bus down the tube, roller-coastering through the curved tunnel at the bottom, then out through the spillway on the other side of the dam. The bus became lodged at the exit of the tunnel, sparing its riders a bus-boat ride to Winters.

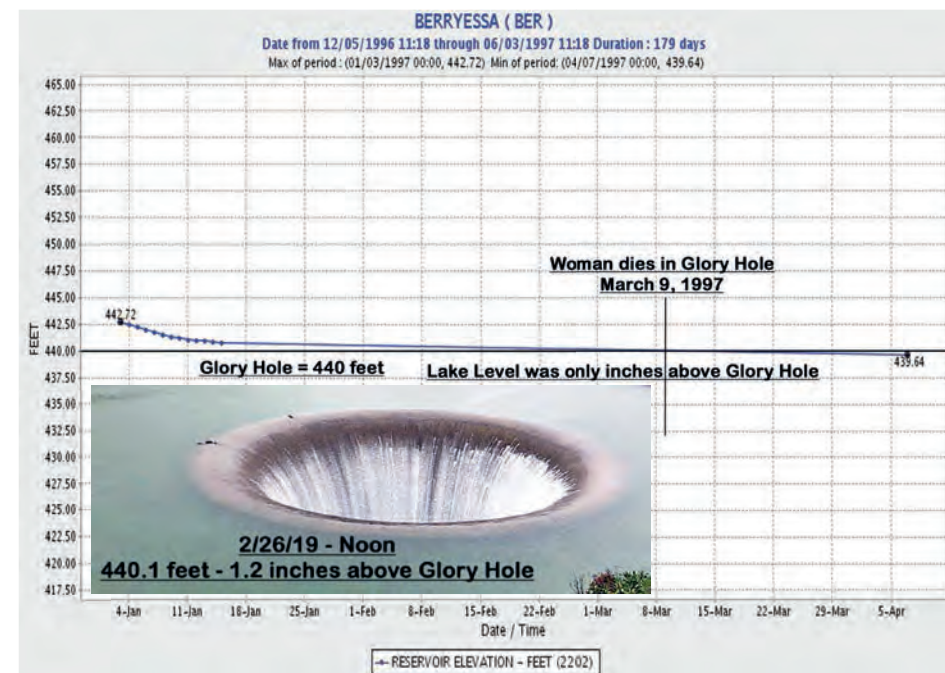
"It seemed like we were in the hole for a long time," continued Theodore Kerabatsos. Driver McWombat said that although he was as cross as a frog in a sock that the accident happened, he knew that everything would turn out fine, fair dinkum.

Although word has gotten out to the water bird thrill-seeking population that the Glory Hole Water Slide is really dope, actual people should avoid it.



2 **Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?**
People often question the safety of Glory Hole. There is no access from the land side. The water side is protected by a buoy line and large warning buoys which can be seen in the photos. Only one person has died by falling down Glory Hole. She was not “sucked in” as the news story from 1997 below headlined. Sensationalistic reporting always has a longer lifetime than a fact-based story. It appears to have been a suicide since the water was only a couple of inches deep at the top of the spillway at the time (See chart below.).

It's difficult to get close to the Glory Hole at any time due to the barriers in place. And only a fool would cross the buoy line to get close to it when it's flowing strongly four feet over the edge. The Glory Hole has only previously spilled 25 times in 60 years. This year is the 26th. But back in 1997 a woman did die when she “fell” in.



In the story from SFGATE below you can see that the water was not very high if she were able to grip the top for so long. Data shows that the lake level was only a few inches above the lip of the spillway. There was speculation at the time that she had purposely pushed herself over the edge, not been "sucked" in. Witnesses had tried to talk the lady for many minutes to convince her to swim to shore, but she refused. She was never “sucked” into the spillway. Her body was found several hours later in Lower Putah Creek.

Original SFGate Story: Woman Sucked Into Lake Berryessa Spillway
(Wednesday, March 12, 1997)

Emily Schwalek, 41, of Davis was killed Sunday when she was sucked down a spillway at the Monticello Dam at Lake Berryessa. The spillway, which drops straight down more than 200 feet, is known as the Glory Hole. It routes excess water from the lake into a 72 foot diameter entrance structure known as the Glory Hole down to a 28-foot-wide exit pipe.

Authorities said witnesses reported seeing Schwalek swimming toward the spillway at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The woman dropped out of sight after gripping the edge of the hole for about 20 minutes, witnesses said. The body was found Sunday about three hours after she vanished. There has never been a documented case of anyone else falling through the Glory Hole, said Don Burbey of the Solano Irrigation District.

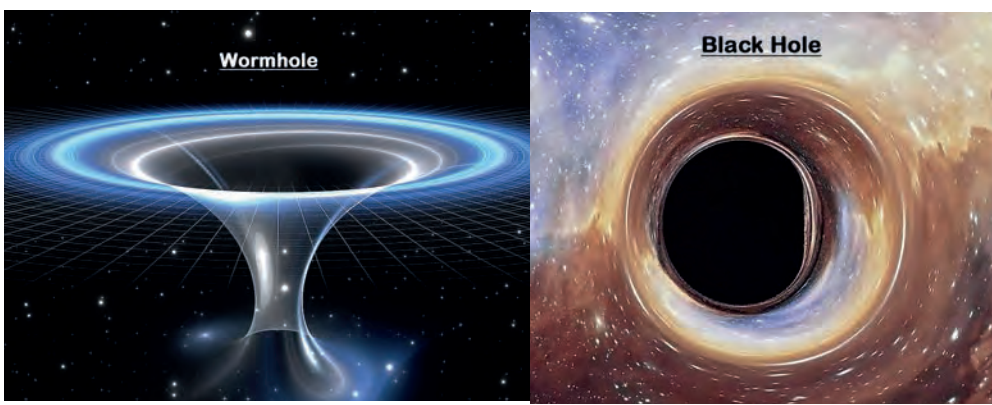
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Is Glory Hole a Black Hole or a Wormhole - Or Both?

Quantum entanglement, a perplexing phenomenon of quantum mechanics that Albert Einstein once referred to as “spooky action at a distance,” could be even spookier than Einstein perceived. Physicists at the University of Lake Berryessa believe the Glory Hole phenomenon at Lake Berryessa might be intrinsically linked with wormholes, a hypothetical feature of space-time which could provide a much-faster-than-light shortcut from one part of the lake to another - or to a different universe altogether.

If two black holes were entangled, a person outside the opening of one would not be able to see or communicate with someone just outside the opening of the other. The way they could communicate with each other is if one jumped into his black hole, then the other person must jump into her black hole - then the interior world would be the same (and they could kiss?). Therapists in ULB’s Psychology Department have already begun to use this analogy to develop a whole new marriage counseling paradigm.



April 1, 2019: Bureau of Reclamation Announces Management Training Program

The organization that knows how to not get something done announces a management training program for special employees in how to handle complex projects and unruly crowds while delaying actions into the future.

Push on a Rope (Team Building Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from local community groups.

Small groups will tie a rope to an object on a table and all push on the rope to see how far and fast they can move the object.

Local example: Create a Lake Berryessa Community Forum. “The Bureau of Reclamation announces the Lake Berryessa Community Forum Coordinating Team.” The Community Forum is comprised of representatives from eleven stakeholder groups and is designed to promote public input regarding recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa.”

Paper Bag Punch (Individual Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from individual community members. Staff members are covered with custom-designed large paper bag and directed to punch their way out.

Local example: Entice a local community member or community group (see “Push On A Rope exercise described above) to assist in developing a strategy for the creation of a special program to establish guidelines for future strategic planning sessions which encourage local participation in information-gathering activities which further the goals of a strategic plan, yet to be scheduled, to develop positive alternatives for future action.

Sincerity Seminar (Senior Staff)

Designed to give upper level managers insight into deflecting criticism from local Boards and Commissions

Members will practice speaking before simulated Board of Supervisors meetings. This intensive seminar will focus on the importance of feigned politeness and respect, the ability to string together several misleading assurances of future results, and the importance of a simulated self-deprecating tone while admitting past errors in judgment. Includes a review of successful video exchanges.

Local examples: Presentations by Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Mike “Seamless Transition” Finnegan before several meetings of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

Onion Headlines

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Twitter Reaches Maximum Tweet Capacity

Twitter announced today it unexpectedly reached the maximum number of tweets. The popular social networking service can no longer accept new posts from its users. Twitter's technical team has issued an official statement saying, "The system is full."

When asked how this happened, Twitter co-founders said they vastly underestimated how often people would post updates on Twitter. "We designed Twitter as a platform for sharing profound thoughts and ideas," they said. "We had no idea people would publish updates about the sandwiches they are eating, their dog’s birthdays, or their bizarre political ramblings - especially since 2016." Unimportant tweets now make up 99.98% of all traffic on Twitter.

While engineers are unable to expand Twitter's capacity, they are working on other ways to alleviate the problem. Some are considering deleting old tweets. One technician even suggested deleting the entire database. "After all, what would really be lost? #nothing," he remarked.



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Bird Goes Over the Glory Hole Waterfall Without A Barrel

People of a certain age will remember the fad of daredevils going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. The first person to do it and live to tell the tale was a widowed teacher named Annie Taylor. Taylor was struggling financially when she seized upon the idea of riding over the falls in a barrel to secure fame and fortune. She used an oaken barrel with a crudely cushioned interior, which she tested by sending it over the falls with a test cat stuffed inside - it survived.



On Oct. 24, 1901 Taylor climbed inside her barrel. Less than twenty minutes later, she was recovered from the bottom of the falls, bleeding from the head but otherwise uninjured.

