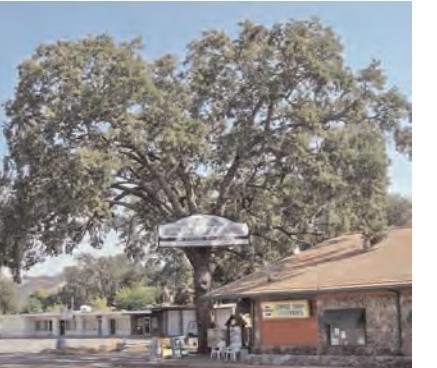


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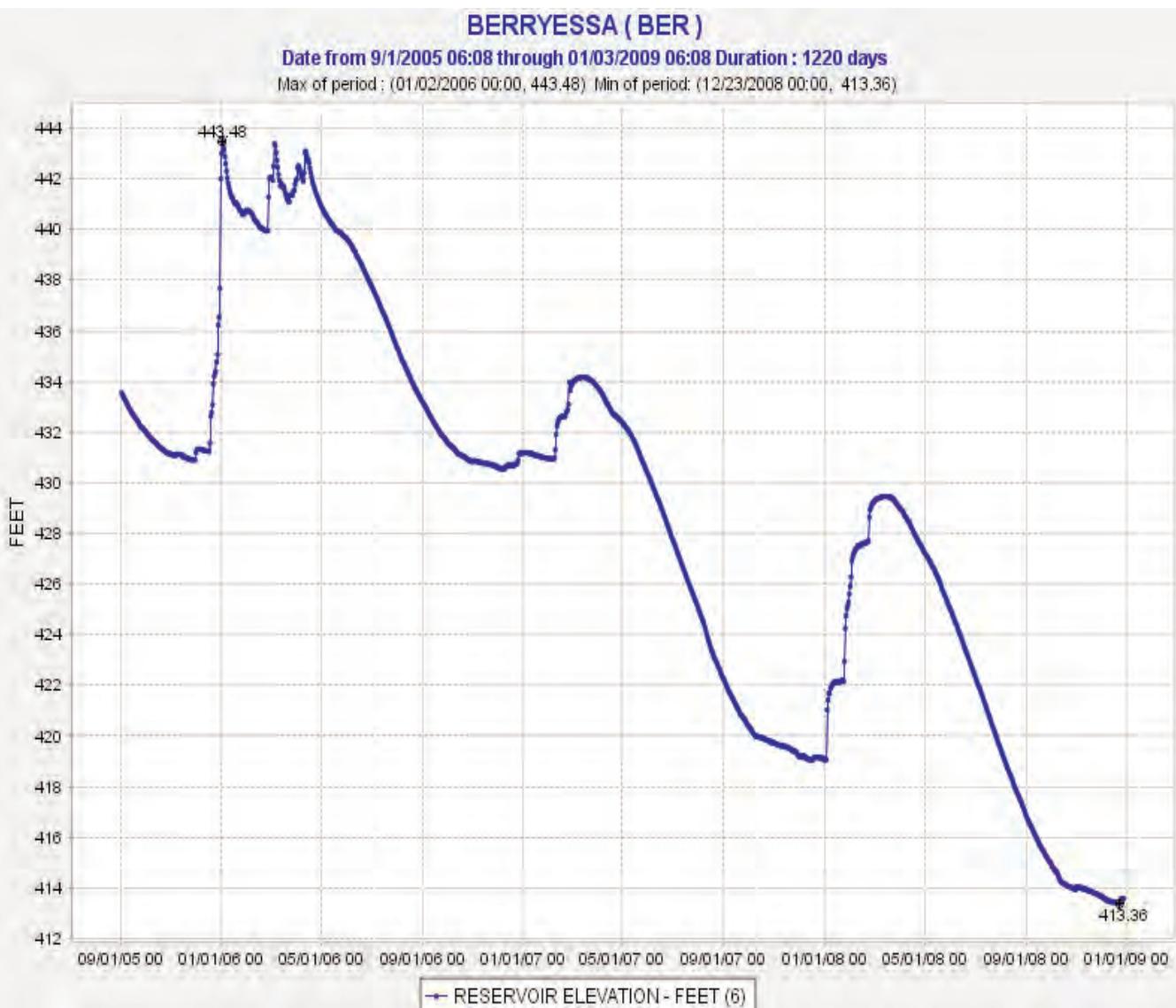
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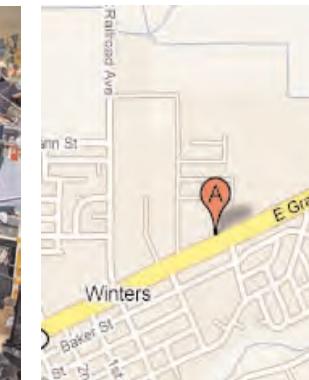
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From the Editor

This is the first issue of the "New" Lake Berryessa News. Shirl has retired after almost 20 years of publishing it. But the Lake Berryessa News has been around for many decades. Thanks to Maxine at Turtle Rock I have some issues going back to 1977! The front page of May 6, 1977 includes a story and photo introducing Don Stanley as the new Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy.

Shirl took over the paper in 1994 when she had to cut and paste articles, pictures, and ads onto paper templates which she then took to the Davis Enterprise very early on Tuesday mornings. There they photographed the paste-ups and made printing plates to run off her copies. Shirl tells the story about one of her first issues where she and her friends were laying out stories and ads on the floor around midnight and moving them around to fit on the pages. They had not yet glued the many pieces of paper in place when her friend's large bird (cockatiel or parrot?) decided to fly across the room, scattering stories and ads randomly around the floor. Shirl says that they laughed themselves silly for awhile before putting the puzzle pieces back together (with glue this time). Most people don't remember how much fun it was using typewriters, carbon paper, and mimeograph machines to get the word out. Listening to Shirl tell the history of this paper makes me appreciate how much effort she has put into her labor of love.

I now do the paper totally electronically and transmit files to the Davis Enterprise on Monday evening for Tuesday printing and Wednesday/Thursday delivery. I also can now put each printed page of the paper up on the web site as its own web page. I can then put links from advertisers' print ads to go directly to their own web sites or open larger photos of their businesses. Photos will be in color. I can link directly to information that wouldn't fit in the print edition.

My goal is to make the Lake Berryessa News more interesting and relevant to the local community as well as to the Napa Valley, Winters and beyond. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Capell Cove public launch ramp, Oak Shores Park, Smittle Creek Park - all are here now for you to enjoy.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Peter,

Wow, what a great memories came back to me when I saw the Big Rock park picture in the Christmas issue of your Lake Berryessa News. The park was above where the dam is now. I believe it was named for the big rocks there at the dam. I spent many week ends there in the 1940s with my family. We fished the creek pot holes, always catching bass and catfish. I couldn't afford a pole and had to use throw lines with two hooks. Mr. Martin charged me one dollar a weekend. His two boys took me jack rabbit hunting until we shot a hole in the roof of his car. Wish I knew how to find his boys.



I worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 10 summers. Most people don't know that I volunteered for five winters, planting small valley oak trees found under the great trees near the Gamble Ranch. I caged them to protect from deer. I repaired trails, wooden steps, bridges and washes from Smittle creek to Monticello Dam. I also planted other species of trees for the biologist and did some work at the boy scout camp.

Bagging rattle snakes and removing them from camping and trail areas was always exciting! I warned a fisherman who was being watched by a mountain lion at Smittle creek. It had been raining and he believed me when I showed him the muddy tracks.

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DFG ordered to stop stocking several lakes

(with thanks to Guy Carl and Bill Ryan of the Napa Valley Register)

In Oct. 2006, the Pacific Rivers Council and the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of Fish and Game over fish stocking programs it has engaged in for more than 100 years, claiming that no Environmental Impact Report had been completed for the programs.

The two sides have now agreed on a plan for DFG to stock some of the California waters which have traditionally received fish, but approximately 175 lakes and streams throughout the state have been taken off the list until the EIR is complete in 2010.

In Napa County, there are two reservoirs that receive regular stocks of trout. Lake Berryessa WILL continue to get its trout. However, Lake Hennessey WILL NOT receive any stocks of fish in the immediate future.

Other regional waters on the no-stock list include Putah Creek, Solano Lake, Pillsbury Reservoir, Indian Valley Reservoir, San Pablo Reservoir, Lafayette Reservoir, and numerous other lakes throughout the Bay Area.

The negotiated plan is designed to prohibit the stocking of "non-native" fish in "any California fresh water body" where surveys have demonstrated the presence of certain amphibian or fish species, or where a survey for those species has not yet been done. This conflict is mostly over the red-legged frog which has been at the center of environmental controversy for decades.

Fish stocking programs have created incredible opportunities for fishing that have helped introduce millions of people to the outdoors over the years. Many of my (Guy Carl) fondest childhood memories are of fishing for these "non-native" species. I can't imagine a California without bass fishing — no largemouth, smallmouth, or even striped bass. These fish have all been brought in from other parts of the country through various stocking efforts.

In addition, our trout fishing opportunities would also be very limited without these programs. The only true native trout to our state are rainbows, goldens, and certain strains of cutthroat. We would have no brown trout, no brookies, and not nearly as many rainbows as are now found throughout the state.

When I think back to all the fishing adventures I've enjoyed in my life, a great majority have been in pursuit of fish species that were originally introduced through stocking programs.

Fishing With Sid

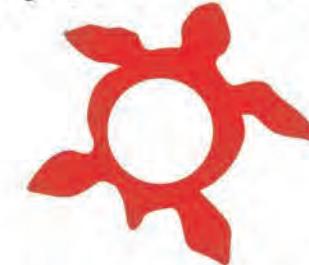
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It is incredible how nice a day can be and you achieve your targeted goal as well. Getting up this morning, I was optimistic when the HMB Weather Buoy report was 0 gusting to 0. I had never seen that. We ran out with a good load (for a change) and dropped in for a little get to know your gear session. Then I moved a little bit south and put the anglers in Squidville. I hooked up first. Mike Velasquez followed immediately with a 'Fresh one!'.

The anglers did not catch on immediately, but soon got the knack and did well. Ending count was 175 Humboldt squid. We had two coolers that will go to NOAA for science. We will have the usual stomachs for analysis. We saw our first large pod of Grey whales migrating south out about 12 miles. Various dolphin sightings and large assemblages of birds going crazy on bait. Weather absolutely could not have been better. There were even some good story-tellers on the boat. We will try a few more trips this week for squid.

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In just over a year from now, the EIR will hopefully tell us what native species could be harmed by the continued stocking of trout. Its findings may change the sport of fishing in California forever.

As outdoors enthusiasts and citizens, we need to challenge this continuing junk science. We must ask our representatives in the legislature to find out what shadowy agenda is pushing the Center for Biological Diversity and Pacific Rivers Council.

Should we sit by while our rights are taken from us without real reasons? What's next? Hunting, trekking, birding, skiing?

You can call our state senator, Patricia Wiggins, at 224-1990. Call our state representative, Noreen Evans, at 258-8007. Or, write to each of them at 1040 Main Street, Suite 205, Napa, Ca., 94559.



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The Anatomy of an Internet Hoax

The Joke (It's a Hoax): BEST LAWYER STORY OF THE YEAR

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.'

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON!

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars lost in the 'fires'.

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

The Hoax Explained

The events described above did not occur. This is the latest (and most verbose) retelling of an old urban legend that has roots in humor. In some variations, the cigar-buyer is just an average scammer, in others, he's an accountant. In every version, however, his clever scheme always backfires and he ends up losing more than he wins.

This tale and others like it give us hope that, in this overly litigious society plagued by frivolous lawsuits and scams, justice does prevail and clever crimes have equally clever consequences. In short, we want it to be true. Country music star, Brad Paisley, obviously picked up on that desire and immortalized this legend in a track on his 2003 album "Mud on the Tires," entitled "The Cigar Song."

This cigar story has been posted on a variety of message boards and people are generally quite excited by its theme. Interestingly, even when it's pointed out as a hoax, most people insist they don't care about the message's truth or falsehood. They claim they will pass it on anyway for its entertainment value.

There is no such thing as the "Criminal Lawyers Award Contest" mentioned in the version of the text above. Plug that phrase into Google and you'll get many different Web sites, all leading to a form to fill out for legal advice from an organization identified as the Legal Assistance Network. Unfortunately, no information is available about that organization without filling out the form. This sends up a warning flag that this may be a front for a scam to obtain contact information, cashing in on the popularity of this legend. Break this chain.

More Explanation & History

Origins: This legend began its Internet life after it was posted to the newsgroup alt.smokers.cigars in early 1996, and it has continued to circ-

ulate as a "true story in newsgroups and e-mail ever since, despite its having been identified as an "urban legend" when it was first posted. The version posted was, in fact, nearly identical to one that has been circulating since at least the mid-1960s.

Another anecdote from the same mid-1960s volume suggests this legend stems from a joke whose basic premise has been used in a few different ways: "He's the kind of accountant you've got to admire, Last year he deducted eighty cartons of cigarettes from my income tax. Called it loss by fire!"

Sometimes the basic legend is given a darker ending:

"A North Carolina man was on the top of the world, a self-proclaimed smart guy who made money by finding the loopholes in laws. He bought a \$15,000 box of vintage imported cigars and took out an insurance policy, just like he did for his other valuables, protecting them against hazards, including fire. Once he finished smoking the two dozen cigars in the box, he filed an insurance claim, stating that the cigars had been consumed by fire,

The insurance company took him to court but was ordered to pay the man his claim because his policy did not specify the exact nature of fire it covered or excluded. The man jauntily stepped into the bank with his check. However, the moment he cashed it, he was arrested, charged, and convicted of twenty-four counts of arson - one for each cigar. Unable to find a loophole, he was sent to prison for two years, where he met his demise in an argument over a book of matches."

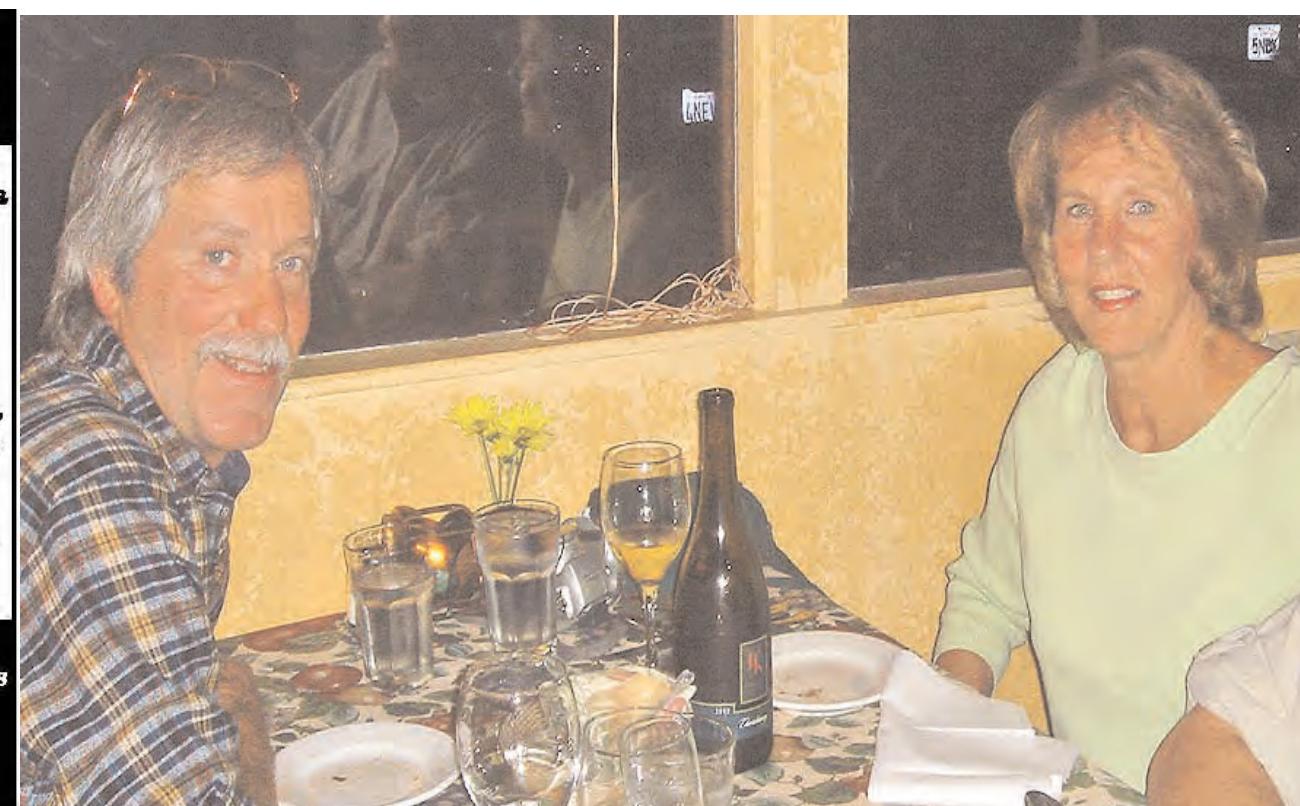
As to whether there could be any truth to the Legend's premise, insurance policies are generally written so that deliberate actions on the part of the policyholders cannot trigger payouts. Furthermore, destroying your own property isn't arson, as long as the act isn't intended to defraud anyone. If a court had already ruled that the insurance company was required to pay, then obviously no fraud was committed, and thus the burning could not be considered arson.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Puzzle No. 1 Solution

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Shirl Has Retired Her Press Pass! Thanks to Shirl & Dave for the interesting years working together with them on the Lake Berryessa News.



The Lake Berryessa News

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in the missing spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 block have all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Difficulty Level: Mild

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Puzzle No. 1—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

Thanks to my friend, "Sudoku Gary" Howes.

Remember, you can burn 3-5 calories per hour by using your brain!

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



Letters to the Editor

Where is the Plan to Open the Lake?

The news that Pleasure Cove Marina LLC/Forever Resorts LLC has signed a new contract for their concession Pleasure Cove Marina is a sign of false hope for a resolution at Lake Berryessa. The Forever Resorts, LLC contract for Pleasure Cove Marina, and the FX10 [the Fraziers] contract for Markley Cove Resort are new contracts with existing concessionaires. With contracts signed, they will both be able to move forward with preparations for the 2009 season, and with the upgrades designed in their proposals, while utilizing nearly all of the existing improvements. There will never be a shut down nor public access denied at those two resorts.

The fact remains that The Pensus Group, LLC has not signed a contract. If the negotiations are complete, as Reclamation's Lynnette Wirth stated, the contract signing should not be delayed any longer. (Why is Pete Lucero, who announced the concession awards in April, or in the alternate Mike Finnegan, not making this announcement?)

The award on April 2, 2008 to Pensus Group, of five concessions has cost the public, concession employees, local economies, and the current concessionaires enormously. With the five resorts closed, approximately 230 seasonal jobs, and 60 full time jobs are lost. Vendors lost millions of dollars in 2008 from the closed resorts, many were local Napa companies.

Should Pensus sign a contract, the question still remains whether or not Pensus Group will be able to provide any public access in 2009. Pensus Group and Reclamation are requiring the current concessionaires to remove all improvements, including: roads, sewer and water systems, launch ramps, utilities, retaining walls, fuel systems, docks, stores, restaurants, gate entrances, signage, campsites, RV sites, buildings, parks, landscaping, bathrooms, laundry facilities, swimming pool, fresh water pool, tennis court, etc. If the major infrastructure improvements are removed, it will be years before the resorts can reopen. Many improvements would be cost prohibitive to replace in the future.

The only way that the resorts can open in 2009, is if Pensus Group, or other bidder, pays the current concessionaires for their improve-

ments. If a plan is not instituted soon, there won't be time for the preparation necessary to open for 2009, and valuable improvements will be gone.

The current concessions, under government contract, were developed and managed [according to Reclamation's Public Use Plan 1959, RAMP 1992, ROD 1993 for 50 years, at no cost to the government, providing public access, facilities, services, franchise fees, employment, taxes and various revenues to the American economy. The original contract for Rancho Monticello Resort states, "WHEREAS, United States and the County have not provided facilities and services for the public visiting the area and desire the Concessioner to establish and operate the same at reasonable rates..."

The RAMP described the concessions which were developed, "The resorts offer a variety of high convenience facilities in a total resort concept which fulfills most people's needs...the concessionaires have established facilities such as camping and picnicking sites, travel trailer and mobile home parks, boat launching ramps, marina facilities, restaurants, food stores, and related support facilities for public use. Each resort offers a variety of marina services including moorage, gas service, boat rentals, etc...Houseboat rentals are currently only offered at Markley Cove Resort."

Reclamation was quoted, "The Bureau estimates that Lake Berryessa is visited by about 1.5 million people each year." That would have been through 2007, while 2008 public access was shut down at four concessions and the visitation was probably approximately 300,000. In 1960 there were approximately 800,000 visitors at Lake Berryessa, increasing to the 1.5 million visitor days.

No resort at Lake Berryessa should be closed to the public. A bidder should be able to take over a resort and be open to the public, providing facilities and services. A long term plan of redevelopment [proposal], combined with a contract which gives sufficient time for the investment of purchasing improvements and the development of new facilities, are the elements by which a concessionaire needs to operate. If Pensus Group, or any other bidder, is not prepared financially, or by their proposal, that bidder and/or proposal needs to be rejected. All seven resorts at Lake Berryessa have been open

to the public for 50 years, and all seven should be open to the public in 2009.

LucyWhite
Owner/VP Rancho Monticello Resort
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(Don Lombardi was an outspoken leader at Lake Berryessa who believed that the lake could be improved without destroying the mobile homes. Although Father's Day is a long way off, his touching letter should give us all pause to think as we enter 2009.)

"I Would Like To Share Memories of my DAD, A PROUD AMERICAN."

I would like to say a few things of why I hold our Government to high standards, of always being proud of America like my Dad. My Dad came from Italy when he was just a boy about seventeen years old to the state of Rhode Island. He later was put into the US Army, and was sent over to England to fight the Germans, and his own people the Italians, in World War One. He spoke very little English, but was given a rifle and asked to kill others to protect the rights of America.

My Dad never went to school, and had not one ounce of education. He also never had a driver license, nor owned or drove a car. He had a book on how to learn English and he would spend hours by himself trying to learn to speak the English language.

He had seven children. Some of us were given the chance to get an education, which he had not. Others were taken out of school to help support the family. I always remember my Dad saying in his broken English "GODA BLESSA AMERICA".

My Dad passed away at ninety years old, and never said a bad thing about America. He was given a Veteran's Burial and is buried at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery. The only thing he kept saying was "GETTA THE EDUCATION, NO BE LIKA ME, AND GODA BLESSA AMERICA".

He was a simple man but a proud man, and I only hope I can be a son that he would be proud of - to stand up for America and never let anyone disgrace this nation which he never turned his back on. This is an example of a man who came to America, had no education, fought for America, and died a Proud American, someone in life to follow. He also believed in GOD, and prayed every day at his altar he built down in his home cellar.

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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM at CeCe Short's office in the Spanish Flat Village Center. The discussions will include 2009 membership recruiting and the new 2009 directory.

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Business Owner and Community Supporter,

We hope you will join us. Every year the Chamber publishes and mails a Membership Directory to local residents and beyond. In 2007 we produced and distributed 10,000 Tourist Brochures and distributed 10,000 more in 2008. We are also planning a Tourist Information Program and Road Sign Project to make Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors.

In addition, we have worked with the Napa County Conference and Visitors Bureau (now the Napa Valley Destination Council) to promote the Lake Berryessa Region as a major recreational asset to Napa Valley tourists. The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website: www.legendarynapavalley.com. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide. Ongoing benefits to our members include:

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The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors. Your support as a member will help to expand that influence for the good of our community, especially during this time of change at Lake Berryessa.

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Top Online Napa Register Searches for 2008

Lake Berryessa was the number one online search for 2008!

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1. Berryessa/Lake Berryessa
2. Angwin
3. Copia
4. Births/Birth announcements
5. Marriage(s)/Wedding(s)
6. Accident(s)/Car accident
7. Most Wanted/Napa Most Wanted
8. American Canyon
9. Napa Pipe
10. Obituaries

Snow Blonde - She must live somewhere in Minnesota!

One winter morning a couple was listening to the radio over breakfast. They hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park ..." Then the power goes out.

Norman's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, Norman says ..

"Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

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From the cool electric gaze of a Hollywood enigma to the cormorant eating fish at a Muir Beach tide pool, the state's a deep oasis of appetite and ease.

The newspaper reports eighty quakes a week, most of them temblors faint as a star on water. As whole hands of fog drape over the Golden Gate, a piano in Oakland moans like a choir.

In the High Sierras, falling snow is blue as brand-new skin; the world's weight is measured by a metaphysical Reno as clean as Disneyland. Closer to Sacramento, the hum of BMWs on their way to a software convention sounds tasteful in the rain.

The motel owner knows the desert speed of screenplays, since he is writing one in the neon light of a nude but lucid room. A postmodern bar just opened down the street. No dancing, no smoking, no alcohol are allowed. But you can get a mud bath, scented body wrap, and whales hysterically singing directly into your headphones.

The county sheriff has a Ph.D. and surfs the internet. Relations are wreathed with chaos theory and the "new world order."

As the millennium approaches and nature politely recedes, everyone thinks good thoughts. Former cheerleaders join a women's drumming circle.

The family leaves the Methodist Church for a sweat lodge in the country. In the absence of the Soviet Union, Satan makes a comeback along with angels who look like airline stewards, cheeks rosy with steroids and purpose.

But they're on leave or out of work. Narcissus drowns in a tide pool while reflecting on a starfish; Sisyphus rides a mountain bike up Mt. Tamalpais, where Zeus confuses omniscience with his remote control. The future oversleeps. But in a trailer home in Rancho Cucamonga, the present has a theory scratched as paradise. Bruise's star is dark.

The bargain was to sing, as populations do, the terrors of pleasure, like holding the gecko's tail after it has dropped. Disguised by rear-view worlds, we have taken steps in just that direction.

Glad the puritans came, we wander back repressed to the land we would unsettle. Darkness swallows borders. A wilderness shines.

PAUL HOOVER

In Memory of George (Pizza Bill) Kaye

Bill Kaye, a true friend of Lake Berryessa, passed away on Christmas Eve. He was a friendly guy always willing to help you out. He had been an Instructor/Trainee Specialist in the Air Force from 1955 to 1963. Bill was proud of being a Charter Member of the Berryessa Lions Club which he helped form more than 25 years ago. He has been a loyal member ever since, working on the annual eye exams for local school children, the Pope Valley school bike rodeo, and the many Lions Club poker runs. He epitomized the Lions Club salute we give at every meeting: "Not above you, Not below you, But with you!"

There will be a celebration of Bill's life with a potluck gathering of friends on **Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 1 PM at the Berryessa Senior Center**. Please call Lions Club President Linda Tschida, 707-966-1413, if you will be coming. Linda is coordinating the potluck. I'm sure there will be many stories told about Bill such as this one I got from George Parish.

"I have known Bill for many years. He once owned a bowling alley in Milbrae, and I believe he bought his pizza place from Pat Turnpaw. I first met Bill at his pizza oven store on a weekend outing from Sunnyvale. Cathy and I mentioned that we would be interested in buying a small weekend trailer or mobile home. Bill arranged for us to meet an owner in the Spanish Flat Villa. We purchased it for \$4,000 dollars.



After we moved in for weekends Bill introduced me to a man who taught me how to troll for trout in Lake Berryessa. The guy's name was Victor Bergeron. Bill and Victor introduced us to Tom and Pat Turnpaw, owners of the Spanish Flat Bar and Restaurant. They prepared the trout for us. When Cathy and I later retired, we purchased Victor and Helen's mobile home where we live now. That's when I learned that Victor Bergeron was "Trader Vic". I worked with Bill at Rancho Monticello and he was always helpful to me. He was well liked by all the other employees and by all the tenants."



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The 10x15cm (4x6") ads will be stenciled onto dancer's bottoms with body paint. "I had to do a lot of research with a tape measure to come up with the optimum size for the adverts!" the spokesman cracked. (Chester Chronicle) ...Though if he had done research on the best placement for the most viewership, that's not where they would have put them.

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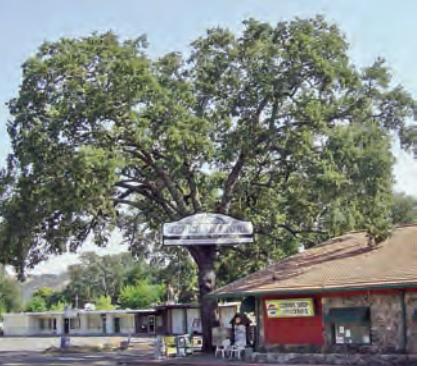
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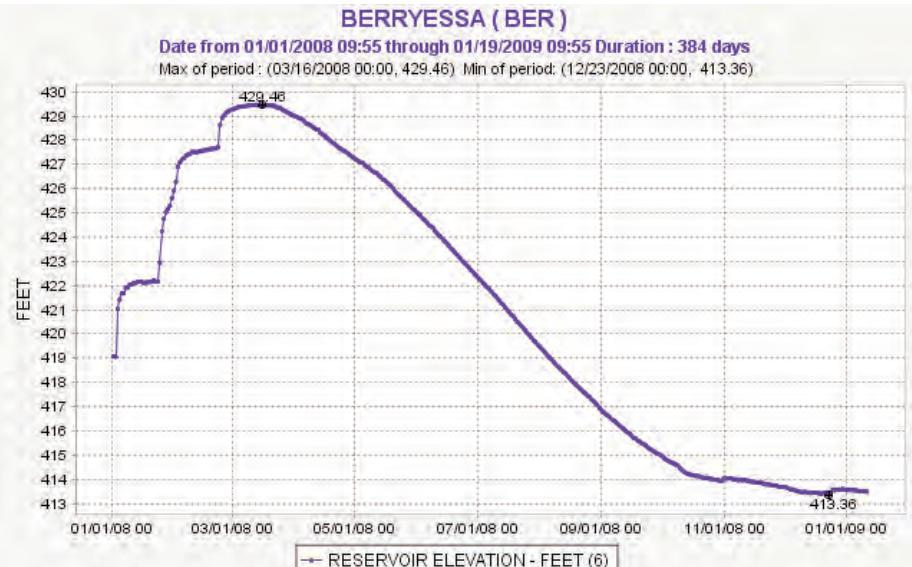
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Lance Armstrong Is Coming to Lake Berryessa!!!



Lance Armstrong Riding Through the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley Region

By Staff Writer Evan Kilkus

The fourth-annual Amgen Tour of California is coming back to Lake Berryessa on Sunday, February 15, 2009. The event will take place along a new route highlighting more of the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley region, and will once again have a world-class field of competitors, including two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer and seven-time Tour de France Champion Lance Armstrong.

A new stage for the Amgen Tour of California, the 107.6 mile route from Davis to Santa Rosa includes evenly spaced climbs throughout the stage and plenty of scenic settings for both the cyclists and the spectators. 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 their second climb up Howell Mountain Rd., followed by a fast descent into Napa Valley. After one final climb and a steep descent from Calistoga Road, the cyclists will finish the race in downtown Santa Rosa.

Communities along the route have the chance to see, firsthand, a lineup of some of the most elite, recognizable teams and athletes in the world. Local spectators can expect racers to be passing by the following local landmarks as early as these estimated times: Monticello Dam - 12:53 PM; The Corners - 1:17 PM; Turtle Rock - 1:27 PM; Pope Canyon Bridge - 1:55 PM; downtown Pope Valley (at Pope Valley Repair) - 2:17 PM.

Already considered cycling's most important and successful stage race in the

United States, the 2009 Amgen Tour of California will be expanded to cover more than 750 miles over nine consecutive days from February 14-22, 2009. In its fourth running, the race will travel almost the entire length of California on a demanding course visiting 16 host cities from Sacramento to San Diego County.

Lance Armstrong returns to bicycling this year stating that he "wants to take the LIVESTRONG message around the world and talk about the global burden of this disease (cancer)". On his bicycle you will see two numbers; "1274", which is the number of days since his last race in Paris in 2005, and "27.5", which is the approximate number of people around the world, in millions, who have died from cancer in that period. He also stated that his expectations for domination are not set that high, but "if the race feels good, I promise you, I will attack..."

From the Editor

Steele Park Resort Is Still Open

The fifth of the five Lake Berryessa west shore resorts is open but winding down operations. Restaurants are closed. Mobile home owners who continue to pay rent are allowed into the park, but will need to demolish or remove their units within the next few months. Launching and RV camping will be available for a few more months.

Per contract, the owner of Steele Park Resort has six months from the contract end date of May 26, 2009 to remove/demolish all his personal property and "improvements", including restaurants, motel, roads, launch ramp, etc., since the Bureau of Reclamation claims they have no value. The resort owner is in the preliminary planning stage for having a company come in and grind out all the roads and resell the asphalt.

On April 2, 2008, more than 9 months ago, the Bureau of Reclamation announced the selection of the new concessioners for the lake resorts. At that time Mr. Michael Finnegan, Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region said in a press release, "Reclamation intends for recreation at Lake Berryessa to continue essentially uninterrupted, other than occasional temporary closures in various locations for developmental activities. Reclamation anticipates that the new contracts will be signed within the next few months."

On December 23, 2008, the Bureau of Reclamation finally signed a contract with Pleasure Cove Marina, after four of the west shore resorts had been totally closed since mid-summer. In a breathtakingly oblivious comment on the disaster perpetrated at Lake Berryessa by Reclamation's actions, Lynnette Wirth, a spokeswoman for Reclamation, said the Bureau may have erred in trying to place a timeline on signing contracts with Pleasure Cove and the Pensus Group.

"It's really hard to estimate times for contracts," Wirth said. "There's so much involved, so many elements. I'd say we hadn't examined the whole breadth of what we had to do."

An old quote seems appropriate here, "Government fails because it pays no price for failure."

Berryessa Highlands Building Moratorium Continues

One of the fallouts of the Bureau of Reclamation's so-far disastrous redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa has been the inability of Napa County to implement its State-required rehabilitation of the Berryessa

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Highlands/Steele Park Resort water and sewer system facilities. The State imposed a building moratorium on the Berryessa Highlands two years ago.

The Pensus Group would prefer to build its own system to service Steele Park Resort which it believes could be constructed and operated more economically. Napa County and Berryessa Highlands residents want Steele Park to remain part of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) since Steele Park contributes 30% of the capital cost and operating costs of the district. This is probably one of the major issues that has delayed the contract completion between Reclamation and Pensus.

Napa County Investigates Takeover of NBRID by Private Water Company

At a public meeting on Wednesday, January 21, Napa County discussed the water and sewer system upgrade problems it faces and proposed the possibility of a private water company acquiring the system

Per the County announcement, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the potential opportunity for privatized operation and maintenance of NBRID and to inform the community of public meeting to be held by the NBRID Board of Directors on February 3, 2009, at 1195 Third Street, Napa @ 9:00 a.m.

The County has found a private company, California Water Service Company (also known as Cal Water - <http://www.calwater.com/>) that is interested in purchasing the District's infrastructure and operating the facility.

California Water Service Group is the second largest investor-owned water utility in the United States. Traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT," the Company has five wholly owned subsidiaries operating in California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii. Four of the five subsidiaries are regulated by state public utilities commissions.

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Fishing with Sid

I hadn't been up to the lake in almost a month. Passing by my favorite fishing hole I was amazed to see how dry it was. Driving up to my cabin it looked like a war zone. Cabins all around us were being torn apart and moved. Even knowing that this was inevitable, it was still a shocking sight.

My pal Albert told me that each morning he sees trout breaking the surface chasing bait. We decided to go out for a couple of hours. First we went to "Corners" to get bait. Their minnows were outstanding.

We headed straight out to a crappie tree. As we drifted towards the tree I threw brass and glass through the rocks with only two slight hits. I threw top water about fifty times and crankbait with no luck.

When we got to the tree I was in 27 feet of water and I marked fish on the meter. Being in the shade it was real cold. With this great minnows I thought we would have a limit in no time. A couple of fish toyed with the minnows but no bites. This went on for an hour or so and we finally decided to head in. I believe for the next time I have to fish very slow and in about 35 feet of water. til next time.....good fishing!!!!!!!!!!!!

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- * Dam spans 1,023 feet across the canyon (Devil's Gate)

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Sunday, February 8: Flyway Festival Mushroom Walk at Mare Island Leaders: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839 Milan Pittman (707)255-6834 See Flyway schedule for time and meeting place.

Tuesday, March 3: The first of Weekly Wildflower Hikes: location to be decided each week as the season dictates. Leaders: Mike Parmeter, Juanita Doran and Margaret Barson (707)257-8389

Saturday, March 7: Rockville Hills Park in Fairfield Leader: Linda Price (707) 257-7574

Saturday, March 14 Mt. George Leader: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839

Saturday, March 21 Bothe Napa Valley State Park Leader: Margaret Barson (707) 257-8389

Saturday, March 28 Aetna Springs Leader: Mike Parmeter (707)255-6757

Saturday, April 4 Skyline Park Hikes at Wildflower Show Leaders: Mike Parmeter at 10:00AM Jake Ruygt at 1:00PM

Saturday, April 11 Las Posadas Leaders: Linda Price (707)257-7574 Juanita Doran

Saturday, April 18 East Napa Hills Leaders Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Juanita Doran

Saturday, April 25 Bear Valley Napa County Leader: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839

Saturday, May 2 Plantathon The number of plant species seen will be counted for the Martha Walker Garden plantathon fund raiser. Leaders: Mike Parmeter (707) 255-6757 and Milan Pittman (707) 255-6834. Call a leader if you would like to participate.

Saturday, May 9 Bubble Rock on the trail to Mt. St. Helena Leaders: Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Mike Parmeter

Saturday, May 16 Snell Valley The Land Trust of Napa County Missimer Wildflower Preserve Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839

Saturday, May 23 Bothe Napa Valley State Park Leader: Mike Parmeter (707) 255-6757

Saturday, May 30 Bull Point, Point Reyes Leader: Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Please call for information

Mid June Wildlake The Land Trust of Napa County conservation easement Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839 Please call for details.

The Map is Back!

At present four resorts are closed: Putah Creek Resort, Berryessa Marina Resort, Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort. Steele Park Resort will remain open for a few more months. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina are, and will remain, open for business.

The Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp is open, as is Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park.

All local restaurants and stores are open and ready to serve you. Berryessa Corners will open soon. The new Berryessa Estates Marketplace has been newly remodeled and is open with a wide variety of items for Berryessa Estates residents and visitors. See their ads in this edition. The Pope Valley Market has also been remodeled.



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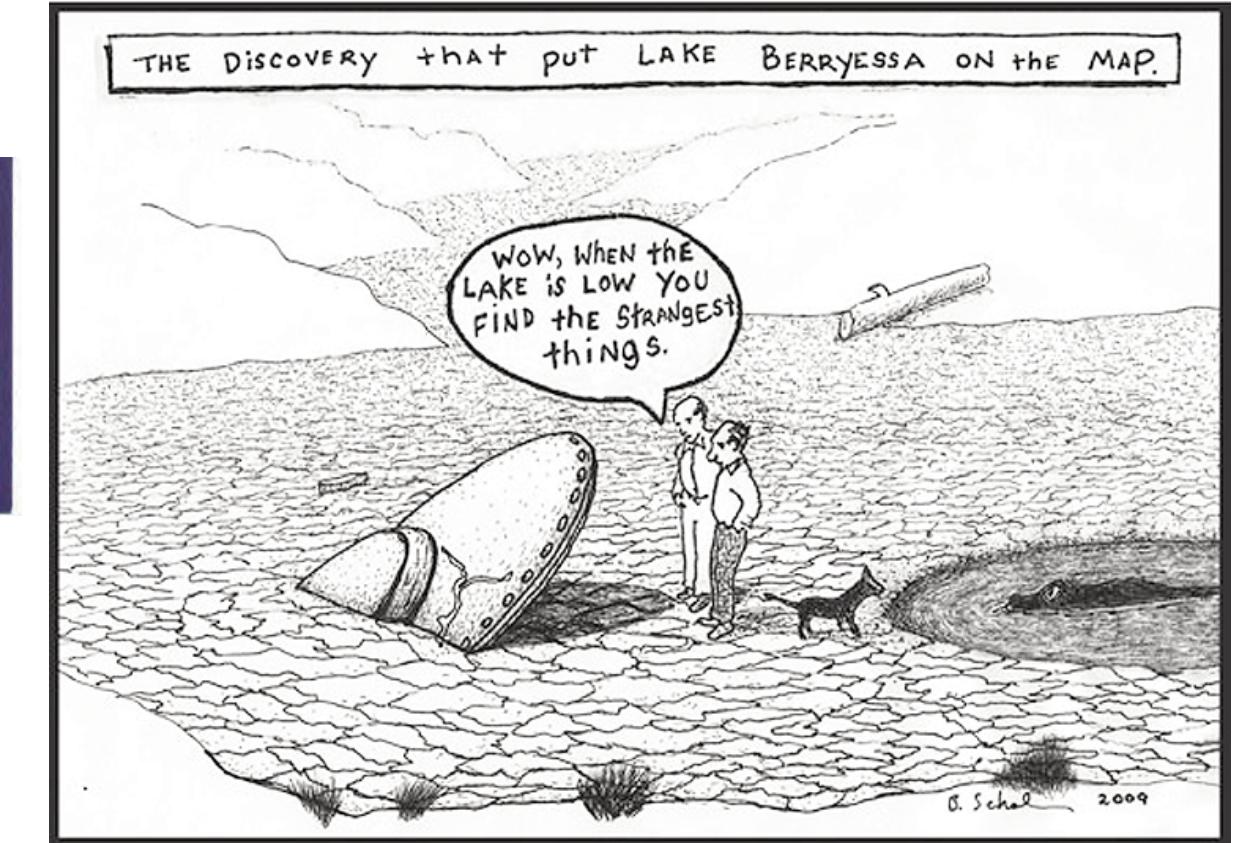
Ice Cream Social - Jan. 23. All families welcome. Come check out our school.

Spring Auction: April 4 - Please mark your calendars.



NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



The Consolations of Poetry

At four, William Blake saw God in an upstairs window, and angels in a tree at ten. With me it's been the other way around: glory flashes on the pane and I see sunlight; wings rustle in the aspens and I see just the silver underneath sides of wind-tossed leaves. And whereas Blake considered death a mere "removing from one room to another;" I know that once that door slams behind you, there's no other room, and no you to remove to it. So Blake died singing and I won't.

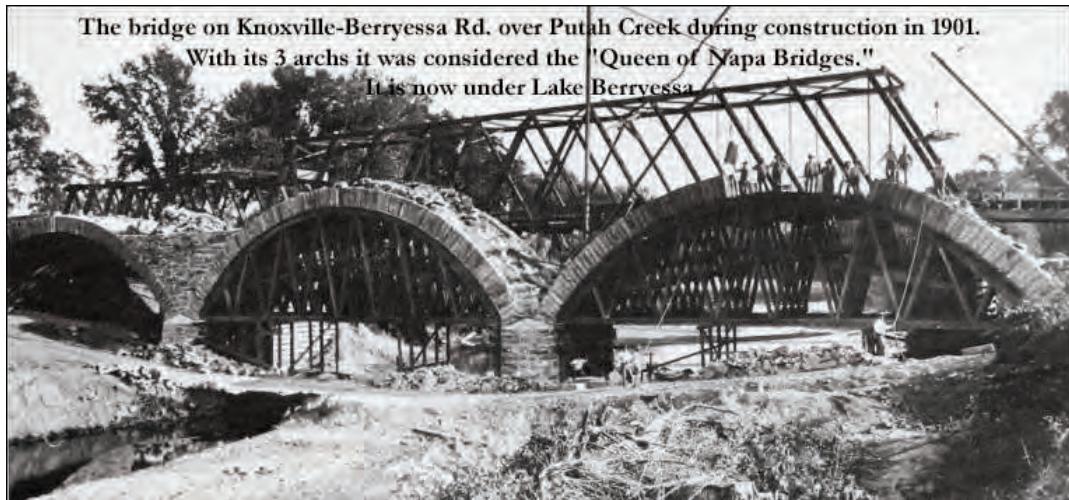
But I don't whine about it either. As Dr. Johnson said, it's foolish to confound annihilation, which is nothing, with the apprehension of annihilation, which is dreadful. I love the accidental, meaningless, and temporary, and so (in case you couldn't tell), I'm singing now.

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Lake Berryessa will be the only local lake that will continue with trout planting by the Fish & Game Department after a lawsuit eliminating planting at many California lakes...

Participating anglers, kids & adults, brought their catch in for the 1 pm weigh-in at the store & stayed to enjoy a complimentary lunch of ham hocks n' beans w/cornbread prepared by Marcia Ritz, owner....

This month's \$\$ jackpot winner in the Adult division , Jerry Zachry of Napa, brought in a Rainbow trout weighing in at 1 lb. 6.2 ounces. Jerry shared with us that he was drift fishing with a live minnow and bobber in the Narrows !!

Our 1st place winner in the Kid's division, Melinda Niles, took home a fishing rod & reel as a result of her 1 lb. 5.5 oz. Rainbow....Melinda was pretty "closed mouth" about her success...You go girl !!

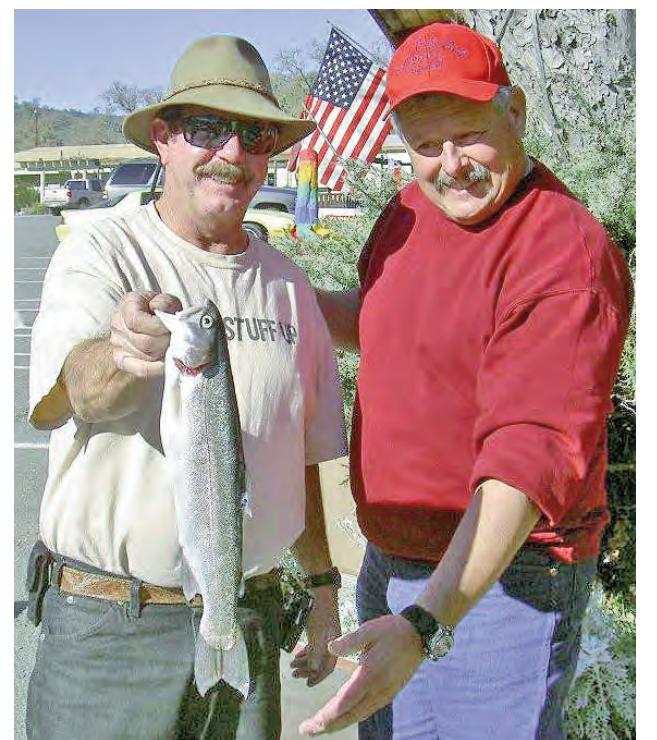
No Salmon were brought in, so that \$\$ jackpot will roll-over to next month's Trout & Salmon Derby slated for Saturday, February 14, 2009.....

The Derby was sponsored by Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli and the Berryessa Senior Center.

by CeCe Short
Coldwell Banker Brokers of the Valley



Melinda Niles
Kid's Division
Trout Derby Winner
January 10, 2009



Jackpot winner, Jerry Zachry, with fishing buddy Jesse Corral, showing off his 1 lb. 6.2 oz. Rainbow Trout.

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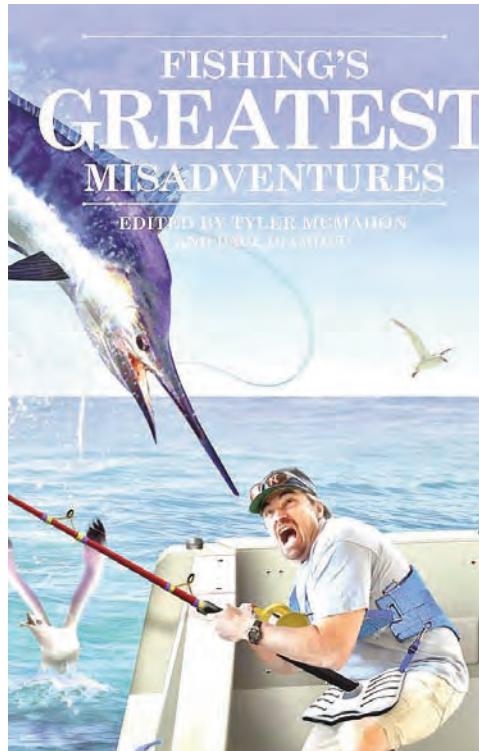
The third title in the "Greatest Misadventures" series by Casagrande Press, Fishing's Greatest Misadventures (\$15.95) is the next best thing to a day on the water.

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Some of these stories might make you cringe or laugh, but most will make you shake your head with disbelief. Culled from hundreds of submissions, Fishing's Greatest Misadventures exposes the unexpected side of fishing. The editors have spent more than a year gathering stories from journalists, magazine editors and everyday fishermen. "I wanted a collection that would reflect the common threads of all the diverse fishing subcultures," says McMahon. "While these stories show the times when it all goes wrong, they also embody the passion and adventure that keep fishermen hooked."



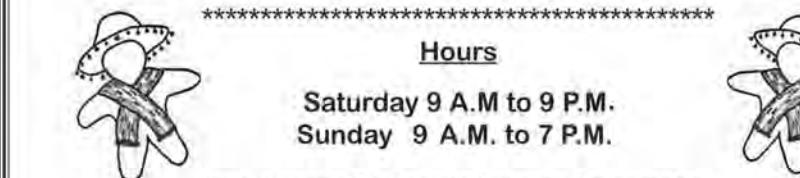
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Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

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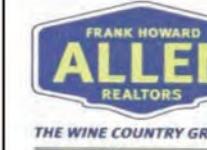
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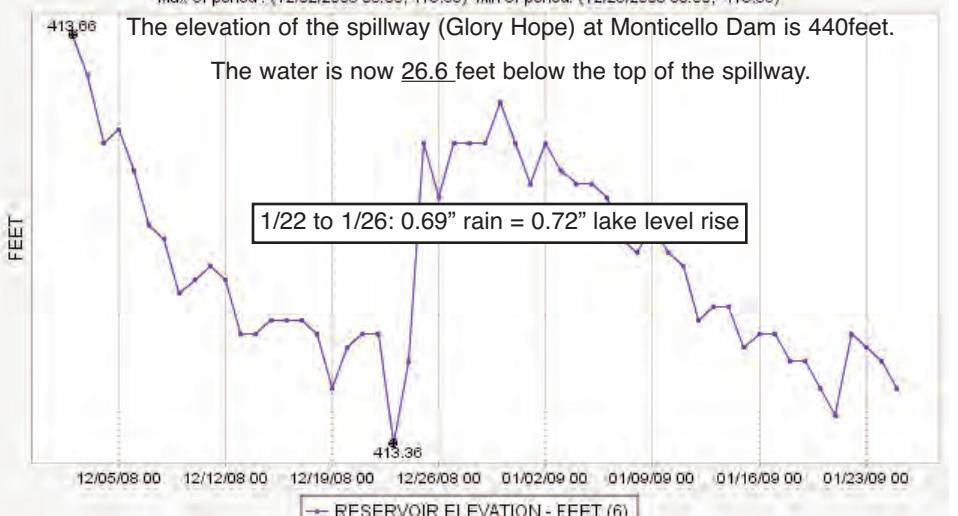
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The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hope) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

- Feb. 8: Senior Center Horseshoes, Noon, Hamburger & Buns furnished...Bring your own beverage
- Feb. 10: Formal presentation and information regarding the possible privatization process of the Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates water/sewer districts, Board of Supervisors Room, 1195 Third Street, Napa, Room 305.
- Feb. 14: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store
- Feb. 15: Amgen Tour of California, Lance Armstrong & other top cyclists ride along Lake Berryessa
- Feb. 15: Berryessa Corners Grand Opening Party for Berryessa Highlands residents, Noon.
- Feb. 16: Senior Center Board Meeting 10:30 AM,
- Feb. 16: Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday)
- Feb. 20: Senior Center Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.)
- Feb. 21: Senior Center 25th Anniversary Pot Luck, 6 PM
- Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock
- Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch
- May 2: Napa Vintage ½ Ironman, Lake Berryessa
- May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa
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They laid the groundwork in 1983, originally meeting with a talented group of people at Moskowite Corners to create the bylaws and structure. The membership age was set at 55 since they wanted members who were young enough to have energy and who realized that the Center would be an investment in their own future.

They decided to incorporate as an independent, rather than County-run, Center to avoid becoming involved in bureaucracy. A \$293,000 State development grant helped build the Center in

1988, but all other financing was done through fund-raisers. The Senior Center opened in 1984 as has been a cornerstone of the community since then.

BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS - THE BEGINNING

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SEPTEMBER, 1983: SEVENTY PEOPLE GATHERED AT MOSKOWITE CORNERS TO DISCUSS PLANS TO FORM SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP IN THE BERRYESSA AREA.

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THE PROGRESS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY LAWS WERE ADOPTED. APPROVAL OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS VOTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS OF \$10 DUES WERE SUGGESTED AND APPROVED.

JANUARY 3, 1984: THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY LAWS OF THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS, INCORPORATION WERE FILED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR CHARTER WAS ISSUED.

FEBRUARY 14, 1984: THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER HELD OPEN HOUSE. IT WAS A GRAND CELEBRATION. PRESIDENT BOB PEARSON GAVE A SHORT SPEECH TELLING OF THE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FUTURE GOALS. SINCERE GRATITUDE WAS EXPRESSED TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD GENEROUSLY GIVEN OF THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND EFFORT TO ASSURE THE BEGINNING OF THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS.

Center is Available for Public Events

From the Editor

I want to thank contributors to this issue: Supervisor Diane Dillon, "Sudoku Gary" Howes, Amber Payne, Napalachian cartoonist Bill Scholer, and CeCe Short. If you wish to contribute articles or photos, please do so. Letters to the editor are also always welcome.

Lake Luciana Golf Course: Pope Valley

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To the Editor

Capell Valley School Ice Cream Social

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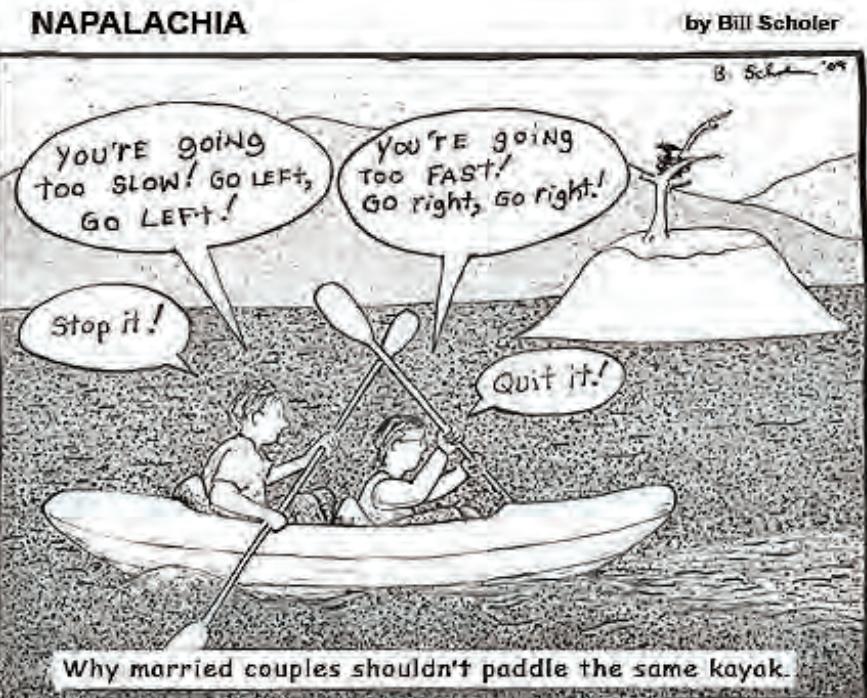
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Amber Payne, Parent

(Editor's Note: Amber is a local realtor. She and her husband, James, are also local Mona Vie distributors.)

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Victorian Valentine's Day Tea

Keeping in the tradition of the Goodman Library and its original use, the Napa County Historical Society is hosting Valentine's Day Tea Time at the Goodman on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 12-1 p.m. at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street. The Goodman Library opened in 1902 as a library, Tea and Rest Room and Billiards Room.

On February 14th guests, welcomed by their costumed Victorian maid, will experience a Victorian tea celebrating the holiday of love. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, tea sandwiches and desserts while learning about the history of tea and Napa. Traditional cucumber and cream cheese and delectable petit fours are part of the menu. "Tea Time at the Goodman is a fun yet educational program the Society offers by appointment for groups, but for Valentine's Day we are hosting a Tea Room circa 1920 special holiday tea. It's a great way for families or lovers to celebrate Valentine's Day," noted Executive Director Kristie Sheppard.

The Valentine's Day Tea Time at the Goodman is \$20 for Society members, \$25 for non-members. The Society is also running a special \$10 rate for kids and Society volunteers. Even more fun is when guests dress up. Victorian attire is encouraged, not required. RSVP to Kristie at 707-224-1739 or director@napahistory.org by February 10th.



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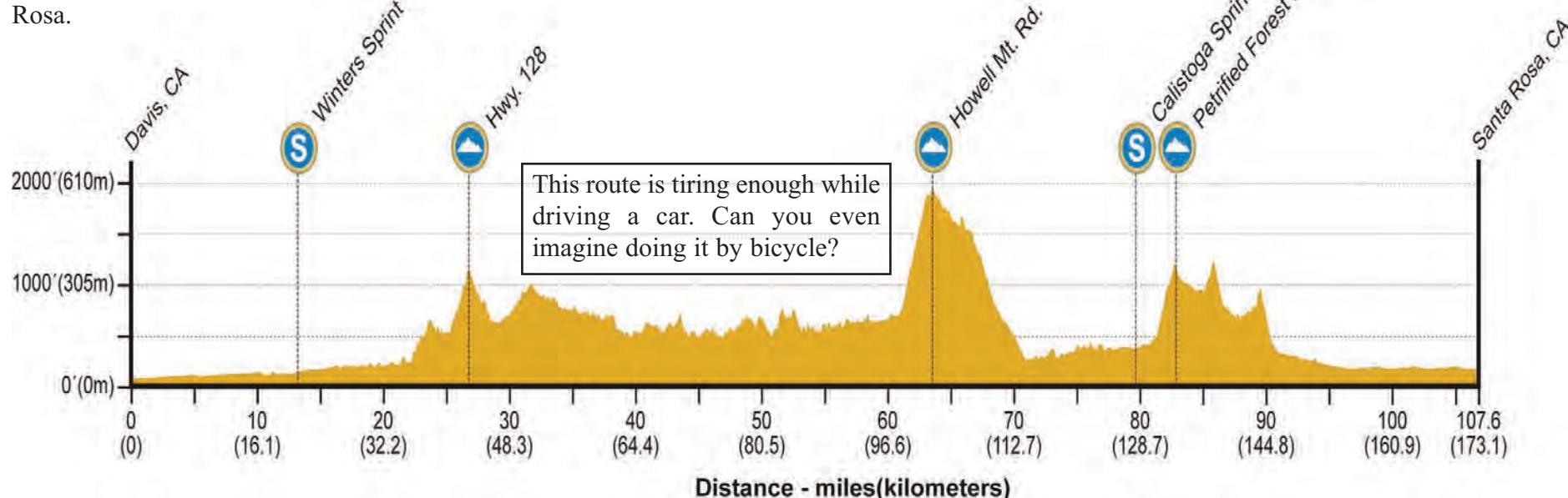
"The level of competition and talent for the fourth annual Amgen Tour of California rivals the top races in the world and demonstrates the importance of the United States to professional cycling."

The largest cycling event in the country, the Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race that challenges the world's top pro cycling teams along a demanding course.

"I will be competing in the Amgen Tour of California," confirmed Lance Armstrong. "The level of competition, the challenge of the course and the highly professional atmosphere makes it the ideal situation for me to continue my training. I have also chosen the Amgen Tour of California because of the race's record of supporting Cancer awareness and research thru their Amgen Breakaway from Cancer initiatives and their commitment to partner with our Lance Armstrong Foundation. I look forward to racing once again in the United States in what we consider the best race outside of Europe."

Stage 1, originating in Davis at noon on Feb. 15 and finishing in Santa Rosa, will take riders into the Napa Valley. The route follows Putah Creek Road to Highway 128 to Berryessa Corners. The cyclists are then on their way past Turtle Rock Bar and Restaurant to Knoxville Road. They pass the Spanish Flat Village Center (Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, the Handmade Store & more, Spanish Flat Cantina, CeCe Short Realty) on their way to Pope Canyon Road and Pope Valley.

In downtown Pope Valley they pass the Pope Valley Market and on up Howell Mountain Road to Angwin and then down to Silverado Trail as they make their way into Calistoga. They go on Petrified Forest Road to Calistoga Road as they head to Santa Rosa.



On Sunday Feb. 15, 2009, communities along the Amgen Tour of California route will have the chance to see, firsthand, a lineup of some of the most elite, recognizable teams and athletes in the world. The race leaves Davis at Noon. Local spectators can expect racers to be passing by the following local landmarks as early as these estimated times: Monticello Dam - 12:53 PM; Berryessa Corners - 1:17 PM; Turtle Rock - 1:27 PM; Spanish Flat Village Center - 1:40 PM; Pope Canyon Bridge - 1:55 PM; downtown Pope Valley - 2:17 PM. Connecting roads will be closed approximately a half-hour before the race leaders reach any intersections, so get there early.

Lake Berryessa businesses will be hosting spectators: Berryessa Corners - 12 Noon - free barbecue for Berryessa Highlands residents only; Turtle Rock - have a "World Famous Eggroll"; Spanish Flat Village Center - have Mexican food at Spanish Flat Cantina, a deli delight from the Spanish Flat Country Store, or a panini from Cucina Italiana.



Letters to the Editor

Berryessa Churches Help Needy Families

Your two local churches, Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church, are pleased to announce an opportunity to help the community at large.

The churches have received a monetary donation through their volunteer efforts and would like to return the donation to the community. The churches are attempting to identify five families who have been financially affected by the current economic problems we all are facing.

The churches would like to provide a \$100 grocery gift card to those families in need who have suffered job loss or other economic problems affecting their ability to provide for their basic food needs. The churches will be accepting written nominations from people knowing of a family having this need. They may be mailed to the Community Church at 6008 Steel Canyon road Napa, Calif. 94558

If you know of a family having this need please write a short note explaining the situation and include your contact information. The churches will evaluate all requests and identify the five recipients. Those chosen to receive a gift card will be contacted and the gift card provided in private out of respect for the families.

Thank you for allowing the churches to serve in the community.

Pastors Randall B. Roach and Robert C. Lee

Pleasure Cove Clean-up Success

This year, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day saw the expression of a renewed spirit of responsi-

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bility and service to our community. Thanks to the pre-inauguration initiative of our new President, folks from all over Napa and elsewhere joined together to make contributions in a variety of ways.

In Napa's Lake District, volunteers joined Berryessa Trails and Conservation (BT&C) together with Bureau of Reclamation staff, the Solano County Water Agency, and Pleasure Cove Marina to collect trash and debris from the shoreline in the Wragg Canyon area of Lake Berryessa.

Seventy-five people showed up on a crisp, sunny morning last Monday, from Napa County as well as the surrounding areas of Yolo, Solano, and Lake Counties. Loaded onto boats provided by Pleasure Cove, the volunteers were dropped off at various points along the shoreline, to be picked up later along with trash they had collected.

An impressive pile of garbage and junk grew at the boat launch ramp at Pleasure Cove for deposit into nearby dumpsters. Some volunteers hiked back along the scenic Outback road; others were brought back by boat.

The morning's toil yielded rewards in the form of a barbecue lunch generously provided by Solano County Water Agency and expertly prepared by Pleasure Cove Marina supervisor Terry Sparkman and his wife Kay. The volunteers enjoyed a leisurely lunch and the sort of inspired interaction that accompanies common purpose.

As the organizers of this small part of our National Day of Service, BT&C wishes to thank all the volunteers who showed up and made this effort a success. Inaugurating Stewards of the Lake District, the volunteer group of Berryessa Trails and Conservation, this event was a valuable first effort in restoring and maintaining the integrity of the natural areas surrounding Lake Berryessa. We anticipate providing many other opportunities for volunteers to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District and contribute to their own

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Wendy Wallin, Berryessa Trails & Conservation

(Editor's Note: The Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce object to calling the Lake Berryessa region "Napa's Lake District". We are Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa Region!)

How to Control Your Aluminum Foil

I had to go into the kitchen and check this out for myself when I heard about it. Whoever looks at the end of your aluminum foil box? You know when you try to pull some foil out and the roll comes out of the box. Then you have to put the roll back in the box and start over. The darn roll always comes out at the wrong time.

Well, I would like to share this with you. Yesterday I went to throw out an empty Reynolds foil box and for some reason I turned it and looked at the end of the box. And written on the end it said, "Press here to lock end".

Right there on the end of the box is a tab to lock the roll in place. See photo below. How long has this little locking tab been there?

I then looked at a generic brand of aluminum foil and it had one, too. But my box of Saran wrap didn't have one! I can't count the number of times the Saran wrap roll has jumped out when I was trying to cover something up.

Bob Massey, Berryessa Highlands



Napa County News
By Supervisor Diane Dillon

Do you have a Septic Tank?

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has proposed regulations that will establish new statewide minimum requirements for the siting, permitting, construction, operation, maintenance and performance monitoring of all new and existing onsite wastewater disposal systems (OTWS) including septic tank systems with leach fields.

Implementation of the regulations as currently proposed would likely have impacts on all residents with existing septic tanks, on owners of unimproved residential parcels, and on future land development. The proposed regulations hold individual homeowners and businesses with OTWS to be directly responsible to the Water Board for compliance with all new regulatory requirements. If an individual fails to comply, the Regional and State Water Boards have authority to take various enforcement actions against the property owner, including the issuance of monetary fines.

The SWRCB is holding eleven workshops throughout the State in order to receive public comments on the proposed regulations and on the adequacy of the associated draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). I attended the workshop in Santa Rosa on January 27, 2009 to testify as to the County's opposition to and concerns with the proposed regulations. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming attendance, the meeting was canceled 10 minutes after it started. I did have an opportunity, however, to speak to Tam Doduc, the chair of the SWRCB, and she promised that the current deadline of February 9th for making comments would be continued, and the proposed regulations would be changed.

The Santa Rosa workshop has been rescheduled for February 9, 2009. Two sessions are scheduled from 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 11 pm. The workshop will take place at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, in the Ruth Finley Person Theatre, 50 Mark West Springs Road. I urge you attend if possible. This is your opportunity to directly participate in this important rule-making process. If you cannot attend this workshop, please consider sending a written comment to the State Water Resources Control Board. Comments are due by February 23rd at noon. All written comments will be considered by the State Water Resources Control Board prior to

their adoption of the regulations and certification of the Final EIR sometime early next year.

For more information, a copy of the proposed regulations and the DEIR (along with other related documents) please visit: www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/program/septic_tanks

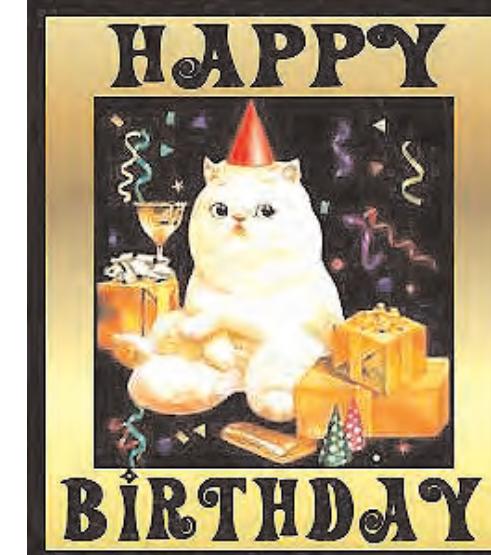
Napa Berryessa and Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement Districts

Community meetings were held on January 21st and January 22nd to inform residents of the possibility of privatizing water and wastewater services for the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID - Berryessa Highlands) and the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID - Berryessa Pines). If on February 3, 2009 the District Directors directed staff to pursue exploratory discussions with California Water Service Company, a formal presentation and information regarding the privatization process will be held on February 10th at the Board of Supervisors Room, 1195 Third Street, Napa, Room 305. You are welcome to attend.

I am not committed to privatization as a solution for the water and sewer upgrade problems currently facing these districts, however, I am open to exploring whether this may be an improvement for LBRID and NBRID rate payers.

Free Online Tutoring For Students

With funding from the Friends of Napa Library and the federal government, the Napa County library now offers a program called Live Homework Help. From 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., students attending kindergarten through intro-college can log onto the library's website at www.co.napa.ca.us/library and receive real-time tutoring in a wide range of academic subjects. The program is run by a New York company that screens tutors for academic ability and personal background to make sure the experience is safe for children. I think this is a fabulous program and I encourage you to use it.



Creature Double Feature

You were always that oblivious one in the monster movie, who needed to be warned of the giant lizard peering through the open window behind you even as everyone froze to watch it.

I never understood this - your inability to spot the most obvious signs of trouble. Though debris shook from the walls and screams echoed through the burning city, you never admitted a thing to yourself.

Even the proud reptile was stunned by your indifference. What if all its wanton trampling had been for your sole benefit?

It could have ended so much sooner had you ever opened your eyes. Instead,

you turned away from that open window, and left the frightened crowd to scuttle for cover among the flattened buildings,

insisting we end the feature with no room for heroics or a sequel of any kind.

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Short Acres Fishing Report

Currently, very cold & clear bright blue-sky mornings here at beautiful Lake Berryessa....Lake in the early morning is like glass, mid-morning a bit of wind kicks up to give us the right amount of ripples....

Boat & bank fisherman are picking up trout around the Pope Creek Bridge shore-line area drifting live minnows on a 6-8 ft leader with a bobber...

As the day progresses & the sun intensifies you'll spot trout breaking water & kicking up their heels!!

Lots of fish are being marked on the fish finder in the 6-14 ft. depth, then again in 24-36 ft....

Faithful trollers are out also hugging the shorelines trying to pickup some action using Silver Excels, Wedding Rings with a threaded crawler or Silver Cripple Lures.... Whatever your method of choice, you have to work for them & be patient.....

CeCe Short, CeCe Short Realty, Spanish Flat Village Center

Blonde Fishing Turnabout

A blonde guy gets up really early in the morning to go ice fishing. He goes out onto the ice with his tent, his pick and his fishing rod, and starts to pick at the ice.

Then he hears a big booming voice: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The guy looks around and then starts to pick at the ice again. Then he hears the voice again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

Now the guy is getting a little edgy. He looks up toward the sky and thinks to himself, "God, is that you?"

There is no answer, so he starts picking again. The voice bellowed again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

Then the guy yells, "God, is that you?"

The voice answered, "NO. IT'S THE MANAGER OF THE ICE RINK."



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(Editor's Note: Below is a Guest Editorial from a friend who has long worked to protect boater freedom. I included it here because it reminds me of the process used by the Bureau of Reclamation and its exclusionist allies to bring about the present devastation at Lake Berryessa. During that process there was an abortive attempt to ban personal watercraft from the lake. Remember that Recalamation has already banned gasoline-powered boats from the Big Island Lagoon, causing boating families to lose their traditional quiet (5 mph) place to go to relax and swim away from the busy main body of the lake. This was one of the most unpopular, among many, acts perpetrated by Reclamation at the lake. And that ban has not increased the number of kayakers using the lagoon. Their numbers are still approximately ZERO. It's always a difficult to deal with people who find the truth too confining.)

High Seas Public Access Theft

By John Donaldson, Dean of the PWC Nation

(As featured in Ride Magazine, the official magazine of the American Watercraft Association (www.awahq.com). The AWA brings together personal watercraft enthusiasts, dealers and manufacturers to protect your right to ride.)

In 2003 the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) embarked on a process to adjust rules and regulations for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MB NMS). I attended each of the meetings of the motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) group.

During a break in the very first meeting that was attended by a number of tow surfers, and other associates, it was plain the mood was definitely down-beat. Tow surfing via the use of PWC was the focus of malicious, inaccurate and demeaning comments made by vocal anti-PWC members of the work group. These anti's were allowed to vent and rant without pause by the NOAA staff who were supposed to be facilitating the meeting.

After five years of meetings, workshops, public hearings, public testimony; thousands of pages of paper in reports, compilations, memos, exhibits—many of which crowd my office; and enough man-hours and money to make any of us wealthy, NOAA formalized it's anti-PWC railroading process by the issuance of a new and unique definition of PWC as any vessel less than 20 feet in length overall and propelled by a water jet pump or drive. MB NMS has effectively banned taxpaying PWC owners and other boats from the largest area of open public water accessible to most citizens on the west coast. This may in fact be the largest boating restriction in the world in terms of area.

How did this happen? The essence of this systematic lockout resides primarily with NOAA's insistence on not using a single piece of data, nor a single scientific analysis conducted at MB NMS, or anywhere else on the California Coast to support a prohibition on personal watercraft use on public waters. Even more alarming, NOAA bureaucrats have created, apparently out of thin air, the most bizarre definition of a personal watercraft found anywhere on the planet. By this unprecedented definition change, they have excluded any vessel fitting their fantasy description from over 5,500 square miles of open North Pacific Ocean—an area approximately the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. But the true threat is that NOAA's Sanctuary branch has long harbored a desire to turn the entire U.S. coastline into one mega-sanctuary. The very act of re-defining what a particular boat is, without any input from the Coast Guard, the boating industry, the State of California, or anyone else for that matter, sets a shocking precedent for the rest of us.

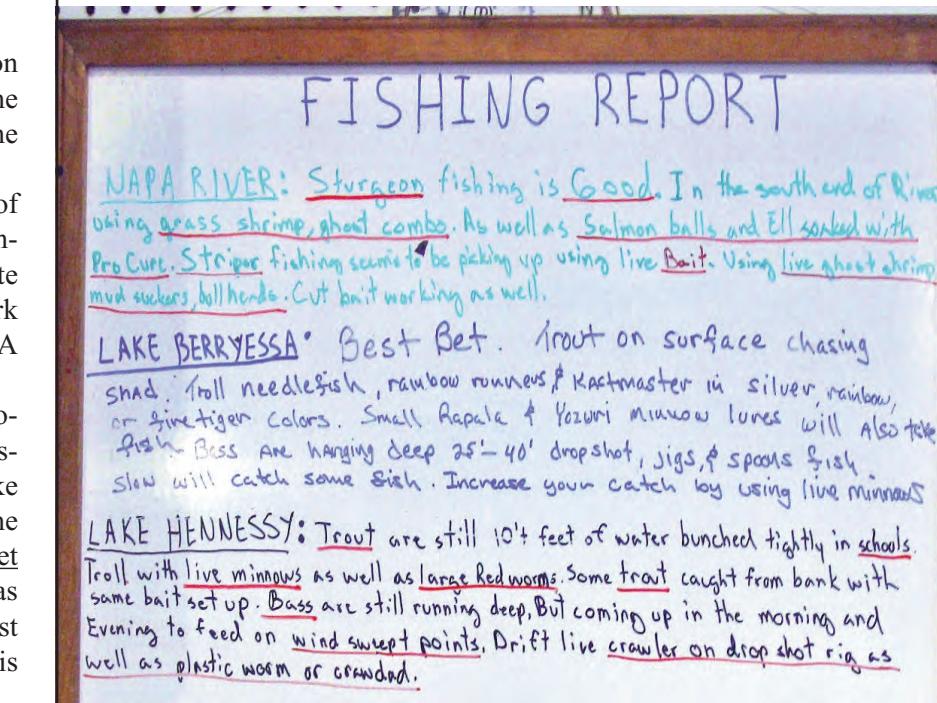
Be that as it may, NOAA staffers and their radical no-access allies have had quite a bit to say about this taxpayer recreational boating exclusion. One senior staffer quoted in the LA Times said, "These areas are essentially underwater Yosemites." Embellishing the scope and grandeur of ones bureaucratic fiefdom is a well-used crutch in the public arena. Indeed, this "made for quote" statement left me pondering exactly what an "underwater Yosemite" looks like, and just exactly how an environmentally friendly PWC drafting

Sweeney's Sports White Board Fishing Report

Below is a photo of Sweeney's Sports famous white board fishing report. Bob Arwine said that anglers come in all the time specifically to read the board. Bob is also a Master Fly Tyer and is giving ongoing Basic Fly Tying classes at Sweeney's. Call 707 255-5544 for details. If you can't read the info below, here's what it says for Lake Berryessa as of 1/30/09:

"Best bet - trout on surface chasing shad. Troll needlefish, rainbow runners & kastmaster in silver, rainbow, or fine tiger colors. Small Rapala & Yosuri minnow lures will also take fish. Bass are hanging deep at 25'- 40', drop-shot, jigs, & spoons. Fishing slow will catch some fish. Increase your catch by using live minnows."

Spanish Flat Country Store has live minnows for sale, as does Sweeney's. Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli's next monthly Trout and Salmon Derby, also sponsored by the Berryessa Senior Center, is on Saturday, Feb. 14. See ad on Page 9 facing.

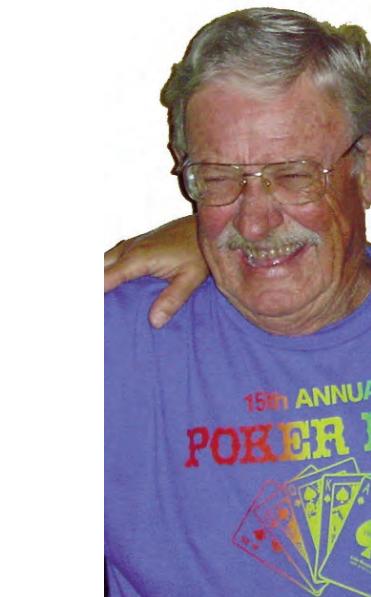


about 8 inches of water in the static position would affect such an imposing geographical feature.

If you thought this statement was on the edge, a so-called environmental group was quoted in the same article saying, "We feel this is a decent balance between use and marine protection." Well, if your goal is to eliminate the general public from enjoying public waters and lands owned by the said public, then you'd be pretty happy with this sort of "balance" seeing how the balance keeps those pesky tax payers out of their waters. These two statements are as clear as it gets when dealing with no-access fanatics, and should serve as a wakeup call for the PWC Nation.

NOAA was empowered to define and establish marine sanctuaries by the Marine Sanctuaries Act about 30 years ago. NOWHERE in the Act is there any reference to a national park like system, or for the types of regulations and processes that exist in National Parks. Regrettably, current NOAA management completely ignores what Congress didn't say when they passed the Act. The result is un-elected NOAA bureaucrats setting policy for your public resources without any authority, oversight, or consideration of all parties concerned.

As for the so-called environmental groups - we all need to understand that their idea of a "decent balance" is banning your access to public waterways. The Dean says, "don't ever be fooled into thinking otherwise."



Friends Pay Respects to Bill Kaye

Dozens of friends remembered Bill Kaye at a memorial luncheon on Jan. 24 at the Berryessa Senior Center. Stories were told, laughter echoed, and tears flowed. Although he had no immediate family, Bill's family are all those who knew him these many decades at Lake Berryessa. As everyone agreed, he was probably the nicest, most helpful person around these parts. You could always count on him.

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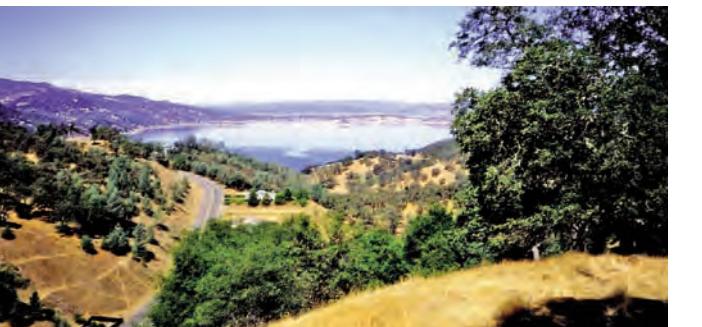
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Emails from the Lake Berryessa News

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blonde female neighbor came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house.

A little later she came out of her house again went to the mail box and again, opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her,

"Is something wrong?" To which she replied, "There certainly is!" "My stupid computer keeps saying,

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL!"

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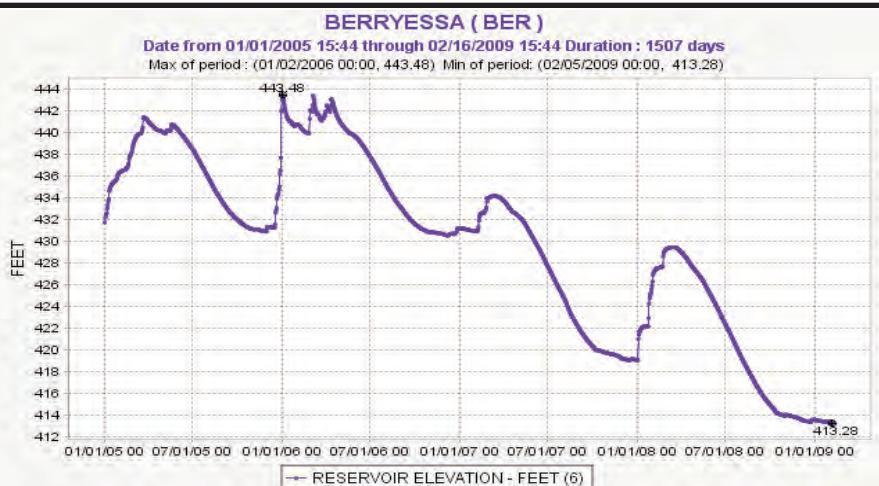
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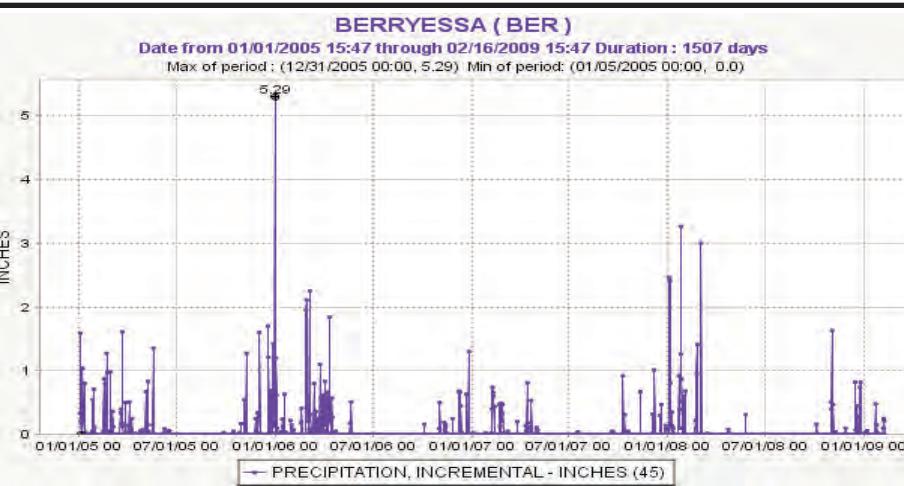


Berryessa Corners at "The Y"
Intersection of Hwy 121, Hwy 128, and Steele Canyon Road



Dam Level Update
The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.
As of 2/16/09, the water is now 26.22 Feet below the top of the spillway.
Lake Berryessa has had 10.2 Inches of rainfall since July 1, 2008

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
2/2/09	413.31	0.08	75	33	0.00
2/3/09	413.30	0.01	66	32	0.00
2/4/09	413.29	0.06	67	33	0.00
2/5/09	413.28	0.00	65	33	0.10
2/6/09	413.34	0.01	61	46	0.25
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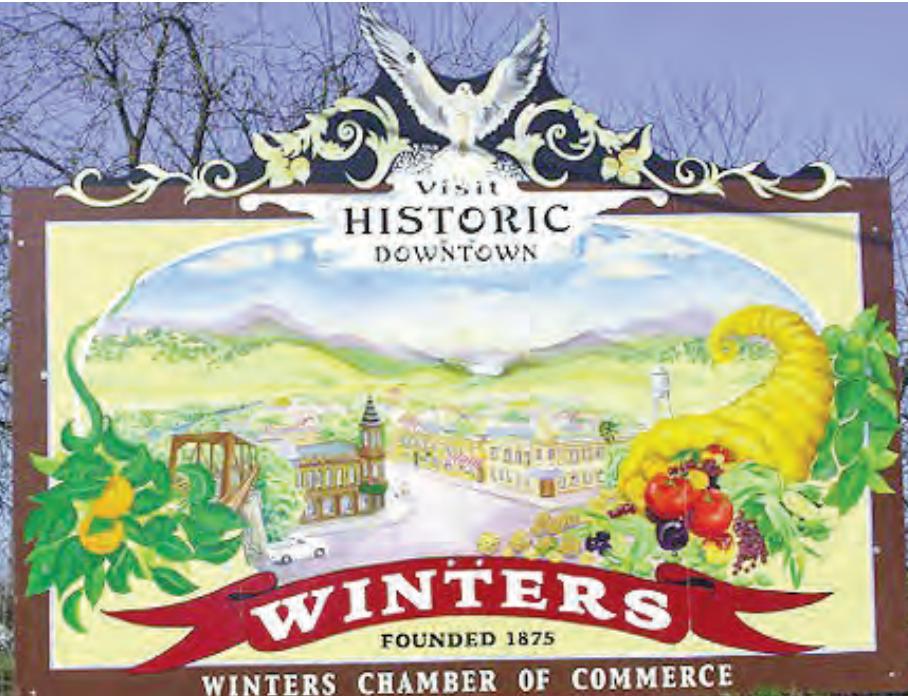
Winters, CA: The Eastern Gateway to Lake Berryessa

The City of Winters knows outdoor recreation! Whether it's hiking, biking, camping, kayaking, RVing, boating, or dirt biking, someone in Winters is doing it. And that's why Winters seems so much in tune with the spirit of Lake Berryessa. Many residents of the Lake Berryessa Region say that when the Town of Lake Berryessa is finally incorporated, its first official act will be to declare Winters its Sister City.

