Early Season Fires at Lake Berryessa - a Reminder JULY 3 - Berryessa Highlands of What People Already Know... ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SPARK

by Evan Kilkus

A spark from a campfire, a generator catching an RV on thing they saw, was the hill on fire. fire, a firecracker of some sort... all causes of grass fires Alert and prepared neighbors started around Lake Berryessa this Summer, all calling out a calling each-other to prepare to massive showing of force by firefighters. Visitors to evacuate, but residents were more Lake Berryessa, and residents, are urged to take extreme caution thru October, as hot temperatures, sporadic fleeing. Approximately 50 neighbors winds, and dry grasses can lead to disaster.

JUNE 22 – A generator caught fire, igniting the adjacent RV, 2 trucks, and a couple thousand square feet of grass the spread of the flames. When fire crews made it firebreaks and ended up growing to 2269 acres by the in Steele Canyon Recreation Area. Fire personnel arrived on scene just in time to extinguish the growing quickly fully contain the fire at about 2-3 acres.





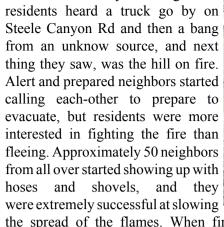
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Let this be a reminder to all. YOU HAVE GOT TO BE A MORON TO BE LIGHTING FIREWORKS OR FIRECRACKERS AT LAKE BERRYESSA IN THE SUMMER!

the fire at under 1 acre.

the Monticello Dam and crews best and almost successful to a hot exhaust pipe. efforts to contain the fire at about 100 acres, the fire jumped the

approximately 30 minutes later, they were able to time it was done spreading 3 days later. This fire resulted in the closure of HWY 128 from Thursday afternoon thru Saturday evening, on a busy holiday weekend, and led to evacuations of adjacent homes.

> JULY 24 - Just after 3 PM a camper started a campfire in their fire pit at Steele Canyon Recreation Area, and then went down to the water to go for a swim. Minutes later winds blew a spark into the nearby grass, and the dense grass was ablaze.

TULY 4 - A fire started by an By the time the campers were able to run up to their unknown cause just beyond campsite the flames had grown, but they were able to the Pope Canyon Bridge, but a slow the growth by dumping their cooler and water rapid response by fire crews bottles on the fire. Within minutes resort staff and a and CAL Fire Helicopter 104 Harvest Sanitation truck were able to help douse the fire based out of Boggs Mt. with a fresh water hose on the pumper truck. Fire crews allowed firefighters to contain then arrived to fully extinguish any hot spots and ensure that the fire was out.

JULY 6 – The "Winters Fire" PLEASE let all of these fires be a reminder to anyone started along HWY 128 between camping, visiting, or living at or near Lake Berryessa...

### All it takes is a spark...

Winters, where fires seem to Never leave a camp fire unattended! It is not a good idea happen almost annually. Some to have a camp fire if it is windy and hot, even if there is years it has been documented car no official "Red Flag" warning. If you must have a fire in crashes, some years the cause is the summer on a cool day/night when conditions permit, unknow. This fire started in the please keep it very small. Be careful with any source of early afternoon, and despite fire ignition, from a camp fire, to BBO, to cigarette ashes,

> Defensible Space can eliminate the chance of starting a wildfire. Remove the fuel, remove the hazard





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by Peter Kilkus

Be Transferred to Napa County.

Both Napa County and Reclamation April 5, 2016, the Napa Board of Supervisors concession areas of Lake Berryessa.

enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner The report fairly presents the past authorized Ragatz Realty to Agreement between the County and controversies and decisions that led to the identify Reclamation. Under a Managing Partner present situation at the lake. But now there is concessionaires through Agreement, the responsibility to develop and wide concensus that the revitalization of the Request for Information and manage public recreation areas would be lake as a recreation destination is important to Interest (RFII) process. An RFII transferred to Napa County.

forward by providing direction to staff to sign phase assignment. Its primary purpose is to decision on what steps to take a Memorandum of Understanding with describe the attributes of Lake Berryessa. It next. County staff was Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz provides critical background and educational authorized to Sedgwick Realty. If Ragatz Sedgwick were information for Phase II. The purpose of Phase discussions with Reclamation successful in identifying interest, the County II is to attract appropriate entities who will to complete a Managing Partner and Reclamation would move forward with develop and operate five available concession Agreement (MPA). negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement areas at the Lake. and creating a formal Request for Proposal The full report (75MB pdf) is available at: late fall or winter. The process process to select concessionaire for five www.lakeberrvessanews.com/final-lake- will include a public meeting resorts (now refered to as Recreation Areas). berryessa-ragatz.pdf.

the latest 2015 Bid Prospectus (the third failed Berryessa can be," said Supervisor Gregory. The supervisors were urged to bid process since 2006), and almost ten years since the original resorts were demolished.