A Facebook video was posted at the end of February, 2019 showing a cormorant swim over the edge of Glory Hole and disappear. The video went viral spawning many social media comments and local news stories. One of the better stories was done by a local CBS News channel and is available at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/bird-video.html

Niagara Falls is only 167 feet high compared to the Glory Hole's total 245 feet total, but Glory Hole has a much smoother exit tunnel, which starts at only 150 feet below the spillway, compared to the rocks below Niagara Falls. Survival of the Glory Hole Bird was a hot topic for days.

On Monday, March 18, 2019 I spoke with Rick Fowler who is interviewed in the video. He said the video was taken at the highest level of the lake this year (444.1 feet on February 27).

Coincidentally, I was delivering the March issue of the Lake Berryessa News on Friday, March 1, when I stopped at the Glory Hole. I talked to a couple who had just seen a bird which they described as a grebe swim right over the edge of the Glory Hole. They were actually a bit distraught because they thought they had seen the death of the beautiful creature. Apparently this is not a rare event.

Rick said that he ran to the other side of the observation area as soon as he saw the bird go down. He made it to a

point right above the Glory Hole output where he claims he saw the bird pop out and recover. Although you can't see the output structure itself, you can easily see the turbulent white water coming out of it.

My calculations show that the water falling to the bottom of Niagara Falls is moving at about 70 miles per hour when it hits the river and rocks below. This is about the same speed as the water into Glory Hole when it hits the smooth ninety degree curve which begins about 150 feet below the lip of the spillway and begins to turn turbulent.

Water weighs 8 pounds per gallon so it can create a significant force if it hits a stationary object. Imagine someone throwing a 5 gallon (40 pound) bottle of water at you to catch. (Author's Personal Health Note: To anyone 40 pounds overweight, say 240 pounds when you should be 200 pounds, I hope you understand that this is the same as carrying around a 5 gallon bottle of water in your arms.)

But that's not what's happening inside Glory Hole. Remember when you were body surfing in big waves at a beautiful beach somewhere? You moved with the waves and tumbled around in the surf when the wave broke. If you've gone river rafting, you probably have not been torn up by the current, but floated along on top of it at the same speed as the water.

When my boys threw me out of a raft on the American River in some turbulent white water and I surfaced under the raft, I was not "torn to pieces" by the flow. I simply floated along through the rapids. An object falling into Glory Hole is doing the same thing - falling at the same speed as the water then bouncing along floating in the white foam to the exit.

The "Glory Hole Bird" was actually a cormorant. Cormorants feed by diving and swimming underwater.



They are very light and buoyant. They can dive to depths of 5 to 60 feet below the surface and stay under water up to 70 seconds. The Glory Hole cormorant would be traveling at the same speed as the water when it reached the "water slide" at the bottom and was enveloped in severe turbulence.

Then it and the water slowed drastically and it would be washed away horizontally through a smooth concrete tunnel to the output. Although it would have to swim through a lot of turbulence, there is no real "pressure" at the bottom - it's not like being 200 feet under water.

The bird wouldn't "hit" the "bottom" at high speed as if it had jumped from a 245 foot building. And it would not have been "torn to pieces" as some speculated. The Glory Hole is essentially a circular waterfall. Theoretically, the bird could have survived.

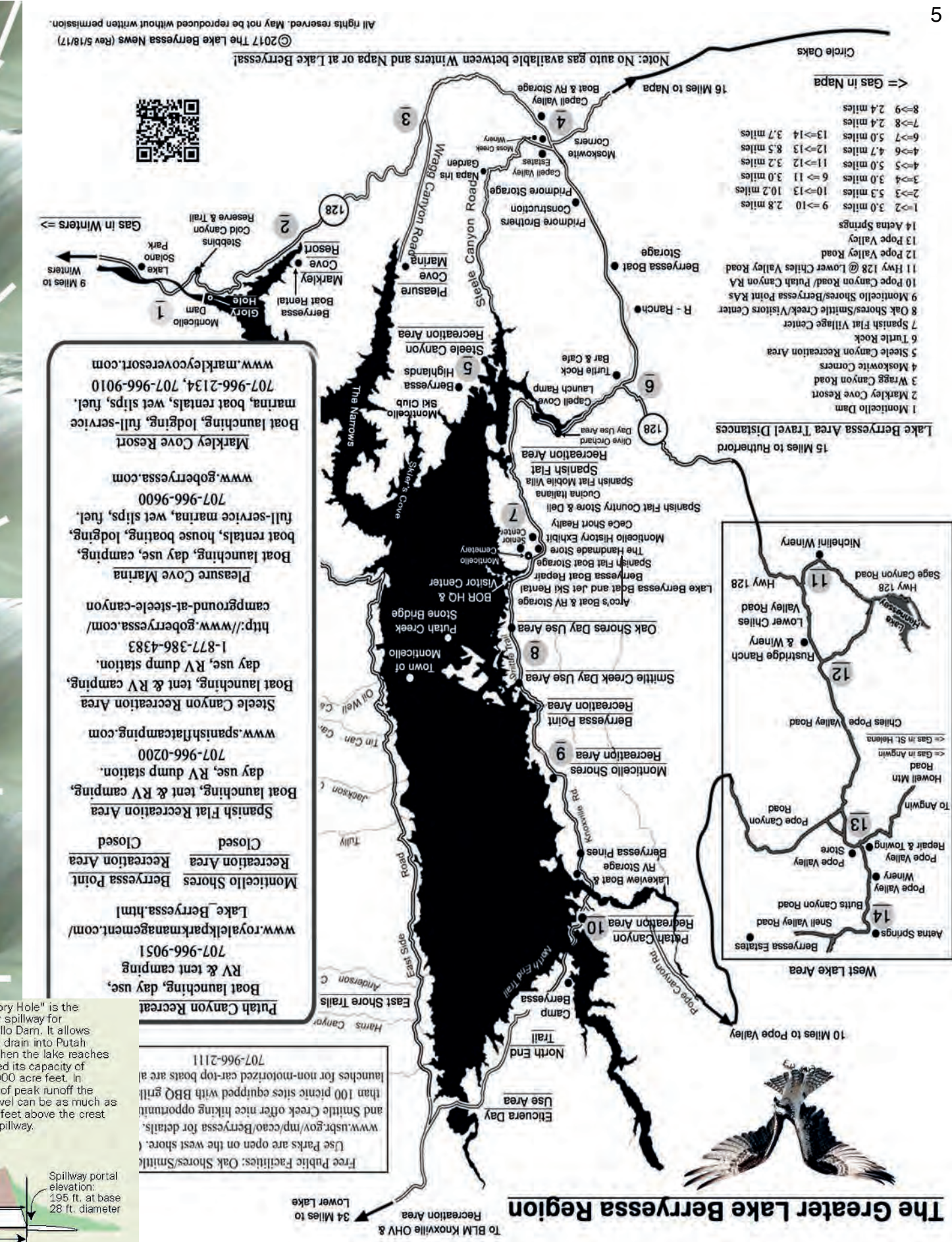
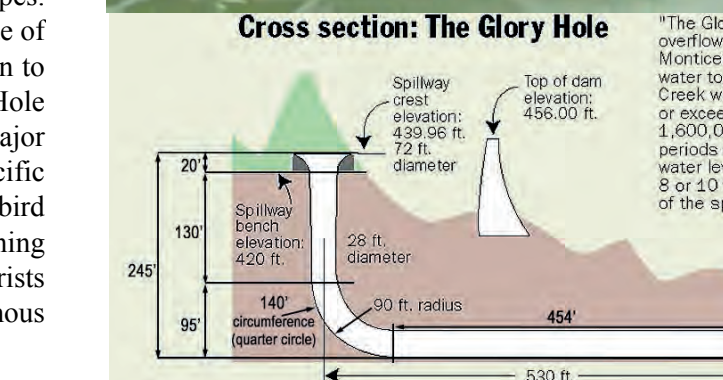
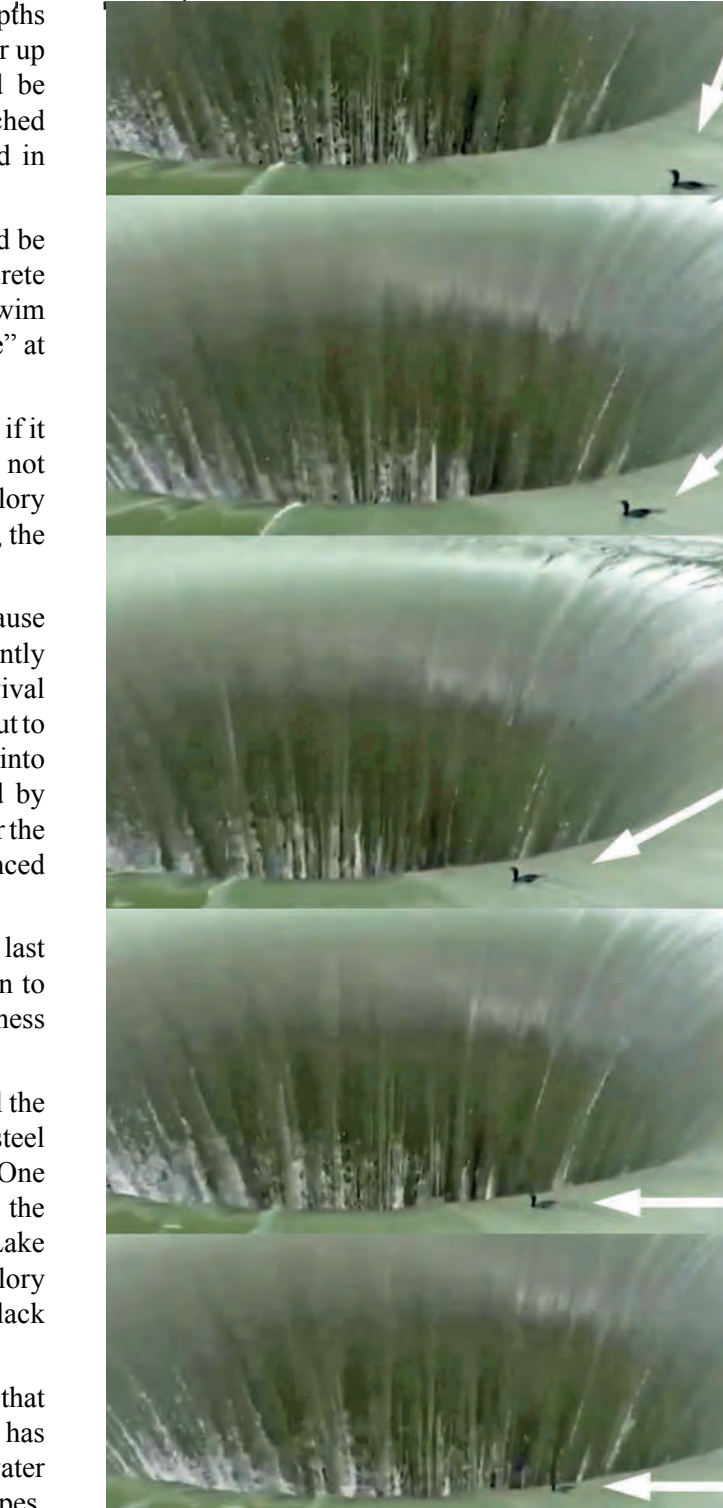
Rick Fowler believes the cormorant did survive because he saw it. A local ornithologist Rick spoke with recently also believed survival was possible. I also think survival was possible. To actually determine the time from input to output a light, bright object would have to be tossed into Glory Hole and the input-to-output time measured by observers. An object which included an accelerometer the g-forces experienced by the object as it was bounced around on its trip. Time for a science experiment?

