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By Marcus Cox

For those of us in Napa who were evacuated from our homes (the Sherriff woke us up at 1 am as a wall of 100 foot high flames advanced up the hill behind our place) we will never forget how close we came to losing our precious home (many of our friends were not so lucky). From December 2017 to February 2018 over 733,639 acres burned in the USA (there are massive fires happening all over the world now) which is the most on record. going back 19 years.

In my recent blog post at www.AriixWaterFilter.com I spoke of a possibility to eliminate one of the bigger contributors to global warming and pollution – the use of plastic bottles to sell water. Not only is this trashing (pun intended) our precious planet but the \$14.7 billion that consumers are spending on bottled water (these companies make as much as 2,000% profit!) could be better spent helping families like yours and mine.

It appears our elected politicians do not seem able to stop these companies. Google "Nestle vs State" to see just a few of the court battles going on out there. We can make a serious difference by boycotting bottled water! If you are still buying bottled water, read the article "Bottled Water Scam Revealed" by Food&WaterWatch.org on my blog - it should change your mind.

While the Bottled Water cartel seems more concerned about profits than concerned about covering the planet in plastic trash (not to mention horrific weather scenarios where millions of people are affected - have you ever seen so many fires, floods, tornadoes, or hurricanes?), we can make a difference.

How You Can Make A Difference

I've been reaching out to several non-profits that are doing wonderful things to help preserve the planet, and I am determined to help their causes (watch the StoryofStuff.org bottled water video on my site). I see the Puritii Water Filtration Bottle as a great vehicle to help fund their efforts AND help fund the efforts by their supporters.

To get involved on this project just go to www.AriixWaterFilter.com/puritii-global-fundraiser/ and fill out the contact form. Together, we can truly make a difference.

Take Back the Tap: The Big Business Hustle of Bottled Water

People may believe the myth that bottled water is purer and healthier than tap water, largely because of the bottled water industry's ubiquitous and crafty marketing tactics including targeting vulnerable and lower-income consumers. Today, many people buy water in plastic bottles rather than drinking from the tap or a fountain. But people may not know that the federal government requires more rigorous safety monitoring of municipal tap water than it does of bottled water.

After declining during the Great Recession, bottled water sales and consumption increased from 2010 to 2016 - including rapid growth in cheaper, private-label water (store brands). The top beverage companies in the United States are now using bottled water as a profit center, and as a replacement for lagging soft drink sales. In 2016, bottled water sales surpassed soft drinks for the first time as the largest U.S. beverage category by volume. By 2016, bottled water sales in the United States reached nearly 40 gallons of bottled water per person. In 2016, the U.S. bottled water industry sold nearly 8 billion bottles, generating \$14.7 billion in revenue.

Most of these bottled water sales and profits line the pockets of the biggest companies like Nestle, Coca-Cola (Dasani brand) and Pepsico (Aquafina), which sold more than half of all US water in 2016. Bottled water costs more than gasoline. Bottled water is not better water. Most people drink it for convenience. Marketing hype targets women, people of color and immigrants. Bottled water has a dirty environmental footprint.



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No on Measure C! When Good Science Goes Bad...Or Doesn't Go Anywhere At All.

Are we an "oak woodland"?

by Peter Kilkus

nothing to do with the science. This is Legal Analysis of Napa County district that are greater than one (1) acre. particularly true of the so-called "Oak Watershed and Oak Woodland Protection You'll need a permit from the county to stand consists of at least two (2) oak trees Woodlands" Initiative on the June ballot Initiative of 2018. as Measure C.

statements about the environmental benefits of oak woodlands, this initiative

At its core this battle is between dueling visions of what Napa Valley should be preservation vs. development, growth vs. quality of life. You'll notice that the initiative is about Napa Valley, not Napa County, and especially not about Lake Measure C is not the answer. Berryessa. However, it will have the unintended consequence of negatively affecting Lake Berryessa and other rural property owners.

It is also the resurrection of the similarly specious 2005 initiative called the "Stream Setback Ordinance" which was defeated by the voters. This new initiative attempts to reanimate the previous stream setback goals while adding onerous rules without regarding tree-cutting compelling environmental benefits.