Sedwick of Ragatz Sedgwick Realty golf course, an amphitheater, even an indoor presented their 434 page report, Lake water park. Recreation and hospitality Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development management companies will be expected to Opportunity, to the Board of Supervisors.

The report is one of the most comprehensive what's profitable. ever compiled for the Lake Berryessa area. Its

Among the critical remaining issues is how preparation involved: (1) meetings and long the lease contracts can be that the county

conversations with dozens of appropriate could offer to concessionaires. The Bureau of It began almost 18 months ago with the Lake individuals and entities in Napa County, Reclamation in a recent, unsuccessful attempt Berryessa News headline: A Modest throughout the primary market area and to redevelop the five resorts offered 30-year Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership beyond; (2) conduct of a consumer survey stints, with infrastructure then reverting to the and Management of Lake Berryessa Should with more than 3,200 responses; (3) surveys of federal government. This was unacceptable to lakes, marinas and campgrounds in northern most potential bidders. California; and (4) review of numerous reports Ragatz recommended that concessionaires responded positively to this proposal. On and documents prepared by Reclamation and others over the past years.

Reclamation and the Department of the "resource manual" for anyone interested in the issue. A county report said the Bureau is Interior (DOI) regarding the future of the operating a concession area at Lake Berryessa. open to a 55-year lease with at least one 10-It also is meant to educate Napa County about vear extension. On June 21, 2016, the Board directed staff to the uniqueness and value of Lake Berryessa.

all of Napa County.

In December, 2016, supervisors moved This document represents Phase I of a two- information to help make

So here we are in August, 2017 - eighteen The supervisors were uniformly positive in months after Reclamation announced that no their responses to the report. "What an successful bids were received in response to opportunity this is for us to envision what Lake

The report includes many possibilties such as marinas, campsites, hiking trails, restaurants, On August 1, 2017 Dick Ragatz and Grant motels, grocery stores, a conference center, a figure out what fits, what's possible, and

should ideally have 65 years to recoup investments. Napa County and Bureau of authorized staff to engage in discussions with This document should be viewed as a Reclamation officials have been discussing

is primarily used to gather

A report could go to the Board in with the Bureau of Reclamation and further public hearings with the Board of Supervisors during

speed up this process which has so much potential. How long does Lake Berryessa still have to wait for a beautiful new resort at Steele Canyon with attractive facilities and amenities?

> 20/20 vision and 20/20 hindsight point to 2020!

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**The Consumer Survey** 

As part of Phase I. a consumer survey was conducted of households in northern California, with emphasis on the primary market area. Some 3,211 responses were received, which is a significant number relative to most consumer surveys. Understand today's consumer of outdoor 90% have visited Napa County in the last

five years

Constantly monitor enforcement of rules 83 % participate in motor boating, 73 % in

Simplify and clarify the RFO/RFP

Promote more widespread recognition of 16 % live in Napa County, 28 % elsewhere Engage adjacent private property owners. Explore a Local Improvement District. outside the PMA

### Redevelopment of the **Five Concession Areas**

Facilitate the EIS process.

**2** Ragatz Report Recommendations

**Napa County Policies** 

Balance a sometimes conflicting set of

criteria.

More influence in the process.

Maximize term of the leases.

recreation.

rules and regulations.

and regulations.

Subsidize initial expenses.

Not pay for additional EIS costs.

processes.

Lake Berryessa.

Encourage more year-round use. Encourage variety in the five areas

Rethink "everything public" policy

Appropriately encourage both motor-

based and nature-based activities. Pursue trails for variety of uses.

Encourage variety of accommodations.

Encourage full-service marinas. Encourage appropriate boat-launching

facilities. Enhance visual environment.

Concentrate on 3 and 4 star facilities

Discourage inappropriate uses.

### Where To Start

Concentrate on 2 rather than on all 5

Steele Canyon and Monticello Shores

Action" v. "quiet"

Flexibility with BOR's proposals One v. multiple operators

Create and enforce proper land and water 90% have visited Lake Berryessa in the

past, and 50 % havestayed overnight there other types of boating, and 85 % in hiking, walking, picnicking or other types of outdoor recreation

71 % are between 30 and 60 years of age 92 % have incomes over \$50.000, and 54 % are over \$100.000

in the North Bay, 34 % in the South Bay, 10 % in the Sacramento Delta, and 12 %

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### Results of the survey were very positive in regard to awareness and perception of Lake Berryessa and potential size of future demand.

It also is apparent that interest in, and demand for, future use of Lake Berryessa will increase if offering more outdoor recreational activities than just motor boating and RV camping, especially those that are: (1) nature-based, family-oriented and/or innovative; and (2) in harmony with the lifestyle of today's participants in outdoor recreation.

Most respondents have a positive image of Lake Berryessa and a high interest in visiting in the future. Especially high ratings were given to attributes of the Lake itself, e.g., scenery, quality of water and climate.

interested in visiting Lake Berryessa in the future. This includes 74 percent who are high among Napa County, higher income, middle-age and North Bay respondents. It is lower among younger, lower income, South Bay and Delta respondents.