I'm sure Rick will forgive me for mentioning that his last name may indicate some deeper spiritual connection to our feathered companions which allowed him to witness this unique event.

Who knows what strange electromagnetic signals fill the air when water is flowing through Glory Hole with its steel internal structure and unique chemical composition? One scientific study being pursued by scientists at the

University of Lake Berryessa is whether Glory Hole is actually a Black Hole or a Worm Hole.

However, it does seem that that Glory Hole's signal has beckoned to gathering water birds of all types. Apparently the thrill ride of what has become known to them as the Glory Hole Water Slide is now a major attraction on the Pacific Flyway, fostering bird traffic jams approaching those of human tourists gaping at the famous spillway.



Global Climate Change Report:
Sea Level Rise May Be Due To Huge Amazon Lake And Sinkhole.

Although many scientists believe that most sea level rise is due to warming of the global atmosphere accompanied by the melting of glaciers and polar ice, another potential source may have been discovered in an unexplored plateau in the central Amazon jungle. The area is usually shrouded in thick clouds, but scientists got a break when the clouds parted for a few hours. They discovered a huge hundred square mile inland lake at about 10,000 feet in altitude. The surprising feature of the lake was a huge circular waterfall which had apparently opened over a subterranean tunnel that connected it to several mid-continent rivers, including the Amazon. The lake had been storing huge amounts of water for several thousand years. Scientists speculate that only during recent decades had it started to drain slowly through a sinkhole opened by seismic activity. Observers commented on the circular waterfall's remarkable similarity to Lake Berryessa California's internationally famous Glory Hole. The full report is due to be made public on April 1, 2019.



Profiles in Smartyness: Science Cats at the University of Lake Berryessa

As described in another story in this issue, a cat was used to test the survival odds of going over Niagara Falls in a barrel more than 100 years ago. Cats have long been employed in science pursuits. The Ancient Egyptians held cats in the highest esteem, the penalties for injuring or killing a cat were severe. Without them, civilization as we know it might have never survived! Photo below shows one of the science cats employed at the University of Lake Berryessa's laboratories beneath Big Island. The other photo shows an example of a science cat at ULB studying the forces of gravity as applied to falling mice. The final photo is of a science cat leaping into Glory Hole to determine if it is a black hole or a wormhole.



An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking
Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following :

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments. We can use critical thinking to enhance work processes and improve social institutions.

Some people believe that critical thinking hinders creativity because it requires following the rules of logic and rationality, but creativity might require breaking rules. This is a misconception. Critical thinking is quite compatible with thinking "out-of-the-box", challenging consensus and pursuing less popular approaches. If anything, critical thinking is an essential part of creativity because we need critical thinking to evaluate and improve our creative ideas.



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They Walk Among Us?

I just found this message from 18 years ago in my old files. Somehow it seemed appropriate for my April Fool's Edition. I never learned the identity of American Canyon Girl, or whether this was a spoof. On other occasions I've received comments from anonymous folks who blame an evil spirit for the unfortunately regular deaths by drowning at the lake.

amcyngirl said on: March 21, 2010, 10:29 am

It's unfortunate that this ever happened! Lake Barryessa has taken so many peoples lives! Regardless of the nature of the accidents, people are always dyeing there. The news paper does not have all the facts as well as the cause, so in my oppinion, the paper adds "being under the infulance" in attempt of blaming the cause of the accident on that reason. "Dont want to scare people form going there".

What I think the reason is for all the casualties at Lake Barryessa is the simple fact that the lake is angerly haunted and very hungry. I am aware of the existing town that was flooded and the cemetary which remains under water. There seems to be angry energy distroying many happy peoples lives in retaliation.

I forbid my children to go there and avoid the area completely. As beautiful as it appears, it is very hungry, waiting for an oppertunity to take another life...and more! Why doesn'e the Register do a census or stitistic on the casualties at that lake instead! Save a life!

Chocolate For Everyone on April 1, 2019!

Heinz will launch the world's first chocolate mayonnaise. Burger King will introduce a Chocolate Whopper. Coca-Cola will begin distributing chocolate flavored canned drinks.

April 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You thought your new sports car could do everything but love you, so its declaration of devotion will come as quite a shock.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You're starting to think that maybe the funny nose and glasses won't actually be enough to hide you when Jesus returns in all his glory.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: Remember: The patient raindrops can eventually wear away even the hardest stone. Don't let them get to close if you value your life.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The events of next week will closely mirror all the other events in your life up to that point.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Do not believe those who tell you they can see your future. They are merely preying upon your ignorant, fearful, superstitious nature.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The kinds of changes that await you this week can be readily found within the pages of most high school chemistry books.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your two-pack-a-day habit will finally kill you this week, but then, that's a lot of wolves to fight off.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Use the watering-can of good intentions to nurture the fig tree of expectations. There, enjoy figuring that one out, you jerks.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your life will soon be divided into Pre-Angering-Of-The-Ants and Post-Angering-Of-The-Ants eras.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

University of Lake Berryessa Study Finds:
Stupidity is Orgasmic

Scientists have been perplexed for decades as to why raw stupidity is so prevalent among human beings. They're not talking about ignorance here. Ignorance simply implies lack of knowledge or awareness about something which can be fixed by learning more.

Stupidity is a lack of intelligence, mental capacity, understanding, reason, wit, or common sense. Stupid is knowing the truth, seeing the truth, but still believing the lies. As the saying goes, you can't fix stupid.

If you participate much in social media sites like Facebook orTwitter it's hard not to feel like being lost among the clueless - but the clueless seem to be having a darn good time expressing their opinions.

According to Prof. Noah Fence, "The problem with most stupid people is that they don't know they're stupid. Many like to think of themselves as "contrarians" who know more than anyone else and want you to know it too. But the key element is that it feels good."

Psychologists at the University of Lake Berryessa finally asked the simple question, "Is stupidity as intoxicating as sex or food or booze?" After many years of study and experiment, they found that the answer is a resounding YES. Further study is needed to determine how to reverse the pleasure of stupidity without harming the stupid.

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The incumbent will also be a key member of the DABURPA consortium formed between the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) to be designated DABURPA (with apologies to Chicago's DABEARS superfans.)

The Department of Genetic Physics at ULB is a vibrant community with a long tradition and strong commitment to excellence in research, service, teaching, fishing, and boating, specializing in state-of-the-art jet ski racing dynamics. Research interests within the Department span the traditional disciplines of physics – condensed matter physics, biophysics, whattsamatter physics and non-linear dynamics of game fishing.

The successful candidate is expected to have the required experience and a strong desire for engaging in interdisciplinary work in our extensive laboratory facilities deep below Big Island in the center of Lake Berryessa. An ICON A5 amphibious light-sport airplane will be provided for convenient commuting to the lake surface, bypassing annoying bicycle and motorcycle traffic.

ULB is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and, in keeping with our commitment, welcomes all to apply including alien and inter-dimensional academics.

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REALLY Green People at play in Cancun
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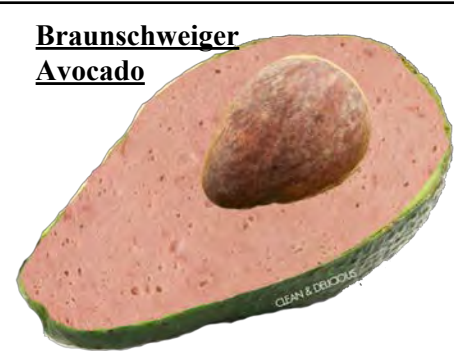
University of Lake Berryessa Promotes Solutions to Climate Change, Global Food Security, and Animal Cruelty Prevention

Sometimes problems are connected and complicated. But comprehensive solutions may be available to address multiple concerns. Such is the case with the above headline issues. The Dept. of Genetic Physics and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) at the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) are seeking to solve multiple problems with linked research projects.