It then obfuscates its main goal within a forest of words designed to appeal to environmentally-unsophisticated voters in the urban areas where the majority of the votes exist. Again it will negatively affect east County and Lake Berryessa property owners with no benefit attached.

Voters should read the original initiative if

they actually care about the outcome. It's Measure C establishes an arbitrary annual turn on neighbors with anonymous As a practicing physicist for much of my complex and convoluted and impacts the 795 acre limit (retroactive to January 1, complaints to county officials.

Most of the profits go to the large somewhere else! corporations or wealthy business owners, and most of the new jobs go to people who

cut a tree. And on privately owned parcels of at least five (5) inches in diameter, Sometimes a position is not wrong, it's within the AW district that are greater than measured at 4.5 feet above mean Despite applehood and mother pie just not right. Yes on C proponents are one (1) acre, the County shall require natural grade. A parcel may contain one correct that uncontrolled, even controlled, replacement of lost oak trees or oak or more "oak woodlands". new development in Napa County is not woodlands, or permanent preservation of What's a bit bizarre about this definition is the economic boon that so many support. comparable habitat, at a minimum 3:1. If is simply an anti-winery, anti-vineyard, There are serious negative consequences

There are serious negative consequences you cut a tree for firewood or to improve apart the two trees must be nor how far

> Another problem with this type of considered one or two "oak woodlands". measure is that is basically unenforceable. can't afford to live in Napa County. Every The County will only respond to new job creates a new commuter. But complaints. Measure Callows neighbor to

career, I obviously love science. I'm General Plan, zoning regulations, and 2017) on tree removal after which special Any rural property (and even some urban particularly annoyed when science is more. Those who care enough and have permits will be required for activities or lots) can be classified an "oak woodland" manipulated to support political goals, more stamina should also at least scan a projects on privately-owned parcels of since "oak woodland" is defined in the especially when those political goals have complicated but thorough 79-page report, land within the Agriculture Watershed initiative as an oak stand with a greater than ten percent canopy cover. An oak

> your view, you have to plant three trees apart any two trees need to be from another two trees for them to be

> > This definition of a two tree oak woodland does not appear to be used anywhere else in the initiative. It implies that you can cut down any single oak tree without a permit as long as it is far enough from any other oak tree so that it is not considered a "woodland". But that's not what the measure says.

> > Although the target species appears to be oak trees, the measure also calls for the amendment of the Napa County code to require a permit for removing any species - not just oaks. SECTION 4: NAPA COUNTY CODE AMENDMENTS. D.5 "Tree removal" means causing the death or removal of any living tree of any species that is five (5) inches or more in diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade, by cutting, dislodging, poisoning, burning, topping or damaging of roots...

> > > (Continued on Pg.2)

(Continued from Page 1) future to fund the Napa Regional Park and Open Space A county report says oak woodlands cover 167,000 acres - District (RPOSD) to the tune of many millions of dollars. about 33 percent - of the county. The Atlas, Tubbs and Nuns The RPOSD has proven itself to be of marginal benefit to wildfires last October burned about 30,000 acres of oak Napa County and basically no benefit to the Lake Berryessa woodlands. Newspapers have reported that millions of trees region. This may be a silly question, but if limiting the removal of revitalization of Lake Berryessa. We are very close to a

critical to the water, soil, and human survival in Napa I'm not and "oak woodland". Can County, why have the Measure C proponents not clamored you remove me without a permit? for an emergency task force to address the major disaster facing Napa from the loss of 30,000 acres in one week? That's 38 years worth of trees destroyed at the 795 acre per year limit of Measure C! Armageddon in Napa Valley! Protecting the so-called oak woodlands around Lake Berryessa is unnecessary since the area (and Napa County itself) is already one of the most protected in the state. Lake Berryessa is factually the cleanest lake in northern

outcome of this election. If Measure C wins it gives them hope that they could try for another parcel tax vote in the BIG city speeds SPECTACULAR and affordable internet. Enjoy the perks of "big city"

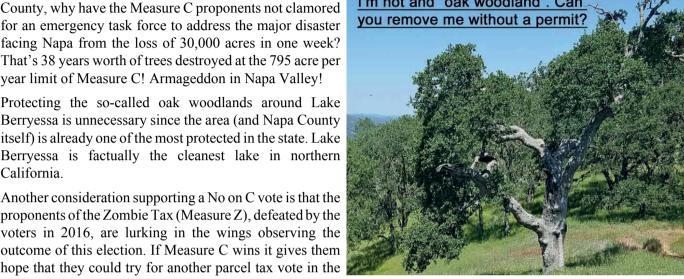


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Any future funding considerations should be aimed at the better future for the lake. trees to only 795 acres a year and oak woodlands are so



Oscar Wilde Quotes

"To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness."