The Winters City Council, as well as many local businesses and residents, stood up to the Bureau of Reclamation in 2004 when Reclamation was developing its plans for Lake Berryessa, declaring in City Council Resolution N0. 2004-34, Section 5: "The lack of a phased approach by canceling all existing contracts within a two year period could create a catastrophic situation in the event that plans are not available for a transition of control and Lake management for users."

And in Section 11 "It appears that under the current plans, these concessionaires would receive no compensation for facilities or improvements, which seems unjust."

These words, among other prescient statements in the resolution, have turned out to be sadly prophetic, since now five of the seven resorts have been closed indefinitely, with their owners being told to demolish everything because Reclamation declared that there is no value to the restaurants, recreation activities, and world-class cultural offerings within short driving distances.



But the good news for Winters is that their previous stance may be one of the reasons that Markley Cove Resort, a primary destination for Winters and other Yolo County recreationists, is still open and will remain so as it negotiates a new contract with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Pleasure Cove Marina, the next resort down the road from Markley Cove, has also signed a new contract with Reclamation. So boat launching, boat slips, cabins and camping are still only minutes from downtown Winters.

Winters is a historic small farming town that hearkens back to a simpler time. Despite its small size Winters is home to unique shops, restaurants, and galleries while at the same time offering its residents a host of amenities, recreation activities, and world-class cultural offerings within short driving distances.

Putah Creek by Governor Juan Basista de Alvarado to William Wolfskill, a southern California resident and naturalized Mexican citizen. In 1875 George B. and Andrew M. Stevenson, owners of the Vaca Valley Railroad Company, extended their line to the north bank of Putah Creek. The Stevensons sought financial assistance from Theodore Winters and others to build a railroad bridge across Putah Creek. They also laid out a forty acre town site which was named for Theodore Winters, from whom the land was purchased.

A three span, 368 foot long riveted steel frame railroad trestle bridge spans Putah Creek, at the south end of town. The bridge was originally constructed in 1906 to service the gold rush era. It was abandoned by the railroad in the mid 1960's, and was later donated to the City of Winters. The City restored the old railroad bridge and reopened it on its 100 year anniversary in 2006. The bridge is located near the community center and is part of the Putah Creek Nature Trail that runs along Putah Creek.

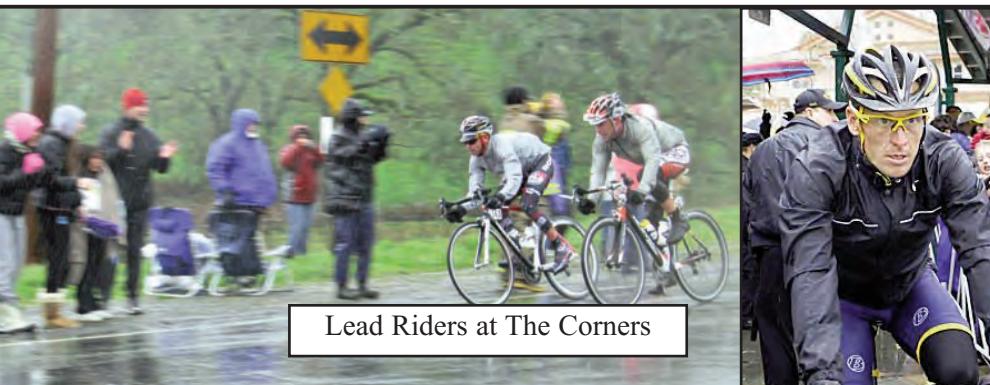
Winters is also home to a budding artist community and has become a favorite destination for bicycle enthusiasts. The city, with its "small town" flavor, is host to many annual events such as Youth Day, The Earthquake Festival, free summer concerts, and St. Patrick and 4th of July day parades.

Keep up with news and events with the Winters Express at: www.wintersexpress.com.

Stage 1 of the fourth Amgen Tour of California took place in nasty cold and rainy weather conditions. But the Lake Berryessa crowds loved it anyway. The lead riders were about 15 minutes later than the predicted arrival time at the Corners. Then the peloton was about 15 minutes behind that. But as you can see from the photos below, the Berryessa Corners was hopping despite the rain. The Spanish Flat Village Center folks also waved the flag as the riders sped by. Thanks to Karla Holland-Scholer for the photos at Berryessa Corners and to CeCe Short for the Spanish Flat Village shots.



Crowd waits at the Corners



Lead Riders at The Corners



Lance Armstrong in black turns The Corners



Marcia, Donna, and the Spanish Flat Village People



Riders blur past Spanish Flat Village

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NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



PETER'S CHICKEN SATAY with SPICY PEANUT SAUCE and CUCUMBER SALAD

Cut this out and save. This is the best peanut sauce you will ever taste - GUARANTEED!

Chicken Satay

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 C coconut milk
3 garlic cloves
1 TBL curry powder
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp paprika
1 tsp salt

Cut each breast half into 3 long strips about 1-1/2 inches wide and add to the bowl. I usually use frozen boneless chicken breasts cut in half and/or frozen chicken tenders. Although they cost more they're more convenient to use. I also use chopped garlic from a jar.

Pour coconut milk into a separate bowl and press garlic cloves into milk. Stir curry, coriander, paprika and salt into coconut milk and pour over chicken. Let chicken marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

While chicken is marinating, prepare cucumber salad and peanut sauce (recipes below). If using bamboo skewers to barbecue the chicken, soak them in water so they won't burn. Prepare grill or preheat broiler. Thread each chicken piece onto a bamboo or metal skewer. Grill or broil chicken for 5 minutes on each side until lightly browned and cooked through. You can also cook them without the skewers and just serve them on a plate.

Peanut Sauce

1 cup coconut milk
1 TBL red curry paste
1 TBL satay or chili paste

Combine cucumber, onion and red pepper in non-aluminum bowl. Place sugar and salt into a small bowl and stir in vinegar and hot water. Toss cucumber mixture with sugar mixture and allow cucumbers to marinate until chicken is ready to serve.

2 TBL creamy peanut butter

2 TBL sugar

1 TBL tamarind juice or lime juice

1/2 tsp salt

In a saute pan, bring milk to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and whisk in curry and satay pastes. Stir in peanut butter, sugar, tamarind juice and salt; simmer for 10 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and let sauce cool at room temperature until chicken is ready to serve.

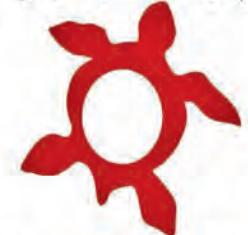
I usually make a large batch of the spice combination – excluding the coconut milk and peanut butter. I freeze it and then use 3-4 tablespoons of the spice mixture per can of coconut milk. The spices are quite hot so experiment to your taste. Add as much chunky peanut butter as you like and stir it all in a heated saucepan. This makes it easy to throw a dinner party without a lot of work. Serve the satay with basmati or jasmine rice and lots of extra sauce on the side.

Cucumber Salad

2-3 cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced
2-3 thin slices red onion, cut in half
2 TBL chopped red bell pepper
1/4 C sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1 TBL distilled vinegar
1/4 C hot water

Combine cucumber, onion and red pepper in non-aluminum bowl. Place sugar and salt into a small bowl and stir in vinegar and hot water. Toss cucumber mixture with sugar mixture and allow cucumbers to marinate until chicken is ready to serve.

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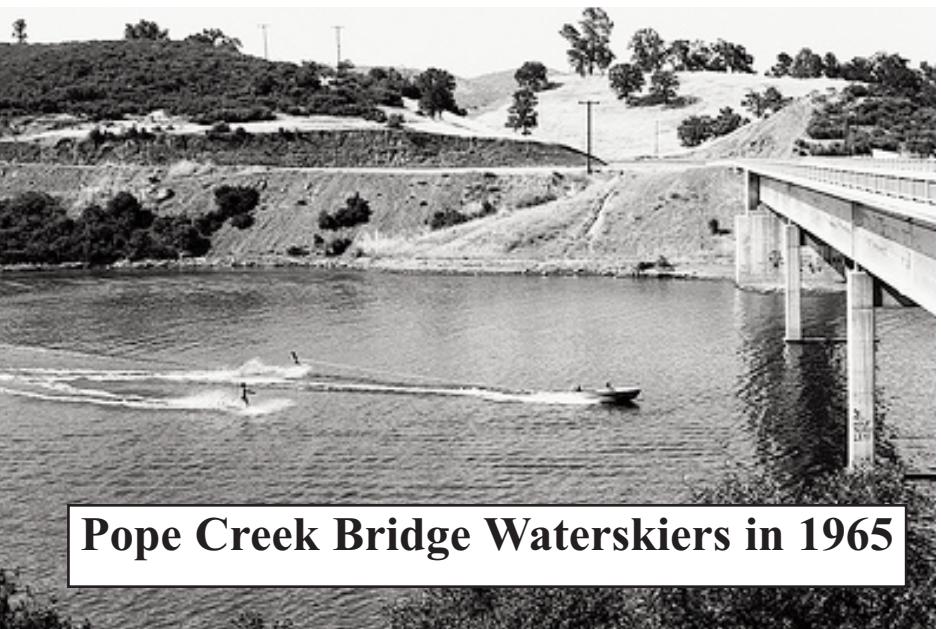
Wouldn't you love to see how the trip went (but from a safe distance)? Recon' he ended doing some off-roading somewhere. . .Check the hills in the background.



She's hitched up and ready to roll!! Amazin' how the extra weight smoothes out the ride. Needed to air up the rear tires a bit ('bout 160 psi). Add some heavy-duty chain for extra support on the tailgate, (note the 'Heavy-Duty 'S' hooks to attach the chain) Also pay-up for some BIG 5/16-inch sheet metal screws to attach the frame to the tailgate.



Yep, probably overkill, but you don't want the possibility of having an axer-dent. Spend some time to whittle down that MASSIVE 4x4 to fit precisely into the ball mount receiver. Note the 14"x14" piece of 3/8" plywood on the underside of the ailegate to distribute the load more evenly. B'gosh, it costs a little more but you just CAN'T BE TOO SAFE, Y'ALL!!



Pope Creek Bridge Waterskiers in 1965

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Puzzle No. 4 Solution

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To the Editor

To the Editor,

I don't have an opinion about the proposal for the Golf course in Pope Valley. I just want to explain why we call this area Napalachia. Not that it matters, since people will see and hear what they want to, but for the record.

My husband and I coined the phrase Napalachia to describe the area where we live in Napa County. I was born in West Virginia, and the word Appalachia for me brings to mind images of majestic mountains, apple trees, old-time music and craftsmanship in pottery, glass blowing and woodworking.

I also think of a simpler way of life in which people were more connected to the land in a personal and intimate way. Everyone had a garden and everyone lived off the land in some fashion. For me poverty and deterioration are not words that come to mind, and if anyone has visited Appalachia recently those words would not come to mind for you either.

There are many ways to be impoverished that have nothing to do with how much money you have in your pocket. Living in areas without natural beauty or a unique sense of place can be more impoverishing. Many gated wealthy communities with all their groomed landscaping can be so lacking in real wealth that the "Stepford Wives" come to mind. My husband and I love this area so when we think of Napa County as having similarities to Appalachia, "We should all be so lucky!"

Take Care,
Karla Holland-Scholer

(Editors Note: Although I used the word in discussing the controversial Lake Luciana Golf Course project, it was not meant in a derogatory sense. Rather I meant that Pope Valley should not be kept as a time-capsule of the past, but allowed to evolve into a more vibrant future - as has happened in Appalachia itself.)

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on Wendy Wallin's wonderful thank you to the volunteers who showed up to help pick up trash ("Coming together to clean up the lake").

Did anyone ask who picked up the trash the previous 50 years? I will tell you who: It was the trailer and mobile home owners who took pride in Lake Berryessa because they had an investment there. Now all of a sudden the "Lake District" and Berryessa Trails and Conservation gets credit as being the lake caretakers.

Well, let's wait until all the resorts have opened to the general public and day users. You then will have to contract with waste management on a full-time basis to clean up after the public has used the lake. Over the years I have picked up more garbage around the lake and watched day users and camping people just throw beer cans on the ground. Their attitude is, I paid to use these facilities and let someone else pick up my trash.

I, and many other mobile home owners, took pride in the cleanliness of Lake Berryessa and received or expected no credit for being the caretakers. Let us not be bragging about what they have done now, but give credit to the many trailer and mobile home people who took pride in Lake Berryessa for more than 50 years.

Don Lombardi Sr.
Lake Berryessa

To the Editor,

Capell Valley School News

Kindergarten Registration

Registration started on Feb. 2nd and will continue until Feb. 27th!

To Register your child:

1. He/She must be 5 by Dec. 2nd 2009
2. You must have their LEGAL Birth Certificate
3. Current Immunization Records
4. 2 Service Bills, in your name for proof of residence (PG&E, garbage, cable, NOT cell phone, water, rental agreement or mortgage statement)

5. All forms must be filled out in the office; the school district does not permit anyone to take them home.

6. All incoming Kindergartners must register at their assigned neighborhood school.

Capell Happenings!

Mr. Soper's (3rd, 4th & 5th) class were invited by Park Ranger Mike to help transplant native grasses in front of Park Headquarters on Lake Berryessa. Our students were able to learn about the differences between annual and perennial grasses and how Native American's utilized native plants.

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They were also able to find out what trees are doing this time of year. Ranger Mike gave a tour of the visitor center to finish the day.

In class, all the grades are researching and deciding what type of project they are going to do with the garden. the project will involve hands-on science, art, math (measurement and mapping) and community service along with learning about cooperation and responsibility.

Ms. Scruggs (K, 1st & 2nd) class celebrated the 100th day of school!

In the next few weeks we will begin planning gardens for their individual garden project. Each student will have the opportunity to plan and plant their own garden (5x5). They will be responsible for the upkeep of their garden plot.

Kid's Corner

Alyssa Wheeler is in 5th grade and on Feb. 9th she found out that she was accepted into River Middle School for next year. To get into River Alyssa had to do a 300 word essay, a collage, and a questionnaire.

Alyssa says that her teacher Mr. Soper was very helpful as well as everyone else

at Capell. River is a project based school that lets students have the freedom to learn on their own. Alyssa's friends and Capell Alumni Courtney Scholezer and Sara Burr also attend River.

Amber Payne
Berryessa Highlands

Dear Editor,

"Ocho" and Mandy are back from Texas and we would like to celebrate your support.

Spanish Flat Cantina will be arranging a no-host lunch buffet for \$12.00 per person on Sunday February 22nd, 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Come share in photos, and tales of our road trip to the Fort Worth Stock Show. Ocho will be on site to share in the celebration and show off his Gypsy Horse Reserve Grand Champion status.

Please, RSVP by Thursday February 19th. Visit www.Gypsystation.com for menu, price, directions.

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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber met on Monday, January 26, at the Chamber office in CeCe Short's real estate office at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Major agenda items were the Economic Impact Report describing the devastating effects on our local businesses of the closing of the five West Shore resorts by the Bureau of Reclamation. Combined with the general economic downturn, the situation is quite serious. The report will be sent to Congressman Mike Thompson to seek his assistance.

Recruiting new and returning members continues. All local businesses are encouraged to join, as well as community members who want to help improve the Lake Berryessa Region. In 2007 the Chamber produced and distributed 10,000 Tourist Brochures and distributed 10,000 more in 2008. We are also planning a Tourist Information Program and Road Sign Project to make Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors.

In addition, we have worked with the Napa County Conference and Visitors Bureau (now the Napa Valley Destination Council - see below) to promote the Lake Berryessa Region as a major recreational asset to Napa Valley tourists. The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website: www.legendarynapavalley.com. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide.

The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors. Your support as a member will help to expand that influence for the good of our community, especially during this time of change at Lake Berryessa.

This year the Chamber will not be publishing a Directory as it has in the past. Instead a Special Chamber of Commerce Issue of the Lake Berryessa News will be published to include the Chamber Directory as well as chock full of information and

maps of value to lake visitors. This special issue will be of use for the rest of 2009.

The Chamber Tourist Brochure and the Lake Berryessa News have been distributed for the last two years at the Napa Visitor Center. Thus we were as concerned as anyone when the Tourist Center was abruptly closed by the Napa Valley Destination Council a few months ago. Although the Visitor Center was quickly reopened by the Napa Downtown Association, there was concern that more needed to service the 130,000 or more tourists who came to the Visitor Center annually.

Admitting it made a mistake, the NVDC now intends to spiff up the center, located in Napa Town Center, so it presents a better image of the Napa Valley. The final step to having the Destination Council resume center management occurred recently when the Napa County Board of Supervisors approved giving the council \$675,000 in hotel tax revenue to market the Napa Valley.

That allocation, covering two-and-a-half years of council operation, comes with the Destination Council's commitment to resume guest information services in downtown Napa, said David Turgeon, the council's newly promoted chief operating officer.

Vintner Jack Cakebread, president of the Destination Council, described his organization's agenda for the next two years. Although it does not specifically reference Lake Berryessa and seems to focus mostly on the wine industry, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce will remain a strong and vocal member of the NVDC.

The parcel, located adjacent to Berryessa Estates, would be used for

hiking trails with the potential in the future for this to connect to a 10-mile trail heading south to Pope Canyon Road.

In addition, Cal Fire is interested in using approximately one acre of the land for a volunteer fire station.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Pope Valley Farm Center.

Per Mr. Cakebread: "We wish to communicate clearly that the Napa Valley Destination Council continues to be a membership-based organization. Rather than paying dues, however, Members will be able to invest in valuable marketing programs designed to directly benefit their businesses. We are now able to

begin implementation of a two-year strategic Destination Marketing Plan that will promote all of Napa County and focus on these key program elements:

1. Protect and enhance The Napa Valley's position as the premier wine tourism destination in North America through the implementation of "The Napa Valley - Legendary" destination marketing strategy.
2. Aggressively market "off peak" seasonal and Sunday through Thursday travel.

3. Effectively communicate the attributes of the region in the areas of lodging, wine tasting/sales, fine dining, arts and culture, spa, health and wellness lifestyle pursuits, and apparel & specialty retail to potential and returning guests.

4. Support the delivery of "Legendary Guest Experiences" through Guest Services, Training and Education."

Napa County News By Supervisor Diane Dillon

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Parks & Open Space District is holding a community meeting regarding the potential transfer of 500 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) surplus land to the Parks District.

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For more information please contact Elizabeth at the Parks & Open Space District at 707-257-6154.

For details on this and other Park & Open Space District projects, go to: <http://napaoutdoors.org/>

Starship Dreams

They froze us instantaneously for our journey to the stars. They stacked us tier on tier in the darkness of the hold. While generations passed on the world we left behind we would age a single day and know a senseless night, and then we would awaken with our youth still at hand.

They said we could not dream, but oh they were so wrong. We dreamed a million dreams in a thousand years of sleep.

We lived without existing in the landscapes of our minds, while the silent parsecs passed and our starship traveled on to find some world to conquer where new life could abound.

At last our coffins cracked and our wintry eyelids thawed. Our bodies slowly warmed yet our brains still held a chill. Our mirrors reflected youth, unblemished and pristine, but mirrors can surely lie: we were wrinkled deep within. Far more than supple limbs, youth dwells within the mind.

Now that we've awakened to confront a waiting world, we balk at the adventure, we have spent the urge to try. We have dreamed so many lies that our appetite for life had lost its cutting edge and been ground down by time. Dreams are less than real yet their sum can fill the years.

Beneath a distant saffron sun that will offer little heat, we let the steam from our cups rise against our downy cheeks. If we plan to survive there are tasks we should define. Instead we sit and barter tales of lives we never lived, of worlds we never conquered and things we never did.

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Feb. 20: Pope Valley Parent Group Bingo Fundraiser, Pope Valley Farm Center, 7 PM. \$20 for 17 rounds with cash prizes and popcorn, sodas, and coffee for sale .

Feb. 21: Senior Center 25th Anniversary Pot Luck, 6 PM

Feb. 21: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove Boat Launch

Feb. 22: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

Feb. 22: Lunch Buffet at Spanish Flat Cantina for Mandy Mondiel and her Reserve Grand Champion Gypsy Horse, Ocho, who will be there too. 2-5 PM. (See Pg. 3 for details.)

Feb. 26: Berryessa Highlands Community Meeting, 6:30 PM, Capell Valley

Volunteer Fire Station, NBRID water & sewer issues

Feb. 27: Winters Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry, 5:30 PM

Feb. 28: Open That Bottle Night, Special Public Event at Cucina Italiana. All Day. (See Details on this page.)

Mar. 3: NBRID water & sewer issues, Board of Supervisors meeting

Mar. 10: Park & Open Space District Meeting, 7-9 PM, Pope Valley Farm Center (See Pg. 4 for details.)

Mar. 14: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock

Apr. 2: School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch

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 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

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

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 Boat Launch

Nov. 21: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

See the Bureau of Reclamation's new Monthly Event Calendar at <http://berryessa.mpxtranet.info/webcal/month.php>

To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415 307-6906. Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

Open That Bottle Night at Cucina Italiana is February 28th!

We are celebrating at Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village our first annual OTBN on Saturday, February 28th for the entire day and into the night! No entry fees. No corkage fees. No pretense! Just bring your wines and your stories, and of course your friends! We are honoring the BEST story with a special bottle of wine and a gift certificate for dinner!

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What is It?

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Open That Bottle Night (OTBN) is the event you have been waiting for...the time when you are entitled to uncork that cherished bottle and enjoy the contents.

It doesn't matter if the wine is expensive or low cost, white or red, or even if it is good- what matters are the memories and the stories.

The originators of Open That Bottle Night realized that we all have such bottles, but we never find just the right occasion to open them up and enjoy the contents. OTBN gives us the needed push to retrieve that bottle from its hiding place, pop the cork and do with the wine what it was meant for.

The bottle is special because of who gave it to us, or why they gave it to us, or why we bought it, or even if we made it ourselves.

Dorothy "Dottie" J. Gaither and John Brecher are the founders of Open That Bottle Night and write about it in the January 25, 2008, issue of the Wall St. Journal. A couple of key elements are:

Share Your Thoughts. Everyone should say a few words about the significance of their bottle.

Give it Time. Gaither and Brecher report that they often hear of bottles of wine that becomes more delicious as the evening progresses.

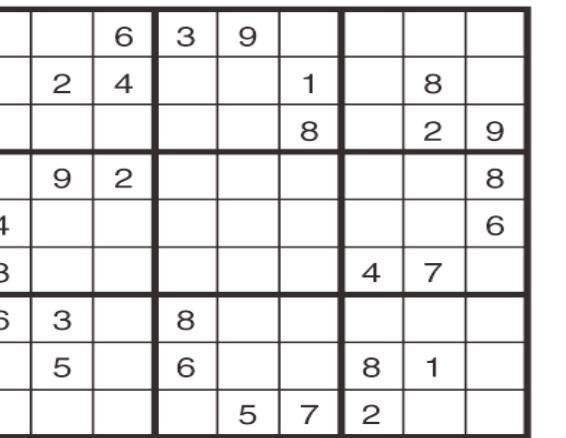
Enjoy the Wine as It Is. At its heart OTBN is about memories, not about wine

Sharyn Simmons

The Lake Berryessa News SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in the missing spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 block have all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Difficulty Level: Difficult



Puzzle No. 3—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

Things You Can Learn From Boys

1.) A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.

2.) If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.

3.) A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.

4.) If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.

5.) You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

6.) The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

7.) When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh", it's already too late

8.) Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

9.) A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.

10.) Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old boy.

11.) Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.

12.) Super glue is forever.

13.) No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.

14.) Pool filters do not like Jell-O.

15.) VCR's do not eject "PB&J" sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.



Lions Club President, Terri Mosley, with Pope Valley School Teacher, Susan Eakle, and School Principal, Florence Eaton

- 16.) Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- 17.) Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- 18.) You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.
- 19.) Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
- 20.) The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
- 22.) It will, however, make cats dizzy.
- 23.) Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
- 24.) 80% of Men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.

Those who pass this on to almost all of their friends, with or without boys do it because:

- a) For those with no children - this is totally hysterical!
- b) For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious.
- c) For those who have children this age, this is not funny.
- d) For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning.
- e) For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

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Dam Level Update

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

The water is now 21.65 feet below the top of the spillway

Lake Berryessa has had 16.3 inches of rainfall since July 1, 2008

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
2/16/09	414.34	0.00	48	42	2.61
2/17/09	415.19	0.00	52	42	1.40
2/18/09	415.44	0.00	49	40	1.22
2/19/09	415.51	0.00	53	37	0
2/20/09	415.56	0.02	59	37	0
2/21/09	415.59	0.05	65	37	0
2/22/09	416.47	0.01	65	39	.87
2/23/09	417.33				1.88
2/24/09	417.76				.92
2/25/09	417.81				0
2/26/09	418.08				.16
2/27/09	418.13				.06
2/28/09	418.19				0
3/1/09	418.35				.14



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Feds Final Folly: The Destruction of Steele Park Resort

As the Bureau of Reclamation's Katrina-like process at Lake Berryessa lurches on to an unknown resolution, local residents and previous lake recreation users are fed up with the Feds. This was made clear to Supervisor Diane Dillon at the latest Berryessa Highlands community meeting. Both Supervisor Dillon and Congressman Mike Thompson are clearly frustrated by their apparent helplessness to do anything about Reclamation's lack of progress in signing the new contract for the five major west shore resorts. The Steele Park Resort contract is especially important since it has a major impact on the water and sewer rates for Berryessa Highlands residents which appear to be headed to a minimum 82% increase by August, 2009.

Four of the resorts have been closed since the middle of last summer. Steele Park is shutting down soon and will be demolished during the next nine months. The Pensus Group was chosen last May to manage these five resorts, but Reclamation has been unable to finalize a contract with them since that time. In several public statements, Reclamation claimed that there would be a smooth transition and recreation services would be only minimally affected as the resorts were upgraded and improved.

Tragically, this has not happened, although the Reclamation refrain has remained, "We are making good progress and expect the contract to be signed soon." The first such statement was made in May, 2008 and last publicly-stated deadline expired last week with no action.

Why did this happen? Follow the money. The table gives the annual revenue of each of the five Pensus-designated resorts as well as its appraised value. These figures are



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from public documents that were part of the bid process. Under normal circumstances in the transition of a business ownership, the new owner would pay the previous owner fair-market value for its permanent facilities as well as for other property and equipment.

Resort	Annual Revenue	Appraised Value	Mobiles Revenue	Mobiles %
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%
Total	\$12.61M	\$32.32	\$4.68M	37%

ment it might want to keep. This approach is actually codified in Public Law 96-375: "...if a new concessionaire assumes operation of the concession, require that new concessionaire to pay fair value for the permanent facilities to the existing concessionaire."

But this would mean that the entry cost for any new concessionaire would be \$32M. They would then have to make major capital improvements costing tens of millions more.

And all this for resorts that had only produced a previous GROSS annual revenue stream of about \$12M. At least \$4M of that revenue had been rental payments from the long-term mobile home owners - essentially



After

pure profit since the resorts provided almost no services to those tenants. Not only would any new owners be faced with a major capital investment program, but at the same time 37% of their pure profit was also eliminated. This is a tough financial nut to crack during a contract term set by Reclamation of only 30 years.

Reclamation's solution to this dilemma was to re-interpret Public Law 96-375 and, despite its own appraisal, declare the present facilities of no value to the incoming concessionaire, and require the present resort owners to remove or demolish everything, including restaurants, motels, launch ramps, roads - back to bare ground. In a May 19, 2008 letter Reclamation stated: "Based upon evaluation of the successful proposal and subsequent confirmation with the successful offeror, The Pensus Group LLC, Reclamation has determined that all permanent facilities in your Resort concession area must be removed by the end of the concession contract." Of course, this was impossible to accomplish by the end of contracts, which expired for some resorts in only two months. At least one submitted plan gave a time-frame for completion of many years.

The fallout from this debacle has been very damaging to the local Lake Berryessa community. The resorts provided hundreds of jobs. When Steele Park essentially ceased most operations at the end of last year, Capell Valley Elementary School lost about 10 students, bringing its enrollment to less than 50 students. The Napa Valley Unified School District is preparing to close the local school and bus the children to the City of Napa every day. (See the Capell School article in this issue.)

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From the Editor
"Free Land" in the
Berryessa Estates

As you see from the stories in this edition, the Lake Berryessa Region is experiencing a series of linked economic crises: potential school closings, dramatically increased water and sewer rates, people losing their homes and businesses. The solutions to these should be government priorities.

The two parcels were identified by BLM as surplus and thus available for either sale to a private entity or for transfer to a public agency or non-profit organization. This frightens the usual anti-development suspects even though the 480 acres could only legally be subdivided into three 160-acre family parcels which would be of significant economic value to the local community.

The Berryessa Estates is suffering from high water and sewer rates. Why not let the state transfer the land to Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID), a local government agency, and let them sell it to the highest bidder to defray their extremely high rates?

The RPOSD already spends about \$500,000 of County money annually. This project alone has a proposed multi-year budget of almost \$75,000.

The Parks & Open Space District is holding a community meeting regarding the potential transfer of this Bureau of Land Management (BLM) "free" land to the Park District on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Pope Valley Farm Center.

The District freely uses assumptions rather than facts and measurable data to bolster its project choices. The most egregious example of this is the proposed "Trail Around the Lake" which would be better named by Alaskan analogy as the "Trail to Nowhere and Nowhen".

Now the District wants to take

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Capell Elementary May Close

The Capell Valley PTA board met with the Napa Valley Unified School District Superintendent and CFO along with an NVUSD Board member last week to talk about the future of Capell Valley Elementary. The future does not look hopeful. The District is preparing a budget for next year that does not include Capell Valley School - assuming it will be closed. Wooden Valley School is in the same predicament.

Currently Capell has about 40+ students. They lost 11 students due to the closure of Steele Park resort. (See Steele Park cover story in this issue.)

Another cause of the student enrollment decrease is due to the District allowing inter-district transfers. This means that a significant number of Berryessa Highlands parents and others are taking their children to school at Vichy Elementary in Napa instead of Capell. Also, children from Spanish Flat are bussed all the way to St. Helena although they are only a few miles from Capell Valley School.

If Capell Valley closes the District would either combine Capell students with Wooden Valley School or bus children to Vichy Elementary and close Wooden Valley School too. This would put a kindergartners on a two hour bus ride and have them attend all day kindergarten.

The Capell Valley PTA has done an excellent job working out various

alternatives to present to the District. These alternatives include eliminating the school bus and driving their children directly to school every day. They will be surveying Berryessa Highlands households during the next few weeks to determine how many children will be entering Kindergarten during the next two years. The PTA Board would like to show the District that enrollment will increase and to allow a one to two year commitment to stay open until that enrollment increase takes place.

More difficult will be to project how many new employee's children will be available when the Lake Berryessa resorts finally reopen. The District has also told the PTA that they need to significantly increase their fund-raising - adding at least \$25,000 annually.

PTA Board member Amber Payne tells the Lake Berryessa News that "Capell Valley parents are asking the community, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Pensus group, the churches, R-Ranch, Supervisor Dianne Dillon, and other businesses in the community to consider what this community would be like with no local school! Will we have families moving in to support our community or will Lake Berryessa become just a resort community because there is no school? The district is only looking at numbers and not the lives of our precious children and community."

NAPALACHIA

by BILL Scholer



Cucina Italiana's First Annual Open That Bottle Night

Scott Becker one first prize for best story. Sharyn said, "He can bring his bride, Anna, for dinner whenever they like." Scott chose a nice bottle of Crossroads field blend, (Sharyn's favorite wine this week) and dinner for two as his prize. When Scott built his winery he was at a loss to name it. Of course, Boo the Wonder Dog was his faithful companion throughout the ordeal of getting the winery off the ground so, voila, Boo-deaux Winery! See <http://boodeaux.blogspot.com> for more.

Sharyn also said that yours truly brought, hands down, the most distasteful wine in Spain, but also the coolest bottle. A 1981 vintage from Minnesota had the most interesting motto: "Where The Grapes Can Suffer!" Barry and Dawn brought a magnum of their own wine, Thistle Oak (named after the two most common plants on their property). The wine was quite good and the label, painted by Dawn, was beautiful. Per Sharyn, next year's OTBN will be even more spectacular and may be televised!



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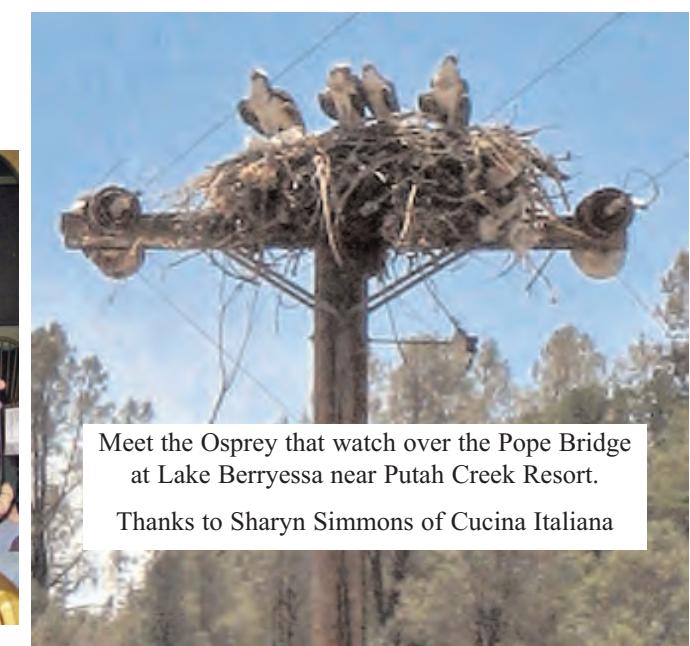
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The Pope Valley School Reporter

Editor's Note: On my twice monthly 200-mile paper route I usually stop by the Pope Valley School to drop off some papers and chat with the Superintendent and Principal Florence Eaton and her teachers. She just sent me a set of articles written by G.A.T.E students.

Pope Valley Elementary School

Pope Valley is a small rural K-8 school located between the Napa Valley and Lake Berryessa. Students receive an education in a family/community environment with an emphasis on individual attention. The older building was built in 1969; it houses the Superintendent/Principal's Office, Resource Teacher's Room, Library, and Computer Lab. The newer building was completed in 1982, and has a kindergarten/grade 1 and 2 classroom, a grade 5/6 classroom and the grades 7/8 middle school classroom, as well as the office, staff room, and first aid room.

It is the mission of the Pope Valley Union Elementary School District, a safe school in a beautiful natural environment, to develop and enrich the life of each child to his or her maximum potential, both intellectually and socially, through an academically excellent program that is taught by a caring, progressive staff in an atmosphere of warmth, mutual respect, and high expectations. More information can be found on its excellent web site:

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Student Letters and Articles

Little School, Big Attitude

Pope Valley School ring a bell? Well this school is small, but it is like any other school. We have a playground, a library, teachers and all that normal school stuff. What you may not know is that our school has a laptop for every student 5-8th grade and we play sports with private schools like P.U.C Foothills, and we also play Howell Mountain School, and we play various sports like soccer, flag football, basketball and we're hoping to play dodge ball next!

On Valentine's Day we take a whole school field trip to the Snoopy Ice

Rink and on the last day of school we go to the pool at P.U.C. Next time you hear the name "Pope Valley School", remember that we are a little school with a big attitude!

Adilene Figueroa Chavez, 7th grade

Using Internet at Pope Valley School

At Pope Valley, the Canadian Geese outnumber the students. Yeah, we're rural, though, it's not so rural that we are not high tech!

Here, students use high-speed internet, and are quite good at it, too. We each have a laptop that we can take home and work on it at home. We also have TeenBiz3000 accounts. These accounts allow us to email other students in our class and nearby schools.

What we do on this site is monitored by our teacher/principal, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Billed. There are ways for us to get extra-credit, too. We can do a Comprehension of our choice. If we get 100% on a comprehension, 3 times in a row, we will be moved up to harder comprehensions.

ONLY PASS THIS ON IF YOU CAN READ IT!

Pope Valley School Beautification

What teachers have been dreaming of for years has finally happened! Teachers have been dreaming of making the school a bit more attractive to visitors. So the G.A.T.E. (Gifted And Talented Education) group started sending letters to different companies to see if they would donate anything to our school to reach our goal.

I am from Pope Valley School, and I am in the 8th grade. I really liked your article on "Can you read this"? (LBNews, January 22nd edition) It was funny and entertaining. When my classmates and I read it we all understood, and where it says at the bottom "IF YOU CAN READ THIS PASS IT ON" all of us passed our papers on around the class because we could all read it.

I also think that's a nice article to put in the newspaper because a lot of people may not know that you can read words when they are mixed up. I had no idea until now. Thank you for putting this article in the paper.

Marianna Maldonado, 13 years old

The article to which Maria is referring is reproduced below, and see if you can figure out the new word puzzle on Page 3!

Can you read this?

Don't even think about using spell check!!!!!!

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I'm in the seventh grade at Pope Valley Elementary School. I'm also in an advanced program called G.A.T.E. It stands for Gifted And Talented Education. The class is doing a beautification project on the school campus. We researched different types of flowers for different temperature zones. From that information we picked different types of plants and trees. We picked spots for the different plants, we thought of making a design with the plants... but that didn't go so well. We ended up making it simple and just bordering the campus.

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We got tulips, trees, artichokes, rosemary's, and other cool plants. We planted tulips in the drive way on January and now they are sprouting up! We planted the rest of the plants around the school. Our group is so excited to see if our plants survive our crazy climate.

Paola Gutierrez

Barack Obama

There are only 67 students at Pope Valley School. Our school was very interested in what happens on

Inauguration Day. Our whole school watched the Inauguration. We were all so excited about Barack Obama being president and taking the oath. Our teachers and aides almost started crying. We were kind of yelling but in a happy way. I think we watched it twice.

Estefani Ramirez, 8th Grade

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Our second project is about the Middle Ages. Every person or every pair has a section of the Middle Ages. Weapons, castles, food, lower class life, law and so on. We research in encyclopedia and on the Internet. When our research is done and we've put everything together we do a whole school presentation. A group of 15 people go around to every booth and they listen to the presentation, we also have the kids do activities at every presentation. And finally we make a newspaper with games and articles for the whole school. Each kid chooses a topic and does it on the laptops the school gives the kids to use.

The laptops have internet access and we're even allowed to take them home! The school has many great advantages for the kids, and that's great.

Edith Orozco, Seventh Grade

(There were several more articles that I don't have room to print but thanks to: Claire Amador, Jacob Presley, Brandon Paolazzi, Maria Vizcaino, Becky White, & Armando)

Steele Park Destruction, Continued from Page 1

But the closures also impacted many local and other Napa County businesses. Favorite restaurants have lost 40% of their business. Local service businesses have also lost 30%-40%, some up to 50%, of their revenue. Just one closed 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 the resort.



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their heads in frustration and try to survive.

So far only the mobile homes at Steele Park are being demolished. But the owner has plans in place to demolish everything, including grinding up the roads and parking areas (appraised value - \$1,958,979) and jackhammering out the launch ramp (appraised at \$146,878).



If a contract is signed, common sense would say that the new owner should keep Steele Park open for its cash flow while it remodels the other resorts.