One major project described in this article involves the development of the meat grape, steak potato, chicken nugget bush, and braunschweiger avocado. Two other advanced genetic manipulation projects are the “Grass-Fed People” and the “REALLY Green people” initiatives described in the accompanying articles in this issue.



Cattle and other ruminants are significant producers of the greenhouse gas methane—contributing 37 percent of the methane emissions resulting from human activity. Worldwide, there are about 1.5 billion cattle. Cows’ methane emissions are an important reason for greenhouse effect. Also, cattle farming is increasing the deforestation of the tropical rain forests (Brazil has the



second largest cattle population in the world), thus accelerating the global warming. Methane pollution causes one quarter of the global warming that we’re experiencing right now.

When some people hear the word “methane,” they immediately think about cow farts. But in reality, cow burps are much more problematic: 90 to 95 percent of the methane released by cows comes out of their mouths, while 5 to 10 percent is released in the form of manure and flatulence.

Eighty years ago, Winston Churchill looked forward to the day when "we shall escape the absurdity of growing

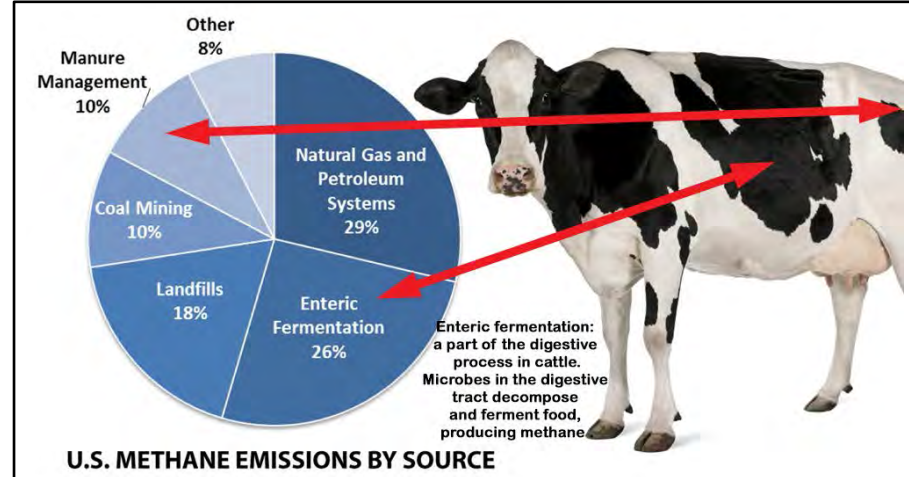
a whole chicken in order to eat the breast or wing, by growing these parts separately under a suitable medium."

Churchill thought this would take only 50 years. We are still not there, but today we will reach a milestone on the road to the future that Churchill envisaged: the first-plant based meat. This astonishing announcement and demonstration is scheduled to take place on April 1, 2020 at the University of Lake Berryessa Advanced Research Projects laboratory on Big Island.

The intent is to create products that can be easily grown, harvested and eaten to provide a solution to climate change, international food security, plant-based meat alternatives, and the elimination of the cruel conditions under which food animals are now grown and processed. The main beneficiaries of these products will be humans, cows, chickens, and pigs..

And the ultimate incentive: Napa Valley Winery tasting room research has found that plant-based diets makes wine taste better.

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Breaking News: MPA Approved!
The Napa Board of Supervisors unanimously approved (12:15 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020) the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation previously approved it. It has been signed by Diane Dillon, Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Ernest Conant, BOR Regional Director. Under the proposed agreement, Napa County would assume management of the Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores (the old Rancho Monticello) and Steele Park Resort areas effective November 1, 2020

Download the document at:
www.lakeberryessanews.com/what-happened-at-lake-berry/lake-berryessa-project/mpa-2020-full-documentr.pdf
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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Managing Agreement Number 20-LC-20-2623

Managing Agreement

Between the United States of America and Napa County for the Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Development of Recreation Uses and Facilities at Lake Berryessa Area Project Lands



Department of the Interior

March 9, 2020

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There are important ethical reasons why we should replace animal meat with plant-based meat (PBM), if we can do it at reasonable cost. One is to reduce animal suffering. Another reason for replacing animal meat is environmental. Using meat from animals, especially ruminants, is heating the planet and contributing to a future in which hundreds of millions of people become climate refugees.

Another good reason is that no manure will be produced, and as a result, the vast cesspools that intensive farms require to handle manure will become unnecessary. With that single change, the world's production of nitrous oxide, another powerful contributor to climate change, will be slashed by two-thirds.

The Ice Cream Conundrum

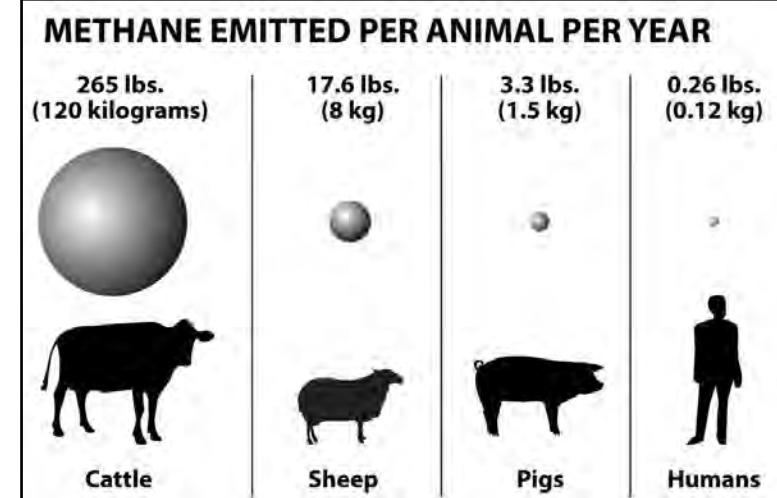
People like ice cream. Ice cream comes from very cold cows. Cows need to produce baby cows to be able to provide milk and cream. Baby cows become big cows that continue to contribute to climate change. Milk substitutes that taste like milk are needed.

Real milk's ingredient list is short and sweet: milk and vitamins A and D. If it's not in milk then it's because nature left it out. However, some available plant-based alternative options have more than 10 ingredients, including added salt and sugar, stabilizers and emulsifiers like locust bean gum, sunflower lecithin and gellan gum.

Creating a plant that can produce real cow-type milk is a major goal of ULB research. So far genetically manipulated variations of milk weed and milk thistle have proven unsuccessful.

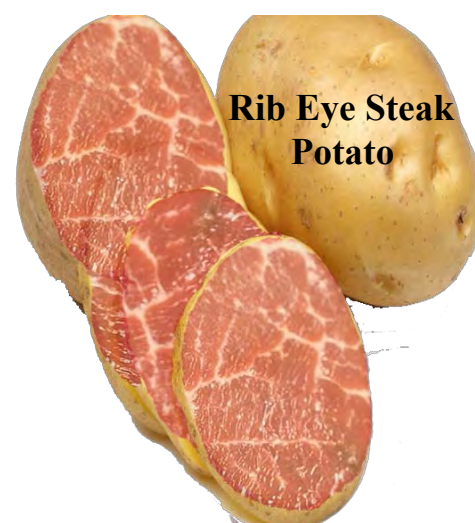


Pork Loin Chardonnay



Chicken Nugget Bush

choose not to eat plant-based steak, chicken, pork and other future plant-based meats (PBM). My own view is that being a vegetarian or vegan is not an end in itself, but a means toward reducing both human and animal suffering, and leaving a habitable planet to future generations. I have friends who haven't eaten meat for 40 years, but if Plant Based Meat becomes commercially available, I will be pleased to try it.



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Breaking News: MPA Approved!

Coincidentally, the 2020 Chair of the Board is Supervisor Diane Dillon. She will get to sign this agreement for Napa County. Some historical perspective on the process: I met Supervisor Dillon when she was first elected to the Board 20 years ago. I and some others saw the looming disaster of the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Visitor Services Plan and asked her for her assistance in preventing it. The rest is history, as they say. Now comes the future.

This is the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Pensus contract which led to a disastrous 10 year "hole in history" and the destruction of a thriving recreational asset and the loss of this asset to a generation of families, friends, and their children.

Thanks to the Napa Board of Supervisors, especially Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon (our Lake Berryessa supervisors) for their strong support since 2016, and to Molly Ratigan, Deputy County Executive Officer, for her hard work during the long negotiations.

The Board believes that new management of the federally-held Lake Berryessa recreational areas is needed to develop and implement a redevelopment plan that will encourage investment in and attract new businesses to the Lake Berryessa area.

Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas is transferred to the partner agency. While there are federal policies and guidelines on how management agreements can be structured, items within the agreement are generally negotiable.

Becoming REALLY Green to Help Our Planet

Chlorophyll skin to help solve climate crisis

Plants make food in their leaves. The leaves contain a pigment called chlorophyll, which colors the leaves green. Chlorophyll can make food the plant can use from carbon dioxide, water,



nutrients, and energy from sunlight. This process is called photosynthesis. Photosynthesis literally means "making things with light."