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance."

'America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between."

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asked, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old-age home?' 'Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," he said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

'No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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is looking forward to a revitalization as a community resource. Please join to support the Lake Berryessa community during this time of positive change at the lake Community Support members of any age are welcome Membership dues are just \$25 a year per person. The Center is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. They

have regular monthly dinners and events such as

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the annual Crab

Feed, summer BBQs, bingo, and various fundraisers.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center Community Hall is an amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd and is available at a very reasonable rent for special occasions. Call for details: 966-0206. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

When you join you will be put on the Center's email list

to receive regular announcements of activities and

Please send your check for \$25 per person made out to the Berryessa Senior Citizens and mail it to:

> Berryessa Senior Center, Spanish Flat Village Center, Unit #9113 Napa, CA 94558

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 19: Free May dinner.

Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3: Parking lot furniture sale Please contact CeCe Short for details @ 707-337-0224

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Fishing With Kids (Continued from Page 6) Some fish species make better targets for young kids than others

do. For example, largemouth bass are often sage inspectors of lures, and it can take all of the finesse an experienced adult can muster to entice them to bite. Bluegill and their relatives can often be caught throughout th day, and they tend to congregate in distinct areas. Once you find

one, you can probably find more in the same spot. Catfish often take more patience to catch than bluegill, but they also give your child a chance to drag up a reasonably big fish. Also, children may be amused by some of the more unusual baits Of Alcoholism Generally Driving Over used to catch catfish, such as hot dogs and grapes. Curb, Plowing Through Fire Hydrant, And Crashing Into Aquarium

Bait selection is a controversial topic among adult anglers, but

when fishing with children, it's best to keep things simple. Your | Nation Suddenly Concerned About Black

basic choices include worms, crickets and bread. Worms are the | Man's Opinion quintessential fish bait, and they work very well for most species you're likely to target with your kids including panfish and catfish, as well as more ambitious quarry, such as bass and trout In some places, particularly those with dense populations o bluegill, catfish or carp, you can often catch fish with nothing more than a bit of bread. Squish the bread up into a small ball and just stick it on the hook as though it were a cricket or worm. Bread doesn't last very long in the water, but because it isn't "gross,"

when necessary.

perfectly acceptable to catch some fish for the dinner table every once in a while, recreational anglers should practice catch-and-Grandma Defiantly Taking Scone Recipe release fishing. Additionally, as most experienced anglers are already aware, Woman Spends Entire Date Wondering If litter is a big problem around many lakes and rivers. Many popular This Is The One She'll Mace fishing locations are lousy with old lures, bait cups and bundles of

many kids will enjoy learning to bait their own hook with bread

When you introduce your children to fishing, it is important to

consider the totality of the event, including understanding the

importance of conservation and empathy. For example, while it is

otherwise-gorgeous locations. Point out examples of litter to your youngsters and discuss its impact on the local environment. Impress upon them the importance of proper trash disposal and consider bringing along | Report: Slamming Boss Against Wall

line, all of which threaten wildlife and ruin the aesthetics of these

Above all else, make sure that your child's first fishing experience is fun. You'll need to remain patient and flexible to do so, but the rewards will justify your efforts. After all, fishing is fun - you just | Church Steps Must Be Offering To God

a small trash bag to collect some of the debris strewn about.

Don't worry if your 6-year-old is more interested in feeding the To Agree With Anything One Another ducks than catching fish. She's still hanging out with mom or dad | Says by the lake, a valuable experience.

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Notes from the Napa County Sheriff What is suspicious activity?

"Am I witnessing a crime?" Most of us have found ourselves wondering this at some point or another. However, because we're not really sure, we tend to ignore what we have just seen and, hoping it wasn't so, we continue about our business.