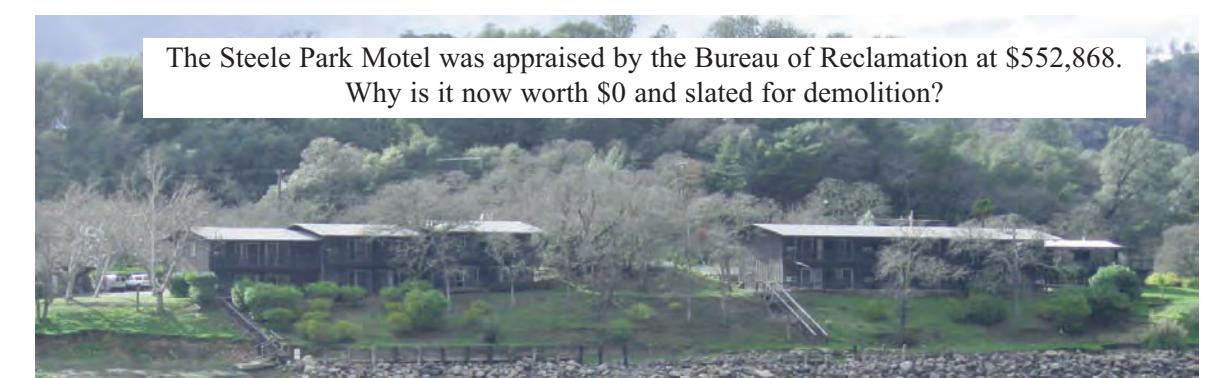


The real tragedy is that none of this ever had to happen. During the controversial government process that led up to the present situation, several common-sense plans were proposed, LBVSPT A+ and the Resort Operators Plan, which would have accomplished the goals of improving all the resorts without destroying them first. At least one of the bidders for the new concessions, the Lago Group, a consortium of present concession owners and local business people, would have kept these five resorts open. But their bid was apparently disqualified on a

\$5,000 to demolish them and the demolition continues at a swift pace. (Steele Park photos at LakeBerryessaNews.com.) The photo album also includes historical photos from the '70s. Steele Park does look as if a hurricane hit it. This hurricane wasn't caused by nature but by the federal government itself. Once again real people's lives and livelihood have been seriously damaged - with no end in site. With the very real possibility of Steele Park and the other four resorts being closed for the next two summers, local residents and business owners can only shake

But common sense has always been a low priority for the Bureau of Reclamation in this ongoing fiasco.

As one local wag put it, paraphrasing a recently unknown public figure, "Heckuva job, BORnie!"



Governor "Borrows" \$29 Million from Boating Fund

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed legislation transferring \$29 million from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the state's General Fund. The measure, SBX3 2, is one of a package of bills designed to close California's \$42 billion budget shortfall, signed Feb. 20. It transfers the money as a "loan" and stipulates that repayment shall be made "so as to ensure that the programs supported by the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund are not adversely affected by the loan, but no later than June 30, 2013."

Money in the fund, which is administered by the Department of Boating & Waterways, includes the department's share of the state tax on gasoline used in boats and vessel registration fees paid by boaters. It is used to provide loans and grants for the construction and maintenance of recreational boating facility projects throughout the state.

The \$29 million will be taken from funds remaining in the department's budget for the current fiscal year that ends June 30, a department spokeswoman said.

Mindtwister: What do the following two sentences really say? This is really tough!

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The Gypsy Vanner Horse in Pope Valley

Although there are not too many Gypsies in Pope Valley, there is a Champion Gypsy Vanner Horse in residence. Mandy Mondiel and her Gypsy Vanner horse, Ocho, just returned from a triumphant trip to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Ocho won the Reserve Grand Champion Award. To celebrate and thank her supporters, Mandy threw a small party at the Spanish Flat Cantina. For more photos and information: www.GypsyStation.com.



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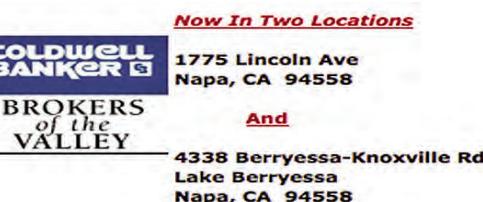


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Here's the latest, terse report from Wills's Bait & Tackle in Bodega Bay:

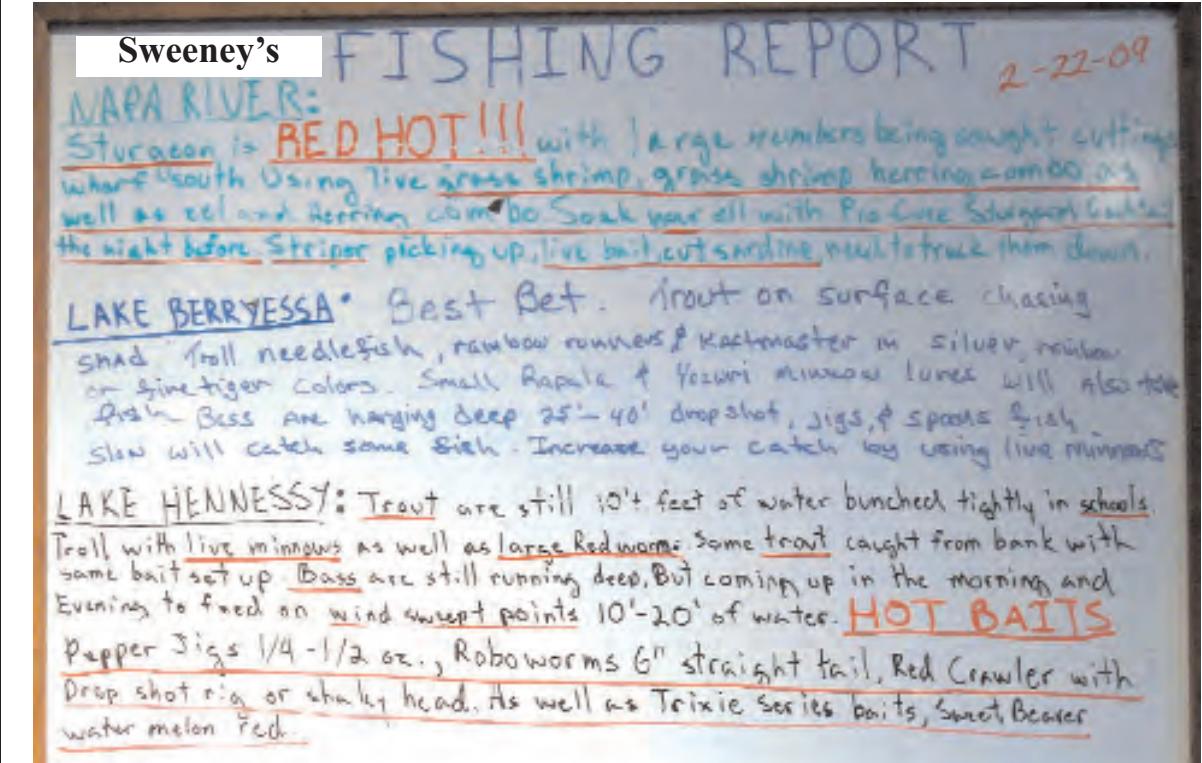
Not much to report from over here. The crab bite is very slow and with no squid it's very dead over here. We are doing some whale watching trips when the wind stops blowing.

We are counting down the days until April 1st when we will be bringing the Samantha Irene

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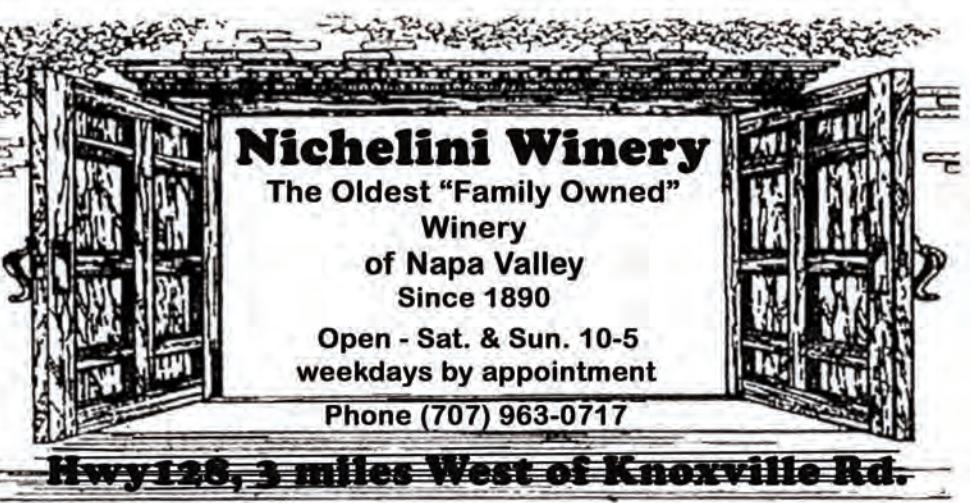
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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Mar. 8: Daylight Savings Time begins - SPRING AHEAD
 Mar. 10: Park & Open Space District Meeting, 7-9 PM, Pope Valley Farm Center
 Mar. 14: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli
 Mar. 14: St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck, Berryessa Senior Center
 Mar. 18 & 19: Bass Tournament, NCACCD, Pleasure Cove Marina
 Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock
 Mar. 22: BBQ & Horseshoes, 12noon, Senior Center
 Mar. 29: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove
 Apr. 2: BOR School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach
 Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch
 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 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
 Nov. 21: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort
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	Vick Rahe	3rd
	Billie Wellington	21st
Dolores Atkinson	22nd	
Jayne Caruso	12th	Peter Uzeta 22nd

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Puzzle No. 4 Solution

1	3	6	2	4	9	8	7	5
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6	8	2	3	1	5	9	4	7
5	7	1	4	9	2	3	8	6
3	4	9	6	7	8	1	5	2

Addendum to the Safety Officer's Account

When the spanwire
 Snapped like a line mooring Seaman Holt
 To this world, the severing released a flood
 Of paper from his body. I had to fill
 Every sheet with words.

A month washed by -
 I'd written the letter to his family,
 The accident report, the memoranda
 To the various departments that had fed
 And clothed and paid him, my journal entry.
 His face began to lose its puzzled look,
 Dissolving in the darkness of my thoughts.

The Shore Patrol had fished him out of bars,
 Disorderly and drunk; he'd been written up
 For ragged dungarees, skipping watch
 On the quarterdeck and unrep duties
 On fueling details. His final day, though,
 He was on that rig.

And then Personnel
 Called for a Terminal Evaluation.
 In every category on that form -
 -Skills, discipline, personal appearance - -
 I wrote a 4.0. The yeoman typed
 From this a "smooth eval" which I proofread:
 The comma at its end I whited out
 To a period.

MICHAEL SPENCE

**Napa County News**
Supervisor Diane DillonBerryessa Highlands Firewise Program

Berryessa Highlands has been identified as a high fire risk community by the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF). The NCFF is available to provide support and services to develop a fire safety plan for your community. NCFF is holding a homeowner's workshop, which will cover the fire history in Napa, information on how to create defensible space to protect lives and homes and a presentation on how other communities have approached this problem.

We are soon entering another fire season. I strongly encourage you to attend the workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Capell Valley Volunteer Firehouse. For more information please contact Stephen Gort, the Vice President of the NCFF at (707) 265-9624.

Firewise Chipping Program

The Firewise Chipping Program begins March 2nd. This is a free service for Napa County residents to help them financially sus-

Effie's Packages for the Troops

Almost four years ago the Berryessa Seniors decided to do something for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since there's nothing like getting a package from home, they decided to set up a Packages for the Troops program. Effie Macholz volunteered to take the lead.



Since that time Effie has been sending nine to twelve packages out every three months. Effie gets her names from grandparents and children of military folks serving in our two war zones. The US Postal Service does give her free boxes, but won't give her a break on the cost of postage. That's one area where financial donations are very helpful.

Donations of all kinds are welcome at the Berryessa Senior Center, but Effie has learned what the troops really like to get so financial donations also help her buy those items.

Popular items are toiletries, prepaid phone cards, disposable cameras, canned food of all sorts, hard candy but NO chocolate.

Effie says that when she buys something at Wal-Mart now she buys at least ten of each for her troop packages. When we talked she said her couch was covered with boxes for her next mailing which she estimated would cost \$150. If you'd like to help this program, drop by the Senior Center on Spanish Flat Loop Road with your items or a donation. This will make a difference to someone over there.

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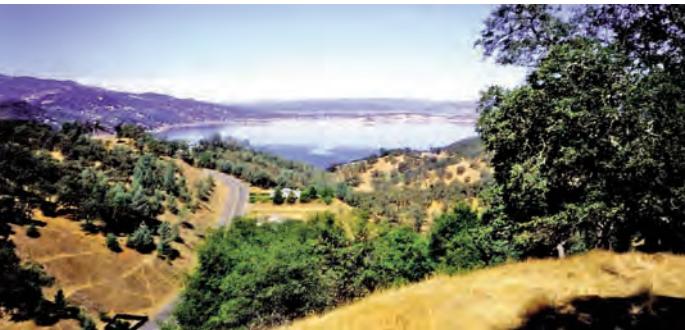
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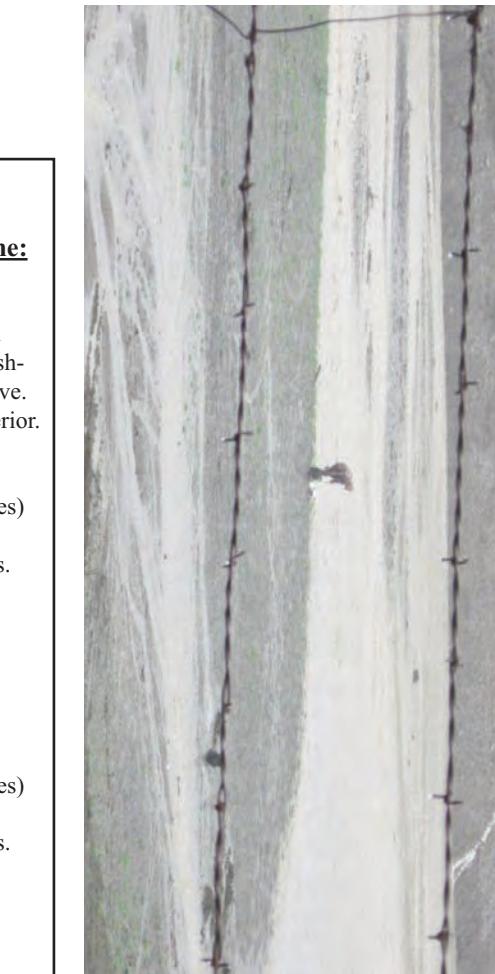
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March 3, 2009 Letter from Congressman Mike Thompson to John "Bill" McDonald, Acting Commissioner Bureau of Reclamation

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to you regarding the current status of new concession contracts for resorts at Lake Berryessa. For ten years I have supported the Bureau of Reclamation's efforts to revitalize Lake Berryessa and the 7 concession areas with the goal of opening the entire lake shore up for use by the general public.

I am deeply concerned with the amount of time it is taking Reclamation to negotiate new concession contracts with the Pensus Group and Markley Cove. These two prospective concessionaires were successful bidders chosen last spring. Why haven't the concession contracts been awarded? This delay has caused significant economic hardship to residents, local businesses and the County of Napa.

I respectfully request that you and your staff update me on the status of the contract negotiations with the Pensus Group and Markley Cove. Also, the same briefing should be made to Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon. Awarding of these new concession contracts is vital to resuming recreational services this coming season and most important, securing the future of Napa County's Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District which is under state order to make infrastructure updates to the sewer and water systems. This can-

not proceed due to financial requirements until a contract is finalized.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

**From Supervisor Diane Dillon:
Washington D.C. Lobbying Trip**

I was in Washington D.C. last week and met with staff for the Water and Power Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee, which has authorizing authority over the Bureau of Reclamation. I expressed my deep concern over how slowly things are moving with the BOR and how long it has taken to hear from them about the status of Berryessa concessions and Pensus negotiations. I told them that the BOR needs to be restructured to allow for more streamlined, efficient, and effective decision-making. I found the staff to be very receptive to my suggestions because the new administration wants more transparency in government.

I also met with Commissioner McDonald of the BOR and three deputies. I presented them with a Steel Park/NBRID timeline, maps

of the lake, and the Napa Register editorial from March 12th. I expressed my concerns about the impact of BOR's activities on the County and NBRID.

I explained that we need a deal with some contractor, which guarantees that it will ante up its share of the Steele Park assessment. I also suggested alternatives. One alternative is that the BOR put something in writing that we can take to the Regional Board to get the moratorium lifted and get an extension of time to upgrade the treatment facility. A second alternative is to give us a letter that we can take to LAFCO to get the district reduced in size and redesign the treatment facility to work just for Berryessa Highlands. The BOR seemed receptive to what I had to say and promised to take action.

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Since that time the evidence of many studies has shown that small rural schools can be as good, better in some respects, than large impersonal schools. The value of small schools to their communities is generally ignored by those who advocate consolidation and closure.

When a school in a large city closes, the event rarely concerns most of the city's residents. However, the closure of a rural school affects the whole community in many ways.

Napa school officials are expected to decide the fates of Wooden Valley and Capell Valley elementary schools soon, following weeks of meetings about the small, rural campuses in the Lake Berryessa Region.

Jon Soper, the former principal of both schools who now teaches at Capell, said there is "a lot of anxiety" at his school and in the surrounding community about whether the campus will be shut down.

"It would be a shame to close" both schools, he said. "We need to work something out with the district where they give us more support and we recruit more kids up here."



The District said that Capell ran a \$130,000 deficit last year with an enrollment of 38 students.

The Capell Valley PTA is considering, among many options, eliminating bus service and driving their children to school which could save \$42,000. They are also doing surveys to show how many students will be enrolling during the next two years.

If the District closes both schools, it would save between \$200,000 and \$250,000 annually. The school district has an annual general budget of about \$118 million. This savings would be only about 2% - is this actually worth the amount of community disruption it will cause?

At one time Capell's enrollment was 120 students with 4

teachers. This enrollment suffered with the closure of resorts in Lake Berryessa because the families working at the resorts aren't around to send their children to school. When the resorts re-open, new children should come into the Capell Valley boundary. (See Congressman Mike Thompson's letter and Supervisor Dillon's comments on Page 12.)

Small rural schools have close ties and involvement with local community groups and organizations that are not possible in the large urban school setting. If all the Capell Valley students were bussed to Napa, when would the parents be able to interact as a community?

Capell Valley families threw a bake sale this weekend to raise money for the school. But the big fundraiser is the upcoming Auction and Dance on April 4th. See Page 4 for details.

Donations for Capell Valley Elementary School may be sent c/o Capell Valley PTA to Umpqua Bank, 3626 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa, CA 94558.

For Wooden Valley Elementary School, write 1340 Wooden Valley Rd., Napa, CA 94558, attn: Wooden Valley PTA

Rural parents value their com-



From the Editor

In a surprising, but not completely unexpected move, the Bureau of Reclamation cancelled contract talks with the Pensus Group. In carefully worded bureaucratese, they tried to minimize the clearly disastrous impact of this decision. The only "bright" spot is that they imply they will consider "opportunities for uninterrupted operations" at Steele Park.

Contract Talks With Pensus Cancelled - The Lake Berryessa Disaster Expands!

Released by BOR:3/16/09 - Transition in Visitor Services at Lake Berryessa Will Extend Through the 2009 Season

The transition in visitor services at Lake Berryessa will continue through the 2009 recreation season as the Bureau of Reclamation continues to implement the Visitor Services Plan Record of Decision (VSP ROD). The VSP ROD requires renovation of seven concession areas to provide a broader, more diverse range of short-term recreation opportunities for enjoyment by the general public. Implementation of the VSP ROD coincides with expiration of 50-year concession contracts and award of new long-term contracts to develop, operate, and maintain expanded visitor facilities.

Award of new long-term con-



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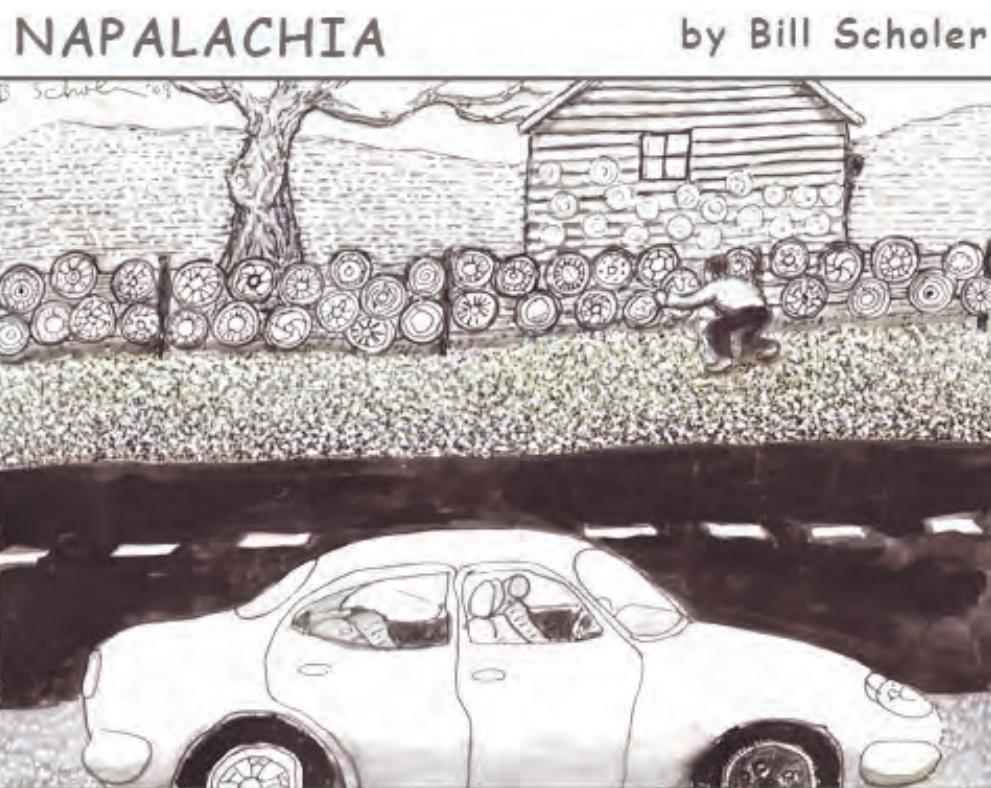
tracts remains in progress. In March 2009, Reclamation determined that the original contract solicitation did not fully conform to legal requirements governing reimbursement for capital improvements. On that basis, the negotiations for new contracts have been cancelled. Reclamation expects to initiate a revised solicitation within the next 120 days and award new long-term contracts prior to the 2010 recreation season.

In the interim, visitor services at all Government-operated recreation areas will be fully operational, including a free two-lane boat-launch ramp at Capell Cove; hand-launch ramps at Eticuera and Oak Shores; areas for picnicking, fishing, and swimming at Smittle Creek and Oak Shores Day-Use Areas; and a visitor center and water education center at Reclamation's Headquarters.

Reclamation further anticipates expanded recreational opportunities at Oak Shores Day-Use Area and Camp Berryessa (the former Boy Scout Camp) to include RV and tent camping. In addition to Government-operated facilities, Reclamation will continue to pursue opportunities for uninterrupted operations at Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Park, and Markley Cove concession areas.

I intend to regularly re-print some of their stories from 20 years ago so we can all get some perspective on the history of Lake Berryessa. The first page of their first issue is reproduced on pg 10. I also included a story about Pridmore Construction, the Business of the Week, from February 27, 1988.

Bill retired in 2007 after 34 years



Berryessa Marina, Putah Creek, and Spanish Flat concession areas so that development and operation of new recreation facilities can begin as soon as possible in 2010. Services at those concession areas will remain closed in 2009 to ensure cleanup is completed prior to contract award.

Cantina Takes a Break

Christine Roussopoulos announced this week that Spanish Flat Cantina will go on a short hiatus on April 1 as she seeks to restructure the management of the restaurant. Her partner, Kathy Riggins, has decided to retire from the restaurant business.

Due to the financial and scheduling complexity of running a small local restaurant as a single individual, Christine will take some time to explore her various options. She thanks her loyal customers for their support and hopes to reopen in some fashion as soon as possible.

She is interested in any suggestions Cantina supporters may have as to how she should proceed, whether to find a new partner and reopen as a full service restaurant or simplify the operation in some way. Christine wants to remain involved in the local community and the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please contact her if you have any ideas.

In keeping with our theme of the importance of rural schools to the local community, here's a nice activity sent in by Berryessa Highlands resident Karla Holland-Scholer.

I have been an art teacher for more than twenty years. Currently, I teach an Art and Children class at the community colleges for parents, day-care workers, teachers and students who want to become teachers.

My goal is to help educators find ways to integrate art into the curriculum. Art can help bridge the connections between science, language arts, math, and social studies so that students see the world not as separate 40-minute modules but as an organic whole, where all things are interconnected and related.

Here is a fun educational art/science activity for kids to do with their parents after a rainy day when there are lots of animal tracks in the mud.

"Casting Tracks"

Materials: 2 inch wide strip of poster board or cardboard, Stapler, Plaster of Paris (from the hardware store not an art store because art plaster can take a very long time to dry), Ziplock bag, Jar of water (with lid), Stick.

First make a mold (or moat) by stapling the 2-inch-wide strip of poster board together to make a ring. (Another option is to cut out a 2 inch strip from the middle of a cardboard milk carton.)

Next measure out 2 cups of dry plaster of Paris into the ziplock bag. Pack up your mold, the ziplock bag, and the jar filled with water and go out hunting for animal tracks. If it hasn't rained recently your best bet for finding fresh tracks is down by the lake.

Once you find a clean track with sharp outlines, carefully brush away any debris. Set the mold or moat you made around the track like a collar and press the edges of the strip about a 1/2 inch into the ground. Add water to the plaster of Paris until it is the consistency of pourable mud. Use your stick to stir the plaster.

Quickly pour the plaster into the cardboard collar to a depth of about 1/2 inch. Let the plaster harden for around 30 minutes. While you are waiting for the plaster to harden you can have kids draw a picture of what kind of animal might have made the track, and record where you found it and what kind of animal you think made the track.

When you pick up the track, try not to grab the edges as these sometimes break off. It's best to lift the track from underneath. Use your stick or knife to get under the track and lift. Scrape off any dirt from your cast, and now you have an animal track.

If you aren't sure what animal made the track you can look it up in a guide book or here is a fun Web site for kids where you can look up lots of different animal tracks, and find more nature activities: <http://www.bear-tracker.com/>.



Can you guess what animal made the tracks on this page?

Tip: To make the plaster dry quicker, add a little salt to the mixture. Be careful; it dries really fast. To slow down the drying process, add a little vinegar.



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The owner of this fine bird, is Brad Kirkpatrick of Pope Valley.

Fire Chief reports Turkey Shoot big success

POPE VALLEY - As many of you may know, the Pope Valley Turkey Shoot was held on Sunday, November 8th. Fire Chief Brad Kirkpatrick reports that this annual event was, by far, the most successful fund raiser yet. The Pope Valley Fire Department grossed \$12,000 during the event and also received another generous donation of \$9,500 from a private citizen.

When asked what the funds are to be used for, Kirkpatrick stated that the fire department is planning on the purchase of a new rescue unit. The need for a smaller, quicker response vehicle has prompted the fire department to consider a water unit.

The residents of Pope Valley are to be congratulated for their hard work on making this event such a success. We understand that congratulations are also in order for local "pioneer" Chad Kelly. This young man is the winner of the Martin 77 gopher given away during the day's festivities.

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DO YOU KNOW?
How Wragg Canyon got its name?
Wragg Canyon as we know it is the area near South Shore Resort off of Highway 128 at the South end of Lake Berryessa. But originally the spelling of this region was different. The area over one hundred years ago was known as "Rag Canyon" because early explorers in the area actually found rags of clothing left on the brush by even earlier explorers who had scouted and scouted the area before the California gold rush when the Berryessa Valley was part of Mexico. It must have been hard traveling in those times.

Premiere Issue

Greetings to all our neighbors in Northern Napa County! We hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and we also hope you will enjoy our new weekly publication, BERRYESSA past, present and future.

Those of you who know me may wonder why I chose to start a newspaper. I'll tell you, what with raising three young children, taking care of my husband and home, volunteering my time at school and my Church activities, I just didn't have enough to do, so, here I am. Crazy as usual!

The honest answer to that question is that I have always enjoyed writing. I've often thought that when my children grew up and left home (well, at least grew up), I would go back to college and pursue a writing career. I've had it in mind to write children's books, but that may change as my children grow (I won't be speaking and thinking like a three year old by then, I hope!)

Any way, after much encouragement from friends and my husband (who decided I needed a part-time job), I decided to try my hand at a weekly newspaper.

The prisoners were reported to have been driving a faded turquoise 1976 Nissan pick-up truck, license plate number 199378.

The Napa County Sheriff's Department encourages anyone with information to report it. Phone (707) 257-4457.

Wild Hogs sighted on Lakeshore

LAKE BERRYESSA Wild hogs have been seen along the Lake Berryessa shoreline in the area known as the narrows. That is the confluence between the dam and the main body of the lake.

Sightings have been reported on the south side of the narrows at the shoreline where these dark colored swine have been rooting and wallowing.

Possibly these hearty animals have immigrated north from the Wooden Valley - Clifton Valley area, where wild hogs are present in surprising numbers.

Prison Escapee's move through Berryessa area

SMITIE CREEK - Prisoners, believed by Sheriff's Authorities to belong to two escaped prisoners from Santa Cruz County, were discovered in a garbage can at the Smitie Creek public day use area recently. The two prisoners were identified as Merle Herman Craig and Timothy Lope Martinez. Both escaped from the Santa Cruz facility on Monday, November 1.

Burglaries at four residences in the Berryessa area are believed to be connected to these two men. Items taken from residences included warm clothing and shoes.

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DO YOU KNOW?

How Pope Valley got its name?
In 1843 William or Julian Pope was granted land parcels by the Government of Spain. This ranch was to become RANCHO YACOALLOMI and later named PUMA VALLEY as we know it today.

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Important Wildfire Workshop For Berryessa Highlands on March 28

Bureau of Reclamation
Budget: Lake Berryessa - FY2008
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\$3,985,000 Total

You are invited to attend a wildfire awareness workshop on Saturday, March 28, from 1:00PM to 3:30PM at the Capell Valley Volunteer Firehouse, 1178 Capell Valley Rd., Napa. Titled, "Home Ignition Zone Workshop," the two and a half hour meeting will provide you with essential information you need to prepare your home and family for a major wildfire in your community.

Speakers will include fire prevention experts from CAL FIRE/Napa County Fire Department; Don Gasser, a defensible space consultant and professional forester; Darren Drake, Fire Marshal for the City of Napa; and community organizers involved in building fire plans for their communities.

Fish and Wildlife Management and Development - Continues the management, protection, and habitat enhancement for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species and provides protective measures for special status species. **\$106,000**

Facility Operations - Continues ongoing infrastructure support, renewal of service contracts; routine operation and maintenance of the Lake Berryessa recreation facilities; and management oversight of Monticello Dam, Putah Diversion Dam, Putah South Canal, and Terminal Dam and Reservoir. **\$1,811,000**

Role of defensible space landscaping and vegetation management in home defense and neighborhood fire protection planning (30 minutes)

Break: (10 minutes)
Steps to take in fire hardening your home, including building material choices and construction techniques (decks, vents, siding, windows, etc.) (30 minutes)

Taking action - A case history example of how a community can prepare (30 minutes)

Questions (30 minutes)
The workshop is sponsored by the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF) and is free to Napa County residents. Seating is limited. Please RSVP on or before March 23 to Kaaren Stasko at kaaren.stasko@fire.ca.gov or call Karen at 707-967-1419. Be sure to indicate the number of people attending and the name of the workshop (Berryessa Highlands). Refreshments will be served.

Deferred Maintenance, Repair and Rehabilitation - Continues repair and rehabilitation projects which are necessary for the continued maintenance of Lake Berryessa recreation facil-

ties. Continues replacement of Oak Shores and the Administrative compound's nine sewage lift stations and rehabilitation of Oak Shores restrooms. A shift in accessibility corrective maintenance activities accounts for the decrease. **\$222,000**

***** Cucina is Famous with the Motorcycle Crowd!

We all know how many motorcycles travel our roads. Some are dangerous speed freaks, but most are people like you and me out to enjoy the lake. The following reviews are from a touring motorcycle chat group named Pashnit. See their photos at www.pashnit.com/forum/showthread.php?t=20313:

Cucina Italiana is a must-stop for anyone of pleasant, responsible temperament who finds himself or herself riding Lake Berryessa's western shoreline. Not to overly stereotype, but if your idea of a good eat-stop includes lots of EtOH, rowdy behavior, and burnout sessions in the parking lot, then find your way over to one of those places with dozens of sport-bikes or non-metrics lined up outside.

If, however, you enjoy a pleasant atmosphere in an informal yet tastefully-appointed setting, an interesting, technically and artistically proficient host (Chef / owner Stefano Gusberti) whose CV includes training in Parma and experience at Masa's in SF, and if you hunger for some really excellent, authentic, reasonably-priced Italian eats, this is where you need to go.

I personally recommend any of the several types of ravioli; on our last

stop in late November of '08, Tanstafl and I both had the ravioli of the day, which on that afternoon was chicken. Best ravioli I have ever had, period. Check out the menu--there's a lot to choose from, including various pasta, pesce, carne, and pollo dishes.

Stop by on your next ride; as a bonus, it's less than 3 miles from the Zodiac site featured in my most recent ride report, Chasing the Zodiac.

Every time Wire and I ride to Berryessa we stop here for lunch. The food at Cucina Italiana is first rate. My wife is half Italian and half German. I have been eating great Italian food since I met her, so I know what I am talking about.

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Dear Community Member,
Will you help us in keeping our local school and community together?

We are sending you this letter as a fellow member of the Lake Berryessa Community. We are sure that you value living in such a close-knit and peaceful neighborhood as we do. Capell Valley Elementary which has served our community since 1898 is facing closure.

In order to save Capell Elementary we must take action. That is what this letter is all about - taking action - community action.

Due to the State of California budget crisis the Napa Valley Unified School District has to make extreme cuts. Not only do they have to lay off our local teachers, but they are looking to close the only school which serves the Lake Berryessa community, Capell Valley Elementary.

Our main financial goal is to keep Capell Valley Elementary open for both the present and future children of our community.

We hope that you will be able to offer your support by becoming a Sponsor with a tax-deductible contribution to our school.

This will be given to the district to supplement our budget. Sponsorship of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

The students, faculty, and parents of Capell Valley Elementary School wish to thank you in advance for your generous support of our school.

Sincerely,
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The students, faculty, and parents of Capell Valley Elementary School wish to thank you in advance for your generous support of our school.

If you would like to be a sponsor or have any questions regarding this community event, please contact LeeAnn Small at (707) 966-9379

Dear Capell Valley Supporter,

We are proud to announce the 6th Annual Capell Valley Silent Auction benefit, which will be held at the R-Ranch in Napa, California, on April 4, 2009.

Proceeds from this event will benefit our school in many ways. We are a small rural school, with just over 30 children, in need of finances to maintain, support, and enrich our two room multi-grade educational program.

Our main financial goal this year is to provide a permanent teacher's aide for our K-2 classroom.

We are hoping that you will be able to offer your support by becoming an Auction Donor, with a tax-deductible donation of an auction item, or by becoming an Auction Sponsor, with a tax-deductible cash contribution.

Auction sponsors who donate a gift of \$150 thru \$300 will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the benefit and will appear in our event advertisements. Please let us know how you'd like your name/company to appear.

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gement, and full page ad on the back of the program.

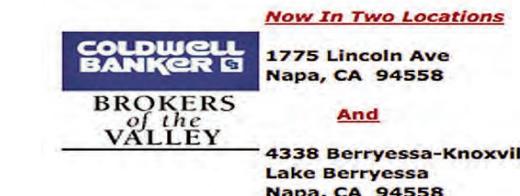
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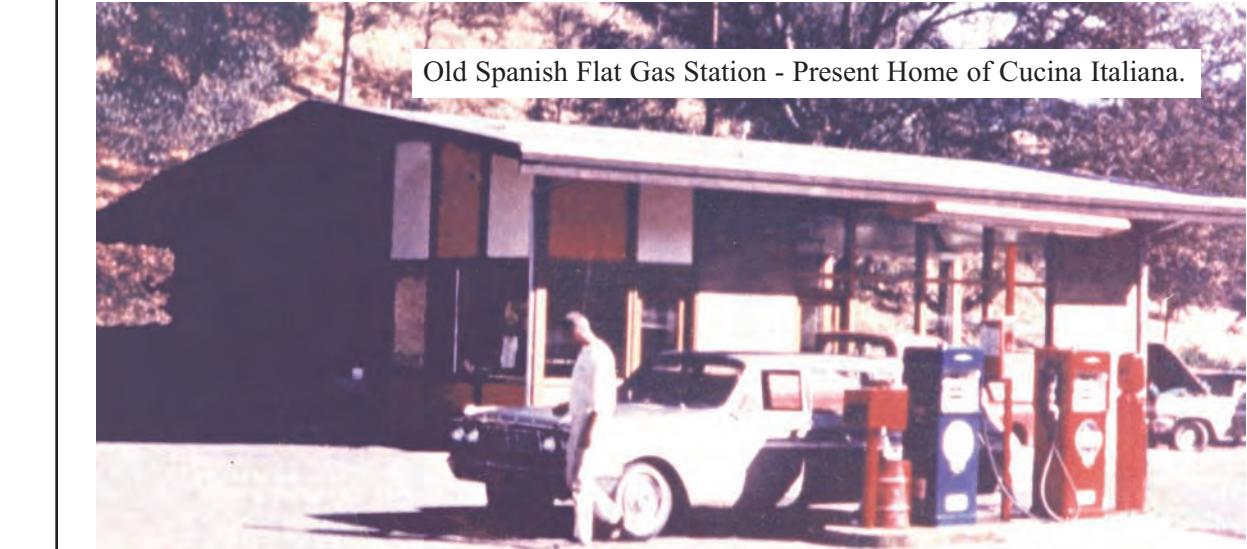
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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock. See details in ad on Page 7.

Mar. 22: BBQ & Horseshoes, 12noon, Senior Center

Mar. 29: Bass Tournamnet, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

Apr. 2: BOR School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

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 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

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

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News from Pope Valley

You'll recall the story and photos from last issue about Mandy and her Gypsie horse, Ocho. The latest from Mandy is:

"I would love to go into detail in the future about the Gypsy Internship Program I am about to launch. And some of the other programs Ocho is involved in.

He won the overall high point award this past Sunday at a show in Stockton. Clair Amador, Jan Switzer's daughter, rode her mustang/Arabian cross at the show also. It was great because, in the very 1st class Ocho won over 10 other horses of other breeds and Clair took 2nd. Then in the next class Clair won and Ocho and I took 2nd. It's great when she beats me, it tells me I am doing a great job."

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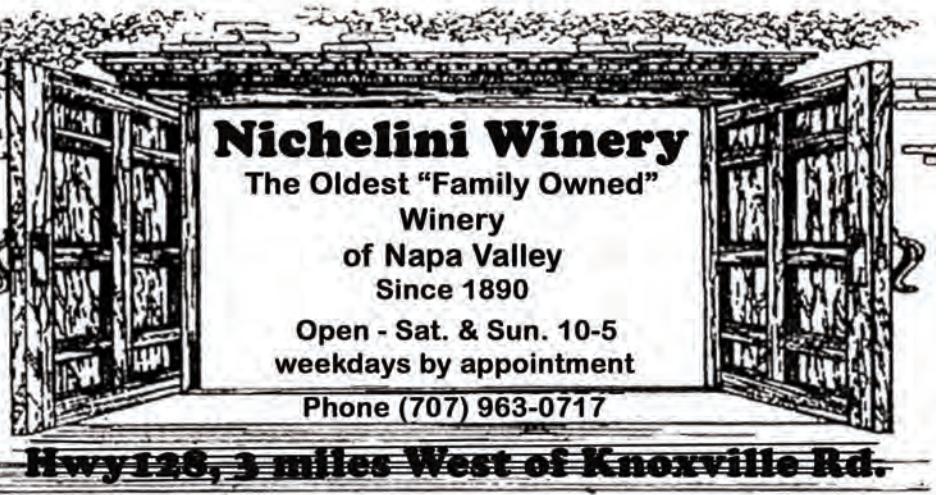


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Dufer Point Returned to "Official" Name

Local residents and recent visitors may have noticed that the big blue "Dufer Point" sign has been removed from Knoxville Road at the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Center less than a year after it had been erected. In a closed private ceremony last year with family and friends, the Visitor Center apparently was renamed Dufer Point as a memorial to honor Cleve Dufer, long-time BOR Concessions Manager. Cleve died in a tragic accident when he fell from a ladder at his home.

Although Mr. Dufer was generally well-liked as a person, many local residents and resort mobile homeowners considered him instrumental in the deterioration of the lake resorts which led to the present disaster at Lake Berryessa.

Several people questioned the appropriateness of renaming the Visitor Center, a federal facility, without formal public notification or public comments. Don Lombardi, Chairman

of Berryessa for All, raised the issue to the highest levels of the Department of the Interior.

Research into how a name is attached to a federal facility shows that there are no strict rules but that it is usually done by an act of Congress. Typically there is a sponsor, but Congress has few rules and less restraint. It helps to be important in the Federal Government, having made major non-financial contributions to the goals of an agency, and to have died lately.

Despite months of requests, the Bureau of Reclamation would not answer Mr. Lombardi's questions in any detail. There seemed to be a disconnect within various levels of Reclamation's bureaucracy, with one manager stating that the sign was only a "memorial".

Finally, in a terse comment last week, Pete Lucero, Public Affairs Officer for Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region, responded with the following statement:

A Bit of Berryessa History from Berryessa: Past~Present~Future Business of the Week Profile

Pridmore Construction: February 27, 1988

The Pridmore name is one very familiar to most of the Lake Berryessa residents. You see the big trucks moving up and down the mountain roads all during the week with the Pridmore logo on the side. The business itself sits on Capell Valley Road, west of Moskowitz Corners by less than a mile.

The Pridmore brothers, Don and Clint, run the family business, which employs eleven workers, seven full-time employees with the last name of Pridmore. When they began the full-time construction business back in 1965, they had only one

dump truck and one backhoe.

Nowadays, Don and crew are working extensively on several subdivisions in the Vallejo area, while Clint handles the jobs here at the lake. They now

have 6 backhoes and 4 bulldozers. The building has recently been added to, and the office given a facelift.

This branch of the Pridmore family has grown to number 35 (now on the 5th. generation of Pridmores living in Capell Valley) and they plan on staying right here in the area. They have been working on the 1600 acre ranch that they use for recreation.

They have added ponds and are refurbishing the land that they love so much. They have quite a collection of horses for riding, nearly as many as the R-Ranch. But then, they have a great number of riders in the upbringing. This is a family that pulls together in working as well as playing.

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"The Lake Berryessa Visitor Center signs will be replaced with signs that state the OFFICIAL name of the visitor center as the "Lake Berryessa Visitor Center"."