Plants use sunlight, water, and the gases in the air to make glucose. The whole process of photosynthesis is a transfer of energy from the Sun to a plant. In each sugar molecule created, there is a little

bit of the energy from the Sun, which the plant can either use

or store for later. The basic structure of woody plants is primarily the long-chain sugar cellulose. There's a lot of potential energy packed into plant fiber. (See accompanying article: Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef)

Human chlorophyll skin would use sunlight or artificial light directly to produce sugars that help energize people's bodies while creating oxygen for themselves and other life forms on the planet.



Once again University of Lake Berryessa scientists are taking the lead in this revolutionary research. Several human volunteers have already been turned green through a proprietary gene modification process. The only minor problem so

far has been a rapid weight gain for subjects who spend too much time in the sun, on a beach or boat, for example. Steps might need to be taken to prevent our beaches from hosting healthy tan to being overrun with fat green people.

(See illustration on back page.)



Onion Headlines

Report: Nation's Fake Headline Writers Unable To Think Of Single Non-Coronavirus Related Gag

Toilet Paper Hoarding Considered As Addition To Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-VI)

Putin's plan to turn America into Soviet Union approaches fruition with advent of toilet paper queues

Mexico Willing To Pay For Wall Now

'This Has Nothing To With Us. Please Buy Our Beer' Whimpers Corona Beer CEO

Executive Branch To Resign As White House Vows To Remove Every Obstacle To Americans Getting The Care They Need

Congress Allocates \$2 Trillion To Bail Out Struggling Bailout Industry

'Avoid All Groups' Says Group Of Scientists

Federal Reserve Takes Drastic Action By Pumping \$1.5 Trillion Into The Ether

Hollywood Legendary Actor Dead In Apparent Age Overdose

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Republican Lawmakers Very Concerned About Corporations Catching Coronavirus, Since They "Are People Too"

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An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following :

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments. We can use critical thinking to enhance work processes and improve social institutions.

Some people believe that critical thinking hinders creativity because it requires following the rules of logic and rationality, but creativity might require breaking rules. This is a misconception. Critical thinking is quite compatible with thinking "out-of-the-box", challenging consensus and pursuing less popular approaches. If anything, critical thinking is an essential part of creativity because we need critical thinking to evaluate and improve our creative ideas.

Punctuation Humor

April Fools’ Day apostrophe debate further divides an already fragmented nation.

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Lake Berryessa L.L.C. Sponsors First Speed Dating Party

The Lake Berryessa Lovely Ladies Club kicks off its first event on April 1 at the Turtle Rock. The party is meant to bring together Lovely Ladies Club members and adventurous men from the area to possibly spark some mutual interest in further social interaction.

Men between 18 and 65 preferred. Motorcycle clubs welcome.

First two drinks free to all male attendees.



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Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are developing a bacteria that can live in the human gut and produce a form of “cellulase” which can digest cellulose by breaking



it down into "simple sugars". Hay and grasses are particularly abundant in cellulose, and both are indigestible by humans. Celluloses are not naturally good human food since the long chains that contain the basic energy building blocks are difficult to break down into the smaller chain sugars (carbohydrates) which can unlock that energy. Humans lack the enzyme necessary to digest cellulose. Un-digestible cellulose is the “fiber” which aids in the smooth working of the human intestinal tract.

One cellulose molecule normally consists of a few hundreds to thousands of glucose molecules. Glucose molecules are the building blocks of carbohydrates. Carbohydrates serve as a major energy source for living things and originate chiefly as products of photosynthesis. Glucose molecules chain together to form other sugars such as cellulose and sucrose.

If humans are able to eat grass rather than feed the grass to cows and then eat the cows, eliminating the cows would reduce a major source of methane - a greenhouse gas more potent than methane. (See accompanying article: Becoming REALLY Green to Help Our Planet)

Testing on volunteer human subjects is proceeding successfully. The biggest problem with eating grass and wood is the flavor. Unique new seasonings and recipes will be needed. If humans can be modified to digest cellulose a whole new range of food possibilities open up creating a base of international food security. The downside is that poor and starving people would be able to eat their trees, bushes, and houses, causing another potential problem.



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April 2020 Horoscopes

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Pisces (2/19-3/20): There’s almost certainly a more efficient way to get through life, but by this point you’re pretty used to just following any old conga line that goes by.

Aries (3/21-4/19): The stars aren’t sure what’s worse: that you keep insisting you’re the inspiration for the lizard in the insurance commercials, or that it’s true and you seem to take such pride in it.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): The very Heavens themselves shall bestow their benevolence upon you this week, allowing you to take 15% off selected entrées at a popular chain of restaurants.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You were pretty sure your long, hellish ordeal was finally over, but it turns out it was renewed for another season and you still can’t stop watching it.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will be instrumental in disproving several popular theories next week, including the ideas that laughter is good for the soul and that a little fresh air never hurt anyone.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The most difficult week of your life is coming up, but take heart: If you can get through that, you’ll have something to remember during the next 1,872 uniformly boring weeks of your life.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You’ll have a hard time controlling yourself this week, but then that’s what the concerned men in lab coats are here for.

Libra (9/23-10/22): While teaching the lowland gorilla how to communicate is entirely possible, getting the self-obsessed primate to shut the hell up is a whole other story.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): They say it’s never too late to do something meaningful with your life, which is a nice idea, but you actually have about nine days.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You will finally meet the man of your dreams, which sounds like good news until you remember some of your dreams.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It’s simply not true that most people think you’re an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Physics Humor

(Sponsored by the University of Lake Berryessa Whattsa Matter Physics Department. If you get it you're a Nerd!)

A particle walks into a bar, but nobody is there. So he waves.

A quantum object turns from wave to a particle... "It's just a prank bro! Look, there's the observer!!"

A subatomic particle gets pulled over. Cop asks "Do you know how fast you were going?" Particle says "Yeah, but now I'm lost."

A particle walks into a bar, but nobody is there. So he waves.

I come from a family of scientists who share the last name “Matter.” We all get along, just like the particles we study. Except for my Auntie Matter and my Uncle Whattsa Matter.

A Higgs-boson particle goes into a church. The Priest says, "We don't want your sort in here!" The Higgs-boson particle says "But you can't have mass without me!"

What fundamental particle is responsible for bacon?

The Piggs-Boson

I don't believe anything that subatomic particles tell me. They make up everything.



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4 Triploid Trout Getting Bigger and Smarter in Lake Berryessa

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stocked the first 3,400 pounds (6,800 fish) of catchable "triploid" rainbow trout in Lake Berryessa on February 15, 2011. I wrote an article regarding triploid trout in the Lake Berryessa News in 2011. I was reminded of that when awhile ago when I heard that anglers had been coming in with 5 pound rainbow trout!



In order to protect the genetic integrity of the native steelhead, only the sterile triploids are allowed to be stocked in Lake Berryessa. With no ability to reproduce, triploids focus all of their energy on eating and growing large - sometimes to exaggerated proportions. But the largest of them, 20 pounds and above, are found in the lakes of Washington and Idaho.

Although some folks described them as "frankenfish" the triploid trout are normal rainbows, not genetically-

engineered. They have been raised to be sterile but look, fight, and taste just the same. Ten years ago I speculated that we wouldn't know the result for several years. How many really big ones now live in Lake Berryessa is unknown, as is how large they may finally get. But one thing the scientists at the University of Lake

Berryessa did not anticipate was that the trout would get smarter as they got bigger. They apparently have now gotten so smart - especially when they form schools - that they act in a concerted effort to protect themselves from anglers.

There have been some unconfirmed reports of fishing boats being pummeled from below by these schools of 20 pound trout, some smaller boats almost capsizing. They seem to have learned to school in certain coves.

Fishing has always been one of the main attractions of Lake Berryessa, but now, if the added hint of the danger of being attacked out on the water by schools of huge, aggressive trout, the surface of Lake Berryessa may take on the thrill of big game hunting on the African veldt.



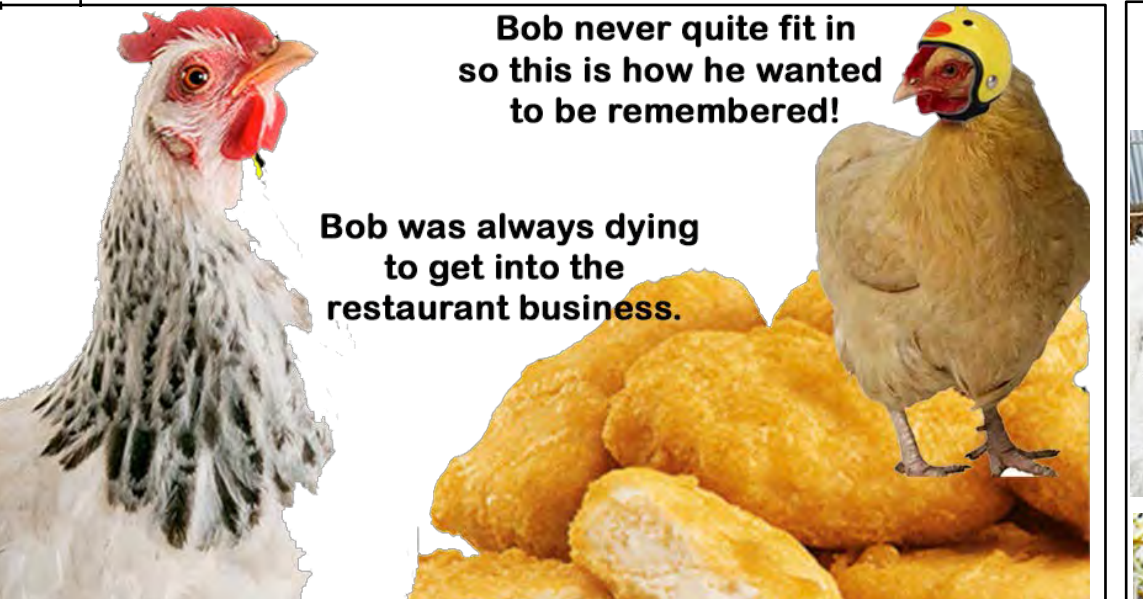
St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