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### Shiver Me Timbers or Scuttle My Butt

The origin of the word "scuttlebutt," which is nautical parlance for a rumor, comes from The vast majority (92 percent) are a combination of "scuttle" -- to make a hole in the ship's hull and thereby causing her to sink --- and "butt" -- a cask or hogshead used in the days of wooden ships to hold

"very interested." Interest is especially The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be

Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumors



### By Marcus Cox

When I participated in the Lake Berryessa cleanup one year I was one of the scuba divers who gathered trash from the bottom of the lake – a lot of it! We ended up with 1.5 TONS of trash before the day was done. It is sad to see folks who love coming up here leave trash behind, especially plastic bottles that last for centuries. We certainly don't want Lake Berryessa ending up like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (a plastic swamp the size of Texas).

If you watched "The Story of Bottled Water" at www.storyofstuff.org you know it is time to stop buying water in plastic bottles, if not just to save money. Bottled water costs more than gas now, and most of it is filtered tap water anyway. Pretty slick marketing though - don't you love the pictures of the lakes & streams on the bottles?

So the next question is which water filter bottle to buy. There are several on the market now. I wanted a bottle that allowed me to drink lake water without worrying. Or better yet, one that allowed me to drink from our swimming pool so we would have an extra 27,000 gallons of drinking water in case of emergencies.

The bottle I found does everything the others do but also removes cysts viruses, parasites, and even bacteria like Cryptospiridium and E. Coli (which by the way caused a huge water company to recall hundreds of thousands of their so called "pure mountain water" bottles).

To remove these little bacteria critters the filter has to do log6 filtration or 99.999% which means 1 bacteria per million gets through. Fortunately your immune system can handle that with no sweat.

So I decided to put this thing to the test and went "walkabout" with it and drank from some pretty nasty water sources. A local swamp with deer poop, flies, frogs, etc; then a drain pipe with filthy disgusting water (I had seen a dead fox carcass upstream). I also drank from a side pool on a slimy creek, our swimming pool, and, of course, Lake Berryessa. Needless to say the lake was a walk in the park after drinking from all these other places.

In every case the water tasted great, was crystal clear, and actually tasted better than the bottled water I had earlier that morning. My wife filmed me while I drank from these places so if you want to see the bottle in action I posted the videos at http://www.ariixwaterfilter.com

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### Protecting the Lake, One Boat at a Time By Chris Zaleski

Have you taken your boat out to Lake Berryessa this summer? If so, then you've likely met one of the interns from Solano County Water Agency's Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach program. This program consists of 13 college students whose Berryessa

mission is to protect the Lake Berryessa from various becoming infested. invasive species and pollutants. Interns are stationed at all six launch sites around the lake and perform invasive screenings on all water craft entering the lake.

species (AIS) out of the lake. Interns also work to native to Ukraine and educate boaters and recreators on ways to keep Lake Western Russia, and Berryessa free from various pollutants such as oil and were carried west across

mussels. These mussels reproduce exponentially, with shipping container ships. adult female zebra mussels reproducing up to 1 million They first entered the U.S. in the 1980s into the Great offspring per year.

Once theses mussel species get into suitable water bodies, they are impossible to remove and can cause extensive damage to the lake.

ecosystems, recreations, and water distribution systems. becoming infested as well. Since Lake Berryessa is a major drinking source for Solano County residents and farmers, this could result in higher operational cost for water conveyance. Congressional research has shown that across the giving out free bilge pads country the price tag for this damage has exceeded \$5B. to boaters. Installing one

Zebra and Quagga mussels can be transported into the compartment of a boat can lake from an infested waterway via standing water prevent oil from leaking within the many compartments located inside boats. out into the lake. Both species start their life span in a planktonic stage that is naked to the human eye. They can live in this standing As an incentive for water for up to 30 days.

It is important to always keep your boat clean, drained, as Lake Berryessa Tand dried, of all water when you pull your boat out of any

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U.Swaterbody Screenings performed by the interns help ensure that all boats entering Lake Berryessa follow these guidelines in order to prevent Lake from

According to the U.S. Wildlife and Service, Zebra and These screenings are designed to keep aquatic invasive Quagga mussels are the Atlantic in ballast water of large The most destructive AIS are the Zebra and Ouagga

> Lakes, and subsequently spread across the country infesting more lakes and rivers. Today, all freshwater ways east of the Rockies are

considered to be infested. Out in the west, the Colorado Interns are also working to

keep oil out of the lake by of them in the engine

installing, boaters are rewarded with prizes such

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shirts and water bottles. Used bilge pads can be recycled in the red canisters located at the six launch ramps. There are also fresh new bilge pads available in the same location in the blue canisters.