Pete Lucero was once the Lake Berryessa Park Manager and in October of 2006 was promoted to the newly created post of Recreation Division Chief, a position fetching a salary between \$77,000 and \$100,000. In his new job, Lucero continued implementing Berryessa's visitors service plan, specifically the bid proposal process, selection of new concessionaires, and completion of new contracts. He would also "bring new recreational opportunities to the Central Valley oases of New Melones Lake and Folsom Lake", according to Bureau of Reclamation's then-Public Affairs Officer, Jeff McCracken.

Now two and a half years later, with the results of his efforts plainly visible at the lake, Lucero has apparently replaced McCracken as Public Affairs Officer for the Mid-Pacific Region.

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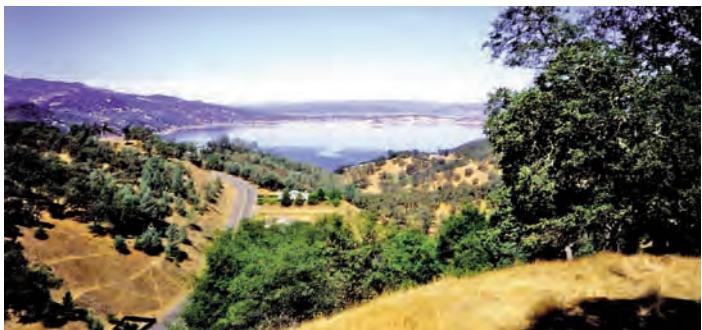
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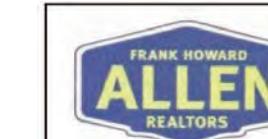
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Pirkle Jones, Photographer of the Town of Monticello, Dies

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 the 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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Dowsers Find Water Gusher in the Berryessa Highlands

When the American Society of Dowsers 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 Dowsers (www.dowsers.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.

Berryessa 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 dowsers 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 dowsers from American Society of Dowsers 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 Berryessa 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-

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. 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. Traditionally the jokes only last until noon: someone who plays a trick after noon is called an "April Fool". Elsewhere, such as in Ireland, France, and the USA, the jokes last all day.

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fices and show them that we have not forgotten them.

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.

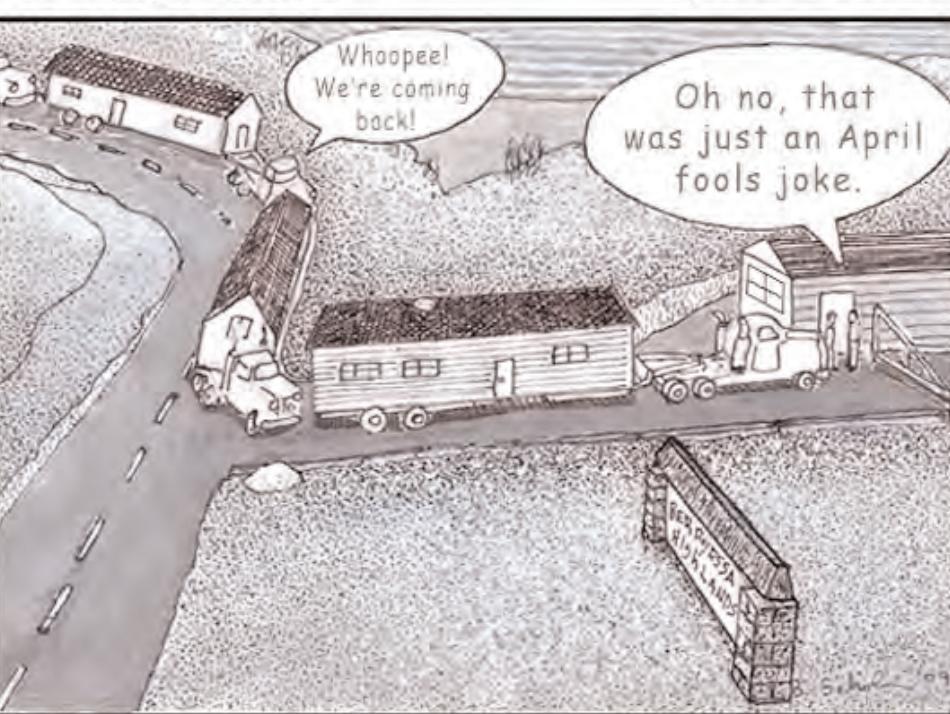
Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam (but Sierra Club Protests)

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

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

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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 ATVs 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.

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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April Birthdays



Bill Caruso	4th
Elena Cortese	19th
Donna DelBondio	18th
Joan Fuller	16th
Cheryl Lacombe	3rd
Gene Mello	8th
Bill Oppeneer	8th
Mike Queke	
Alma Saylor	12th
Steve Vollmer	2nd
Gale Wright	

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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]

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.

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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.

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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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Throw in the key ingredient - an automated assembly line trailer filled with cool automated equipment for filling, corking, foiling, and labeling wine bottles. And you have created the heaven and hell of a unique small winery

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

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.

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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.

All in all the day turned out great and I guess I'll have to do it again on April 10!



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

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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

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The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website:

www.legendarynapavalley.com. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide. The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors.

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

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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

In the movie The Matrix, Neo was "The One". There is a famous novel, "A Tale of Two Cities". "Three Amigos" with Steve Martin was quite humorous. Some people worry about the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse". And we have the "Five Stores of Berryessa".

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 you're in downtown Pope Valley.

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.

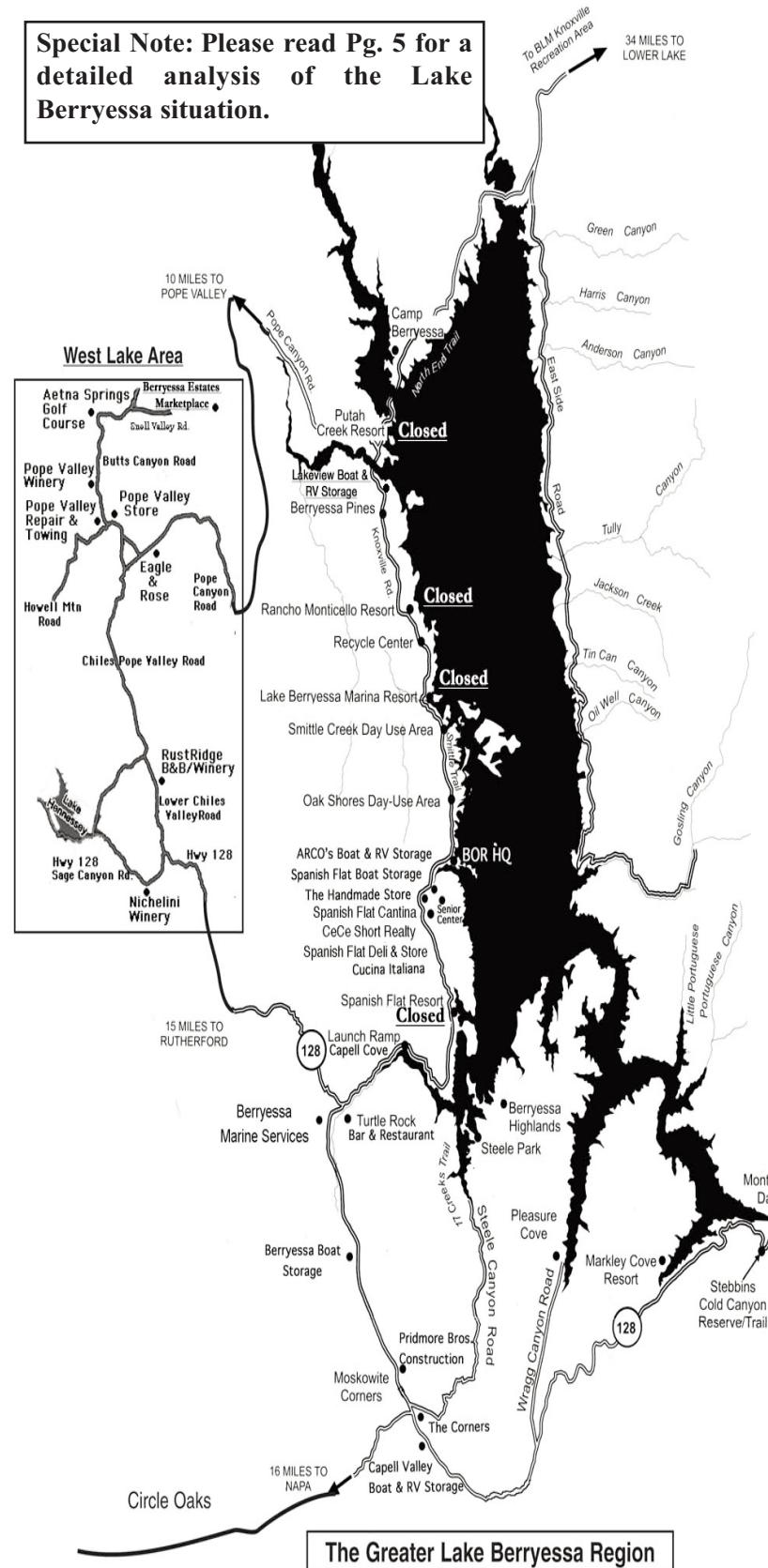
This situation has had and will have a major negative impact on our small businesses unless we all do our part. We need to rally behind all of our local businesses with our financial support.

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 Berryessa 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.

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.

We are also serving fresh boxed lunches to go as well as the entire menu available to take out.

Stefano has a great connection for superior seafood, so we will be featuring Cioppino for the foreseeable future. We will also bring back the fresh Maine Lobster for your

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!

966-2433 or 254-5690

Napa County Report Supervisor Diane Dillon

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.

For the Students at Capell Valley School and Pope Valley School - Do you think you can figure these out?

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?

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 Center Horseshoes 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@popevalleywinery.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.

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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.



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 restaurant.

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

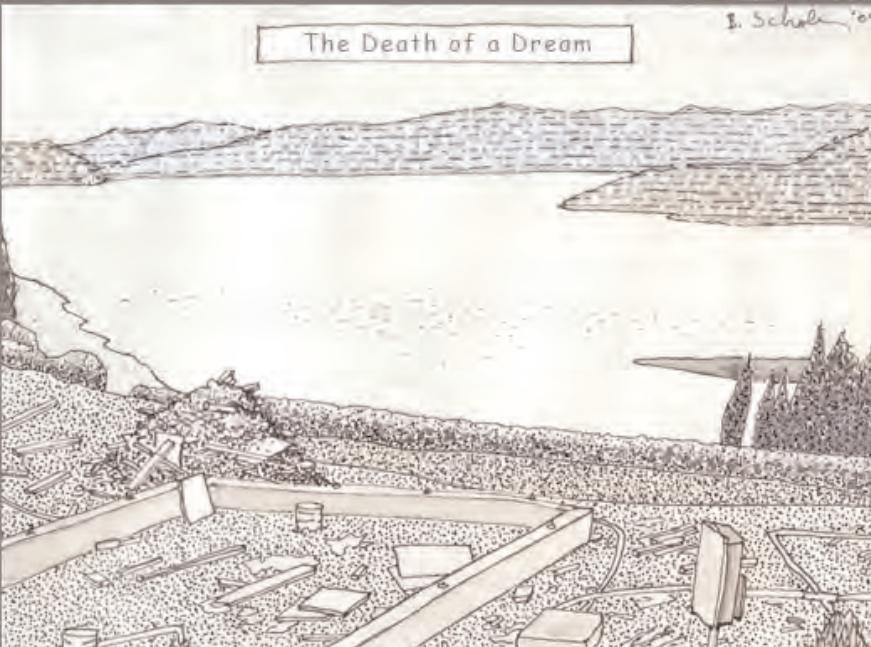
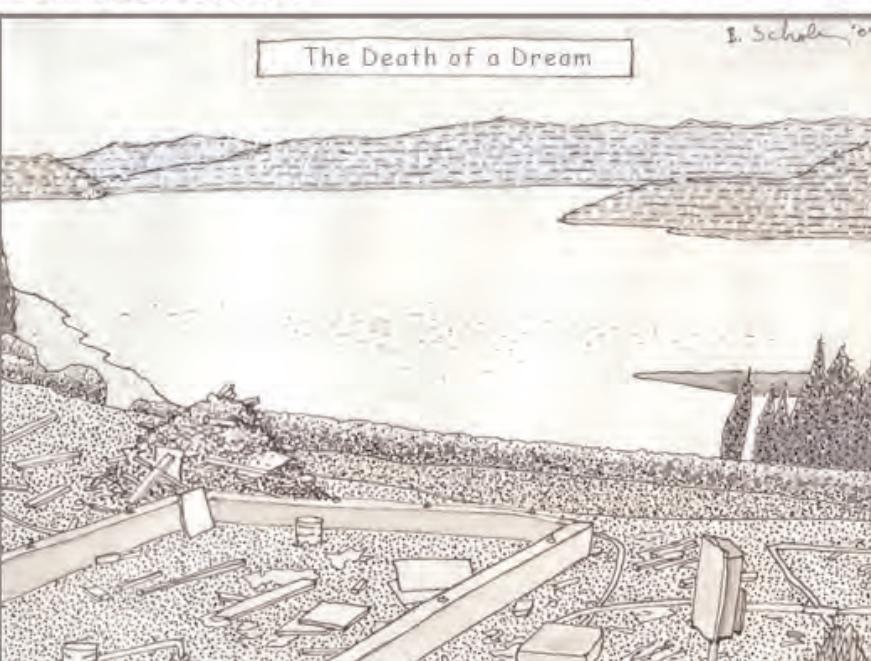
Before there was Lake Berryessa there was the Berryessa Valley. It was home to Miwoks and Patwins, Mexican rancheros and American farmers. It was witness to the movements of these peoples as each in turn replaced the other. It saw its streams and fields harvested by the Miwok and the Patwin, it saw its 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

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by Bill Scholer



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>



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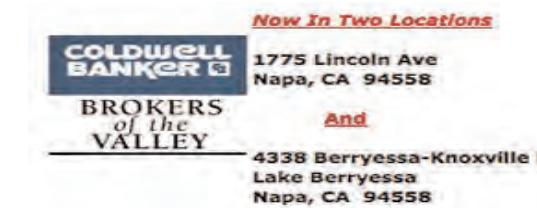
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SATURDAY, April 11, 2009 Results - by CeCeShort

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



Comments made in the year 1957:

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

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.



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.

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.

Pope Valley Elementary School District has opening for a School Board Trustee

This un-paid, 18 month, position will be filled by appointment prior to 5-29-2009. Residents of Pope Valley who are on the Voters role are eligible for appointment to the Pope Valley School Board. Anyone interested in applying for a seat on the school board should submit a letter of application and a resume to the school by Tuesday May 19, 2009



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.

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

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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 "trout 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.

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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 concessionnaire] bid on their resort; Forever Resorts/Pleasure Cove, LLC [current concessionnaire] bid on Pleasure Cove Resort; Markley Cove Resort/Frazier X10, LLC [current concessionnaire] 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

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 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.

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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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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Mike Finnegan, Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, described Reclamation's present position and future plans for Lake Berryessa to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce at a meeting last week. Janet Rogers, Lake Manager, and Supervisor Diane Dillon were also present.

Mr. Finnegan said the new Bid Prospectus is scheduled to be released by May 11, which would be earlier than anticipated although that date is not guaranteed.

A site visit by prospective bidders will be scheduled within weeks of the release. Prospective bidders will have 90 days to respond. He was hopeful that contractor selection would be complete by the end of 2009 and that all resorts would be open by the 2010 summer recreation season with basic services in place.

Mr. Finnegan explained that the contract problem that stopped the negotiations surfaced during the final legal review – after more than 6 months of negotiation. It has to do with the “Anti-Deficiency Act” which requires the government to have a defined source of funds before they contract for a possible outlay of those funds.

The fact that the new contracts would have 30-year terms with an implication that the government might pay for some of the capital improvements at the end of the contract although there was no formal Congressional budget appropriation, raised the red flag with federal attorneys and the process was stopped.

Regarding the four closed west shore resorts (Putah Creek, Berryessa Marina, Rancho Monticello, Spanish

Flat), Mr. Finnegan was firm and clear that none of them will be open for the 2009 summer season. Reclamation has required all four resorts to remove their personal property and permanent facilities (launch ramps, buildings, water and sewer systems, etc). Reclamation has “court-tested the property issues” and is confident that they will be able to move forward with the removal of the facilities.

At the present time they are respecting the property rights of the previous contractors whose property still remains on the resort grounds. However, those previous contractors are required to remove their property and Reclamation will pursue that action in the courts. Putah Creek and Berryessa Marina are in bankruptcy, which complicates the situation at those resorts.

He said that the basic concern of prospective bidders is that they would be required to buy existing facilities which did not have the 30-year economic life-time of the proposed contract. Reclamation intends to provide clean sites for the new contractors.

The Bureau of Reclamation will receive \$4.4 million in stimulus funds for clean-up, remediation, and other transition activities at Lake Berryessa. Mr. Finnegan believes these funds will be sufficient to accomplish three clean-up objectives: debris removal, removal of abandoned infrastructure, and removal of permanent facilities and property owned by former concessionaires.

Some of the stimulus funds must be kept in reserve. An example is the remediation of contamination at Putah Creek Resort. The contamination

plume has spread under the Putah Creek Store and the store would have to be demolished to reach the contaminated soil. However, the resort is in bankruptcy so the store cannot be touched at this time. Reclamation estimates that more than \$1M of the stimulus funds would be needed for that project alone.

Stimulus funds will be used for eight to twelve additional labor positions, heavy equipment operators, and three to five demolition and hauling contracts. A contract for an environmental consulting company may be needed due to remediation issues with asbestos in the old trailers and other structures.

Security

has become a serious concern with vandalism occurring at several closed resorts. Reclamation hopes to use stimulus funds to contract with the Napa County Sheriff's Department for security services at the resorts and at Oak Shores Park.

The Stimulus Bill requires full and open competition for the funds. Although Reclamation would prefer to recruit from the local community first, all hires and contracts must be through competitive bidding and follow the law. They will begin hiring during the next several weeks.

Reclamation supports the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) and agrees that any new contractor for Steele Park must be part of the NBRID. Although this will put an additional financial burden on the company which wins the Steele Park contract (and may discourage bidders), Reclamation has provided a 5% special surcharge incentive in the

The campsites will require reservations, but Reclamation will not manage that process. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Resort are in the process of bidding on a contract to provide reservation services.

(Continued on Page 3)

Napa County Supervisors Should Approve the Lake Luciana Golf Course Project

One of the most important goals of local government is to create social and economic assets which support the future of a community. The Lake Luciana Project is an extraordinary opportunity to create a long-term social and economic asset in our greater Lake Berryessa region, beyond even its major positive impacts on Pope Valley itself.

The success of the new resorts at Lake Berryessa will depend heavily on partnerships between them and the other recreational resources in the Napa Valley itself, such as wineries and hotels. The Lake Luciana project, and the Aetna Springs Golf Course and resort restoration, will become two of those partners. Lake Berryessa will provide recreational opportunities such as boating, houseboating, water-skiing, kayaking, and other amenities to the guests and residents of the Lake Luciana project and Aetna Springs.

The County Supervisors should support the benefits of the Lake Luciana project to the local community and to the Lake Berryessa Region as a whole.

All environmental impacts are mitigated as verified by County staff and their experts. There will be no use of groundwater to irrigate the course.

The project restores wetland, grassland, and streams while estab-

lishing permanent wildlife corridors. It protects open space in perpetuity.

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It provides low cost Pope Valley and reduced-price Napa golf memberships, ensuring long-term access for the local community to the golf course and its amenities.

It creates opportunity for a public trail, called for in the General Plan, that is lost forever without project.

The County Supervisors should recognize that the approval of the project will prevent the loss of investment capital and the potential loss of the Aetna Springs resort restoration.

This is important because Aetna Springs is a significant historic resource that should be preserved.

The Lake Luciana and Aetna Springs investors have said that they will not move forward with the Aetna Springs restoration without Lake Luciana. No other investor will spend any money pursuing Aetna Springs because they cannot trust the process. They may be wrongfully denied even after following all of the rules, as has happened to the Lake Luciana group.

A denial when the rules have been followed weakens investor confidence in Napa for other investments, including vines, industry, hospitality, and housing.

The County Supervisors should acknowledge that there is no impact from this project on agriculture or the viewshed.

Agriculture is not harmed by the project. The 226 acre site is not viable for agriculture. It has already seen failed vineyards.

It is within a larger agricultural area where virtually every plantable acre is already in vines or planned for vines. The loss of this acreage to vines will not negatively affect the local grape-growing economy.

This location will not be replanted in grape vines whether there is a golf course or not.

The site is in a unique recreational location. The golf course can't be replicated locally and is not a precedent for more golf courses in the region.

The site is not visible from most roads and most of Pope Valley.

I encourage you all to support the project and send your letters to the Board of Supervisors as soon as possible.

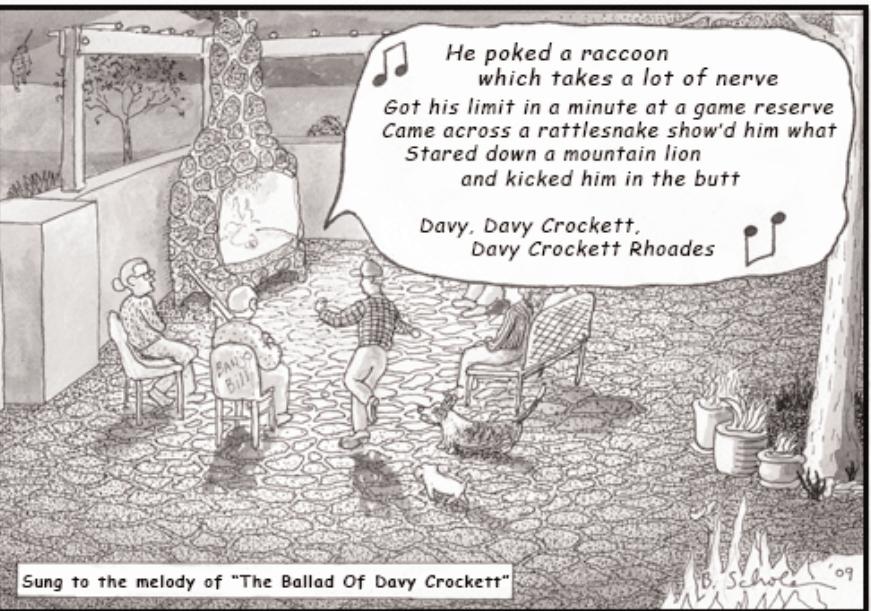
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New Generation at Turtle Rock!
Congratulations to Pete and Chavonne on the birth of their son Elijah Wei Kai Leung. Another new generation hits Turtle Rock. Thanks to Bill & Sherry White for the story below from the 1988 edition of their paper, Berryessa: Past, Present, and Future. I scanned it in so it may be a bit hard to read, but catch the line about 11 year-old Pete, Jr. helping out! The proud parents didn't have time to send me a baby picture so I created a scientific simulation of what Elijah may look like - below.

1988 BUSINESS OF THE WEEK
Turtle Rock

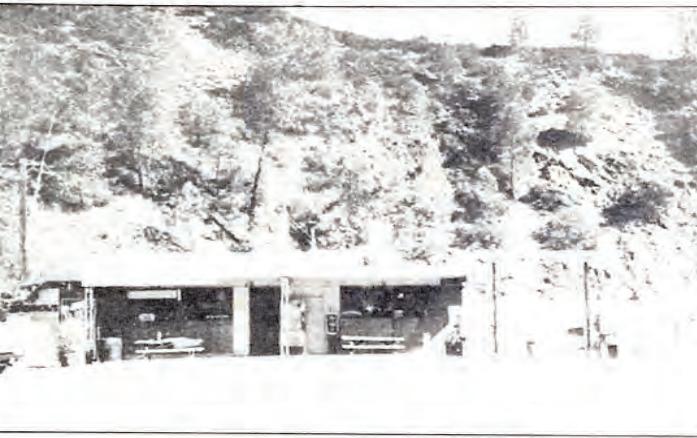
Every Tuesday night during the winter the parking lot at Turtle Rock is full to capacity. The reason is that Pete and JoAnn Leong, owners of the place, are in there cooking up wonderful Chinese cuisine.

Turtle Rock home of the Lizard Races, is not just a bar, but also a cafe, gas station, and general grocery and bait store. And the patrons of Turtle Rock feel right at home there. Everybody is "family", so to speak. It's just one of those places people can go to relax and be themselves.

Pete and JoAnn have owned Turtle Rock for almost 8 years, now. Prior to that Pete Managed the 300 club at the Bel Aire Bowl in Napa for 16 years and JoAnn worked there for 13 years. The couple have two children, daughter Dene, 15 and son, Pete, Jr., 11. Both can be found helping mom and dad out with the business during their spare time.

The Chinese dinners on Tuesdays will stop with the onset of summer (Memorial Day Weekend) and will resume again after Labor Day in September. But you can stop by on the weekends and have a good old home-style breakfast prepared by Madilene, or enjoy burgers from the grill before 6 p.m., 7 days a week.

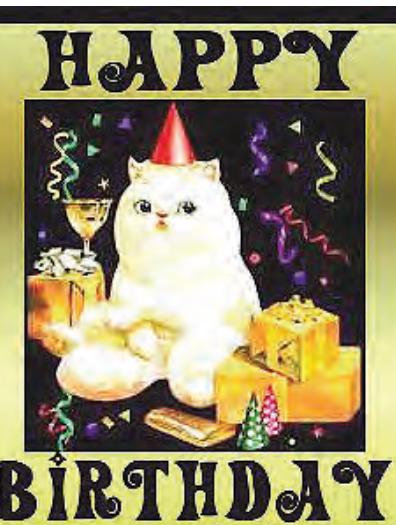
This year, to celebrate the lizard races, Turtle Rock is sponsoring a wet T-shirt contest to be held after the races on Saturday, May 21st. (in the evening). Everyone entering will receive a gift from Turtle Rock. There is no fee to enter and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd., and 3rd. place winners.



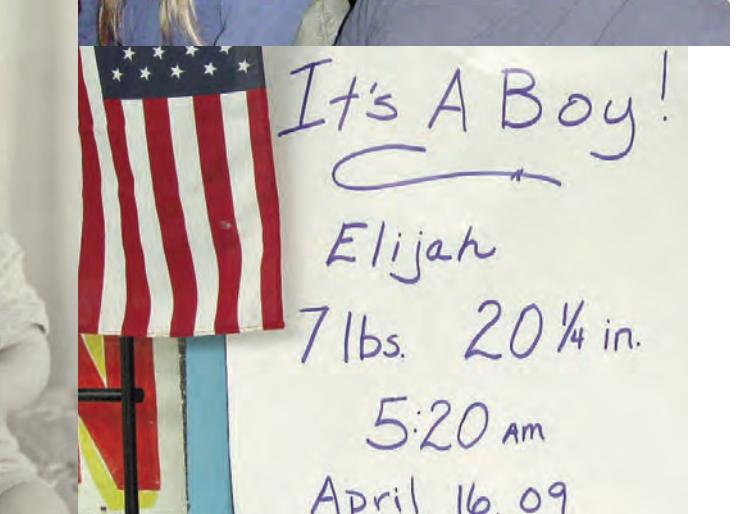
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**20 Years Ago at Lake Berryessa
by Bill White, from Berryessa -
Past, Present, & Future (1988)**

I've only lived in the area for the past three decades, but in that time I've seen and heard a lot. With the help of my memories and the stories handed down from local "oldtimers" I will try and tell a few of the stories I've heard.

Before Lake Berryessa (1951) my family had a home and ten acres of land along Capell Creek, just across from the present "Free Boat Ramp". The house, had it been left standing, would not have been flooded. But it was removed as part of the government's "Take Line" survey.

"The old cabin", as family members called it, was a small house. Most vividly I remember that one wall in the living room was made entirely of creek stone and sported a fine fireplace. Memories of birthdays and Christmas are recalled each time I drive by the area. Living on the property was a kind of caretaker, handyman and family friend named Fred Carpenter. "Uncle Fred" to the children.

Uncle Fred was in his seventies at the time. My father worked in the bay area at that time and Uncle Fred would take care of things while the family was away. Uncle Fred would always make out a grocery list which dad would fill and bring back on weekends. Uncle Fred would stockpile the basic staples and it never seemed strange to anyone for Fred to have lots of flour, beans and sugar on

Hear & see more on May 24 at the Berryessa Valley Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Center. See Page 11

Memorial Day 1988

BOR reports that the visitor count reached 61,872. This was a car count with counters placed at every entrance to the lake.

The count on the same weekend in 1987 was 51,000 and back in 1986 it was 54,000. The drop in 1987 was attributed to the big celebration for the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco on the same weekend.

A flyover of the lake indicated a boat count of 2,644 which is the second highest weekend count at the lake. Also law enforcement was busy issuing 162 citations and making 15 arrests.

hand. Why not? If that's what he wanted Dad or Uncle Fred had use for the sugar. Oh yes indeed. For upon the hill above the old cabin, in the bushes, overlooking a small pond was his whiskey still ...and a darn good one to. Fred manufactured his own "White Lighting" from an age old recipe handed down thru generations, brewed thru copper tubing. But, the still would come to be Uncle Fred's worst nightmare in the end.

One day Uncle Fred went to Monticello for a drink. He had already had a few of his own making, but wanted some company. At a local tavern he was refused service because of his impaired state. Not to worry Uncle Fred told all. "So what", I'll go drink my own" and let it slip that he produced his own "squeezins". Within a few days this information traveled across the mountains to the authorities and the old cabin property was raided by then local Sheriff John Clausen along with Federal Agents (at the time of the raid Uncle Fred was alone on the property).

Uncle Fred was subsequently arrested and the still was destroyed. Uncle Fred spent one year and one day at McNeil Island Federal Prison in Washington State for his crime.

Uncle Fred lived several years after his prison term and tragically, if not ironically died from drowning in a boating accident while fishing. I remember Uncle Fred.

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The Napa Land Trust and the Wildlife Conservation Board completed an extraordinary 15-year effort to purchase the 738-acre Todd Ranch in December. The property has now been transferred to the California Department of Fish and Game and incorporated into the Knoxville Wildlife Area in far north Napa County.

A key feature of the Todd Ranch is its abundant springs, which are a vital water source for wildlife and their habitat. The property also includes the Todd residence as well as the striking roundhouse building familiar to Knoxville Road motorists and large equipment shed - infrastructure that provides the Department of Fish and Game with a much needed residence for its personnel and a base for other maintenance operations.

These lands fall within the vast 800,000-acre Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area, which spans Napa, Lake, Colusa, and Yolo counties, and represents one of the largest expanses of conservation properties in the Bay Area.

The Knoxville Wildlife Area is open to the public, except for the headquarters buildings and some other limited spots. New parking turnouts along Knoxville Berryessa Road have improved public access for hunting, hiking, bird watching, and wildflower viewing.

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BOR Plans (Cont'd from Page 1)

Although the proposed campsite permits will require sign-off at the highest levels and the Federal contracting process is slow, the fact that this action uses stimulus funds helps add a sense of urgency. Mr. Finnegan assured attendees that the seriousness of Lake Berryessa situation has reached the highest levels in the Department of the Interior in Washington.

Reclamation is researching requirements to add a fuel station at the north end of the lake, but permitting requirements make this option unlikely. Unfortunately, Camp Berryessa, the old Boy Scout camp, will not be available due to safety and other concerns.

Reclamation is also negotiating interim contracts for summer operations at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, and Steele Park. There is no official word on the results of these contract negotiations yet.

The final part of the meeting was devoted to how Reclamation and the Chamber can work together as partners in promoting Lake Berryessa. Reclamation asked the Chamber for assistance in providing information about the opportunities at the lake that would encourage companies to bid. Reclamation will provide the names of potential bidders and industry organizations. The Chamber will develop an outreach package of information to be sent to these contacts.

On a more serious note, Mr. Finnegan stated that he believes there is too much inflammatory language about the Lake Berryessa situation on the Internet. Reclamation will take action to protect its employees. Free speech will be accepted, but threats or language inciting illegal activity such as cutting locks and breaking into federal property will not be tolerated.

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The Berryessa Corners store has been open for several weeks while the restaurant - Mike's BBQ - opened last week to good reviews for the ribs. The bar is scheduled to open in mid-May.

Mike says he's here to cater to the locals and not so much the tourists. That means having a well-stocked grocery store where residents can buy not just chips, soda and beer, but all the items for fixing a home-cooked meal. Shoppers will now find shelves of pastas, soups, bread, fresh vegetables, eggs, milk and more.

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On May 16, Mike has offered his parking lot to the Davis Bicycle Club, which is sponsoring a 200 mile ride originating in Davis. (See inset on right.)

Some 700 riders will be passing the Corners between 7:30 - 9 A.M. Since this is a ride, not a race, there will be no road closures, but drivers are asked to exercise caution. Dan Shadoan of the DBC praised Mike's friendliness in offering Berryessa Corners as the first rest stop. The second rest stop is the Pope Valley Farm Center.



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We continue to struggle with budget issues at the district and state levels and are still not certain about which staff positions may change for next year. We have applied for stimulus funding and are in conversation about how to use these funds to sustain revenues over time. It appears that the budget woes could be even worse next year. Much will depend on the outcome of the May ballot initiatives.

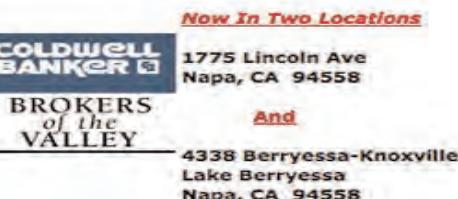
Our gardens are in! If you would like to help your child and their garden, you may come in at any time and work in it! 2nd Grade state testing will run the week of May 4-8. Kinder and 1st Grade students will also be doing assessments during this week. Please make sure your student gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast each morning! Ask your child about their larvae/cocoon/butterfly! They are hatching! We will set them free as needed to free up space in the net!

May 29: Field Day 2009. Capell Valley Campus will host this year's Field Day. We will also provide lunch prepared by our own students. Wooden Valley School will be leading the physical activities for the day and Pope Valley School will be our guests for this very special day
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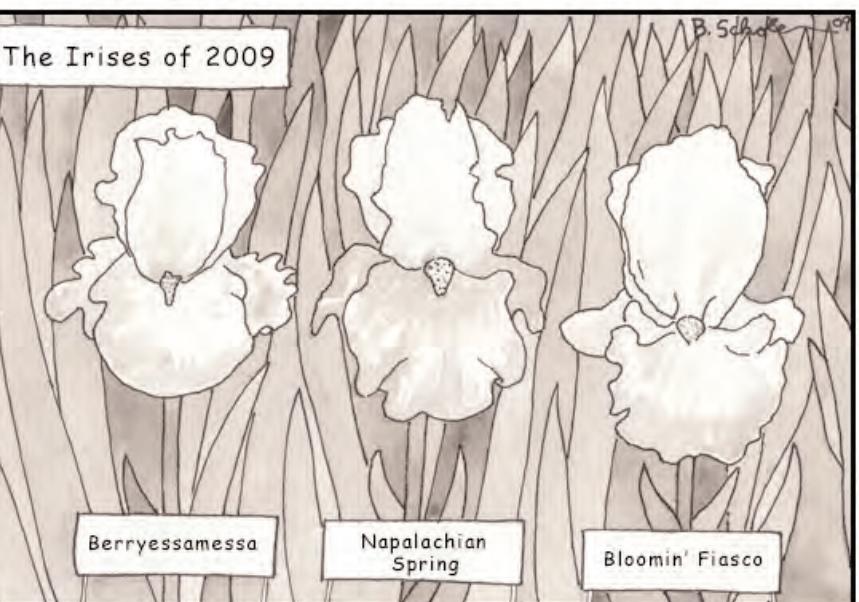
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Puzzle No. 6—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



Napa Iris Garden, 9087 Steele Canyon Road, www.napairis.com
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For information please contact Bob Lee

Phone: 707-252-4488

Email: terribob@pacbell.net

Mother's Day Service at Community Church of Lake Berryessa

All women, whether they're moms or not, are invited to join us on Sunday, May 10, as we celebrate Mother's Day with a special service and message just for them.

In honor of this special day a free car wash will be available for all women from 12:30 to 2:30, compliments of the men of Community Church.

2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

May 3: Winters Farmers Market. Every Sunday, 8 AM - 1 PM. Rotary Park, Winters California

May 8: Capell Valley School 5th Grade Outing to UC Berkeley

May 9: Capell School School Car Wash. Proceeds will go to fund this year's Outdoor EducationProgram.

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, 707-966-1600

May 10: Mother's Day. Community Church of Lake Berryessa Special Service for Mothers. Free car wash for all women from 12:30 - 2:30 PM, compliments of the men of Community Church.

May 14: Capell Valley School field trip to Jack London State Park

May 15-17: Moore Creek Open Space Work Party. See story on Page 10.

May 16: Davis Bicycle Club 40th Annual Double Century bike ride. Berryessa Corners is the first rest stop between 7-9:30 AM. See article and inset on Page 3.

May 17: Angwin Fire Department Flea Market

May 21: Watershed Symposium Napa Elks Lodge, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

May 24: Berryessa Valley History Exhibit. 2 P.M. Spanish Flat Village Center. Hear Stories-Learn History-Share Photos & Memories. See flyer on Page 9.

May 26: Capell Valley School field trip to Napa Land Trust's Archer Taylor Preserve.

May 29: Field Day 2009. Capell Valley Campus will host this year's Field Day. They will also provide lunch prepared by their own students. Wooden Valley School will be leading the physical activities for the day and Pope Valley School will be the guests for this very special day!

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

June 20: Berryessa Seniors Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting, 4-7 PM

July 18: Senior Center Casino Night/Pasta Dinner/Big Raffle. 5:30-10 PM.

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 25: Berryessa Seniors BBQ. Chef Paul will cook. 4 PM.

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.



Fishing Without Sid (but with a story from a friend)

Hi Sid,

Saturday, April 18, 2009, I took my 5 1/2 year old grandson fishing down to the Lake. We got there at 5:30 pm and fished until 8:30 pm. Daniel caught a 1.5 lb Spotted Bass on his trusty Spiderman reel and rod I had bought for him at Wal-Mart for his 4th birthday last year.

It was rigged, Texas Style, with a Watermelon Zoom Brush Hog and a 3/8 oz bullet weight on 6 lb test line. The fish was caught at 6:50 P.M. in the cove at the Marina. The one closest to the Swimming Pond near dock #3.

The water was clear at 60 degrees. Little Daniel was so excited about catching the fish I thought he was going to speak in tongues. Needless to say, I was one proud Grandpa.

Best Regards, Albert Brown



Next Spanish Flat Center Trout Derby is on Saturday May 9.

You don't need a boat to catch fish at Lake Berryessa! Walter Bennett on the left with his son-in-law, Ben Barnard, and Ben's daughter Alexis. This was a stringer of trout caught on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Capell Cove launch ramp. No boat was used for this catch. They were caught with Live Minnow Bait purchased from the Spanish Flat Country Store! 707-966-1600



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Philosophy on a Starbucks Cup: The Way I See It #76

The irony of commitment is that it's deeply liberating – in work, in play, in love. The act frees you from the tyranny of your internal critic, from the fear that likes to dress itself up and parade around as rational hesitation. To commit is to remove your head as a barrier to your life.

Ann Morris, New York City

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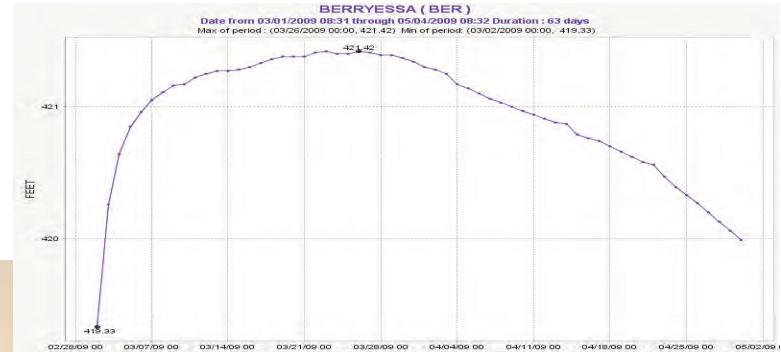
MIKE'S BBQ IS OPEN! (11AM-9 PM)



Dam Level Update as of Monday, 5/4/09

The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at
Monticello Dam is **440** feet
Lake Berryessa has had **20.1** inches of rain since July, 2008
The water is now **20.1** feet below the top of the spillway
(20.1 twice above is not a typo, it's a mystical coincidence!)

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
4/13/09	420.88	0.14	76	41	0.00
4/14/09	420.87	0.12	76	38	0.00
4/15/09	420.79	0.12	61	34	0.00
4/16/09	420.76	0.10	67	35	0.00
4/17/09	420.74	0.15	75	37	0.00
4/18/09	420.70	0.16	82	41	0.00
4/19/09	420.66	0.16	85	49	0.00
4/20/09	420.62	0.16	86	47	0.00
4/21/09	420.58	0.16	94	49	0.00
4/22/09	420.56	0.18	94	49	0.00
4/23/09	420.47	0.26	95	48	0.00
4/24/09	420.39	0.16	69	45	0.00
4/25/09	420.33	0.14	69	39	0.00
4/26/09	420.27	0.16	71	39	0.00
4/27/09	420.20	0.14	71	37	0.00
4/28/09	420.13	0.21	66	34	0.00
4/29/09	420.06	0.09	66	37	0.00
4/30/09	419.99	0.13	68	36	0.00
5/1/09	419.97	.08	67	38	0.00
5/2/09	419.94	0.02	64	52	0.55
5/3/09	419.91	0.04	61	52	0.19



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To learn more about the area and for contact information visit the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce website:
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Spend the day exploring the beauty of the area. Stay for a while at a lake front resort. Rent a houseboat. Taste award-winning wines. Enjoy dining at one of the local haunts.

Come for the day and enjoy a scenic drive with a stop for food

and wine. Or spend a day on the water swimming and boating. Better yet, plan to stay for a while at one of the lakeside resorts or at the bed and breakfast within a vineyard and ranch. There is something to entertain everyone.