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

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

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture - especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.) Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

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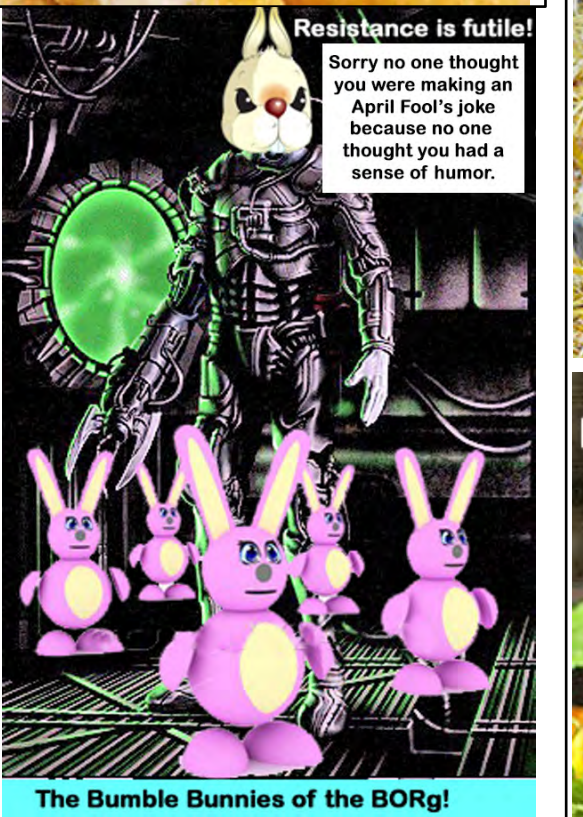
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April Fools' Day or April Fool's Day

The first day of April is officially called April Fools' Day in the United States. The singular, April Fool's Day, is also accepted as a variant spelling. Actual usage seems to support this non-preference, with both spellings being used about the same frequency.

There are multiple fools in the world for which April Fools' Day is their holiday. Following this same logic would also explain why the holiday is sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day because there are many, many fools and this is their day. But like Father's Day, April Fool's Day can be a holiday directed at individuals.

Lake Berryessa News Proposes April be declared April Fools' Month.

Because there are so many, many fools and their stories out there, they should be given the honor of a full month of publicity.

Why You Can Trust The Lake Berryessa News, Especially on April 1!

In This Post-Truth World We Stand Firmly Behind our Truthiness

If you follow national or local politics, or if you've been involved in our twenty year battle to protect and rebuild the Lake Berryessa community, you know that some people find the truth too confining. Some of these types of folks were instrumental in creating "The Big Lie" about Lake Berryessa which helped bring about the present situation out here.

The Oxford Dictionary announced several years ago that "post-truth" was its 2016 word of the year. The word is "an adjective defined as 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.' "

The word has been around for a few decades or so, but there has been a spike in usage since the period before the 2016 American presidential election. That sounds about right.

Feelings, identifications, anxieties and fantasies, that's what actuated the electorate. Not arguments. Not facts.

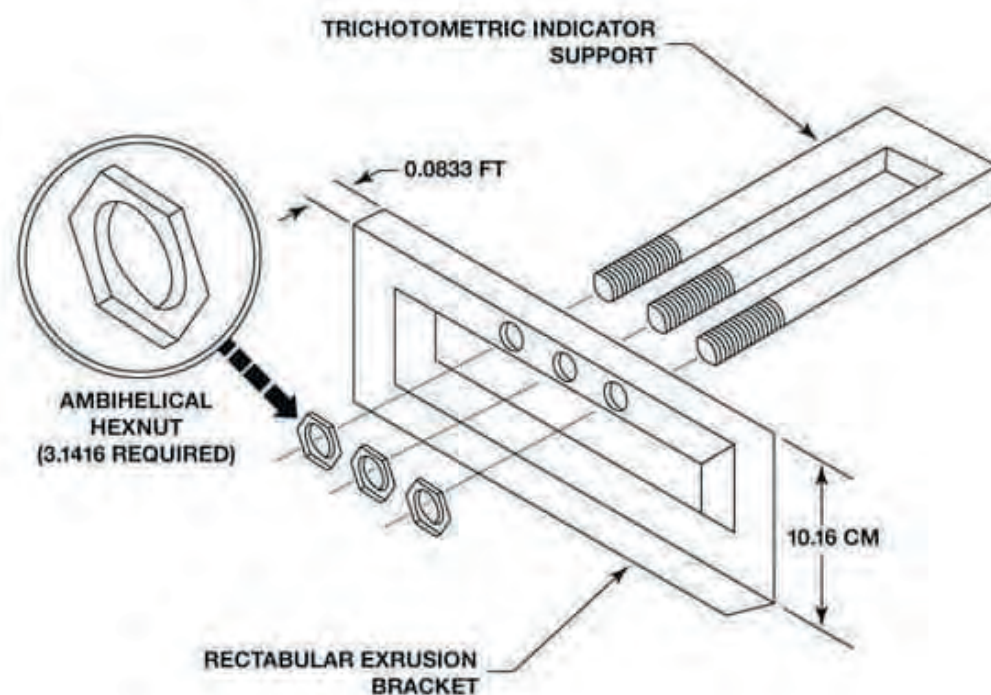
Post-Truth links nicely as an extension of the word Truthiness. Truthiness is a quality characterizing a "truth" that a person making an argument or assertion claims to know intuitively "from the gut" or because it "feels right" without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual examination, or facts. Truthiness refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

Scoop Nisker was a longtime fixture on San Francisco radio station KFOG during hippie times and after. He became well known for the catchphrase, "If you don't like the news... go out and make some of your own,"

Today his catchphrase would probably have to be "If you don't like the news... go out and make up some of your own."

"It's hard to win an argument with a smart person, but it's damn near impossible to win an argument with a stupid person." Bill Murray

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Napa County In, Reclamation Out!

The Napa County Request for Proposal (RFP) process appears to be proceeding smoothly. Although, per policy, the County has released no public information regarding the bids which have been submitted, optimism remains strong.

Per the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) between Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation: "the United States and Napa County have agreed that entering into a Managing Partner Agreement may provide better opportunities for public recreational enjoyment." and "the parties hereto mutually agree to enter into a Management Agreement for the administration, operation, maintenance and development of public recreation facilities, protection of natural and cultural resources, and provision of public health and safety at these areas."

The MPA clearly places the major responsibility for the success of this process on Napa County. Napa County has clearly accepted this responsibility, dedicating staff and resources, and is aggressively moving forward to guarantee success. The County process brings internal consistency, dedication to a goal, and clear lines of authority. And most of all, the County and its staff actually want to succeed!

What could possibly go wrong?

In my opinion, the Bureau of Reclamation could go wrong.

The biggest concern I have, based on 20 years of experience, is that the Bureau of

Reclamation, especially its local management, will attempt to exert external control on this County-led project. The MPA was created specifically to remove the Bureau of Reclamation from managing the resorts.

The BOR, which has a limited budget and staff, is still responsible for managing the other government recreational facilities and four of the existing resorts: Oak Shores, Smittle Creek, Capell Launch Ramp, Eticuera, Putah Canyon RecArea, Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, and Berryessa Point RecArea (closed). That should keep them busy.

The County is the lead agency with access to the host of the professional resort management resources of the Napa Valley. The Bureau of Reclamation has little experience in this field and no local staff resources that can match the County's depth of available support through Visit Napa Valley, for example.

The BOR is acting in an advisory role for the MPA process. Although the County is required to submit specific MPA-defined requests to the BOR "for its review and approval, Reclamation shall not unreasonably delay or withhold such approval."

Napa County In, Reclamation Out!

The Secret History of a History of Secrets

I've been fortunate to have been allowed to document some of the activities of the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) over the last few years. ULB is a secretive institution of advanced research. Its history mirrors that of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) with which it has been associated since its founding.

The creation of DARPA was authorized by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958,

the same year Monticello Dam was completed and Lake Berryessa began to fill. DARPA's purpose is creating and executing research and development projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science.

The University of Lake Berryessa is an important member of this stealth innovation ecosystem and is often referred to as "Area 52" in classified government documents.

A consortium was formed early on between the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) to be designated DABURPA (with apologies to Chicago's DABEARS superfans.)

The ULB campus encompasses several stories of underground classrooms, research laboratories, and engineering development test sites below the surface of Lake Berryessa's Big Island. The Below the University of Lake Berryessa facilities, often referred to as the BULB by staff, itself has a very secret area, designated the "Light BULB", where the most advanced research is performed.

Clandestine construction of the top secret ULB facilities began at the same time as Monticello Dam - using the dam's need for building materials to hide the large amount of construction debris produced and delivered to the dam site. The remainder was used to construct Goat Island

Since that time very little information about ULB's activities have been made public. Previous confidential benefactors have included Albert Einstein, David Blaine, Steve Jobs, and recently Elon Musk, the Technoking of Tesla.

The Lake Berryessa News is grateful to the ULB staff, especially Chancellor I. Kamin Furst, for the access it has provided. Out of a sense of irony or subtle absurdity, most of the information released to the Lake Berryessa News has coincided with the April 1st holiday every year.

2021 is the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the University of Lake Berryessa. In keeping with the university's eclectic sense of satirical humor, this year's anniversary has no particular significance. To honor that signicance, the University is dedicating this year to fantasy artist and engineeronaut M.C. Escher.