Protecting Lake Berryessa keeps it safe for people, fish, River system became infested about 10 years ago, which and wildlife to use and enjoy. For more information, Possible damage can affect launch ramps, boats, aquatic led to many of the lakes and rivers of Southern California please feel free to pick up a brochure and talk to one of the interns next time you are heading out onto the water.





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### **Survey Results Continued**

Results from several questions help determine services and facilities that should be included in the future of Lake Berrvessa and the five concession areas in order to maximize visitation patterns. It is evident that potential users are interested in more than just motor boating and | Pisces (2/19-3/20): Mars and Venus will both RV camping. Shown below are the proportion of "important" responses for 27 items that could be implemented at the Lake. convenience grocery stores 96%

restaurants and other food services 93% hiking, biking, walking trails 91% than admit that it's all been the cat's fault equipment rentals 87% taverns/bars 75% children's activities 75% defined areas for kayaking, canoeing, sailboarding, paddleboarding 74%

evening entertainment, music, dancing, movies 73% special events such as boat races, car clubs, triathlons, fishing tournaments 71%

defined areas for jet skiing and wave running 71% amphitheater with outdoor concerts and "name entertainment" 70%

central clubhouse with swimming pool, fitness center and other amenities/facilities 65% zipline 64%

horseback riding trails 65%

wine tasting on the shores of the lake 64%

shuttle services to wineries and other attractions in nearby Napa Valley 60%

off-roading/motorcycling/ATV riding 58% shooting range with clay facilities 58%

water park 57%

wildlife safari park 52% wedding venues 50%

organized bird watching 49%

health and wellness facilities and seminars 48%

conference, meetings and lifestyle retreat facilities

classes on culinary arts, wellness, crafts, etc. 45% year-round sports/athletic academy with professional

training facilities and name instructors 42%

golf 42%

### August Horoscopes

Aguarius (1/20-2/18): You will be torn between two equally worthy suitors, one who is kind, selfless, outgoing, supportive, and oving, and one who is attractive. appear in your sign this week, as will Zach

Galifinakis, who is apparently in everything these days. Aries (3/21-4/19): When the moment of truth you've been praying for all these years will finally arrives, you'll reject it out of hand rather

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): While you're starting to think that your problem is that you're too "in your head," it's actually a rare species of cranial tapeworm. Gemini (5/21-6/21): The natives will shrink in terror when you demonstrate your lighter, as

even they know that smoking is not at all good

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll be trapped in a

paralyzing dilemma that can only be solved if

you learn something new, take the initiative, or

for you.

have an original thought of your own. Leo (7/23-8/22): While you're often disgusted by the shallowness and ignorance you see all around you, you have to admit it's made it easy for you to get dates.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: The King's men part you can understand, but you've never really comprehended how all the King's horses were supposed to help.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A combination of hubris treachery, and everyday low prices will soon mark the end of your reign as Mattress King. Scorpio (10/23-11/21): A man's home is his

castle. This week prepare to have your castle

stormed by a marauding horde of phone bills Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Action and adventure await you this Thursday, though not before hours of pointless exposition and predictable plot twists.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your financial situation takes a turn for the worse this week when that damn quarter slips loose and falls behind the sofa cushion.



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something that economists, policymakers and problem in health care. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan. Inc., Kaiser Foundation

Hospitals and their respective subsidiaries reported their 2016 annual financial results. Total operating revenue for 2016 was \$64.6 billion, compared to \$60.7 billion in 2015.

Total earnings amount to an average of \$20 million (median of \$11 million) per CEO per year. A vast Coordinate care majority of pay came in the form of vested stock. John Martin, former CEO of the pharmaceutical company Gilead Sciences, made \$863 million in the ACA era—the most of any health care CEO.

Health care inflation continues to blow away general Perform more procedures and tests economic inflation, and a big reason why is because Create new medical therapies that may not add value to Mark T. Bertolini, Aetna, \$17.26 M health care executives are not paid to slow spending. The estimated value of stock is misleading and does not accurately depict how much a person made in a given year. Actual realized gains show that CEOs are making a Do anything to create higher earnings per share lot more than headlines suggest.

Disconnect between productivity and typical worker's compensation, 1948-2013 1973-2013: Productivity: Up 96.8% Productivity: Up 73.0% Hourly compensation: Up 91.3%Hourly compensation: Up 8.9% Productivity compensation 2000