People aren't suspicious, behavior is! Always consider the context for what you are witnessing and remember there may be a simple explanation for activity that at first glance appears suspicious. Here are behaviors that may be associated with criminal

- handles to see if the doors will open.
- -Someone taking a package from someone else's property (keep in mind that sometimes neighbors leave or pick up packages for other neighbors).
- live there and who may also go to other homes knocking on doors. This is a tactic location that will work best for the kids. used by people with the intent to burglarize to see if people are home. (Keep in mind Remember that children have short attention spans and fishing is an activity that requires that people may mistakenly go to the wrong home.)
- logo vehicle.
- -Someone using binoculars or other devices to peer into your or your neighbors'
- -At night, a person sitting inside a vehicle that you do not recognize with the lights off for extended period of time.
- -A pushy salesperson not producing identification upon your request or asking to come into your home.
- -A vehicle you do not recognize that is circling multiple times around the neighborhood.

Remember, if you think that a crime may be occurring, or that the safety of you or your neighbors may be at risk, don't hesitate to call 911. You shouldn't worry about using up police time. Calls to 911 will be prioritized based on availability of law enforcement. Your call could be the one that lets us put a stop to the break-ins or a crime streak in your neighborhood. We are happy to check things out!

Taking Children on Their First Lake Berryessa Fishing Trip

By Ben Team

Few memories last as long as those surrounding your first fishing trip (family's first RV) trip maybe?). You probably still remember the sights, sounds and smiles of the occasion vividly, and you probably look back on the outing fondly. Now, so many years later, it is time to introduce your children to angling.

You certainly don't have to do anything fancy to introduce children to the sport, but it helps to have a good game plan in place. After all, you may be introducing your children to a lifelong hobby, and you want to get started on the right foot. Paved Boat & RV

Anglers often enjoy using the most complicated and nuanced tackle and presentations possible or advanced technology like fishfinders in pursuit of their quarry, but this is obviously not a good idea for youngsters. When fishing with kids, simplicity is the name of the game. This means that it is best to use cane poles or spinning and spincasting reels instead of bait-casting gear or other complicated systems.

You should probably start young children out by fishing with a bobber and live bait, instead of lures, which is more likely to become snagged on the bottom, and will take some skill to cast and retrieve properly. Additionally, kids will often appreciate being able to see their float bounce and bob around in the water, rather than trying to use a submersible lure, which requires them to feel and interpret the location of the bait.

To fish this way, you'll need a pole strung with lightweight (4- to 8-pound-test will suffice) fishing line. To this, you'll need to attach a float or bobber, with a small hook (#8 to #12) tied to the end of the line. Live bait of your choice can then be threaded on the hook. Sometimes, you may need to attach a bit of split shot to the line between the -Someone walking down the street looking into multiple vehicles and/or trying door bobber and the hook, to keep the bait from floating up in the water.

> Remember that your youngster may not be comfortable wielding a standard fishing rod, so consider using down-sized gear. This will make it easier for them to cast and retrieve their lure, as well as land any fish they manage to hook.

-A person who is not your neighbor walking about your neighbor's home and When you are heading out to fish with the kids, try to select a place that will suit them looking into windows, or trying to gain access by forcing open a window or door. best. Typically, this means a place with a long, open stretch of bank or a roomy dock; -A person knocking on your door and asking to speak with someone who does not if you have access to a boat, you have more flexibility, but you still want to select a

patience. The best way to keep them focused on the task at hand is to catch fish; kids -Someone claiming to represent a utility company who is either not wearing a won't enjoy staring at a float for very long unless they are getting nibbles. Accordingly, uniform, does not produce identification upon request, or does not have a company you should target easy-to-catch species and try to fish in locations that are full of them. Finally, don't forget that children will need easy access to a bathroom, and they'll probably want drinks and snacks during the outing. (Conttinued on Pg..7)