Water Sports, Boating & Fishing

The best way to appreciate the lake is from the water. Launch your own boat, or rent from one of the three lakeside resorts. The water is 75° warm in the summer, and the scenery is spectacular all year. You'll find many quiet coves to enjoy swimming and relaxation. Or take to the open water for tubing and skiing.

Bring your kayak or canoe and cruise along the shore or around one of several islands. There are a dozen different points around the lake with public access from the road for paddle launch.

The fishing at Lake Berryessa is rated as some of the best in the state. Anglers enjoy fishing for both cold and warm water species including bass, catfish, bluegill, rainbow trout, kokanee and crappie. Knowledgeable fishing guides are available year round. Contact the resorts for more information,

or launch your boat at Capell Cove.

Wildlife & Hiking

Hike one of the trails around the lake and go bird watching to see osprey and bald eagles as they catch "the one that got away" from the angler in the boat. Look for nesting eagles in the fall and winter months, along with geese, ducks, pelicans, loons, hawks and numerous other species throughout the year.

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Welcome to the Summer 2009 Special Edition of the Lake Berryessa News

Lake Berryessa is a special place of beauty and relaxation. Despite the recent turmoil resulting in the closure of several west shore resorts, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce wants you to know that there's still a lot to do out here, with many facilities and businesses ready to serve you.

Lake Berryessa is a manmade lake created to provide water for irrigation, municipal and industrial uses and flood control protection. Under the waters of Lake Berryessa lie ghost roads that once led to ranchers, farmers, miners, Native Americans, and Mexicans.

If it ain't true, it oughta be...by Bill White

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 this out 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 burnt before the Valley was flooded. It is just a tall tale...Folklore of the area.

Why I remember back in 1969 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.

Recently I 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 had been at the old Church steeple diving down into the old town of Monticello.

The tourist said he had actually swam 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 my composure, I told him that if he would turn off that kerosene 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.

Lake Berryessa Facts

Monticello Dam: 304 feet high, 90 feet wide at base, 12 feet wide at crest
Dam spans 1,023 feet across the canyon (Devil's Gate)
23 miles long at longest point, 3 miles wide at widest point, 165 miles of shoreline.

Storage capacity: 1.6 million acre-feet of water

Lake Berryessa Information Links

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com

Lake Berryessa News: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com

Legendary Napa Valley Web Site: www.legendarynapavalley.com/

Bureau of Reclamation: www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html

Lake Berryessa Fishing

www.fishsniffer.com/maps/berryessa.html

www.californiagameandfish.com/fishing/bass-fishing/CA_0506_02/

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/field_offices/lake_berryessa/fishing.html

Hiking and Paddling

Berryessa Trail and Paddle Guide: www.berryessatrails.org/guide/

Napa Land Trust: <http://napalandtrust.org/>

Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA): <http://brbna.org/>

Yolo Hiker: <http://www.yolohiker.org/>

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

Half the people you know are below average.

Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

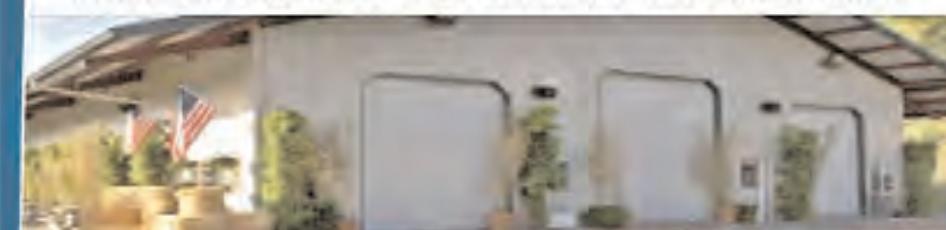
I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

Cinco de Mayo at Pope Valley

On May 5th the Pope Valley students and families enjoyed our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration! Under the tutelage of Mrs. Eakle, all the students performed customary Mexican dance with their classmates while dressed in traditional regalia. We also had a wonderful feast and delighted in the food that many families brought to share with the entire school.



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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

May 24: Berryessa Valley History Exhibit. 2 P.M. Spanish Flair Village Center. Hear Stories-Learn History-Share Photos & Memories. See flyer on Page 9.

May 26: Capell Valley School field trip to Napa Land Trust's Archer Taylor Preserve.

May 28: Pope Valley School Science Fair, 6:30 P.M.

May 29: Field Day 2009. Capell Valley Campus will host this year's Field Day. They will also provide lunch prepared by their own students. Wooden Valley School will be leading the physical activities for the day and Pope Valley School will be the guests for this very special day!

May 30: Pope Valley School's Spring Picnic BBQ fundraiser at the Pope Valley Farm Center, 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M..

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event 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

June 1 - August 7: Winters Adventure Day Camp and Fun in the Park, Monday through Friday from 9 A.M.-2 P.M., Traci Nakamura at 795-4910 x102.

June 5: Pope Valley School Kindergarten Orientation, all incoming kindergarten students for 2009-2010 are invited to spend the morning in Mrs. Eakle's classroom.

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 7: Winters EARTH Festival, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M., Rotary Park, 795-4910 ext. 108

June 10: Pope Valley School Graduation Ceremony 6:30 P.M.

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

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

June 20: Berryessa Seniors Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting, 4-7 PM

July 18: Senior Center Casino Night/Pasta Dinner/Big Raffle. 5:30-10 PM.

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 25: Berryessa Seniors BBQ. Chef Paul will cook. 4 PM.

Winters Farmers Market. Every Sunday, 8 AM - 1 PM. Rotary Park, Winters California

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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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 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 the ranchers only in case of a real emergency.

Identifying Poison Oak

Obviously, a big problem with getting Poison Oak is identifying the plant. If you can't spot Poison Oak a mile away, your only recourse is to never touch any vegetation at all while on the trail or doing whatever you're doing.

You can recognize Poison Oak by its trademarked 3 leaf pattern. Unfortunately, there are other plants with triple leaf patterns too. You cannot depend on the color. In some areas, the leaves remain green the entire time they are on the stem. In other areas the leaves are red in the spring.

Being a very common "shrub" in California, it must be watched for everywhere.

In the Spring, the leaves are light, bright green with whitish green flowers clustered on the stems. In the Summer, Poison Oak has yellow-green, pink, or reddish colors on some of the leaves, with small white or tan berries after the flowers of Spring. Certain times in late Summer/Early Fall and certain conditions can even cause leaves to become Yellow. The fruit becomes darker in the Fall and the leaves turn bright red or russet brown. In the Winter, the leaves and seeds fall, leaving stick or whip-like stems or climbing vines.

The Poison Oak rash is caused by a chemical called urushiol. This is present in poison oak leaves, branches, roots, everything. When you touch it, the oil is absorbed into the skin. This is a poisonous substance, and the rash is the result of your body's immune system fighting against this invader.

You can get Poison Oak by touching the plant, its leaves, roots, whatever. If an animal, such as your dog, gets in Poison Oak you can get it from petting the dog (the dog won't get the rash though). You can get it from your clothing or equipment that touches Poison Oak.

The rash doesn't appear until after the oil is absorbed into your skin, because it is caused by your body's immune system. If you think you have exposed an area of skin to the oil you can clean the area with rubbing alcohol, this may limit or even stop the oil from being absorbed. Once you get the rash, you can't spread it around by scratching. The oil that seeps from your wounded body isn't urushiol, it's secreted by your body.

The reason most people think it will spread is because of secondary infection. You touch a poison oak plant, the oil is on your hands. You rub your face, it gets there. That is how the oil is spread. Now after a while, there isn't as much oil to spread around, so some parts get hit more heavily. What this means is, the rash appears soon in some spots, and takes a couple of days in other spots. This gives the illusion that you've spread the rash by scratching.

Whenever you go into an area where Poison Oak is, as soon as you get home put all your clothes, shoes, everything in a bag, and wash it all. Only through extreme paranoia can you avoid poison oak. The alternative is to never go anywhere fun.

Rattlesnake Precautions

Rattlesnakes are easily identifiable by their broad, triangular heads, narrow necks, relatively heavy bodies and rattles on the tail, or blunt tails if the rattles are missing. Rattlesnakes will purposely attack only those animals smaller than themselves, unless they are frightened by noise, vibrations or certain odors. They are terrified by humans, mainly

because of our size, and would rather run than fight if possible.

Open Your Eyes - Hiking safely in rattlesnake country requires extreme vigilance. Being alert drastically reduces the chance of snake bite. Keep your eyes focused on the trail in front of you and scan your immediate area for potential trouble spots. Most hikers who end up getting bitten by rattlesnakes are preoccupied and not paying attention to where they are walking. And a startled, stepped on rattlesnake is never a happy camper! Avoiding getting bit by a snake - keep your eyes and ears open at all times.

Stay on a Clearly Marked Trail - While it can be extra fun and adventurous to veer off a clearly marked path and go trail blazing through wild brush and tall grasses, this can be a recipe for disaster. Not only do you run the risk of brushing up against poison oak, stepping in gulches and ditches, and getting lost and disoriented, but you increase your chances of stepping on and/or disturbing a rattlesnake that is nesting, sunning, or just lounging. Do yourself a favor and stay on a clearly marked trail or path!

Wear Jeans and High-Top Boots - No matter how careful and cautious you are while out hiking, there is always the small, outside chance that you might accidentally walk past, or on, a rattlesnake and get bit. Wearing a pair of rugged jeans and high-top hiking boots will reduce the chances of a rattlesnake's fangs from piercing your skin and injecting you with venom. Wearing shorts and regular tennis shoes will not offer you much protection.

Carry a Walking Stick - A walking stick is a great tool to have while out hiking. Not only will it help you to clear away small brush and/or tree branches that might be blocking your path, but you can also use it as a weapon or a shield against any type of encounter with a wild animal, including rattlesnakes.

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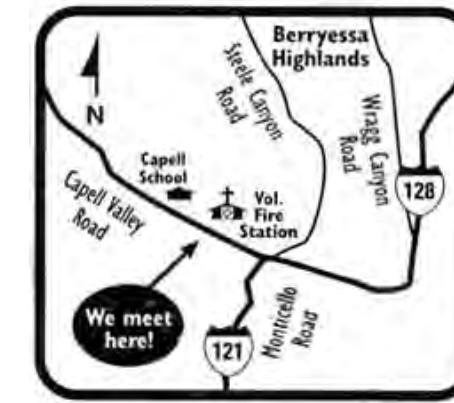
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Berryessa Fishing Facts

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Black Bass

Both large and small mouth bass await the Berryessa fisherman and the large mouth go to 6 pounds and bigger! Prime fishing areas are on the points of land, jutting into the main body of the lake, by shore fishermen. From your boat, plug the shorelines near moss brush or rocky points. When shad are running (a food minnow) watch for gulls, and the water's surface for signs of their schools-the bass will be nearby. In the heat of the day troll deep or bait cast deeper water; in the early morning or evening you can move closer to shore for good surface fishing. Again, a lure fish at Berryessa, but also can be taken on minnows and worms.

Blue Gill

A great fish for your youngsters' first fishing trip. Olive green with darker green vertical strips. Fish close to shore, around sunken stumps and weed beds and around dock areas. Good "old-fashioned worms" are the best bait, but they'll hit most any kind of bait-bread, cheese, salmon eggs, are all good bets. Will average 1 pound or smaller in size.

Crappie

Another game fish in residence at Berryessa. Gathers in schools (where you catch one, you'll find more) in the shelter of submerged stumps or brush heaps. Silvery with dark green or black mottling forming "stripes". Best hits are small flies, minnows, red worms and grubs. Average : 3/4 pound to 3 pounds.

Catfish

A night-feeding fish; feeds along the bottom. Prime fishing areas are the shallow waters near a creek, or tributary emptying into the lake. Bait, instead of lures are the best bet to take catfish. The most popular bait for catfish at Berryessa is clams. Other good baits are sardines, worms and minnows. Average size is 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds, some going 5 to 9 pounds have been caught.

Kokanee Salmon

Stocked in the lake by the State of California's Department of Fish & Game in a cooperative program with the California Inland Fisheries Foundation and Markley Cove - when caught average around 3 pounds.

Kalling All Kayakers

2009 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 four major west shore 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 enjoy the calm waters. Come out for an evening paddle at Oak Shores. Mid-week is the best quiet time during the day. Get your supplies at a local store or end your day at a local restaurant.

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 car-topped 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 Road: 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.

For more detailed information see: www.berryessatrails.org/guide/

Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove
 8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowitz Corners
 4.7 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Turtle Rock
 13.0 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Napa
 4.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
 14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
 12.9 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Knoxville Rd.
 13.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Canyon Rd. via Knoxville Rd.
 10.2 Miles - Pope Valley to Knoxville Rd. via Pope Canyon Rd.
 19.0 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center
 3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Rd.
 11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
 4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

All Roads Lead to Lake Berryessa!

The Lake Berryessa region, as many auto, bicycle and biker clubs know, has very scenic, winding roads that are fun to run. With so much to see and enjoy, nothing is really that far away.

From the North

From St. Helena, come over the hill past Pacific Union College through Angwin to historic Pope Valley. You can hit the Pope Valley Store for a snack. But remember that there are no gasoline stations at the lake.

You now have a choice of routes. Left a mile down Butts Canyon Road is Pope Valley Winery which is listed in the Lonely Planet Guide. The winery was constructed in 1897 from massive timbers moved down from the Oat Hill Quicksilver Mine. Staying on Butts Canyon takes you past Aetna Springs Resort to Snell Valley Road and finally to Middletown and Clear Lake. About five miles on Snell Valley Road brings you to the Berryessa Estates and the Berryessa Estates Market.

If you leave Pope Valley on Pope Valley Road south you'll reach Lower Chiles Valley Road. Turn left and in a couple of miles you'll come to Rustridge Ranch & Winery. After a bit of tasting you can make a reservation to spend time with a thoroughbred racehorse and enjoy a scenic weekend getaway at their Bed and Breakfast.

When you leave Rustridge continue left down the road until you come to Hwy 128 (Sage Canyon Road). Turn right and in a minute you get to Nichelini Winery. Turn left and few miles farther east brings you to Turtle Rock at Knoxville Road. You can stop there for a drink and a "World Famous Eggroll" before driving down Knoxville Road to the lake itself. On the right you'll pass the Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp - a favorite fishing boat launch site. This launch fills up rapidly on weekends so get there early if you want to launch.

You'll soon come to the Spanish Flat Village Center, one of the commercial centers of the community, where your lunch or dinner choice is "fabulously fresh Italian food" at Cucina Italiana. The Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli serves up great sandwiches, chili dogs, and hamburgers, as well as providing anything you need for a picnic lunch and more. Cucina Italiana also makes great box lunches-to-go with a choice of Italian panini sandwiches.

Spanish Flat Village Center is also home to The Handmade Store. Shop there for the perfect gift or treasured collectable...beautiful gemstone jewelry, hand made soap, garden art and much more. Next door is a small Berryessa Valley History Exhibit.

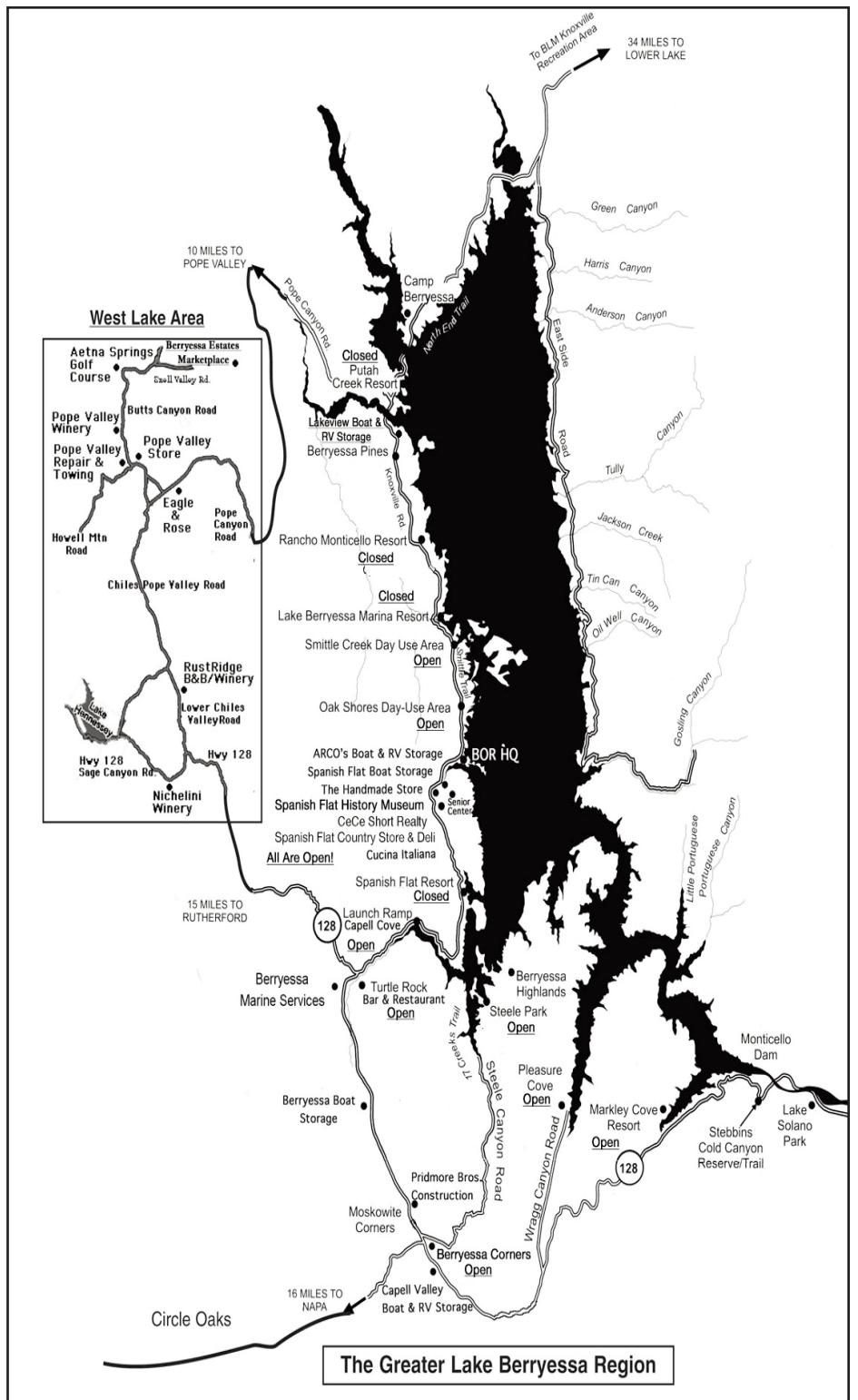
If you've fallen in love with Lake Berryessa, as so many have, stop by CeCe Short's real estate office to learn about the fantastic housing values around the lake. CeCe's office is also the headquarters of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and she can provide a wealth of information about the region. The Spanish Flat Village Center also has a laundromat with public restrooms.

The Spanish Flat Village Center is located only a couple of miles south of the free Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks where you can enjoy that picnic lunch under shade shelters overlooking beautiful Lake Berryessa. 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. Smittle Creek is located two miles north of Oak Shores, and offers a more secluded day-use experience. Stroll Smittle Creek Trail. The trail wanders along the shore between Coyote Knolls and Smittle Creek. The walk is 5.2 miles round trip and offers the hiker a chance to view the natural flora and fauna of the area.

To get back to St. Helena, just drive up the west side of the lake to Pope Canyon Road. Left on Pope Canyon Road takes you along scenic Pope Canyon back to Pope Valley and home.

From the South and West

From Napa and points west take Monticello Road to Berryessa Corners at the intersection of Highway 121, Hwy 128, and Steele Canyon Road. From Fairfield and points south take Suisun Valley Road to Wooden Valley Road to Monticello Road. Right onto Monticello Road brings you to Berryessa Corners.



Berryessa Corners is another community commercial center with the Berryessa Corners Store, Mike's BBQ, and the Corners Bar. You and/or your club can get great food & drinks while stocking up on picnic supplies. If you are a boater, Steele Park Resort is only five miles up Steele Canyon Road. If you continue on Hwy 128 (Capell Valley Road) for five more miles, you get to Turtle Rock. See above for where to go from there.

From the East

Those of you coming from Winters and points east will reach Monticello Dam in about ten miles. It's worth a stop to see the dam and the impressive Glory Hole spillway. Just past the dam is Markley Cove Resort with a nice store right at the highway. Two miles past that and another three miles up Wragg Canyon Road and you've reached Pleasure Cove Marina. Continuing a few miles farther on Hwy 128 once again brings you to Berryessa Corners.

If you've read this far, it's clear that all roads lead to Lake Berryessa. Take one of these roads and experience Lake Berryessa for yourself!

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Old Resorts, New Resorts, What Resorts?: The Concession Bid Process Starts All Over Again

History is a Funny Thing

by Peter Kilkus

This issue of the Lake Berryessa News has a lot of history in it. From the death of Spanish Flat's beloved Elsie Plunkett (Page 6) to the opening of the Berryessa Valley History exhibit (Page 5) to the release of the new Bid Prospectus seeking future concession contractors (Page 2).

But history is a funny thing. It's not so much that history repeats itself, but that some people never seem to get beyond it. They tend live in a past in which their lives were either more exciting or seemed to have a more fulfilling purpose. High school and college reunions benefit from that desire to relive past glories.

But many people also suffer tunnel vision to the past and want to make it their present. Rather than enjoy the stories and marvel at the strength and stamina of the folks who built Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Berryessa Valley, and Lake Berryessa itself, they would prefer to stop time and try to live in some unchanging museum of "rural America" (of course with cars, electricity, running water, and modern toilets!). Why don't they just buy a ghost town in Nevada.

Pope Valley seems to be the epicenter of this "history is more important than real people" time-warp vortex. But Lake Berryessa, like the Town of Monticello before it, just had 50 years of history wiped out.

We are now writing the prologue to the future history of Lake Berryessa. Hopefully, this cycle of the Bureau of Reclamation's bid process will result in a positive future for the lake.

As the Lake Berryessa

Chamber of Commerce said in its recent letter to potential bidder's, "For decades Lake Berryessa has been a prime recreation destination for northern California boaters, hikers, and picnickers. We believe its future potential is greater than ever."

So please enjoy this history issue of the Lake Berryessa News, but remember - history is what we build on looking into the future, not what we choke on yearning for the past.

Wes Plunkett's story below is an example of the past forging the future.



Confessions of a Resort Brat

by Wes Plunkett

In the mid 50's, the residents of Berryessa Valley were being

evicted from their farms and ranches. My grandparents had a summer home in Capell Canyon known as Rancho Tebepa that they would lose to the BOR. Seeing an opportunity to own some property

overlooking the new lake, my dad bought about 600 acres in the area known as Spanish Flat.

He chose a homesite and built his house in 1957 and 58 as the dam was completed and the lake began to fill. During that time my mom and dad met and were married. They shared a vision of building a family, a business venture and community there. My dad would say he was going to get Spanish Flat "on the map".

As soon as the house was

done, they signed a lease with the BOR and started building the resort. There were 3 or 4 partners in the resort venture at that time, I remember Don McFarland and his family, they built a house in the woodlands.

During the next few years they had completed the resort and developed the Village Center, the Mobile Villa and the Water District and established the Spanish Flat post office. My mom became postmaster. They were also involved in the Woodlands subdivision. My mom used her architectural skills to design many of the buildings.

Mary was born in '59 and I was born in '60. Talk about some incredibly busy people! Mary and I were in tow through it all, one of my earliest memories is watching the Village Center being built and using scraps of lumber as building blocks. My grandmother (dad's mom) lived with us and helped raise us, they wouldn't have got nearly as much done if she wasn't there.

By the time I started first grade, Spanish Flat was in full swing. Sunrise point was filling with mobile homes, the campgrounds were full every summer weekend and the village center was bustling.

It was a fun, family-oriented atmosphere. Growing up there I would meet people who would become my extended family and lifelong friends. Some still live in the area, or left and came back.

Scott Young is now my boss at BV. Ruth McGinnis and her daughter Carol Fitzpatrick were my second mom and sister.

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Elsie Plunkett had plenty of attitude!

Bureau of Reclamation Letter to Prospective Bidders

This letter is to bring to your attention the concession business opportunity at Lake Berryessa Federal Recreation Area located in Napa County, California. Lake Berryessa is a part of the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Solano Project within the Mid-Pacific Region's Central California Area Office. Lake Berryessa is a beautiful recreation lake, adjacent to the world famous Napa Valley, and located within 1.5 to 2 hours drive from the San Francisco Bay Area and the Greater Sacramento Area.

Nestled between Blue Ridge and Cedar Roughs, east of the Napa Valley, Lake Berryessa offers year-round recreation opportunities. The water temperature reaches up to 75 degrees in the summer, making it an ideal place for water sports. Anglers enjoy fishing for both cold and warm water species, such as rainbow trout, bass, catfish, crappie, and bluegill. At capacity, Lake Berryessa stores 1.6 million acre feet of water and is one of the largest bodies of fresh water in California. The lake is 23 miles long, 3 miles wide, with 165 miles of shoreline. Currently Lake Berryessa serves approximately 1.5 million visitors annually and Reclamation strongly believes that the development of new facilities and services at Lake Berryessa in combination with its location within 2 hours driving time of 8-10 million people is an outstanding business opportunity...

As a result of the expiration of six existing concession contracts between June 2008 and May 2009, Reclamation has issued a Concession Prospectus for the development and operation of the six individual concession areas. Because of your experience in the recreational hospitality industry, you have been identified as a potential bidder on this opportunity. Reclamation will announce this opportunity in several locations, BOR website, <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa/Prospectus.html>, local newspapers, and in Federal Business Opportunity website, www.fedbizopps.gov. We are also providing this notice directly to some parties that we believe are potential bidders. Thank you for your consideration. Letter sent to list below:

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

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 7: Winters EARTH Festival, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M., Rotary Park, 795-4910 ext. 108

June 7, 14, 28, and July 5: Valley Christian Church, Outdoor Worship Services, Senior Center Parking Lot, Pastor Randall Roach, 707-718-0995

June 8-12: Repaving of Circle Oaks roads. Residents are asked to avoid driving on streets until the slurry dries.

June 10: Pope Valley School Graduation Ceremony 6:30 P.M.

June 13: A celebration of Elsie Plunkett's life, 1:00 P.M., Lake Berryessa Senior Center

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

June 20: Berryessa Seniors Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting, 4-7 PM

June 21: Valley Christian Church Annual Fathers Day Service and Cookout, Oak Shores Park

June 27, 28: Spanish Flat Village Center 3rd Annual Flea Market. Display spaces - \$10. Some indoor spaces available. Call Christine, 707-748-6036, or Donna, 707-967-2196.

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July 18: Senior Center Casino Night/Pasta Dinner/Big Raffle. 5:30-10 PM.

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 25: Berryessa Seniors BBQ. Chef Paul will cook. 4 PM.

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The water is now **21.57** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
5/4/09	419.91	0.08	70	47	0.00
5/5/09	419.96	0.04	68	48	0.00
5/6/09	419.96	0.11	72	47	0.00
5/7/09	419.95	0.09	73	46	0.00
5/8/09	419.93	0.15	79	47	0.00
5/9/09	419.90	0.22	84	48	0.00
5/10/09	419.87	0.14	87	49	0.00
5/11/09	419.83	0.24	89	47	0.00
5/12/09	419.78	0.25	86	47	0.00
5/13/09	419.75	0.16	80	46	0.00
5/14/09	419.67	0.27	86	49	0.00
5/15/09	419.61	0.15	85	52	0.00
5/16/09	419.56	0.20	93	55	0.00
5/17/09	419.50	0.21	98	56	0.00
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Fishing with Bill Ryan

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Napa River

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Lake Berryessa

Kokanee bite is hot right now, so look for kokes over 18 inches where inflows are colder. WON staff writer Robin Wade reported the best rigs seemed to be a 3/0 Sep's Chrome Starlight and a 3/0 watermelon dodger.

Radical Glow Tubes or Uncle Larry's Red Tiger Spinners have been producing daily limits over several trips for guide Troy Barr at T-Troy's Guide Service. Look for this cooling trend to kick the bite up a notch.

Because of the closure of many of the resorts, it may take a while to launch your rig. Even so, we need to show some support to those Berryessa businesses that have been harmed by the BOR's poor handling of contracts for new operators. It looks like it will be 2010 at the earliest before the other resorts will be ready to open.

Those that are open at present are Markley Cove Resort (966-2134), Pleasure Cove Marina (966-9600) and Steele Park Resort (966-2414). One of our favorite places to eat is the Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat, 4310 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. Call for reservations at 966-2433.

Clear Lake

While there have been plenty of fish caught here this spring, I'm convinced that our best days are yet to come. Those big fish haven't come out to dine yet — combined with my diary, that says June is a good "Hawg" month.

So, we're going up twice — the 4th and the 11th. Both of these dates straddle the June 7 full moon. I'll post you on the action there.

NVFF Youth Essay Contest

The Napa Valley Fly Fishers Club has announced its 2nd Annual Essay Contest. Kids ages 9-16, write "My Biggest Fish Tale" in 500 words or less to enter this competition. It can be about a fish you caught — or a tall tale about one you'd like to catch.

Judges will be looking for originality and clarity. The 2008 winner, Gerardo Aquiniga of Napa, wrote a fanciful tale about a big one that did not get away. I was proud to include it in

one of my columns.

Details: Deadline for entries is June 5. Submit entries to the Napa Valley Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 2373, Napa, Ca. 94558. Or at www.napavalleyflyfishers.org. Include name, age, mailing address and other contact info.

Prize is a fly rod and reel outfit. Last year's winner, Gerardo, promptly went out and caught a fish with his new rig.

Fishing With Sid

Yes, its really me!!! This past weekend was the first chance I had to really fish and not think about anything else. Friday night Warren and I fished from the shore using weightless senkos and River2Sea crawdads. The water is gin clear and the fish are active.

Launched my boat Saturday morning and fished till about 1 PM using only plastics. Had five bass in the first half hour only one keeper. It was a very soft bite. I sent Warren to the Berryessa Quick Stop to get minnows. We headed out again. It was a very hot day and not much boat activity compared to last year.

As the sun was starting to set we headed to my favorite cove and began using top water lures. Albert used a black with silver bottom Zara Spook and I used a white and chartreuse chugger. He was getting roll over fish left and right. He was surprised that when I threw the chugger to the rocks the bass were hitting it at the moment it touched the water.

Fishing is good to excellent if you know where to go and what to use. Sorry it was not a more exciting report. If I get to keep my boat docked in the water at Steele Park it will make a big difference on my fishing. If I didn't have to pull my boat out of the water that evening I would have fished into the night the top water bite was so fantastic.

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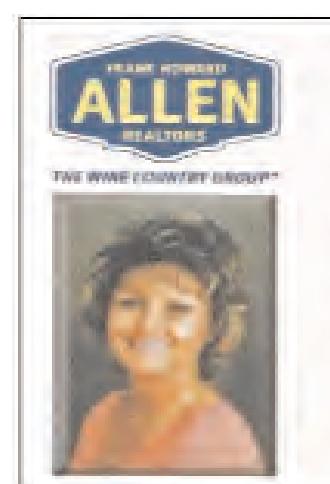
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Blonde Guy Joke or Stereotypes Know No Gender

An Irishman, a Mexican, and a Blonde Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building." The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too." The blonde guy opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

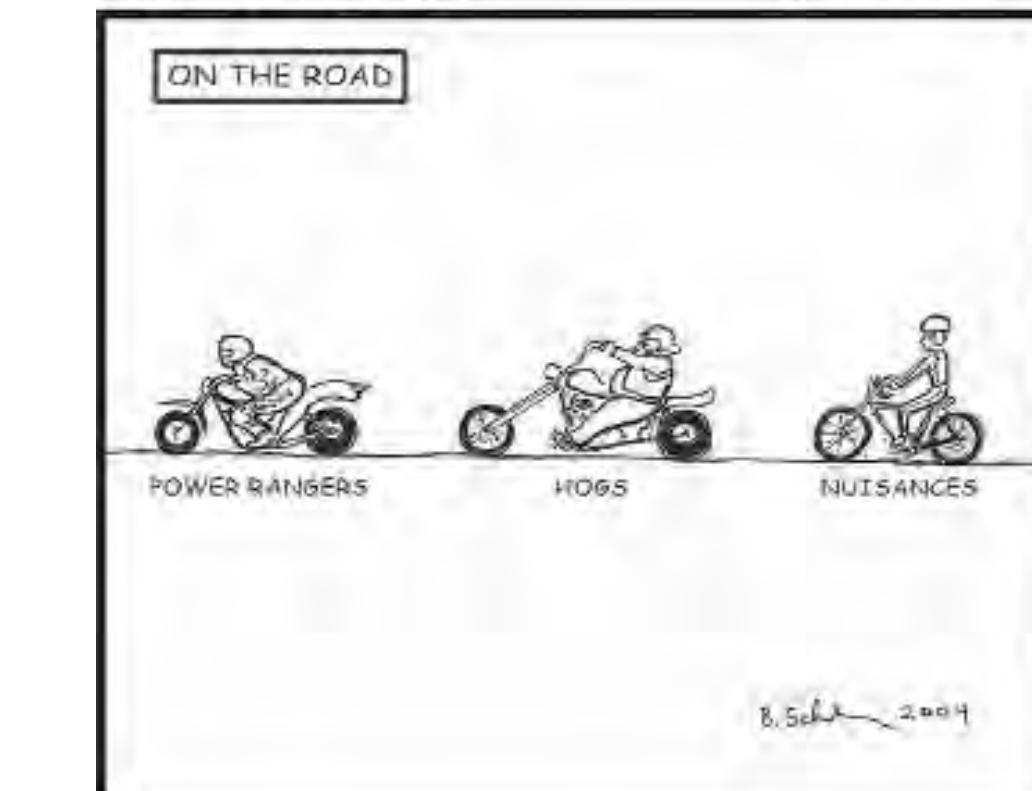
The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death. The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too. The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!" The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, "Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch."

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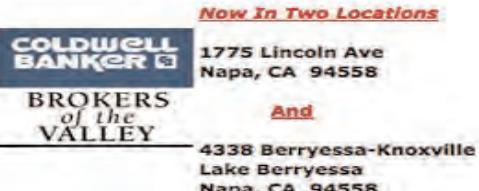
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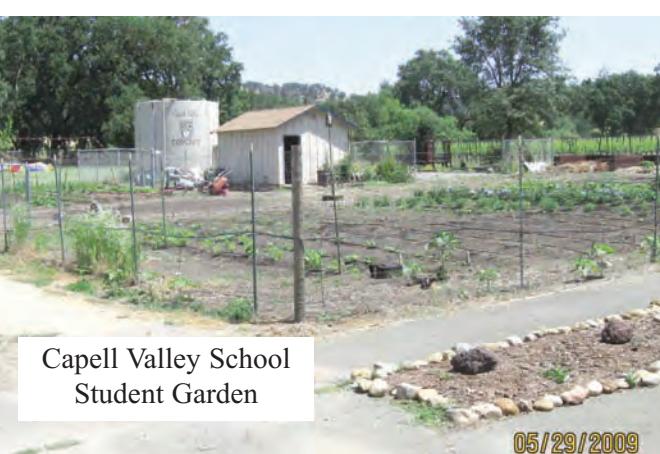
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Field Day 2009 at Capell Valley School

Capell Valley Campus hosted this year's Field Day on May 29 for Capell Valley, Pope Valley, and Wooden Valley Schools. They provided lunch prepared by their own students. Wooden Valley School led the physical activities for the day and Pope Valley School were the honored guests! Capell Valley School has a large, beautiful campus and a very extensive garden. This type of rural school environment is something no one wants to lose. See the full photo album at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com



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There's nothing quite as much fun on a holiday or any other summer weekend as sitting with friends at Turtle Rock, beer and eggroll in hand, watching the people, motorcycles, boat rigs, and miscellaneous strangeness that goes by or stops in. Although Memorial Day was relatively quiet this year, there was still enough action to enjoy, including a group of Japanese tourists in sombreros! Larry and Frank seemed to be amazed by it all.



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Special thanks to Carol Fitzpatrick for creating this incredible museum of Berryessa Valley history. As Murray Clark said in his introduction, there were more people from the Town of Monticello at the Spanish Flat Village Center that day than had been gathered in one place for many years. The Exhibit will be open on weekends from 9 A.M to 5 P.M. See Marcia at the Country Store or Donna at the Handmade Store if you wish to see it.

See the full photo album at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.



From 1988: Thanks again to Bill White

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Confessions of a Resort Brat
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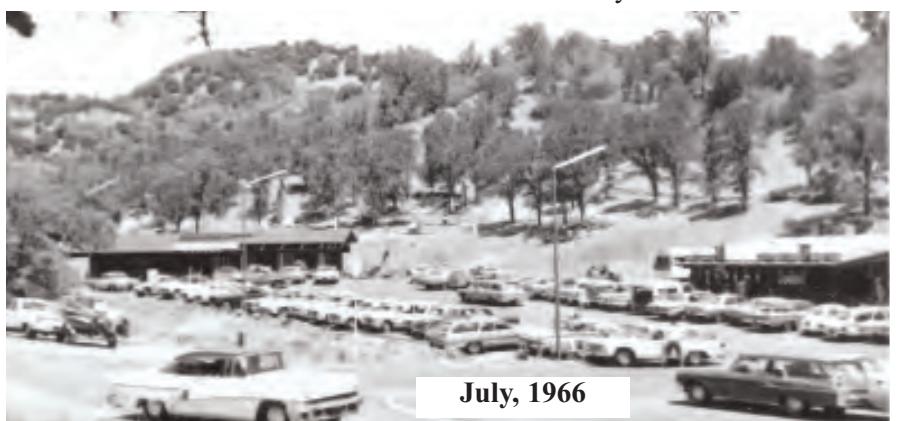
Ruth worked in the store for many years and is still famous for her great food. Her pies are legendary. Carol worked at the marina in the 80's and recently put together the Berryessa Valley Exhibit. (See story on Page 5) Once she gets on a mission there's no stopping her.



It was a great place to be a kid, we were outside a lot, playing and kicking around in the hills. I would cut weeds and rake leaves in exchange for rides in the kayaks and paddle boats that were rented at the marina. I must have caught thousands of bluegill fishing in the marina cove.

Every Easter they would put on a huge Easter egg hunt in the resort. People came from all over to be in it. When we were little we participated in the hunt, then later on we became the "Easter bunnies", and hid the eggs.

Another summer tradition was the outdoor movie theater. We worked in the popcorn stand and the ticket booth and eventually learned to run the projectors. They were cantankerous old beasts and the film usually broke right at the climax of the movie. But the real drama was in the audience as countless young Romeos and



July, 1966

Juliets made their plays.

The boom continued into the seventies, but it was dampened by the transition from Napa County management to the BOR.

The BOR tried to end the resort leases in '78 and it literally took an act of Congress to get them extended. During that time BOR built Oak Shores and the free launch ramp, moves viewed by the resorts as unfair

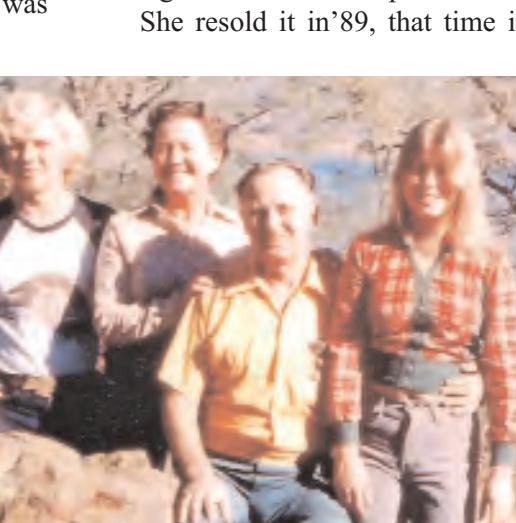
rental fleet and was a wizard with outboards. It was a career I would follow almost 20 years.

Over the years there were some great people living around Spanish Flat who made it a fun and interesting place. Bill and Jean Barta managed the resort and village center. They helped out



with the water district and post office too. There was a softball field where the Senior Center is now, and they put together softball games once a week in the summer with the help of Mike and Nina Crean, and barbecued hot dogs for everyone who showed up. There was even a local league and we would play Rancho and Moskowitz Corners.

Mike Quecke did all the maintenance for the resort and water district. His wife Mary worked in the store. Mike still lives in the mobile villa. That guy could fix anything. He was my hero.



When I broke my dirt bikes, he would weld them back together. He drove all over in a '55 Willys that belonged to the water district. I used to steal the keys and take it four wheeling, he probably had to fix that too after I was done with it.

Stan and Ella

Klang had a trailer in the Villa, when they retired they moved to the lake full time. Stan managed the marina and Ella worked in the country store and lake store.

In my later teens I learned how to work on boats from Tom Virden, a retired Navy man who maintained the

company who bought it, REL, has been great, they honored every agreement she made with them. Too bad this time around there is no Congressman Leo Ryan to save the day like in '78.

In '85 I started Spanish Flat Marine with my wife Debbie and Paul and Chris Roussopoulos. (See story and photo on Page 5.) We closed after 6 years, due in part to the lake being 80 feet down. Those were hard times for all the businesses at the lake.

Tom and Pat Turnpaw took over the Spanish Flat Inn in the late 70's and ran it for 10 years. They put in an outdoor deck with a dance floor and stage and had live music. The restaurant and bar were jumping every weekend.

I moved to Calistoga and got a



"real job" but still spent a lot of time at the lake, visiting mom and old and new friends at the lake, and teaching my kids to ski and wakeboard. My in-laws bought a trailer in Spanish Flat, they spent a lot of time there and we visited as much as we could. I had as much fun there as I had when I was a kid.

As my mom got older, we slowly took over the village center. Mary and Gary Taylor ran the store for 5 years, and Debbie and I started Spanish Flat Storage.

Q: Who Was Elsie Plunkett?

A: A Truly Amazing Person

Elsie Groner Plunkett passed away at her Lake Berryessa home on May 7, 2009 at the age of 87. Elsie grew up in Oslo, Norway, as the daughter of a prominent engineer with her 3 brothers. She lived through the Nazi occupation of Norway. Her family helped the resistance fighters, hiding them in the basement.