William Lazonick, an economist at the University of household income in 2015 was \$56.515, which the Massachusetts Lowell, and Matthew Hopkins, a senior average health care CEO made in less than a day. The CEOs of 70 of the largest U.S. health care companies researcher at the nonprofit Academic-Industry Research Pharmaceutical and drug-related company CEOs made cumulatively have earned \$9.8 billion in the seven years Network, reviewed the analysis for accuracy. They up 11 of the top 20 highest earners. since the Affordable Care Act was passed, and their have written extensively about corporate executive The analysis still underestimates how much wealth health earnings have grown faster than those of most Americans. compensation and why actual realized stock gains matter. The ACA has not hurt the health care industry. Stock A gigantic portion of what CEOs make comes in the form prices have boomed, and CEOs took home nearly 11% of vested stock, and those incentives drive their decisionWalgreens CEO Stefano Pessina owns more than 13% of more money on average every year since 2010 — far

passed, health care executives routinely took measures to 2017 But the analysis also reveals that the pay packages for the inflate stock prices — such as repurchasing shares or country's influential health care executives don't give issuing dividends to shareholders — that led to higher Leonard S. Schleifer, Regeneron, \$47.46M even Warren Buffett have said is the most pressing Stock-heavy pay also drives CEOs to do the exact Larry J. Merlo, CVS Health, \$22.86 M opposite of their buzzword-laden goals of creating a

"patient-centered" health system that focuses on "value.

Actions that would benefit the broader health care systems: Lower prices

Eliminate unnecessary procedures, tests or devices

Instead, CEOs often focus on what benefits the stock

Sell more prescription drugs

someone's life George A. Scangos, Biogen, \$16.87 M Raise prices above inflation

The richest year was 2015, when 70 health care CEOs

collectively made \$2 billion. Marc N. Casper, Thermo Fisher Scientific, \$16.31 M

That was an average of about Robert A. Bradway, Amgen, \$16.09 M \$28.5 million per CEO and a median of about \$17.3 million George Paz, Express Scripts Holding, \$14.84 M

care CEOs have.

It did not include vested stock after CEOs retired, nor did

making. The analysis shows that since the ACA was Walgreens, which equaled about \$12 billion as of June

Jeffrey M. Leiden, Vertex, \$28.09 M

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene, \$20.76 M

Robert J. Hugin, Celgene, \$22.47 M

Alex Gorsky, Johnson & Johnson, \$21.13 M

Alan B. Miller, Universal Health Services, \$20.43 M

Kenneth C. Frazier, Merck & Co., \$19.89 M

Miles D. White, Abbott Laboratories, \$19.41 M

Richard A. Gonzalez, AbbVie, \$18.53 M Heather Bresch, Mylan, \$18.16 M

David M. Cordani, Cigna, \$17.31 M

Robert L. Parkinson, Baxter International, \$16.65 M

John C. Lechleiter, Eli Lilly & Co., \$16.56 M

per CEO. The median John C. Martin, Gilead Sciences, \$18.76 M



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# **Open-Carry Swords:**

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Other than a few driving under the influence arrests and

non injury traffic accidents, the party went off without

store was packed and a line extended out the door, where

Law enforcement was concerned with traffic, crowd

control, and safely, a Napa County sheriff's deputy said,

and not race. "It's not just 8,000 to 10,000 people

throughout the lake, but 8,000 to 10,000 people in a

place with 367 parking spaces. Our job is to maintain

peace and safety for residents, visitors and businesses."

1998's July's "Berryessa 3" saw an estimated 10,000

people descend on Acorn Beach. In the wake of that

event, area residents gathered 1,265 signatures to protest

the event's impact and ask for tighter restrictions on

parking and attendance. Law enforcement clearly did

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### A Civilized Second Amendment Right

### By Elie Mystal

thousands as hundreds of cars continued arriving, with around blades shorter than 5.5 inches. That restriction Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique no place further to go. Spurned lake-goers set down will be lifted and Texans can get their saber on. blankets, lawn chairs and barbecues around the parking I think that's great. Seriously. I am totally cool with the

By late afternoon perhaps 5,000 people clogged the 18th-century musket than any of the sub-assault-pocket-Moscowite restaurant and gas station area. The general Uzis turning our country into a shooting gallery today.



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melt down the Interpid for steel and enslave Hitori Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 10 a.m. Hanzo to do the work. Guns kill innocent There are a limited number of times during the year the bystanders. The only California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows innocent bystander ever everyone to fish free of charge, and September 2 is one to be killed by a sword was of them! If you ever wanted to learn to fish, this is the Polonius, and Hamlet felt perfect time to join our park ranger at Oak Shores Day super bad after indiscriminately. Swords Please contact park rangers Dylan Dowe and Matthew kill their intended target. Ward at 707-966-2111 ext.113 difficult to get to the lake that no one will want to come If we accept that in an free society, some killing must be next year? "No. We wanted to provide a safe area for done in the fight for scarce resources, swords are tactical

everybody at Lake Benyessa, including the picnickers at weapons while guns are weapons of mass destruction. Acorn Beach," officers said. "We just wanted to make And while we're here, let's remember that a sub-5.5 inch Pope Creek Bridge and the Markley Turnouts knife is probably way more deadly than a freaking Free lunch and beverages will be provided to Next year, "Berryessa 5" in 2000? No it never happened. broadsword. An enemy will make you look like a bloody volunteers. To volunteer, contact park ranger Hugo Whether a conscious strategy or not, the zero tolerance sprinkler system in the time it takes for you to approach by officials in 1999 ended the Rap Concert unsheathe your katana. You're not a damn Jedi. If Texas is already allowing knives (and guns!), then

Listen to "Berryessa": The first track from the Lake nobody is made less safe by toting around a sword. I don't know that you can ever go back again. I don't know that you can ever get rid of all the guns lurking in our country. But our country made a wrong turn when we broadly interpreted A True Staycation Property At Lake Berryessa!