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Pisces (2/19-3/20): You'll slowly start to see the value CeCe Short Robin Short of improving communication in all your (707) 337-0224 (707) 738-3006 relationships, if only to better understand what the frantic firemen are trying to tell you. 4338 Berryessa Knoxville Rd. Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll finally learn you can't run

in a crowded restaurant. Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Mars rising in your sign usually indicates increased conflict in life, but in this case it means the orbital plane of Earth has shifted and we are

away from your problems, but you haven't given up

on escaping by donning a clever disguise and hiding

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): It turns out you're the reason your sign is associated with daring, free-spirited people who like to borrow whole seasons of shows on DVD and not give them back.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll provide much-needed insight and deep wisdom when you loudly proclaim that those politicians are just a bunch of crooks in front of the whole bar.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Expect little change from last week. aside from the marauding badgers growing I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit rudimentary thumbs and learning to use chipped flint me...A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result tools. in Linoleum Blownapart...Two silk worms had a race. They

Virgo (8/23-9/22: Your crude and primitive sense of humor will offend lots of people, but just wait until they get a look at your crude and primitive sense of iustice.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The Virgin Mary will appear in a dream and tell you to go forth in the world to help the poor and needy, causing you to wake up screaming in a cold sweat.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You're good at thinking on your feet, which means next week's encounter with the bear trap will leave you somewhat dull-witted in addition to everything else.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll learn the value of patience, compassion, and tolerance next week and be rather disappointed that it's actually so low.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You used to think you were pretty dark on the inside, but a run-in with a pavement saw will prove there's plenty of purple, green, and translucent bits in you too.

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Pity the nation...

by Lawrence Ferlinghetti (2007)

Pity the nation whose people are sheep, and whose shepherds mislead them.

Pity the nation whose leaders are liars, whose sages are silenced. and whose bigots haunt the airwaves.

Pity the nation that raises not its voice, except to praise conquerors and acclaim the bully as hero and aims to rule the world with force and by torture.

Pity the nation that knows no other language but its own and no other culture but its own.

Pity the nation whose breath is money and sleeps the sleep of the too well fed.

Pity the nation — oh, pity the people who allow their rights to erode and their freedoms to be washed away.

My country, tears of thee, sweet land of liberty.

Ode to Politics

Since when is a frank admission of vice considered a virtue? (v1)

Why should there be some sort of virtue always attributed to a frank admission of vice? (v2)

Oscar Wilde

2018 Recreation Season Begins at Lake Berryessa

p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Stop-in with you questions about visiting the lake, volunteering with our new birding program, or upcoming events. The north end of Oak Shores Day Use Area will re-open for day use on April 1. Oak Shores opens

daily at 7:30 a.m. throughout the year and is free of charge. Both child and adult-sized life jackets are available for the public to borrow, free of charge, from Oak Shores Day Use Area. Closing hours will gradually increase as follows:

Starting April 1, 2018, Park Rangers will staff the Dufer Point Visitor Center from 12 p.m. to 3

April 1- May 4: 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 p.m. weekends.

May 5- September 30: 8 p.m. weekdays and weekends

Capell Cove Boat Launch will be open from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Beach, Foxtail Flat and Coyote Beach. Group shelters can be reserved for groups of up to 50 for \$25, per shelter per day, at http://www.recreation.gov. 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

Beginning May 1, 2018, Oak Shores Day Use Area offers six large group shade shelters at Acorn

Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area offer services including camping and boar launching. For information on concession-operated facilities, or to make reservations, please cal the concession operators or visit their websites:

Markley Cove, 707-966-2134, markleycoveresort.com

Pleasure Cove Marina, 707-966-9600, goberryessa.com

Steele Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9179, goberryessa.com/campground-at-steele-

Spanish Flat Recreation Area 707-966-0200, spanishflatcamping.com

Putah Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9051, royalelkparkmanagement.com

For those boating this year, familiarize yourself with the California Boater Card program. As o January 2018, boaters 20 years of age and under are required to possess a valid vessel operator card. Boaters may apply for the \$10 card from the California Division of Boating and Waterways at: http://californiaboatercard.com/applynow/

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. For more information on preparing for a successful day on the water, read the Division of Boating and Waterways ABCs of California Boating which can be found at https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28711

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that up to 70 percent of adult and adolescer 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. For more https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalsafety/water-safety/waterinjuriesdetails: factsheet.html.

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. For more information on safely using campfires and barbecues this year, please visit: http:// www.preventwildfireca.org.

Reclamation is looking for motivated individuals to join our team of employees and volunteers who keep Lake Berryessa running throughout the year. Look for our job and volunteer announcements throughout the year at www.usajobs.gov and www.volunteer.gov.