After the war, she attended college in Norway and became an architect. At the age of 25, she immigrated to America, working in New York and San Francisco, where she met her life-time friend Dorothy Schell and they enjoyed many adventures.

She also served on the St. Helena School Board, St. Helena Hospital advisory board, and helped establish the church at Spanish Flat. Wes and Elsie donated the land for the Berryessa Senior Center and she became a lifetime member.

In her retirement she traveled and enjoyed music, her grandchildren, her garden and feeding wild birds. She played the piano beautifully up until two weeks before her death, and never lost her optimism and sense of humor.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wesley B. Plunkett, and her brother, Christian Frederik Groner. She is survived by daughter Mary Anne Taylor; son Wesley F. Plunkett;



She met her husband, Wesley B. Plunkett, on a Sierra Club hike to Mt. Tamalpais and they were married in

Chico in 1958. A devoted wife and mother, she raised her family side by side with her husband at their home in Spanish Flat. She enjoyed a large extended family of friends and neighbors.

At that time, the Berryessa Valley was just being filled with water due to the construction of the Monticello Dam.

Inspired by their love of nature and desire to share it with others, Wes and Elsie formed Spanish Flat Resort, Inc. on the west shore of the lake, and began the development of the Spanish Flat area to which she devoted the next 31 years of her life.



She was a fixture at the Napa County Planning Department and Board of Supervisors meetings in Napa, fighting to promote and develop Spanish Flat and Lake Berryessa.

She was very dedicated to her community as a founder, board member and president of Spanish Flat Water District and founding member of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies of the Lake.

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granddaughters Andrea and Danielle Taylor; grandsons Ryan and Brandon Plunkett; her brothers in Norway, Robert and Thor, many nieces and nephews; and a host of wonderful friends.

Napa Valley in Elsie's memory. The family wishes to thank Dr. Srebro, Dr. Sweigert and Hospice of Napa Valley for their exceptional care.

A celebration of Elsie's life will be held on Saturday, June 13th at 1:00 pm at the Lake Berryessa Senior Center. All are invited to attend, and everyone is encouraged to share memories and stories.



If It Ain't True, It Oughta Be.
By Bill White
(From Berryessa: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow - 1988)

I remember when there was a charcoal plant on Hwy. 128 just east of Moskowitz Corners. Charcoal for barbecue pits was made there.

I remember when a man (name unknown) was killed by a pet buck deer near Moskowitz Corners. The deer horned the man to death when he got into a corral with it to feed it.

I remember riding a school bus to St. Helena High School - 50 miles round trip each school day. You got up and left in the dark and got home in the dark during winter months. (This hasn't changed for our local students).

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Mike Schildknecht: The Man Behind the Corners Has Left the House

In the short time that Mike Schildknecht was with us rebuilding Berryessa Corners and becoming part of our community, he made many friends.

Mike's sudden and unexpected death on June 9, 2009 left the whole Lake Berryessa community in shock.

Jim Keller, the owner of the property, has said that he wants to keep Berryessa Corners open as Mike would have wanted. We all wish him success in doing so. Below is a personal story by James Payne about how Mike came to be...

The Man Behind the Corners

Mike Schildknecht was an extraordinary man. As I sit here and write this with a Mike's BBQ pen, I remember back to early September when I met a man down on the docks of Steele Park Resort. I had taken my son out that day and we were walking up the docks and my son ran up to a sleek red and white boat and said "Daddy, this one's cool huh!"

I said "Yes, it is it's a really nice one" from a ways away - then I realized there was a man taking a nap on it and I told my son to get away from the boat. Too late, he had already aroused the slumbering occupant and he said "don't worry about it, I have to clean up and get out of here anyway in order to get back to the city to go to work."

I apologized for my son and the man began to ask me questions about the lake and what was going on with the re-development. I spoke with him for several minutes and somehow the topic of the Corners came up. I had stated that when the lake completely shuts down there won't be any places for

the community to get their provisions.

At that time he said he'd thought often about leasing the property in the eight years he'd been coming to Lake Berryessa. I told him I thought it would be a good business to start although it might be pretty slow at first while the stuff with the lake gets worked out.

He said he understood that, but it was the community that would make it or break it. At that point I gave him my card and my wife's card and told him she was involved with the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

Toward the end of October my wife and I were driving home from a business convention in Salt Lake City with several other people in the vehicle. There was a lot of conversation going on and Amber was frequently on the phone during the seven-hour car ride home.

After she had been on the phone for well over half an hour

she said, slightly bewildered, "That was the man named Mike you met at the docks. He said he was thinking of leasing the Corners and was asking me all kinds of questions about the community around the lake".

I said awesome I hope he does - he's really nice. Approximately six weeks later he contacted

Amber and let her know that he had signed a letter of intent to lease the property pending the sale of his property in San Francisco. His property in the city sold quickly and he was able to lease what is now Berryessa Corners, Mike's BBQ, and Mike's Bar.

He contacted me and asked me if I would be interested in doing the redevelopment work at the

Corners. I said I would and met with him shortly after that and began the process of getting the property up to par (code) so it would be able to open.

As I worked with Mike and he overcame hurdle after hurdle, I knew he was an incredible man. I watched him build relationships with every aspect of our community - from our children to our seniors, with our school to our local church.

He was and is truly a part of our community. His life impacted us in a profound way. He will always be loved, cherished, and remembered for the dream he had with us!

I miss you Mike,
James Payne



Michael B. Schildknecht, 50, of Napa, formerly of Howell Township, N.J., passed away at his home on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. He was born in Howell, N.J., resided in San Francisco, Calif., and recently moved to Lake Berryessa where he was the proprietor of the Berryessa Corners.

He was predeceased by his brother, Bob, in 2001. He is survived by his daughter, Cassie, of College Station, Texas, and his parents, Robert and Alice Schildknecht, of Toms River, N.J.

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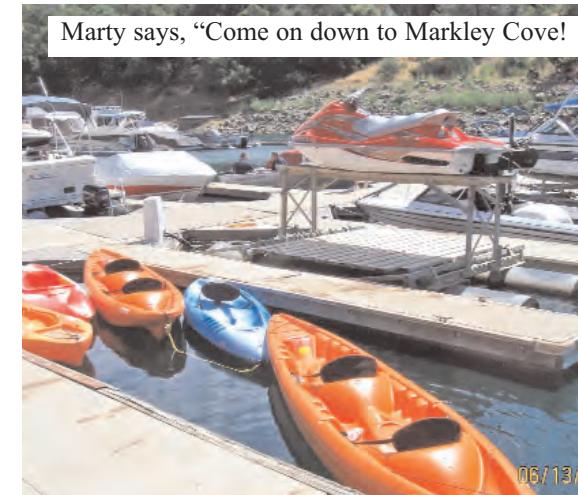
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Graduation night was also the occasion for awarding Pope Valley Scholarships to qualified

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applicants graduating from high school who either live in Pope Valley or were graduated from Pope Valley Elementary School. This year six enthusiastic students were honored with a Scholarship. All of these praiseworthy young men and women came prepared to encourage our outgoing eighth graders with some practical advice for a successful high school experience.

Our Guest of Honor was Robert Malone who came to us as a Student Teacher this year. We all enjoyed Mr. Malone's wit, energy and lively teaching method.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our students and their families who participated in honoring the graduates and their accomplishments. We are especially grateful to the many families who brought delicious food for us to enjoy.



Last but not least, kudos to Mrs. Eakle who taught most of these children from Kindergarten, composed and performed a fun and heartwarming song which listed each student in the lyrics. A truly unforgettable performance!

We are proud of our eighth grade students, who each expressed their gratitude to their families,



teachers and staff for their Pope Valley School experience. We are happy to see the students succeed and move forward, however all will be missed next year.

Pope Valley School ended this school year with a fun swim party at Pacific Union College. Students and some staff alike let our hair down and made a big splash!



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Can We Learn From Whangamomona?

Micronations — sometimes also referred to as model countries and new country projects — are entities that resemble independent nations or states but which are unrecognized by world governments or major international organisations.

Some micronations have managed to extend some of their operations into the physical world by issuing coins, flags, postage stamps, passports, medals, and other items. Such trappings of "real" sovereign states are created as a way of seeking to legitimize the micronations that produce them.

In New Zealand in 1989 regional council boundaries were redrawn, but these revised maps were disputed by Whangamomona Region residents. On November 1, 1989, they responded by declaring themselves the "Republic of Whangamomona" at the first Republic Day.

Though the move began as a pointed protest, the town continued to hold a celebratory Republic Day once a year, during which a vote for President was held. The day has become a local festival day, and attracts visitors from throughout the North Island. In 2001, the celebration became biannual, held in January to take advantage of the summer weather.

During Republic Day, volunteers and committee members welcome in the hordes of bewildered visitors and sell Whangamomona Republic pass-

ports for \$3, with the option of paying another 50c to have them 'officially' stamped.

"Passports ran out at one end of town around 1.30pm. After a mad dash up to the other, we managed to have enough," Tania says. "We had nearly 3,000 passports and then we had the train passengers, who had passports as well."

Combine this theatre with the traditional events such as Whanga's famous Gumboot throwing competitions, the Gut Buster hill climb, the Sheep races, and Republic Day went down just fine.

Presidents

Ian Kjestrup (1989-1999)

After being put on the ballot without his knowledge, he became the first elected President. Served 10 years

Billy Gumboot the Goat (1999-2001)

First elected animal. He won election by eating the other challengers ballots. He died in office after serving for 18 months.

Tai the Poodle (2003-2004)

Tai retired after an assassination attempt left him a nervous wreck.

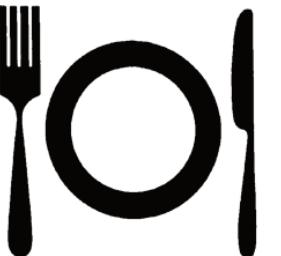
Murt "Murtle the Turtle" Kennard (2005-present)

The local garage owner fought off strong competition from former president Kjestrup and a cross-dresser

called "Miriam" to become the 4th President. He was re-elected in 2009 by one vote.



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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

— That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and

organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

— Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

Elsie Plunkett's Celebration of Life, Berryessa Senior Center, June 13, 2009



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I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three.--Elayne Boosler

Relationships are hard. It's like a full-time job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp.--Bob Ettinger

A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: Duh.--Conan O'Brien

Did you ever walk in a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives!--Sue Murphy

My grandfather's a little forgetful, but he likes to give me advice. One day, he took me aside and left me there.--Ron Richards

I worry that the person who thought up Muzak may be thinking up something else.--Lily Tomlin

USA Today has come out with a new survey: Apparently three out of four people make up 75 percent of the population.--David Letterman

I was a vegetarian until I started leaning towards sunlight.--Rita Rudner

I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific.--Lily Tomlin

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The photo above is of the "Berryessa Hats", a singing duo that appears irregularly at the Markley Cove Resort Store. The two of them were there @ 4am to open the store and gate for the nice CIFFI fisherman (see story opposite page). Right after this photo was taken, Darlene burst into song, regaling Kathy with a rousing version of "Happy Birthday to You."

Happy Birthday to Kathy Gray, June 21st.

Davis Bike Club, Berryessa Corners, 6/13/09



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California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Markley Cove Resort

On May 14, 2009 CIFFI volunteers met at the CIFFI Pen Project location at Markley Cove Resort at Lake Berryessa early in the morning. The event? To release the rainbow trout that spent several months growing in the pens.



Armed with nets and fish food, the volunteers and Department of Fish & Game (DFG) personnel began to systematically net fish for evaluation. Mike Harris and Phil Moeller of



DFG, measured and weighed samples, collecting data that will help them determine growth rates. They handled 46 fish, ranging in weight from 1-3/4 to 3-3/4 pounds, providing statistics that will assist in all future pen projects. The fish all looked very good, had no disfigurements and should provide great opportunities for anglers to enjoy catching trout at the lake.



Dallas Freeman, developer of the new-age pens at Berryessa, was on hand, making sure the doors opened correctly, which they did. The fish weren't very cooperative...when anything changes around their pens, they head for the safety of the bottom. Volunteers, Kevin Yost of Lucky Strike Fishing and Markley Cove

employees, had to "fish" deep with the nets to catch them. Sep and Marilyn Hendrickson and CIFFI member Ray Erck provided support.

Youth winners received medals for the top five places in each youth division.

The pens worked perfectly and volunteers will show up soon to power-wash them in preparation for the next delivery of fish, sometime in late Fall. This year's project is considered a total success. DFG is pleased with the amount of fish they were able to evaluate, Markley Cove is happy they are there to support the project, and CIFFI can be proud of their efforts.

On June 13, 2009, Project Kokanee - hosted its 7th annual Lake Berryessa Trout & Kokanee Derby sponsored by Jetcraft Boats, Gone Fishin' Marine and Sep's Pro Fishing - and hosted by Markley Cove Resort. Each year Lake Berryessa kicks out quality kokanee and this year is looking better than ever. This derby featured thousands of dollars in raffle prizes and a great BBQ lunch for the 167 registered anglers.

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A guy is 70 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."



He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!"

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and then the C-130 pilot came back on the radio and said, "What did you think of that?" Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, "I didn't see anything. What the hell did you do?" C-130 HerculesThe C-130 pilot chuckled, "I stood up, stretched my legs, went to the back, took a leak, then got a cup of coffee and a sweet roll."	
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Bilgee, the Bilge Pad, Returns to Lake Berryessa



You'll be seeing more of Jasmine, Lauren, and Bilgee every weekend this summer. They take their duty seriously because although Lake Berryessa is the cleanest lake in northern California, we all want to keep it that way.

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Please don't put your used bilge pads in the trash! Throwing dirty bilge pads in the garbage only moves the pollution they've absorbed from the lake to the land. A dirty bilge pad

is toxic to the environment, and if the pad goes to the landfill, oil and other petroleum-based fluids can leach into the soil and pollute drinking water sources and wildlife habitat. The best way to dispose of used bilge pads is to put them into one of the specially marked red cans at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Park Resort, or Capell Cove.



Blonde Mortician with Fashion Sense

A man who just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit.

The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. She points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the blonde mortician a blank check and says, "I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing."

The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly.

She says to the mortician, "Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?"

To her astonishment, the blonde mortician presents her with the blank check. "There's no charge," she says.

"No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!" she says.

"Honestly, ma'am," the blonde says, "it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice."

"So I just switched the heads."

A Stunning Senior Moment

A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on a bench why it is impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said loudly enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, cell phones, computers with light speed, Facebook, Twitter, and many more."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young...so we invented them. Now you arrogant little sh*t, what are you doing for the next generation?"

The applause was amazing.

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Saturday, 8/1/2009, 5-7pm, Pleasure Cove Marina

Sunday, 8/9/2009, 5-7pm, Steele Park Resort

Sunday, 8/16/2009, 5-7pm, Markley Cove Resort

A blonde teenager...

wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy-woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," he said, "How much will you charge me?" Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How

about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she would need was in the garage. The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

He responded, "That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting by e-mail lately."

Later that day, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" the startled husband asked.

"Yes, the blonde replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to her along with a ten dollar tip.

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In honor of the democratic founding principles of the United States of America, the Republic of Napalachia has chosen July 4, 2009 as Republic Day.

All citizens are encouraged to again read the founding documents of the United States - the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution with its Bill of Rights - and take their principles to heart. The historical parallels are striking.

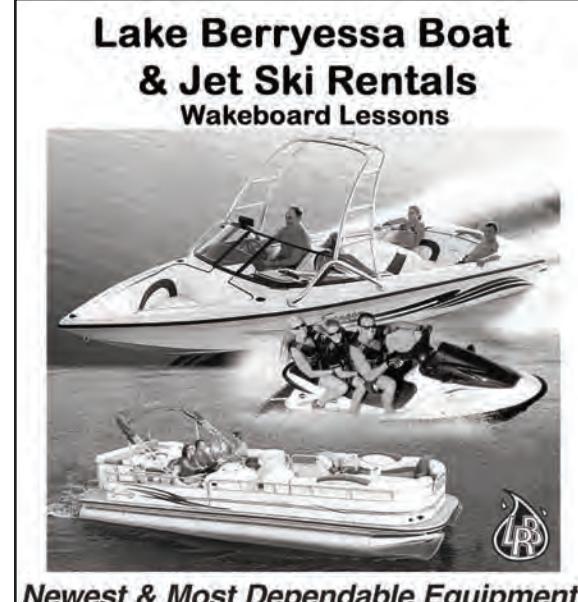
A Constitutional Convention is being organized in the nation's capital, the Town of Lake Berryessa, at Town Hall in the Spanish Flat Village Center. Representatives from the Republic's major hubs, Pope Valley, Berryessa Estates, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, Berryessa Pines, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Highlands, and Circle Oaks plan to hammer out a Constitution, much like the U.S. Constitution, that will be based on mutual respect and common sense with full representation of all citizens.

Many Lake Berryessa region citizens feel as if they've long been treated like a colony, or an Indian reservation, where outside forces declare what they should believe and how they should live.

Threats to close local schools, decades of mismanagement of local water and sewer infrastructure, continual infringement of local property rights, and the destruction of the Lake Berryessa economy and resorts have fed a growing frustration.

The tipping point was the arbitrary and capricious decision on the part of three Napa County Supervisors to deny the Lake Luciana Golf Course project in Pope Valley despite its overwhelming popular support among local residents.

The Republic wishes to honor the ancestry of the region with a policy of reconciliation. There is already a Native American Cultural Center within the Republic's borders. The annual Berryessa Family Reunion at the lake will be declared a



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Pope Valley Horse Lovers Create Napalooza Breeders Group

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On July 4, 2009, a special genetic variant, bred for its common sense and love of normal people, the Napalooza, was named the official state horse of the Republic of Napalachia.

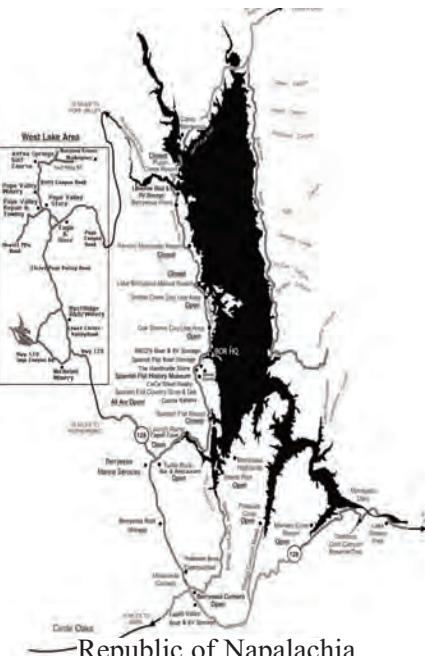
National Holiday. The Berryessa Valley History Museum in the Spanish Flat Village Center will become the National Archives. It preserves the historical records of the region and of the Town of Monticello, which was destroyed to create Lake Berryessa.

Camera phones and Twitter accounts have been distributed to all Republic citizens to assure that their activities are not censored by local authorities.

PNC Valley Internet, the internet provider of choice in the Republic of Napalachia, has been approached to provide secure international access for citizens of the Republic.

Their new base station overlooking Pope Valley will go into service soon, giving citizens there high-speed access to the international community.

Until border crossing stations and passport control can be established, foreigners are encouraged to visit freely.



Why Napalachia?

Bill and Karla Scholer of the Berryessa Highlands coined the term "Napalachia" to describe the beautiful area around the Lake Berryessa Region where we all live in Napa County.

Karla was born in West Virginia, and the word Appalachia for her brings to mind images of majestic mountains, apple trees, old-time music and craftsmanship in pottery, glass blowing and woodworking.

"I also think of a simpler way of life in which people were more connected to the land in a personal and intimate way. Everyone had a garden and everyone lived off the land in some fashion."

Napalachian Quality of Life Commission Supports Pope Valley Town Center Renewal

Republic officials today promoted a vision of a reborn Pope Valley Town Center, recalling it's days as a thriving rural family community. Michael Corbett, designer of the original "Eco-Village", Village Homes in Davis, California, is being sought to consult on the project which will focus on ways to combine environmental ecology with social ecology, which uses building design to make neighbors more neighborly. A partnership with Pacific Union College will be explored while Napalachia mulls Angwin annexation.

Republic of Napachia Wine-Growers Create Napalachian Appellation

An appellation is a geographical indication used to identify where the grapes for a wine were grown. Restrictions other than geographical boundaries, such as what grapes may be grown, maximum grape yields, alcohol level, and other quality factors, may also apply before an appellation name may legally appear on a wine bottle label. The rules that govern appellations are dependent on the country, in this case the Republic of Napalachia, in which the wine was produced.

Napalachia Seeks Diplomatic Recognition

Although initial relations between Napalachia and Napa may be strained, the Republic hopes to negotiate an appropriate agreement and continue friendly relations. Republic of Napalachia State Department officials are preparing documents seeking diplomatic recognition from important potential allies in their fledgling democracy's struggle for independence. Initial packets will be sent to the City of Winters, Yolo County, and Solano County.

Napalachia Begins Negotiation with the United States

Napalachian officials will begin negotiations with the Federal Government regarding the repatriation of Lake Berryessa to the Republic as well as assuming management of its parks and resorts. The Napalachian Navy will continue subcontracting the required safety and security functions for the lake to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Napa County Sheriff.

Oak Shores Overnight Camping Now Open

Nearly 100 overnight campsites are now open in the beautiful north section of Oak Shores Park. The cost is \$30 per night for 2 people. Each person in excess of two costs an additional \$4 per night. A maximum of 8 people and two cars are allowed per site.

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There are no boat launching facilities at the park. The Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp is the closest launch point. Campers are allowed to anchor their boats along the park shore.

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

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July 11: Science Lecture at McLaughlin Natural Reserve: "Can native species help us control unwanted weeds? Native tarweeds vs. yellow starthistle". To sign up for a lecture, contact Cathy Koehler or Paul Aigner at (707) 995-9005, or mclaughlin@ucdavis.edu.

July 18: Senior Center Casino Night/Pasta Dinner/Big Raffle. Social time 5:30-6:00 PM. Free Pasta Dinner at 6:00PM. Then the Center will become a Casino for "21, Texas Hold'em, & Craps" Starting at 7:00PM to 9:30 PM. At 9:30 a Drawing for Our BIG RAFFLE TICKETS will be done and prizes awarded to the Casino winners. Come and join the fun. During the games desserts and wine will be served until 10:00PM

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 25: Berryessa Seniors "Bring your own Meat" Bar B.Q. and Potluck Dinner with Entertainment from 4:00- 7:00PM. Social Hour 4:00-5:00 PM; B.B.Q. Dinner 6:00-7:00PM; Live Music and Show (From Broadway to Branson) at 6:00 to 7:00PM. We welcome you all.

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.

Winters Farmers Market. Every Sunday, 8 AM - 1 PM. Rotary Park, Winters California, The word (from the Winters Chamber of Commerce, of course) is that it's a better market than Napa's. They have wood fired pizzas available. <http://www.wintersfarmersmarket.com/>

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, 6/15/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet Lake Berryessa has had **20.12** inches of rain since July, 2008.

The water is now **23.87** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/15/09	417.23	0.09	80	48	0.00
6/16/09	417.15	0.09	82	51	0.00
6/17/09	417.08	0.09	85	52	0.00
6/18/09	417.00	0.10	89	54	0.00
6/19/09	416.90	0.11	97	61	0.00
6/20/09	416.81	0.12	94	56	0.00
6/21/09	416.74	0.11	79	50	0.00
6/22/09	416.65	0.09	83	50	0.00
6/23/09	416.57	0.10	90	52	0.00
6/24/09	416.49	0.12	97	57	0.00
6/25/09	416.40	0.14	98	53	0.00
6/26/09	416.31	0.14	94	53	0.00
6/27/09	416.21	0.12	94	59	0.00
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CAST for Kids Event Hot But Fun

It reached 104 degrees on Saturday, June 27 at Pleasure Cove Marina and by noon the place was hopping. But early in the morning about 20 kids and their volunteer mentors were already out on Lake Berryessa learning to fish.

C.A.S.T. "Catch A Special Thrill" for Kids Foundation was formed in 1991 to join volunteers who love to fish with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing in the outdoors. Mary Lee Thomson was there with her happy friend, Victor, and his catch of the day below.



This weekend's event was a CAST partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and Pleasure Cove

Marina. Reclamation's Jason Jordan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, organized the event with its many volunteers and prizes. Pleasure Cove Marina was the perfect host providing a pleasant facility for the barbecue overlooking the lake. CAST Executive Director, Jim Owens, was there taking photos. Volunteers from Travis Air Force Base and CalFire were also on hand to help out.



Travis Air Base
Volunteers



Long-time local Berryessa folks, Chris and Cheryl Lacombe, took some aspiring city-bred anglers out on their patio boat sponsored by the Berryessa Lions Club and the Monticello Ski Club..

When they started talking about fish, especially the new fresh water sharks which Fish & Game had just released into the lake (see Shark Facts below), one young girl was afraid to put her foot in the water in case a fish bit her toe! She learned a lot that day.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Event was designed to create an environment whereby children, ages 6 – 18, and adults could both benefit, sharing a day of fun on the water that they may not otherwise get to experience.

Children's groups from the local area are hosted at a local site and supplied with fishing rods & reels, a t-shirt, hat, and tackle box, partnered with a



volunteer experienced angler (guide), and escorted on to a motorized boat, which with the supervision of their caretaker, are shown the proper techniques of fishing and educated on natural resources. They all then return from their morning fishing excursion to BBQ lunch and an awards ceremony.



Shark Facts

400 – number of known shark species in the world

400 Million – how many years sharks have been in existence.

20,000 – how many teeth a shark may use over its lifetime. Sharks never run out of teeth; when one is lost, another one spins up to the front from rows of backup teeth.

2 Months – how long a great white shark can go without feeding.

10 - the average number of humans killed by sharks each year.

250 - number of genetically-altered fresh-water sharks released into Lake Berryessa this year



Chris Lacombe & Friends

Playing in the Mud With Indians

By Peter Kilkus

A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of meeting Charlie Toledo, Executive Director of the Suscol Intertribal Council, a community-based organization seeking to bring healing between the ancestral inhabitants of the Napa Valley region and their contemporary community. See their web site at <http://suscol.nativeweb.org/>

The Mission of Suscol Intertribal Council is to develop and maintain a Native American Cultural Center on twenty acres of land in Chiles-Pope Valley. The Cultural Center will be a sustainable, environmentally-friendly, open space whose living sculpture building will be used for educational outreach as well as preserving and protecting Native American sacred sites and traditions.

house construction, were on a play date/work day with a couple of other mud-splattered volunteers building a prototype straw bale structure.



Once the mud had been mixed to the right consistency it was combined with straw to create a big ball of "stuff" (I think that's the technical term) that was added to the growing structure.

The center is a place to gather for ceremonies, collect medicinal plants, and hold workshops for youth and elders. It is available to urban Indians and landless tribes, as well as landed tribal groups needing a central location set up for group activities. It also preserves open space and educates the general public about the contemporary and pre-historic realities of California's first peoples.

The Suscol Council is seeking donations to fund the design and construction of Suskol House at the Center. While waiting for Napa County permits and funding, construction of the Arbor was completed with donated labor and materials. The Arbor is an outdoor arena that will be shaded with



Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's butt and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

willow branches and is now available for ceremonies and gatherings.

Although there has been a long history of discrimination against Native Americans in California and Napa County, the Suscol Intertribal Council's vision is of a healthy renewal of their culture's enduring traditions and of sharing it with good-willed people everywhere. Their annual Pow-wow will again take place in Yountville next October.

But as for now, Charlie would like you to volunteer to help build the center. There will be Native American groups and individuals from around the country helping out this summer, as well as many non-Indian volunteers. Work parties every weekend. All are welcome.

Just call Charlie at 707-256-3561 to let her know you want to help and she'll give you directions. Where else can you play in the mud with Indians?



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Berryessa Highlands Water & Sewer Rate Increase Temporarily Halted

Property owners at a Lake Berryessa have managed to stop a proposal to increase water and sewer rates.

Homeowners representing roughly 52 percent of the properties in Berryessa Highlands voted against increasing the water and sewer rates by 83 percent while the future of Steele Park Resort remains up in the air. Steele Park is the biggest customer in the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) which serves the Highlands.

The resort, which had about one-third of the water and sewer hook-ups in the district, is in transition. A moratorium on new construction, established by state water regulators in 2006, remains in effect in the Berryessa Highlands. However, Steele Park has shut off water to its 140 mobile homes, many of which have already been demolished, so its water & sewer facility use has decreased dramatically.

Many residents wonder why the State Water Quality Board can't lift its moratorium right now since most of Steele Park's Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) no longer exist.

One of the original problems with the present sewer system was that it was over capacity during the winter rainy season due to rainwater intrusion into sewer pipes. Much of this overflow may have been due to the

old sewer pipes at Steele Park.

Steele Park may have simply been pumping clean rainwater up into the Highlands sewer system during the winter. Since Steele Park will be closed for good on October 31, 2009, the water flow into the Highlands sewer system should decrease dramatically.

Whatever the new baseline, Highlands residents again wonder why the building moratorium can't be lifted immediately if it is shown that the original violations were due to poor plumbing at the resort.

Any new Steele Park contractor will have to replace the whole water and sewer system before reopening the resort, possibly in a year or two.

Monticello Cemetery District Advisory Committee



There is one opening on the Monticello Public Cemetery District Advisory Committee with the term of office expiring December 31, 2012. Applicants must be residents of the

District or owners of real property within the boundaries of the District, as determined by the last Assessor's tax roll, or owners of the plots within the Monticello Public Cemetery.

The cemetery is located near the Spanish Flat Village Center next to the Berryessa Senior Center and serves the area generally surrounding Lake Berryessa. It was relocated in the early 1950s from the inundated town of Monticello when Lake Berryessa was created. The mission of the District is to handle burial requests in accordance with District policy and maintain the cemetery grounds in an orderly fashion within budgetary constraints.

The functions of the Advisory Committee are to develop recommendations regarding the type, extent and level of services to be provided and financed by the District, and develop recommendations on any other matters pertaining to the District.

The Committee meets quarterly at 10 am at the County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, CA. Anyone interested in consideration for appointment must submit a completed application form to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, 94559, telephone 253-4421 no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2009.

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Berryessa Senior Center Casino Night - July 18th

Do not forget to put Saturday, July 18 on your calendar for our annual Casino Night. It begins at 5:30 with a no host happy hour, followed by a delicious pasta dinner and then at 7:00pm until 9:30pm the "fun" will commence with "21", Texas Hold'em and Craps. At 10:00pm we will draw the names of winners for our Big Raffle. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early. Contact Georgia Craddock at 966-2127 for more information.

1st Prize – Harrah's Reno "A Night on the Town" - A one (1) night stay with a buffet dinner and show for two plus \$200.00 for gambling.

2nd Prize – The Gold Dust West- Reno with a one (1) night stay, and dinner for two at the "Grille". Plus, Atlantis Casino's dinner for two (2) at the Bistro Napa.

3rd Prize – Napa Valley Wine Train, and a gourmet dinner on board for two.

4th Prize – PBPANC – The Professional Balloon Pilot's Association of Napa County's "Balloon Ride Over the Valley" for one (1) plus \$100.00, from the Berryessa Senior Center, to help purchase a second ticket.

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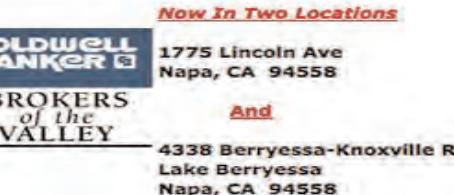
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"Ocho" was skillfully maneuvered through the courses by 13 year old Clair Amador, of Pope Valley CA. to take the FC Division, Reserve High Point win - a gold painted wooden chest full of \$100.00 in Gold and Silver Dollar coins. The duo's total "Coin Count" for the three day event was \$185.00 in Ching -A- Ling. A very appropriate win for a Gypsy Horse and his girl.

CGA's Northern Classic was held this year in Clements, CA, during the Memorial Day weekend. A three day gymkhana which included 19 events, like Cloverleaf Barrel Racing and

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On Monday, July 6th, 6:30 P.M. the Community Church of Lake Berryessa, along with Valley Christian Church, will hold a joint Community Prayer event at 6:30 P.M.

The prayer event, hosted at the Community Church at Moskowite Corners, is for our local men and women in the military. Several families in the Berryessa area have people serving. The churches would like to give these families a source of strength and bring the community together in supporting our brave soldiers.

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We want to lift our service members up in prayer along with their families. We will have available copies of The Ultimate Shield a prayer booklet for soldiers and their families. It is designed by military families who have experienced the difficulties soldiers and their families face. It addresses the topics of loneliness, fear, courage, God's strength and protection.

The booklets are free and people may come and go as they wish. Any questions please call the Community Church at 252-4488.

County prescription drug discount card program to launch

On Wednesday, June 24, Napa County will launch a free discount card program to help residents deal with the high cost of prescription drugs. The County is making the free cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22 percent off the cost of commonly prescribed drugs, including pet medications.

The cards may be used by any Napa County resident, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, although the savings apply only to medications that are not covered by insurance. Approximately 16 pharmacies in the county will accept the NACo card, including but not limited to CVS (Longs) Drug, Wal-Mart, Raley's, Rite Aid, Safeway, and Family Drug.

"I am so pleased that we are able to offer this benefit to our residents, particularly in light of the ongoing recession. The NACo prescription discount card will offer significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan," said Supervisor Diane Dillon. "Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

Residents can obtain the free card, with no paperwork or enrollment requirements, at several locations around the county, including the Lake Berryessa Senior Center.

There is no cost to taxpayers for NACo and Napa County to make these money-saving cards available to residents. For more information, visit www.co.napa.ca.us and click on the link on the Home page, or call Heidi Merchen at (707) 299-2168.



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Bureau of Reclamation Plans Job Fair at Lake Berryessa on July 7: Temporary Workers to be Hired with ARRA Funds

The Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Recreation and Resource Office will host a job fair on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, Spanish Flat Village, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, Napa, California (adjacent to Knoxville Road at Lake Berryessa). Reclamation staff, including Human Resources personnel, will be onsite to provide information on available positions, collect resumes, and hold on-the-spot interviews with applicants. General information about Federal employment and job opportunities with other agencies will also be available. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

On April 15, 2009, Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced that \$260 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding would be available for Reclamation projects in California. Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region, Central California Area Office, will receive \$4.4 million to fund several projects under the ARRA at Lake Berryessa.

A key component of the ARRA is to put Americans to work on infrastructure projects across the Country. To accomplish projects funded by the ARRA at Lake Berryessa, Reclamation plans to hire additional staff to perform maintenance tasks. The positions are temporary appointments for up to 1 year and include one WG9-Heavy Equipment Operator at \$26.67 per hour, four WG5-Maintenance Workers at \$20.51 per hour, and three WG3-laborers at \$17.09 per hour.

For additional information or for directions to the job fair, please contact Mr. Jon Mannel at the Lake Berryessa Administration Office at 707-966-2111, extension 101, or e-mail jmannel@usbr.gov. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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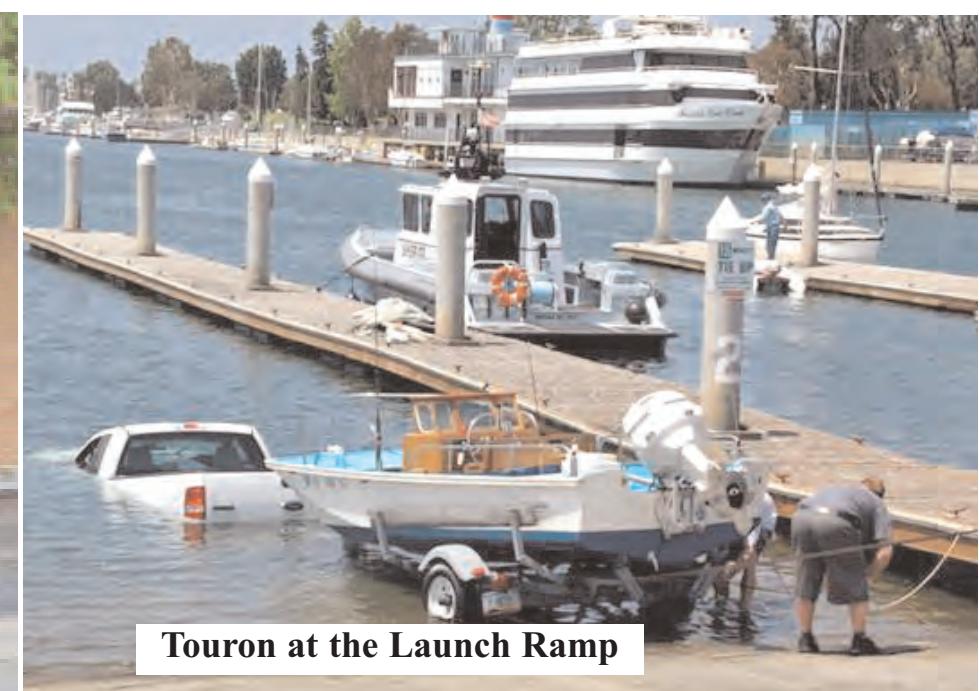
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Bilge Pad Exchange Program Begins

The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP) interns (Jasmine and Lauren) will begin a new bilge pad retrieval technique at Lake Berryessa. Every weekend from now until the end of the summer the interns will conduct an exchange program. They will set up at Capell Cove Launch Ramp and other launch ramp locations from 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. and conduct a BILGE PAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM. (See schedule below right)

The goal is to get people to return their used bilge pad (handling it with a plastic bag that the interns will provide). The interns will dispose of it in the red canister and give the boater a new absorbant.

Bilgee the Bilge Pad, Interesting Surveys, Free Gifts - How Can You Lose!

By Jasmine Greer, Solano RCD Intern

Keep your eye out Saturday and Sunday mornings for Bilgee the bilge-pad, protector of waterways! Yes, he's back, and wants to remind you to do your part to prevent water pollution. Bilgee will be passing out free bilge pads, and children who sign the Watershed Protector Pledge can earn an awesome patch and press-on tattoos!

On your weekend visits to Pleasure Cove, Markley Cove, Steele Park and Capell Cove, also be on the lookout for this summer's Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership interns! They will be stopping by at the launch ramps to survey lake visitors in an ongoing effort to improve boating services and environmental education in California and Lake Berryessa.

These interns will have brand-new tote bags in tow (a \$45 retail value) that they will be delighted to give to you, free of charge, in exchange for just a couple minutes of your time.

Not only are they heavy-duty and the perfect size, these boater kits include a plethora of information regarding boating safety and environmental regulations, an up-to-date tide booklet, an SF Bay map, a \$20 coupon to West Marine, and a free bilge pad. Just one pint of oil can create an acre-sized slick and contaminate a million gallons of drinking water!

More than 400,000 people depend on Lake Berryessa for drinking water, so help keep the water clean and healthy by placing one of these handy oil-absorbents in your bilge or engine compartment! In addition, a bilge pad is the most environmentally-friendly way to clean up fuel or oil spills that might occur during routine boat operation and maintenance. Remember, any unreported oil or chemical spill, however small, is an offense punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of \$550,000, plus the cost of clean-up.

The free bilge pad in your boater kit can hold up to a quart of oil and, either when full or simply at the end of the season, can be dropped off at any state-certified recycling center or Household Hazardous Waste Site. Your easiest option, however, is to dispose of your bilge pad at any of the conveniently placed red-canisters located at our local resorts and Capell Cove. Next to the red canisters you will also find blue dispensers where you can pick up a new, free bilge-pad to replace the old.

So, this summer, let's work together to help keep Lake Berryessa the beautiful, clean reservoir that it is, spend some time with this year's Watershed Partnership interns and maybe learn something new, and, let's not forget, get some great free stuff while you're at it!



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Bilge pads are pillow-like pads composed of polyethylene adsorptive fibers designed to absorb fuel and oil while "repelling" water. A pad in the bilge of the boat will soak up any petroleum products from the water in your bilge, which is often contaminated with oil, diesel, and other hazardous substances. If you don't use a pad, these get pumped overboard when you run your bilge pump. A bilge pad captures all the contaminants and lets you pump out just the water. It's an easy way to help keep the lake clean!

Please don't put your used bilge pads in the trash! Throwing dirty bilge pads in the garbage only moves the pollution they've absorbed from the lake to the land. A dirty bilge pad is toxic to the environment, and if the pad goes to the landfill, oil and other petroleum-based fluids can leach into the soil and pollute drinking water sources and wildlife habitat. The best way to dispose of used bilge pads is to put them into one of the specially marked red cans at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Park Resort, or Capell Cove.



Bilge Pad Disposal & Exchange Dates

Saturday, 7/4/2009, 5-7pm, Pleasure Cove Marina

Sunday, 7/12/2009, 5-7pm, Steele Park Resort

Sunday, 7/19/2009, 5-7pm, Markley Cove Resort

Saturday, 7/25/2009, 5-7pm, Capell Cove Launch Ramp

Saturday, 8/1/2009, 5-7pm, Pleasure Cove Marina

Sunday, 8/9/2009, 5-7pm, Steele Park Resort

Sunday, 8/16/2009, 5-7pm, Markley Cove Resort

Daughter of Berryessa Highlands Resident Selected by NASA to be an Astronaut

Jim Rubins of the Berryessa Highlands is probably about to burst with pride. His daughter, Kate, was just chosen to be part of the 2009 astronaut candidate class. They will begin training at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston, in August.

"This is a very talented and diverse group we've selected," said Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA associate administrator for Space Operations.

"They will join our current astronauts and play very important roles for NASA in the future. In addition to flying in space, astronauts participate in every aspect of human spaceflight, sharing their expertise with engineers and managers

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Kate Hallisey Rubins was a product of Vichy Alternative, Vista Alternative, Redwood Middle School and graduated from Vintage High School in 1996. She later went to UC- San Diego and graduated in 2000 and received her PhD from Stanford.

She was married in Napa at St. Mary's Episcopal Church but is pursuing her career while a research fellow at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

"I was inspired growing up by learning the constellations with my dad," said Kate. "We went to local "star-gazing" parties and science museums in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

I was the one with a subscription to Sky and Telescope magazine as a kid while my friends were reading Tiger Beat. I've always been fascinated with science and exploring our world, from microbes to the solar system."