'arms" to include "rapid-fire hand-held artillery units," as opposed to something limited to personal stabbing weapons and slow reload rifles. Hannibal didn't need guns

Batman doesn't need guns. Guns are for cowards. If you want to defend your people, you should be limited to the ax aisle at Walmart.

Starting in September, 2017, Texas will allow you to Friday, September 1 from 6 to The Moskowite roadblock crowd swelled into the open-carry swords. The state already allows you to carry Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area

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perspective during our ranger-led Full Moon Friday paddling tours. These 3-hour trips explore various parts lot perimeter, car radios blared music and teens chased right to bear swords. It's an originalist interpretation of experienced swimmers. A limited number of kayaks and the Second Amendment. A sword is way closer to an Coast Guard-approved life jackets are available for participants, if requested in advance. Required items include a kayak or canoe, life jacket, paddles, headlamp If you could get people to and sound device, Pre-registration is required. To preturn in their guns to register or check the availability of equipment email receive a personally park ranger Todd Eggert at reggert@usbr.gov or call crafted sword. I'd vote to 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

Free Fishing Day

Shale Point, Oak Shores Day that Use Area for some tips. Fishing equipment will be kill available for participants to use during this program.

## Coastal Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 707-966-2111 ext. Martinez



Lake Berryessa History: The Summer of Love (1967) versus The Summers of Chaos (1998-1999) What if you threw a party and 8.000 people showed up!

In the last issue of the Lake Berryessa News we wrote about the Summer of Love 50 years ago. but only 20 years ago we had the Summers of Chaos. These were the "Rap Concert" summers many of us still remember.

### Lake Berryessa 1998 Rap Concert

The "Berryessa 3" beach party in 1998 attracted more than 8,000 people who generated tons of trash, a traffic gridlock, several accidents, numerous fights and many irate homeowners. Partygoers flocked to the Oaks Shore Park at Lake Berryessa on July 11, 1998 to party, swim, drink, eat and "make our lives hell," said Berryessa Pines resident Rudy Fehrenkamp, 68.

"We tried to go to the seniors citizens' Casino Night - which had to be canceled - and the traffic was horrendous. People were riding on top and in the beds of pickups, throwing beer and whiskey bottles all over. There was no way we could drive on the road," he said

"Then, the next day, the area, all the way to Spanish Flat, was one big trashy mess. It took park rangers two and half days to clean up the garbage."

This was the third year the "party" took place. "Lake Berryessa 3" fliers were distributed in the East Bay advertising the event. The posters, which read, "For more information, ask somebody," did not name a sponsor.

authorities had that the party was on was Saturday about Shroes carrying their food and drinks. 5 a.m. when people started lining up at the gates. There were no legal guidelines covering a no-host event on federal property. The place is a public beach and the highways are public roads. Authorities can't prohibit the public from using public facilities.

Beach to party with rap singer Too Short. But it got out of hand and erupted into a series of fights, traffic

control the crowd at the picnic area in Oak Shores Park. and 128. Once the parking lot filled up people parked anywhere, on both sides of the road. They blocked traffic and caused all other kinds of problems. It took a sheriff's unit about one and half hours to travel three miles. Many store owners close their businesses.



### Lake Berryessa 1999 Rap Concert

What if you threw a party and 8,000 people showed up - again?

The fliers touted the party as "The event you've been Highways 121 and 128 causing major traffic congestion music event. Large crowds gathered at the intersection of a long, hot journey. after the road into the lake was closed. People were forced The event catered to the rap music crowd. The first clue to walk for more than an hour to get to the lake Oak flashed money to passing cars, offering to pay for a ride.

unprecedented police presence and a clamp down of inbound roads. Wary of previous years' problems where law enforcement this year increased lake staff 20-fold More than 8,500 people gathered Saturday at Acorn and resolved to cut the problem off at the pass.

People started arriving at Oak Shores parking lot about 1 waiting to get in. The lot has 367 parking spots. When the lot was full, at about 7:30 a.m., the CHP closed About 80 Napa County law enforcement officers and Berryessa/Knoxville Road in both directions. The crowd backup units from Solano County were called in to began to gather at Moskowite Corners at Highway 121

> At one point, there was about 1,500 people gathered there. Many people opted to hike to Oak Shores Park but they didn't know how far it was - about 12 miles.