30 Years Ago in the Lake Bervessa News by Bill White (1988)

If it ain't true, it oughta be...

I remember my father (William C. White retired park ranger from the Berryessa boat patrol) telling the story several times about boaters on Lake Berryessa saying that when the lake levels are low you can still see the old church steeple protruding from the lake water. One fisherman even said that he had tied his boat off to the old steeple and fished away the afternoon. Well let's straighten thisout once and for all

There is no Church under Lake Berryessa. There was no Church in Monticello. Regardless. everything over six inches high was knocked down and burned before thevalley was flooded. It is just a tall tale...Folklore of the area. Why. I remember back in1969 I was scuba

diving in the area of the Monticello Dam and saw catfish the size of Volkswagens in that deep dark water.

It's true!

RecentlyI met a tourist fisherman at a local tavern and told him of seeing those big catfish which I swore to him weighed at least 150 lbs. The tourist then told me that he too was a scuba diver and that just that day he had been at the old church steeple diving down into the old town of Monticello.

The tourist said he had actually swum into the old general store there and was amazed at how everything was still in place after all these years. He said it was just as if the townsfolk had just walked away from it leaving all in place. He noted that even a kerosene lamp was sitting on a table in the store and after three decades the lamp was still burning!

After regaining mycomposure, I told him that if he would turn off that kerosene lamp I would cut 245 lbs. off the catfish I saw. He said he would.

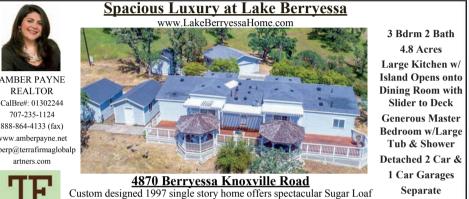
So, if you see a church steeple out on the lake, please, let someone else drive.

> "I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability." Oscar Wilde



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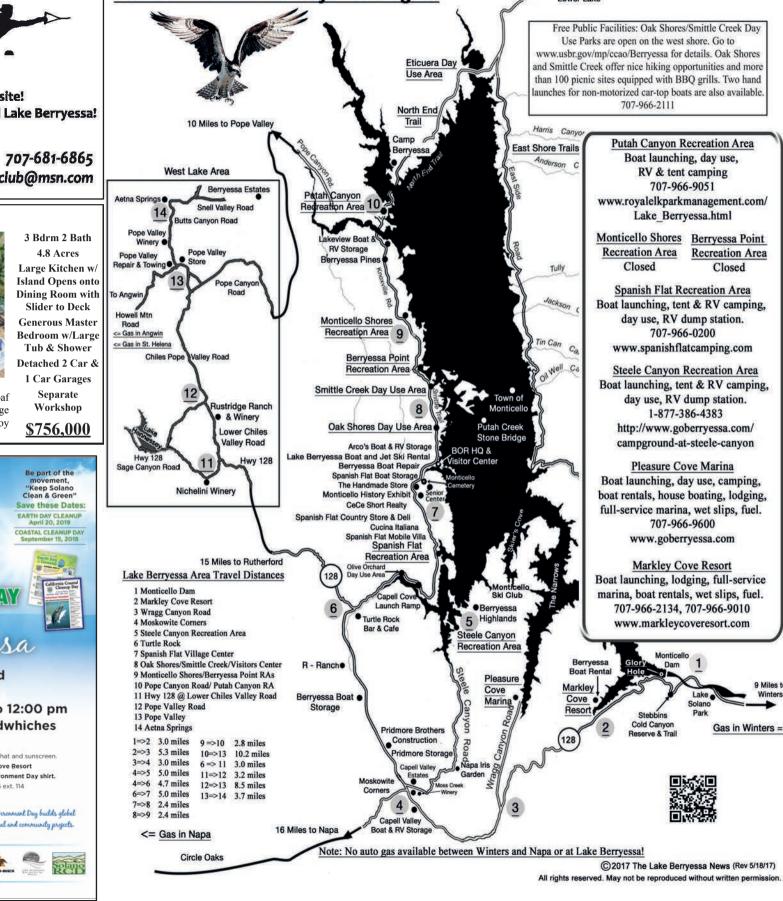
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