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2 **A Little Bit O' Philosophy**
Helps the Satire Go Down...
by Peter Kilkus

This is my favorite issue of the year because it allows me to exprss some of my opinions without being too offensive. Sometimes satire is so close to reality that the joke simply escapes the uneducated and ignorant. And satire usually escapes the profoundly stupid. How can someone understand a joke about the moronic beliefs of QAnon when they are already pickled in the jar of those fantasies and have no skill in critical thinking?

St. Stupid's Day and the
Dumbing Down of America

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

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

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.)

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public, as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

Are Some People Just Ignorant
or Actually Stupid (Combo Anyone)?

What level of a mental black hole in the brain does it take to consciously slather gorilla glue over your hair and plaster it permanently to your scalp? Science has at least one subject to study.

The intrinsic difference between ignorance and stupidity is that ignorance simply implies lack of awareness about something while stupidity denotes the inability of a person to be aware of something.

The dictionary says “ignorance” is “lack of knowledge or information,” while “stupidity” is “behavior that shows a lack of good sense or judgment” or “the quality of being stupid or unintelligent.” Ignorant means lacking knowledge. Stupid means lacking brainpower.

Strictly speaking, ignorance, or being ignorant, isn't an insult; it's simply a lack of understanding. Stupid means

lacking in mental capacity. An ignorant person can usually seek additional knowledge to become less ignorant, but, as the saying goes, you can't fix stupid.

“Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege.”

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."-Anonymous

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."-Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kids now speak this language..."Oh, and I'm like, so happy to like, be here! And he's like, really cute". Teachers have coined the phrase "Like Latin" to describe this language.

The biggest cause of trouble in the world today is: the stupid people are so sure about things, and the intelligent folks are so full of doubts. -- Bertrand Russell

As you may imagine I get a lot of strange comments on my Facebook page and in emails. One of the saddest from 2010 still haunts me. It was discussing a recent drowning at Oak Shores. I never found out who this was, or if it were a prank, but it is illustrative, even if intended satirically:

amcyngirl said on March 21, 2010

It's unfortunate that this ever happened! Lake Barryessa has taken so many peoples lives! Regardless of the nature of the accidents,

people are always dyeing there. The news paper does not have all the facts as well as the cause, so in my oppinion, the paper adds "being under the infulance" in attempt of blaming the cause of the accident on that reason. "Dont want to scare people form going there".

What I think the reason is for all the casualties at Lake Barryessa is the simple fact that the lake is angrily haunted and very hungry. I am aware of the existing town that was flooded and the cemetary which remains under water. There seems to be angry energy distroying many happy peoples lives in retaliation.

I forbid my children to go there and avoid the area completely. As beautiful as it appears, it is very hungry, waiting for an oppertunity to take another life...and more! Why doesn'e the Register do a census or stitistic on the casualties at that lake instead! Save a life!



Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals
Introduces New UBER Service

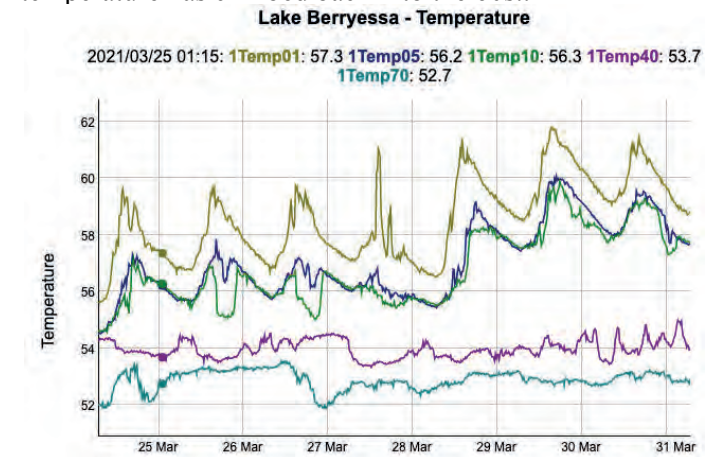
Taking a cue from how Uber and Lyft have expanded, Marty Rodden, always an innovator in recreation services, will institute his Boat-Uber service on April 1. He will have a roving fleet of wakeboard boats and jet skis out on Lake Berryessa on weekends which can be called to shore using a simple cell phone app.

The boats will only be available for 1 - 2 hours at a time at premium prices, but this simplifies the rental process for those willing to save precious recreation minutes.

UBer also has an agreement with the new resort concession restaurants to provide drone food delivery services to the quiet spots along the west shore for customers to combine no-hassle boating and shoreline picnicking. Their customer service motto is, “It’s simply a matter of money!”

Lake Level and Temperature as of April 1st

The lake level continues to drop slowly - 3 inches in one week. The lake is now at 417.1 feet, 22.9 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall has reached 9.2 inches at Monticello Dam and 8.7 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season- the lowest rainfall by this time of year in 24 years. Surface temperature has climbed back into the 60s..



Onion Headlines

‘No Way To Prevent This,’ Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens
State GOP Members of 33 Different States Support Bills Making It Illegal To Vote As Anything Other Than a Republican Or To Register With Any Party Other Than Republicans.

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‘Can You Trust Anything You See?’ Says Jack Dorsey, Shapeshifting Into Cat During Congressional Testimony On Misinformation

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Doctors Reassure Tiger Woods That You Don’t Have To Be In Good Physical Condition To Play Golf

Embarrassed Woman Hopes Coworkers Didn’t Catch Her Bashing Forehead Into Keyboard

Parents Can’t Tell If Pandemic Inhibited Toddler’s Social Skills Or If He’s Just Taking After Dad

Widow Just Wishes Husband Could Hear All The Rote Pleasantries Funeral Goers Have To Say About Him

Christopher Nolan Still No Closer To Understanding End Of ‘Tenet’ After Watching Dozens Of YouTube Explainer Videos

Britain Decides to Stop Enforcing Use of a “British Accent”, Allowing Citizens to Return to a Normal, Accent-less Life For The First Time in 700 Years

Local Bigfoot explains why his species are always blurry and shaky when caught on camera.



Explaining to a child that we’re mortal and that death is inescapable is probably, for me, the hardest part of being a party clown.



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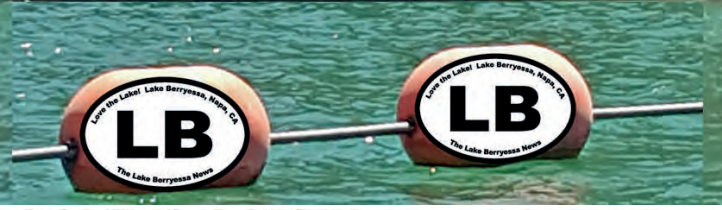
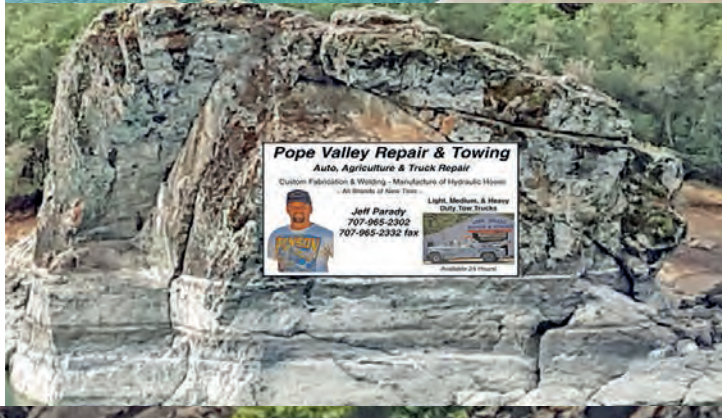
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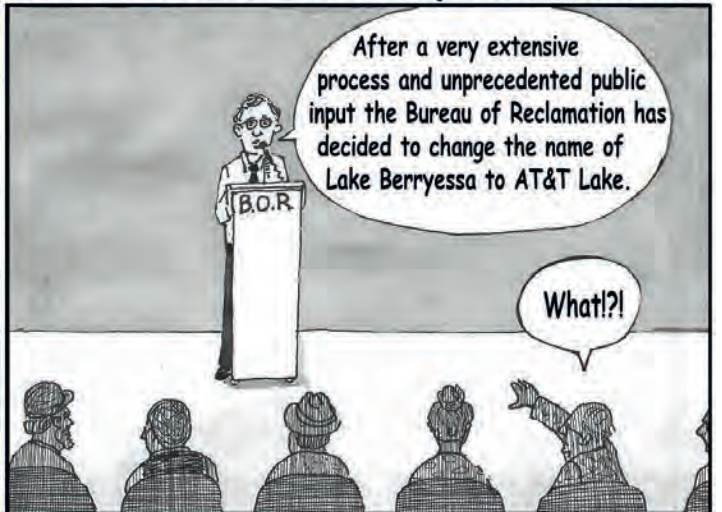
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6 **Bureau of Reclamation Promotes New Advertising Opportunity**

Due to budget shortfalls and the corporate trend to “advertise everywhere” the BOR will sell advertising space on iconic structures at Lake Berryessa including Monticello Dam, Glory Hole, Jumping Rock and others. To avoid any criticism they will use environmentally-acceptable paints. Examples below.



NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



April 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Don't worry if you don't understand the complex, yet seemingly effortless, unfolding of the universe. You're just stupid.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Ultimately there will be nothing your friends can do for you, putting you in a position requiring more competent friends.