On a perfect summer day in the low 80s, under clear skies and CHP had 40 motorcycle cops and 40 patrol officers. at Acorn Beach, about 3,000 people laid out blankets and

set up canopies, tents, and listened to music, barbecued and drank beer

There was no concert and no central staging area for any events. Police bike patrols and horse teams periodically cruised the area. Sheriff's boats zipped by, and helicopters buzzed overhead.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors Had banned parking on KnoxvIlle-Berryessa Road from Pope Canyon all the way to Highway 128, where parking is prohibited as well. On Saturday, "no parking" signboards with police tape lined the road, including dirt lot pullouts where people normally park on a busy weekend. Several dozen cars risked the \$75 fine and parked nearby, though a fleet of 20 tow trucks was said to be at the ready to haul cars away to Capell Valley School.

Some In the predominantly African-American crowd were angry at the road restrictions, and said they believed the motive was racial. "If It was white people, they'd have charter buses bringing people in," one Oakland man who made a 45 minute walk from Spanish Flat to Acorn Beach said. "They're trying to make it as difficult as possible."

Twelve miles down the road, the California Highway Patrol al 11:15 a.m. set up a road block at Moscowite Large crowds were drawn to Lake Berryessa Saturday, Corners, where Highways 121 and 128 meet. For those July 13, 1999, for "Berryessa 4", another imprompturap who chose to park and walk to, or toward, the lake, it was

Streams of people attempted the 12-mile trek, some carrying coolers, lawn chairs and sun umbrellas. Some Many asked how far the lake was, and said they did not The "controlled chaos" was somewhat squelched by believe it was 12 miles away. Few carried water.

The road was strewn with abandoned busted foam coolers, plastic water bottles and other garbage. Some thousands congregated in the small Acorn Beach area, drivers whose cars were somehow past the Moscowlte roadblock charged \$5 to \$10 for one-way rides to the Turtle Rock road block.

Several who completed the five mile walk from accidents, and massive gridlock, tying up two-lane traffic

a.m. By 5:30 a.m. there was between 500 to 600 cars

Moscowlte to Turtle Rock, rather than continue the next seven mile stretch to Acorn Beach, opted to return to Moscowite on air-conditioned bus provided by the stale Department of Corrections.

> The sheriff's department had a couple of Napa County Department of Corrections buses on hand in the event of a mass arrest, but authorities ended up using the buses to take people back to their cars. The sheriff's department also had about 112 law enforcement officers on the scene (Continued on Page 9)

### Is His Name Smokey Bear or **Smokey THE Bear?**

In the last issue of the Lake Berryessa News we did a story about a Fire Safe Council event. One photo showed Smokey. One reader pointed out that there is a bit of controversy about Smokey's real name.

"Smokey Bear does not have a middle name, and I believe the confusion is caused by the song where you sing Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear, That's where the confusion lies, the song make it sound like he has a middle name. but in reality, he doesn't."

pretty catchy:

https://youtu.be/l3PhVQmRdKk

### The Smokey Bear History (per the **U.S. Forest Service**)

Mountains of New Mexico, an operator in



Here is the song for reference, beware it's they received a report of a lone bear cub take him home. seen wandering near the fire line. They A New Mexico Department of Game and One spring day in 1950, in the Capitan on a rockslide for over an hour as the fire treated and bandaged. burned past them.

one of the fire towers spotted smoke and Nearby, the little cub had not fared as well. called the location in to the nearest ranger He took refuge in a tree that became station. The first crew discovered a major completely charred, escaping with his life Mexico. wildfire sweeping along the ground but also badly burned paws and hind legs. United between the trees, driven by strong wind. The crew removed the cub from the tree, Associated

hoped that the mother bear would return Fish ranger heard about the cub when he for him. Soon, about 30 of the firefighters returned to the fire camp. He drove to the were caught directly in the path of the fire rancher's home to help get the cub on a storm. They survived by lying face down plane to Santa Fe, where his burns were

> News about the little swiftly spread New the Soon, Press and Press broadcast his storv nationwide, and many people wrote and called asking about the cub's recovery.

The state game warden wrote to the chief of the Forest Service, offering to present the cub to the agency as long as the cub would be dedicated to a

Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan. New Mexico, where he continues to be a wildfire prevention legend. In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins

wildfire prevention publicity program.

The cub was soon on his way to the

National Zoo in Washington, D.C.,

becoming the living symbol of Smokey

Smokey received numerous gifts of

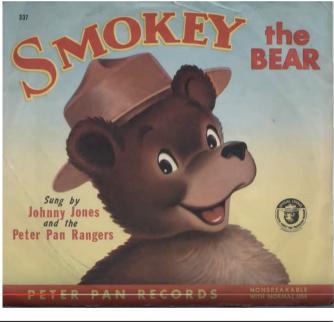
honey and so many letters he had to have

his own zip code. He remained at the zoo

until his death in 1976, when he was

returned to his home to be buried at the

As the crew battled to contain the blaze, and a rancher among the crew agreed to wrote the popular anthem that would launch a continuous debate about Smokey's name. To maintain the rhythm of the song, they added "the" between "Smokey" and "Bear." Due to the song's popularity, Smokey Bear has been called "Smokey the Bear" by many adoring fans, but, in actuality, his name never changed. He's still Smokey Bear.





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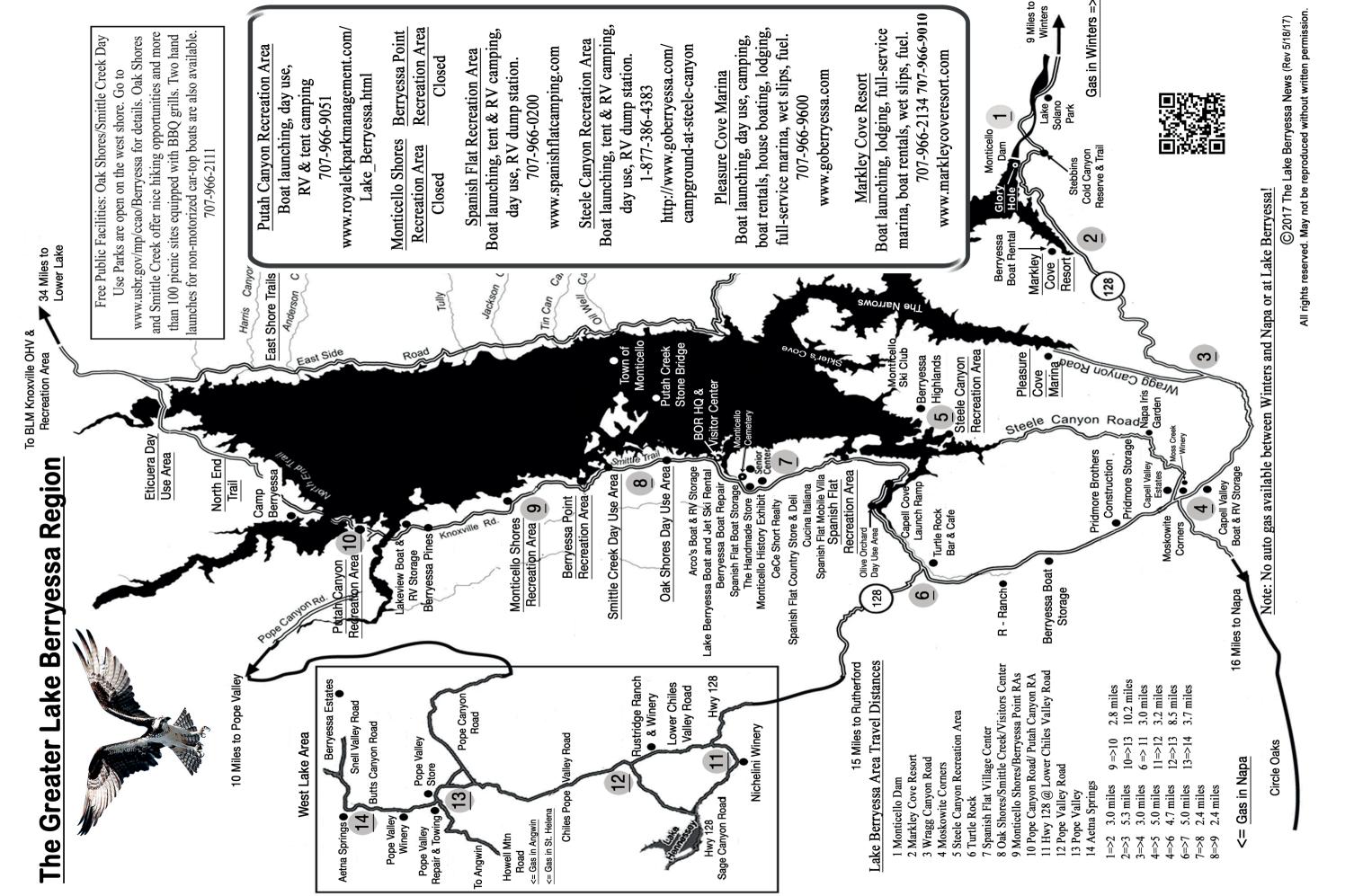


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### Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!

Now through Labor Day: Saturdays and Sundays 12 to 2 p.m. Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters) Ever wonder who created Lake Berryessa? How much water it holds? What was here before the lake? Where the water goes? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a park ranger at the Monticello Dam every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 2 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Please contact a park ranger at 707-966-2111 ext.113 with any questions.



# The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce\_wants you to know that Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

is expected to be Spanish Flat 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. 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. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Through September 11: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays 12-3 p.m. Stop in with your questions or to view the Wild about Wetlands exhibit on loan through September from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. 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.

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After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock. Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Just past the Spanish Flat Village Center, you'll find:

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