Aries (3/21-4/19): This week will bring you a healthy, fulfilling romance in the workplace. That will motivate you to get a real job.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): No one will be able to figure out your enigmatic last words, and the fact that you'll live in silence for three more years after uttering them makes that somehow cooler.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): Travel and adventure are in your future as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay a step ahead of the law.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You've always said that if you were king, you'd make college free, but there won't be time between your coronation, the palace coup, and the beheading.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Remember: If you give in to the impulses to do whatever you want with your life, you'll become one of those happy, satisfied people you resent so much.

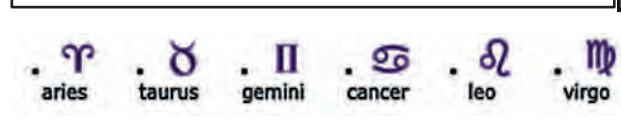
Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enough about you. This week, Virgo will be unable to shake the feeling that you never listen to her.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll discover a great new diet that lets you eat whatever you want while ballooning up to 450 sexy, sexy pounds.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will find yourself lost in a strange new world in which the hairless, vaguely simian natives seem to be trying to communicate with you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any worse, the stars confirm that you are correct and it is pretty much as bad as possible.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Everyone thinks you're making a hilarious reference, undermining your efforts to warn everyone that the alien manifesto is a cookbook.



Gorilla Glue Expands Brain Protection

Gorilla Glue Girl opened a new marketing channel for Gorilla Glue. Not only do you get the smooth shine you wanted, but water rolls off it like “off a duck's back”. And you never have to worry again about bumping your head if you are distracted and walk into a wall. A special "Brain Dead" option increases overall safety bounciness for the chronically stupid. A single application protects your head like a football linebacker's helmet!



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The University of Lake Berryessa Wins International Award For Recreation Innovation

One of the most elite educational institutions of which you've never heard was thrown into the international spotlight on April 1, 20121 when it was acknowledged for it's cutting edge research and design of new recreational products - not your ho-hum zip lines or lures to trick dumb fish.

Over the years ULB has allowed the Lake Berryessa News access to review and publish its research. The following projects were first reported by the Lake Berryessa News and indicate the broad range of innovation which allowed ULB (known to many as simply Area 52) to beat other competitors such as Hogwarts. These reports are all available on the Lake Berryessa News website:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/university-of-lake-berryess/ULBprojects/

- ULB Recreation Project Awards**
- Alligator Adventures in Lake Berryessa
 - Bird Goes Over the Glory Hole Without A Barrel
 - Floating Golf Course
 - Floating Indian Casino
 - Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?
 - Glory Hole: Black Hole, Wormhole - Or Both?
 - Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef
 - Lake Berryessa Indoor Ski Hill
 - iResorts® at the Lake
 - Meat Grapes & Steak Potatoes
 - Miniature Game Fishing
 - Becoming REALLY Green for the Environment
 - Raise the Dam, Raise the Hole, Cork the Hole?
 - Slower Than the Speed of Light - Slow Glass
 - Tesla's Quantum Tachyon Mirror
 - Triploid Trout - Big & Smart
 - USB Wine Delivery Is Here
 - Vermigen: Composting with BIG Worms
 - Weather Radar & Fish Finder
 - Ziplining Berryessa Peak

ULB, Elon Musk, Tesla Future Thinking on Steroids

When the Techno-King of Tesla starts talking, the Quantum-Nerds of Berryessa start listening. Napa County has not yet released the names of the bidders on the Lake Berryessa resorts so it is unknown whether Musk is a financial backer in any of the bids. But now that Musk has become a prime benefactor of ULB, there

may be some greater interest from him for the region.

ULB has been a partner in the development of some unique projects as listed above, but they have also been involved in some radical technologies such as:

Plant-eating robots: The Energy Autonomous Tactical Robot program creates robots that feed off plants just as animals do.

Sensor plants: To control the physiology of plants in order to detect chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

But that's the past. What's the future?

SolarCity is a Tesla company (now part of Tesla Energy) dedicated to lowering the cost of solar energy to the normal consumer. Local solar installations are already replacing PG&E power around California. What if a wave of cheap solar farms and solar roofs could sweep across the Lake Berryessa region and all of Napa County? Could Musk, with the support of ULB, make Lake Berryessa a test project to take on the task of eliminating power-caused fires in our area?

Although the Boring Company may sound like a few parties you've been to, it is very real and a tribute to the very dry humor of Elon Musk. It constructs safe, fast-to-dig, and low-cost transportation tunnels.

One of the problems with remote rural recreation areas such as Lake Berryessa is how to get there and back without causing heavy traffic. New roads are prohibitively expensive. But what about a series of Boring Company high speed tunnels below ground and under water to create a network among the new resorts and a regional transportation system with no impact on surface traffic?

OpenAI is an artificial intelligence research laboratory founded by Elon Musk which seeks to build a machine with human intelligence while prioritizing transparency and safety. Tesla also has a division that is developing electric boats using Tesla automotive drive train and batteries. Can you imagine a fleet of Tesla electric boats controlled by OpenAI software with Tesla Energy solar panels providing the power? You would not have to go to pick up your rental boats, they would come to you and go back to the rental agency on their own - with no gas required!



An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

How can human civilization survive with so many of its members professing bizarre beliefs like those of QAnon, Scientology, Astrology, Flat Earth, UFOs, Proud Boys, Evangelicals, Intelligent Design, Aliens Among Us? At what percentage of the population that becomes stupid or crazy or crazy-stupid will civilization simply collapse?

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following:

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments.

4 Bureau of Reclamation Announces Management Training Programs

The organization that knows how to not get something done announces a management training program for special employees in how to handle complex projects and unruly crowds while delaying actions into the future.

Push on a Rope (Team Building Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from local community groups.

Small groups will tie a rope to an object on a table and all push on the rope to see how far and fast they can move the object. Local example: Create a Lake Berryessa Community Forum. "The Bureau of Reclamation announces the Lake Berryessa Community Forum Coordinating Team." The Community Forum is comprised of representatives from eleven stakeholder groups and is designed to promote public input regarding recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa."

Paper Bag Punch (Individual Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from individual community members. Staff members are covered with custom-designed large paper bag and directed to punch their way out.

Local example: Entice a local community member or community group (see "Push On A Rope exercise described above) to assist in developing a strategy for the creation of a special program to establish guidelines for future strategic planning sessions which encourage local participation in information-gathering activities which further the goals of a strategic plan, yet to be scheduled, to develop positive alternatives for future action.

Sincerity Seminar (Senior Staff)

Designed to give upper level managers insight into deflecting criticism from local Boards and Commissions

Members will practice speaking before simulated Board of Supervisors meetings. This intensive seminar will focus on the importance of feigned politeness and respect, the ability to string together several misleading assurances of future results, and the importance of a simulated self-deprecating tone while admitting past errors in judgment. Includes a review of successful video exchanges.

Local examples: Presentations by Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Mike "Seamless Transition" Finnegan before several meetings of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

Cows With VR Goggles Increase Milk Production

Virtual Reality headsets are expected to help cows relax by offering them sun-filled summer views of green pastures. The VR goggles have been specially made to help them relax in order to produce more milk. In order to develop the simulation, researchers considered what contributed to a positive emotional state for cows. They looked at examples of dairy farms around the world and concluded that a calm atmosphere resulted in more milk production.



New Adventure Business Opens April 1st: Blimps Over Big Island



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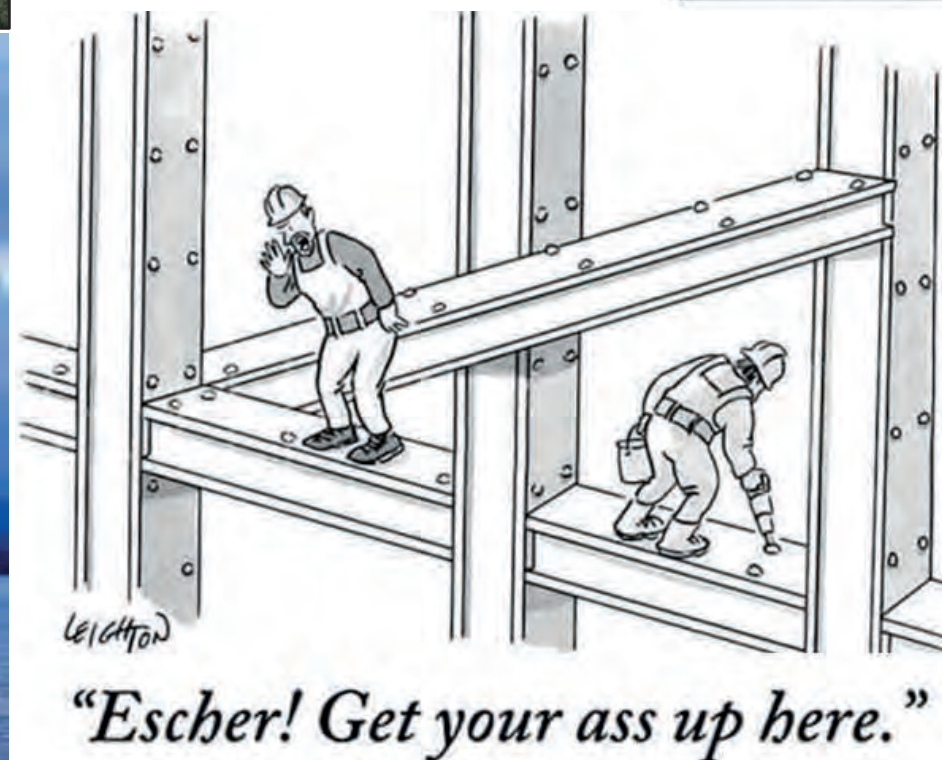
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