Her father, Jim, has mixed feelings because "she has such a great position at M.I.T. with 12 post-docs in her labs! But she wants to fly around the earth and land on the moon....has been a dream of hers since she was 11 years old and I took her to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama."

Kate is principal investigator and fellow, Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT, and conducts research trips to the Congo. Learn more about Kate Rubins and the NASA program at:

www.nasa.gov/astronauts/ascans2009.html
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Angwin: Western Gateway to the Republic of Napalachia and Lake Berryessa

Angwin was named in 1874 for Edwin Angwin who ran a resort on the land the town now occupies. As of the census of 2000, there were 3,148 people, 811 households, and 587 families residing in Angwin. There were 874 housing units.

Of the 811 households, 30.0% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 62.6% were married couples living together, and 27.6% were non-families. The average household size was 2.68 and the average family size was 3.06.

Angwin has always been a college town based on Pacific Union College's presence. Most communities would proudly support an institution like PUC in their community and be an advocate for its well-being. Unfortunately a small but vocal group of obstructionists formed Save Rural Angwin (From What? For What?) and seem determined to oppose any PUC projects.

Ironically and frustratingly, the PUC's positive Eco-Village vision may be scuttled this time around, not by developers, but by people who should normally be advocates for community improvements of this type.

Another irony is that some people who want to stop any new housing to "save the environment for our children" also lament the fact that their children cannot afford to live in Napa. The need for a modest number of affordable new housing units seems to elude them. As usual, Napa is a strange mix of progressive and regressive attitudes, sometimes in the same person.

One of the first "eco-villages" was designed and built in Davis, California. This revolutionary and successful ecological housing experiment is more than 20 years old, and residents are wondering why their ecological model has not taken off elsewhere.

It began when Mike and Judy Corbett bought 70 acres of tomato fields in Davis, California in 1976 and tried to make their dream of

energy-efficient housing a reality. They built more than 200 homes by 1981. Village Homes became one of the first modern developments that can truly be called "green." (See photo album at www.lakeberryessanews.com)

World leaders, cutting edge architects, and urban planners regularly traipse through Village Homes and the houses are so popular that only rarely does one of them come on the market.

Village Homes' natural drainage system, solar water heating, edible vegetation, narrow streets, common paths and strategic design all contributed to what

Mike Corbett, who still lives there, calls an overwhelming success in tackling his original vision. But he laments his vision never caught on elsewhere. He blames a lack of support among city planners and developers.

Plans for an "Eco-village" project (www.angwin-ecovillage.com) have been slowly moving forward. The project could be a jewel for Angwin and PUC as an academic and community sustainability center that would have far-reaching positive environmental and social impacts.

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Angwin Teen Center
(www.angwinteencenter.org)

Perhaps it will take the energy of the young to bring a new vision to Angwin. If so, the Angwin Teen

Center at 19 Angwin Plaza, with Tom Amato as Executive Director, is doing its part. The mission of the Center is to provide a safe, accepting, and stimulating environment for healthy teen empowerment.

It wants to be an influential and positive resource that the community, parents, schools, and teens can turn to when seeking assistance in fully nurturing, developing, mentoring, and understanding teenagers.

The Angwin Community Teen Center has been in operation since May of 2004. It supports Howell Mountain teens, grades 5-12+, as well as reaching out to St. Helena, Deer Park, and Pope Valley youth.

With the reduction in adult/child mentoring time available with the growing number of two working parents, minimal or no extended family, and the priority of schools to teach a more intense curriculum, insufficient time is available for the vital and daily one on one needed of teens today.

As a result, disconnects take place between youth and adults, which can translate into negativity, rebellion, high-risk behavior and other youth problems.

The Teen Center connects teens with adults who are available to mentor them and to develop "extended family" connections with young people, especially those who tend to be neglected or fall through the cracks of traditional care.

It also addresses the need for youth having a place to receive help with their homework, hang out with friends in a safe and fun environment, and unwind and reduce the stress of the day.

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It's useless to think we always have to harm what we touch. We're going to touch it as long as we exist. The romantic fantasy of humans as an irreducibly nasty plague on the Earth needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences. The most basic economic principle is given by Herman Daly, "We can surely eat lower on the food chain, but we cannot eat recipes."

The View From Out Here in Napalachia

Thanks to all of you who responded in support of the Republic of Napalachia's declaration of independence. Below are a few congratulatory comments.

From George Bacich: "I think Napalachia is large enough and diverse enough to accommodate several Napellations, rather than just one appellation. For instance, the higher elevations could be called Napal, and the low lands along the lake might be The Naperlands. In between could be called Central Napalachia

(In response to George's idea, one of our wineries with grapes grown in the cloud levels of Napalachia has developed a unique new dessert wine it's calling Napal Juice!)

George also proposed that in Napalachian politics candidates and issues could be deemed Nappealing or Nappalling.

From Peter Dyer in New Zealand: Allow me to be among the first in the Southern Hemisphere to say: "Congratulations!" Perhaps a "Sister Republic" relationship with the Republic of Whangamomona (formerly known as Whangamomona, New Zealand) is in order.

I think the first order of business (after obtaining the necessary documentation: passports, travel visas, and shots), should be a music exchange. I volunteer my services as guide and translator.

You think you won't need a translator? What will your response be when, in casual conversation at the Whangamomona Hotel bar, a cockie in a Swanndri and gummies puts down his Tui and says:

"One of my mates shouted us a holiday at a flash bach out in the wops but it all turned to custard. I hired a ute from a dodgy bugger and I wish I'd had a squiz under the bonnet because in the late arvo she threw a rod a few k's down a metal road, eh. Strewh, my sheila spit the dummy. She was full-on stroppy and a bit peckish besides till we got some kai-a couple of kumara pies and some L&P from the local dairy. After a couple of Tip-Tops and a quick root we were good as gold."

If Brown does become California's next governor,

From Bill Ryan: "May I become the first Ambassador to your new Republic? I represent Anglerville - a small, single-minded duchy out here somewhere. You ought to sell ambassadorships. Create more buzz and have fun. The serial number 1 ambassador's certificate is worth \$25 to Anglerville (whose treasury is small and smaller)."

Bill also suggested a national fish: "The only pescado worthy of being your National Fish is the majestic 'Napalac ryanos tipi berryessai'. While rare, this lordly creature of the deep fights for the underdog and battles the bad guys with all of its might. Not recommended as a pet; admire from a distance."

Dave Horning asks, "After dining at the lake on the 4th of July, does one declare the dinner "Napallacious"?

Since Napa County treats the region like an Indian reservation some have suggested that the Republic have a chief instead of president - Chief Napalachia.

Whoever gets the job will have to use that name for the whole 2 year, 7 month, 3 week term. The term of office is designed to show that Napalachians can think clearly under mathematical pressure and aperiodic patterns. In honor of our Native American history the term of office is actually 34 full moons.

As a nation dedicated to sustainability, power will be derived from thousands of treadmills and bicycles connected to generators. Foreign visitors who like to hike and bicycle will be charged a nominal fee to use the equipment, which will be situated on bluffs overlooking the lake - sort of a non-electronic virtual reality.

Foreign Dignitaries Attend First Napalachian Republic Day

The first Napalachian Republic Day festivities on July 4th saw local business, political, and labor leaders rub shoulders with state and national dignitaries. Once and future Governor of California and present California Attorney General, Jerry Brown, would neither confirm nor deny the legality of the Republic, but he smiled a lot as its future was debated.

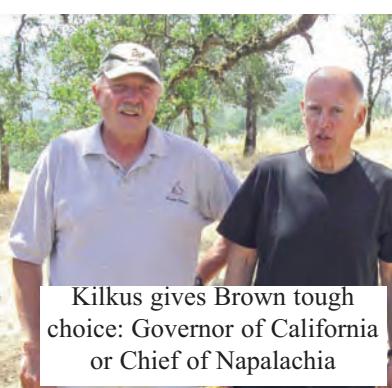
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Napalachian leaders are hopeful he will support the Republic's "Take Back the Lake" campaign with the US government.

AFL-CIO Secretary/Treasurer Richard Trumka, who will likely become the next President of the AFL-CIO, was also quite positive about the Republic's goals and aspirations. The future working relationship looks promising.



Thanks to Rose Ann DeMoro, Secretary of Health and Human Services for Napalachia, who brought together these dignitaries to press our case! Rose Ann is also Executive Director of the California Nurses Association. Save the lake, save the people; support single payer health care!



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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

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July 25: Berryessa Lions Club Luau at Turtle Rock, 6 PM, \$20, Hawaiian-Style ribs & Chicken & more.

August 15: Berryessa Seniors "Bring your own Meat" Bar B.Q. and Potluck Dinner with Entertainment from 4:00-7:00PM. Social Hour 4:00-5:00 PM; B.B.Q. Dinner 6:00-7:00PM; Live Music and Show (From Broadway to Branson) at 6:00 to 7:00PM. We welcome you all.

August 16: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 28: Earthquake Festival, Winters, 5 PM - 11 PM. Join the annual celebration of the rebuilding after the 1892 Winters earthquake.

Sept. 20: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

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

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

Nov. 21: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

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.

Winters Farmers Market. Every Sunday, 8 AM - Noon. Rotary Park, Winters California, The word (from the Winters Chamber of Commerce, of course) is that it's a better market than Napa's. They have wood fired pizzas available. <http://www.wintersfarmersmarket.com/>

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.

City of Winters and Challenger Sports Soccer Camp

The City of Winters is happy to welcome back the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp, August 3-7 at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

First Kicks camp is \$63 and is open to ages 3-4 from 9-10am. Mini Soccer is \$88 and is open to ages 5-6 from 10am-12pm. There are also two Half Day camps for \$103 each for ages 6-14 from 9am-12pm or 1-4pm.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 7/13/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **20.12** inches of rain since July, 2008. The water is now **25.22** feet below the top of the spillway

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6/29/09	416.03	0.22	110	60	0.00
6/30/09	415.94	0.22	106	56	0.00
7/1/09	415.84	0.20	97	56	0.00
7/2/09	415.74	0.21	98	55	0.00
7/3/09	415.64	0.22	96	56	0.00
7/4/09	415.53	0.21	98	55	0.00
7/5/09	415.42	0.22	90	53	0.00
7/6/09	415.32	0.22	84	47	0.00
7/7/09	415.25	0.11	89	46	0.00
7/8/09	415.15	0.09	87	51	0.00
7/9/09	415.05	0.08	90	54	0.00
7/10/09	414.96	0.26	89	51	0.00
7/11/09	414.86	0.11	90	53	0.00
7/12/09	414.78	0.09	90	55	0.00

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The Lifecycle of Plywood

Overview

Plywood may be the most prosaic building material ever. Even concrete, polished to a mirror finish, can be made into high-end kitchen counters; there's no equivalent glory for softwood-base plywood. But when toughness is required, plywood gets the call, as Hurricane Katrina and all that television footage of people racing to board up their windows remind us.

Laminated woods were known to the ancient Egyptians and Chinese, but it wasn't until the early 1900s that anything like mass production began. Even then, plywood didn't blossom until the invention of a waterproof adhesive for bonding the plies. That was achieved in 1934. Suddenly there was hardly anything plywood couldn't do.

During World War II it was declared an essential war material and made into crates, buildings, various watercraft (including fast PT boats), gliders, and even the famous de Havilland Mosquito fighter-bomber. In the United States, the postwar building boom fueled soaring demand. Today, global annual output of plywood and veneer sheets is roughly 70 million cubic meters and rising.

Manufacture

Though the logs grow out of the ground, the plywood made from them is an industrial product. The logs are stripped of bark and limbs and cut into lengths called blocks. Using hot water or steam, the blocks are heated to about 93°C before moving on to a veneer lathe or slicer, which cuts the log into layers generally about 3 millimeters thick. These in turn are trimmed and blasted with hot air to reduce the moisture content. The cooled veneers are coated with heat-cured resins and laid up symmetrically on a core with the grain of each ply at right angles to the one below. The lay-ups are sent to a hot press, where the resin is cured at over 100°C, and then move on to be trimmed and possibly sanded.

This process consumes a lot of energy, thus releasing notable emissions of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. But plywood manufacture also releases particulate matter smaller than 10 micrometers in diameter - which are inhalable and thus unhealthful - as well as volatile organic compounds, including formaldehyde and other hazardous air pollutants. Some of these escape into the atmosphere. Global plywood demand also contributes heavily to the unsustainable logging of tropical rainforests, especially in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Disposal

Where does all that plywood go at the end of its useful life? Like other woodscrap, a lot of it is burned for energy, although combusting plywood without proper emission controls can release hazardous substances. Some of it lives on as particleboard after being ground up into suitable flakes.

Some is salvaged and reused: this seems to be a favored option among "green" builders, and they benefit from a budding network of architectural salvage companies and Internet sites that function as exchanges. Used plywood can even be composted, despite the glues. (In a pilot study, some plucky Mississippi researchers mixed plywood sawdust with various animal manures, also a major waste problem, and left the compost cans outside for six months, reporting at the end both "reduced toxicity and weight.")

In the end, though, most plywood returns to the Earth from which it came, but in landfills.



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Berryessa Senior Center Casino Night - July 18th

Do not forget to put Saturday, July 18 on your calendar for our annual Casino Night. It begins at 5:30 with a no host happy hour, followed by a delicious pasta dinner and then at 7:00pm until 9:30pm the "fun" will commence with "21", Texas Hold'em and Craps. At 10:00pm we will draw the names of winners for our Big Raffle. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early. Contact Georgia Craddock at 966-2127 for more information.

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4th Prize – PBPANC – The Professional Balloon Pilot's Association of Napa County's "Balloon Ride Over the Valley" for one (1) plus \$100.00, from the Berryessa Senior Center, to help purchase a second ticket.

5th Prize – River Park Jewelers – Napa's Fresh Water Pearl Creation's.

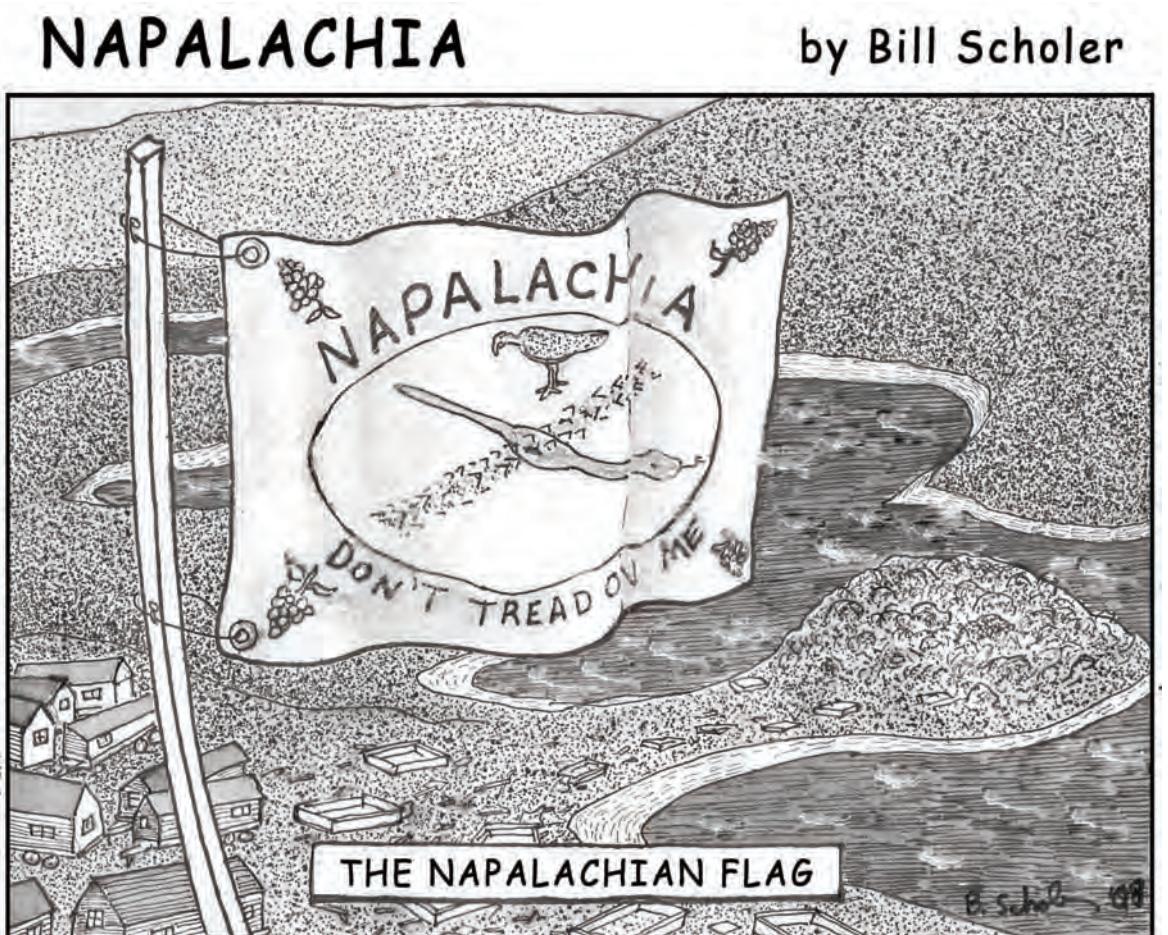
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2009 marks its century point. As such it is one of the oldest land-owners in the county. Their plans for economic survival have always included using some of their land as a saleable asset, and indeed beginning in 1911 PUC created its first small subdivision of homes.

Since that time about every decade or so they have either built a subdivision of homes themselves or sold a block of land to a developer to do the same. They have depended on this money to help fund the college.

Ironically, many of the very residents who are protesting further development in Angwin live in the very houses created by these small subdivisions.

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beauty and majesty of the nonhuman world. It focused our attention on future generations and our responsibility toward them. And it called upon people to take valiant risks, from saving rain forests and whales to inventing wondrous new technologies that will help us overcome the ecological crises.

One of the places where this politics of possibility takes concrete form is at the intersection of investment and innovation. There is simply no way we can achieve an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions without creating breakthrough technologies that do not pollute.

Environmentalists have long misunderstood, downplayed, or ignored the conditions for their existence. They have tended to view economic growth as the cause but not the solution to ecological crisis.

Environmentalists like to emphasize the ways in which the economy depends on ecology, but they often miss the ways in which thinking ecologically depends on prospering economically.

Today we have new choices to make. We must choose between a politics of limits and a politics of possibility; a focus on investment and assets and a focus on regulation and deficits; and a discourse of affluence and a discourse of insecurity. And, most of all, we must choose between a resentful narrative of tragedy and a grateful narrative of overcoming.



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Berryessa Loses a Yo-Yo Champ and much more...

Marjorie Dodd-Stuart, known to her friends as "Marge," passed away July 5, in her home at Lake Berryessa, of natural causes. Born in Oakland on June 19, 1937, she remained an East Bay resident until 1976 when she relocated to the Berryessa area.

Marge operated a horse riding stable at Napa Valley Ranch Club. Upon the ranch closing she

moved to Putah Creek Resort and helped run the restaurant there. She also helped run Spanish Flat Inn.

Marge attended nursing school and became a very fine nurse for many years; she was loved by her patients, and was a hard worker.

She had many friends and was never a stranger wherever she went as she was so charming and funny. She loved her work and all of the patrons she served.

As a girl, Marge was a good student. She was accomplished in golf, archery, riding and showing horses, and was even a Duncan Yo-Yo Champ.

In recent years, one of her great joys was to go to the Peppermill Casino in Reno with her good friends, Jim and Pat Sontag. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving husband, Stan Stuart, four children, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her brother, Tennant.

Capell Valley School, Wooden Valley School, and the Pope Valley School District Considering Merger

The Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) has given a one year school-closing ultimatum to both Capell Valley School and Wooden Valley School. NVUSD is a Revenue Limit district which receives about \$6,000 per student from the State based on an average daily attendance. Both local schools are a small part of that 17,000 student district.

An alternative model for rural schools is the Pope Valley Union Elementary School District. The Pope Valley district is a Basic Aid School which means it is an independent district that receives a share of local property taxes to fund its operations.

As an independent district, Pope Valley has a Superintendent/Principal, Florence

Eaton, and its own local Board of Trustees.

In the spirit of good neighbors trying to help each other, the Pope Valley District has been holding exploratory discussions with Capell Valley and Wooden Valley parents and teachers about merging those two schools into the Pope Valley system.

Sources caution that these discussions are still tentative since the various legal issues are complex. However, the concept is very appealing to local parents faced with closure of their schools.

Conceivably, the result could be an independent East County/Lake Berryessa region rural school district stretching from Pope Valley to Capell Valley to Wooden Valley.

This will likely be an active topic of conversation at the Wooden Valley School pizza night on Wednesday, July 15.

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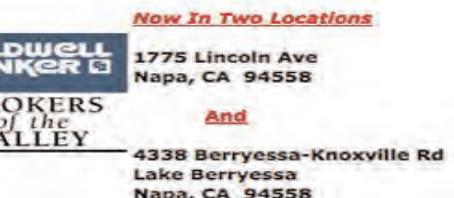
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The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

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As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him.

I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."

Berryessa Quick Stop Holds the Line on Prices at the Lake

Ron Watt, at Berryessa Quick Stop, wants everyone to know how hard he's been working to keep prices down at his store. He has not raised cigarette prices in spite of tax increases. Although much of his business is from visitors, a substantial amount comes from local residents who discover his lower prices. He recently expanded his stock and will soon open a drive-through coffee stand.

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I remember Charles Lambert, 92, this area's oldest living resident, recalling an episode in old Monticello back in the 1920's. Charles was at Monticello to attend a Fourth of July parade and rodeo, the event of the year. During the middle of the festivities, an accident occurred. It seems a local young man, driving a horse and wagon had run into a brand new Model "A" Ford, owned by the town's lady school teacher. The youth, the teacher, the wagon and the horse were unharmed, but the teacher's brand new Model "A" suffered considerable damage.

A large crowd gathered around to see the wreckage. During this time, the young man attempted to apologize to the teacher, saying such

The Spanish Flat Village Flea Market

by Mandy Mondiel

Gypsy Station's information booth introduced their wonderful Gypsy Horses, Ocho, Zen and Gypsy May, for pony rides and photos.

The Gypsy Camp crew came out to help with pony rides. Jan & Clair, Katrina, Jody, Maddy, Justine and Deryn all pitched in to make it work. We pulled in to set up about 9:30 in the morning and it was already over 80 degrees.

Deryn also set up the photo viewing monitor and printing station inside the horse trailer. Mandy set up all of Ocho's story boards, pictures of that week's Gypsy camp kids and all of the different registry and breeder pamphlets.

We had a number of visitors despite the crazy 104 degree heat.



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MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BOARD	NUMBER TO BE ELECTED	AT LARGE	QUALIFICATIONS
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Congress Valley Water District	3	X	Live in District Registered voter
Spanish Flat Water District	2	X	Live in District Registered voter

Declarations of Candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the above offices may be obtained from the Napa County Election Division, 900 Coombs Street, Room 256, Napa, California. Forms are available on and after Monday, July 13, 2009, and must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on August 7, 2009. If an incumbent director does not file by 5:00 P.M. on August 7, 2009, the filing period for other non-incumbent candidates is extended to Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. Information on filing for office may be obtained by calling (707) 253-4321 or Toll free (Upvalley and American Canyon) 1-888-494-8356 or e-mailing elections@co.napa.ca.us

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The Coast Guard Patrols Lake Berryessa!

Dr. Curtis Han is a well-known Deer Park chiropractor, but if you see him at Lake Berryessa it is usually as his alter-ego - Division Vice Commander in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939 to assist the Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. It boasts more than 36,600 members from all walks of life who receive special training so that they may be a functional part of Coast Guard Forces. Auxiliarists assist the Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection and Coast Guard Academy introduction programs for youth.

Vice Commander Han initiated contacts with the Napa County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Reclamation to explore the establishment of Coast Guard Auxiliary presence at the lake. Both agencies indicated their willingness to accommodate the Auxiliary in both shore-based and on-the-water activities. The Lake Berryessa Recreational Boating Safety Task Force was established in 2008.

Not only has the Auxiliary presence provided a direct benefit to the boating public, it has had an added benefit of enhancing training opportunities and promoting cooperation between the participating flotillas. Multiple, joint vessel safety check stations and marine dealer visits have been undertaken, along with several patrols involving participants from both flotillas.

The operations of the task force have proved very successful. During the boating season (Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend) of 2008, a total of 6 Vessel Safety Check stations have been conducted at the lake, with 124 boats receiving courtesy examinations and 8 boating safety patrols were conducted, providing assistance to 6 vessels in distress and aiding 20 boaters.

In conjunction with the vessel safety check stations at Lake Berryessa, boating safety information kits were distributed which included copies of Federal and State regulation booklets, carbon monoxide warning labels, cold water immersion (hypothermia) and drowning prevention brochures, marine pollution prevention, mussel/hydrilla information, boat maintenance checklist booklets. "I got caught wearing a life jacket" T-shirts were also provided to children under the age of 12 who were wearing life jackets on boats.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary plans to do about one vessel examination-day per month at Capell Cove and at Pleasure & Markley Cove throughout the 2009 boating season. The safety patrols will continue at least until the end of boating season.

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The Life Story of Bilgee, the Giant Bilge Pad

By Lauren Young

Some of you may have seen Bilgee in the past; a large walking bilge pad character that engages boaters and children at Lake Berryessa on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Bilgee is the mascot of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership. Through Bilgee's friendly side-kick he informs boaters about water quality protection. However, many of you may be wondering, where did he come from? And how did an oil absorbent pad become a mascot? As a summer intern for the Lake Berryessa Partnership, I set out on a quest to find answers and the results were quite interesting.

Bilgee came to life several years ago from the minds of committee members through the funding of an opportunity grant. He was created to generate a fun, interactive educational environment for boaters. Bilgee has attended events and strolled the docks at Lake Berryessa to spread the word on water quality. However, that was not the very beginning for Bilgee. In fact, Bilgee was just a product of a larger program that was thought up by one Lake Berryessa local.

Dave Hanson, the dock manager at Steele Park, was the master mind behind the entire Bilge Pad Exchange Program and thus the grandfather of Bilgee. When I spoke with him on the 4th of July weekend he said, "I saw all the oil in the engines of the dead boats at the gas docks, and I knew something needed to be done." He thought that a lot of issues could be solved by giving boaters a bilge pad to soak up oil. Then one day at a meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation, he discussed his idea with Amy Garden from the County of Napa. She thought it was an excellent idea, and she ran with it.

From Dave's one observation an entire program and a giant bilge pad mascot was born.

This summer Bilgee will be making appearances around the lake promoting water quality. He wants boaters to know about the use of bilge pads, and what they can do to keep Lake Berryessa clean for years to come. He hands out free bilge pads and Lake Berryessa User Guides to all interested boaters.

The bilge pads Bilgee provides hold about 1 quart of oil, and are typically good for one boating season. Bilgee encourages boaters to recycle their old pads at Capell Cove, Steele Park, Markley Cove, or Pleasure Cove. There are red canisters near the dock or launch ramp to place them in. The boater can then pick up a new bilge pad for free in the blue dispenser near the red canister.

In addition, Bilgee also promotes clean recreation practices. Please help us and Bilgee keep garbage from becoming litter and pick up loose items that could blow into the lake. Help keep invasive species from being transported from other lakes into Berryessa. Please clean and inspect boats properly. And, finally, be safe and courteous of others! Follow the golden rule!

Who Are the Dedicated LBWP Interns?

Lauren Young is a junior at California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo. She's a business major with a concentration in international management and three minors: German, environmental science, and packaging. Her dream job is to either be a consultant for international companies on how to make their products more "green" or to work in management for a company that uses green packaging. She would love to live and work in Germany.

Lauren grew up in Chino, California, but later moved to Fairfield. She was always an active kid. She played on her high school softball team and was in Girl Scouts for 13 years during which she completed her Silver and Gold Award. Her Gold Award project was an interpretive trail at Rockville Park in Fairfield. In high school she was in the leadership class for four years and was the senior class president.

She has many hobbies and also loves to collect various meaningful items, including nesting dolls, rocks, sea shells, and posters of famous paintings of nature.

Jasmine Greer is a senior at Sacramento State with an Environmental Studies major and Biology minor. She plans to intern at a local organic farm in learn sustainable farming practices, skills she believes will become more impor-



tant to our economy and survival. She is keenly interested in plant ecology and biogeography and her long-term goal is to pursue a career in conservation and/or ecological restoration.

Jasmine was born in Oregon but has lived throughout California and the United States, staying in no location more than four years. She concluded that her parents must simply have gypsy blood, which also engendered in her a sense of the broader world and the ability to adapt without fear to new and challenging situations.

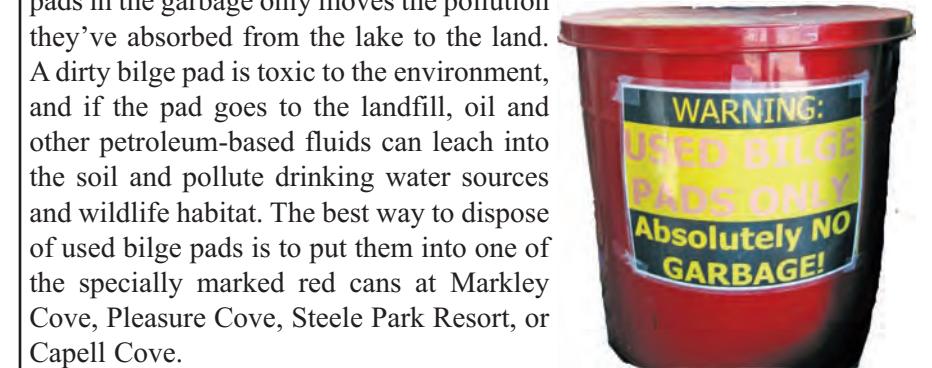
Jasmine now lives in Sacramento and greatly appreciates being close to the ocean, world-class rapids, hiking, camping, bird-watching, and some of the most beautiful rivers and lakes in the world! She is a member of the Sierra Club, the Student Conservation Association, the California Native Plant Society, and incoming president of the Sac State Environmental Student Organization.



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Please don't put your used bilge pads in the trash! Throwing dirty bilge pads in the garbage only moves the pollution they've absorbed from the lake to the land. A dirty bilge pad is toxic to the environment, and if the pad goes to the landfill, oil and other petroleum-based fluids can leach into the soil and pollute drinking water sources and wildlife habitat. The best way to dispose of used bilge pads is to put them into one of the specially marked red cans at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Park Resort, or Capell Cove.



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Sunday, 8/16/2009, 5-7pm,
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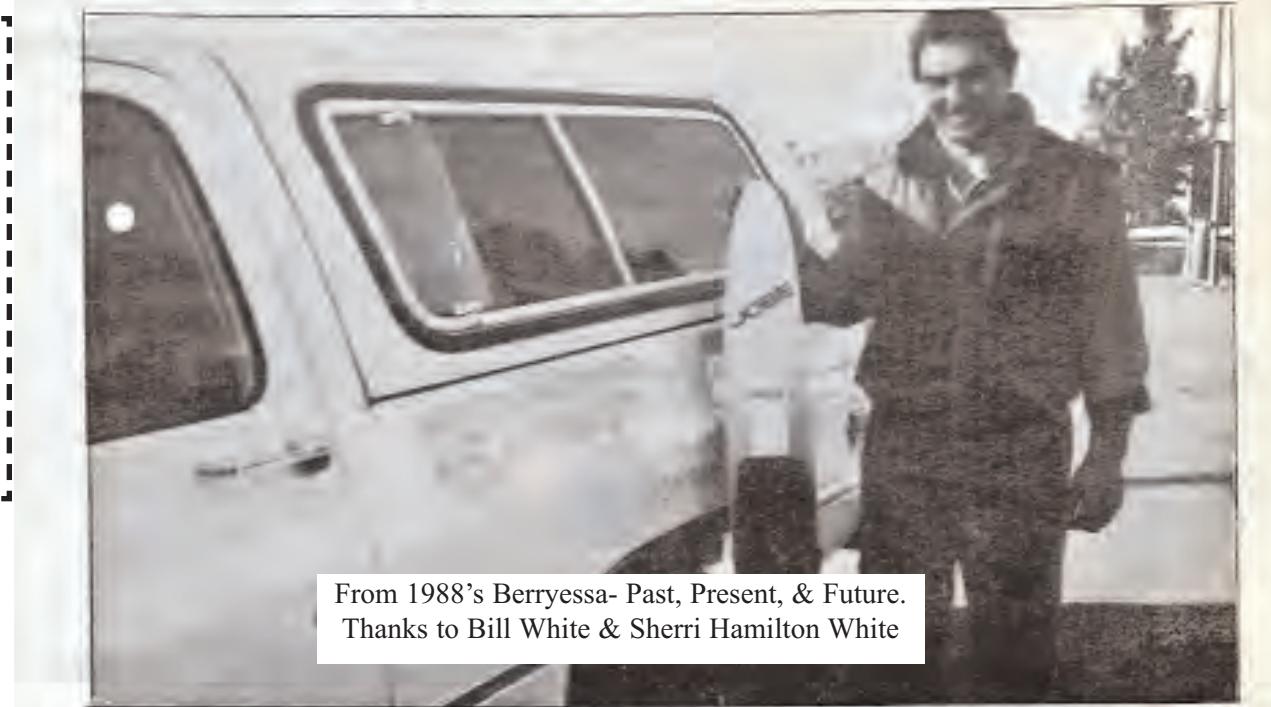


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This impressive list of laurels led Ellermeier to establish his own ski school and boat sales at Lake Berryessa in 1982. This ski school's success is now widely known as, just simply, the best. Students from ages 3 to 73 are enrolled. "Willi's" three 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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From the North

From St. Helena, come over the hill past Pacific Union College through Angwin to historic Pope Valley. You can hit the Pope Valley Store for a snack. But remember that there are no gasoline stations at the lake.

If you leave Pope Valley on Pope Valley Road south you'll reach Lower Chiles Valley Road.

Turn left and in a couple of miles you come to Rustridge Ranch & Winery. Continue left past Rustridge until you come to Hwy 128 (Sage Canyon Road).

Turn left and few miles farther east brings you to Turtle Rock at Knoxville Road. Driving down Knoxville Road to the lake itself takes you past the Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp which launch fills up rapidly on weekends so get there early if you want to launch.

You'll soon come to the Spanish Flat Village Center, the main commercial center of the West Shore community, where your lunch or dinner choice is "fabulously fresh Italian food" at Cucina Italiana. Cucina Italiana also makes great box lunches-to-go with a choice of Italian panini sandwiches.

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Spanish Flat Village Center is also home to The Handmade Store. Shop there for the perfect gift or treasured collectable...beautiful gemstone jewelry,

hand made soap, garden art and much more. Donna just added a player piano to her collection.

From the South and West

From Napa and points west take Monticello Road to Berryessa Corners at the intersection of Highway 121, Hwy 128, and Steele Canyon Road. From Fairfield and points south take Suisun Valley Road to Wooden Valley Road up to Monticello Road. Left on Monticello Road brings you again to Berryessa Corners.

Berryessa Corners is another community commercial center with the Berryessa Corners Store, Mike's BBQ, and the Corners Bar. Across from that is the Berryessa Quick Stop. You and/or your club can get food & drinks while stocking up on picnic supplies. If you are a boater, Steele Park Resort is only five miles up Steele Canyon Road. If you continue on Hwy 128 (Capell Valley Road) for five more miles, you get to Turtle Rock. See above for where to go from there.

From the East

Those of you coming from Winters and points east will reach Monticello Dam in about ten miles. It's worth a stop to see the dam and the impressive Glory Hole spillway. Just past the dam is Markley Cove Resort with a nice store right at the highway.

Two miles past that and another three miles up Wragg Canyon Road and you've reached Pleasure Cove Marina. Continuing a few miles farther on Hwy 128 once again brings you to Berryessa Corners.

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A review of more than two-dozen comprehensive, peer-reviewed academic studies on energy and climate policy reveals a strong expert consensus that stabilizing the climate will require governments to establish a price for carbon, implement new regulations to encourage technology innovation, and make large, long-term investments into clean energy technology innovation.

The Investment Consensus Report, 2007

Pacific Union College Has New President

The PUC board of trustees appointed Dr. Heather J. Knight to the position of college President.

Knight is provost at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where she has worked since 2006. Prior to her position at Andrews, Knight was the associate provost at the University of the Pacific in Stockton for faculty development, diversity and special programs.

She was also a tenured professor in the department of English at the University of the Pacific, and in 1995, she became the youngest faculty member to receive the University's distinguished Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award.

Knight has a Ph.D. in English literature from Stanford University. She received her bachelor's degree in English from Oakwood College and a master's degree in English from Loma Linda University.

Ahwahnee Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities

Twenty years ago several sustainability visionaries gathered in Yosemite Park to develop a set of community development guidelines. The authors were Peter Calthorpe, Michael Corbett, Andres Duany, Elizabeth Moule, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and Stefanos Polyzoides along with editors Peter Katz,

Churches Hold 2nd Annual "Celebrate Summer Event"

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa along with Valley Christian Church would like to welcome the community to its 2nd annual Celebrate Summer event -- a day of free family fun in the sun at the Community Church parking lot, Moskowitz Corners.

This is a free event including a Rock Wall, Water Slide, Bounce House, and other fun activities. There will be a watermelon eating contest and water balloon toss with prizes awarded and, of course, free food. Event starts at 12 noon and runs until 4 PM. Any questions please call the Community Church at 252-4488.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Bell	Shirley Schwartz	25
Jim DelBondio	14	Patricia Turnpaw
Maxine Eddings	6	Steven Vollmer
George Parrish	22	Louise Wright
Michelle Quecke		

Judy Corbett, and Steve Weissman. You recognize Michael and Judy Corbett's names from last issues description of the Village Homes eco-village in Davis. If you review Pacific Union College's Eco-Village proposal at www.angwin-ecovillage.com you'll see that these principles are incorporated.

Community Design Principles

1. All planning should be in the form of complete and integrated communities containing housing, shops, work places, schools, parks and civic facilities essential to the daily life of the residents.

2. Community size should be designed so that housing, jobs, daily needs and other activities are within easy walking distance of each other.

3. As many activities as possible should be located within easy walking distance of transit stops.

4. A community should contain a diversity of housing types to enable citizens from a wide range of economic levels and age groups to live within its boundaries.

5. Businesses within the community should provide a range of job types for the community's residents.

6. The location and character of the community should be consistent with a larger transit network.

7. The community should have a center focus that combines commercial, civic, cultural and recreational uses.

8. The community should contain an ample sup-

ply of specialized open space in the form of squares, greens and parks whose frequent use is encouraged through placement and design.

9. Public spaces should be designed to encourage the attention and presence of people at all hours of the day and night.

10. Each community or cluster of communities should have a well-defined edge, such as agricultural greenbelts or wildlife corridors, permanently protected from development.

11. Streets, pedestrian paths and bike paths should contribute to a system of fully-connected and interesting routes to all destinations. Their design should encourage pedestrian and bicycle use by being small and spatially defined by buildings, trees and lighting; and by discouraging high speed traffic.

12. Wherever possible, the natural terrain, drainage and vegetation of the community should be preserved with superior examples contained within parks or greenbelts.

13. The community design should help conserve resources and minimize waste.

14. Communities should provide for the efficient use of water through the use of natural drainage, drought tolerant landscaping and recycling.

15. The street orientation, the placement of buildings and the use of shading should contribute to the energy efficiency of the community.

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

August 15: Berryessa Seniors "Bring your own Meat" Bar B.Q. and Potluck Dinner with Entertainment from 4:00- 7:00PM. Social Hour 4:00-5:00 PM; B.B.Q. Dinner 6:00-7:00PM; Live Music and Show (From Broadway to Branson) at 6:00 to 7:00PM. We welcome you all.

August 16: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

August 19: Capell Valley School All Day Kindergarten Begins

August 28: Earthquake Festival, Winters, 5 PM - 11 PM. Join the annual celebration of the rebuilding after the 1892 Winters earthquake.

Sept. 12: Jazz & Art Festival at American Canyon from 12N - 4pm. Rosemarie Wilson will put out a signup sheet at the Berryessa Senior Center for those interested and also to set up a car pool.

Sept. 20: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

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

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center

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

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

Nov. 21: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

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

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

Senior Center Casino Night Prize Winners

1st Prize - Sharyn Simmons - Harrah's Reno "A Night on the Town"

2nd Prize - Jerry & Elaine Rehmke - The Gold Dust West- Reno

3rd Prize - Dolores Atkinson - Napa Valley Wine Train

4th Prize - Marsha Ritz - "Balloon Ride Over the Valley"

5th Prize - Marsha Levine - River Park Jewellers Fresh Water Pearl Creations

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/3/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1 2009.

The water is now **27.23** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/13/09	414.67	0.23	92	58	0.00
7/14/09	414.59	0.23	98	62	0.00
7/15/09	414.49	0.25	102	69	0.00
7/16/09	414.38	0.24	103	71	0.00
7/17/09	414.30	0.26	104	72	0.00
7/18/09	414.18	0.27	106	72	0.00
7/19/09	414.11	0.27	107	81	0.00
7/20/09	414.00	0.36	109	62	0.00
7/21/09	413.89	0.35	105	59	0.00
7/22/09	413.80	0.36	98	57	0.00
7/23/09	413.70	0.27	96	58	0.00
7/24/09	413.61	0.29	97	53	0.00
7/25/09	413.51	0.27	92	53	0.00
7/26/09	413.43	0.28	95	60	0.00
7/27/09	413.35	0.24	103	62	0.00
7/28/09	413.28	0.25	106	63	0.00
7/29/09	413.15	0.25	99	59	0.00
7/30/09	413.06	0.24	94	56	0.00
7/31/09	412.96	0.22	95	57	0.00
8/1/09	412.86	0.23	95	58	0.00
8/2/09	412.77	0.25	98	54	0.00

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BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Bob Pearce

10th Anniversary for Bob Pearce's Union 76

It is the tenth anniversary of the "Union 76" gas station operated by Bob Pearce at Moskowitz corners. Pearce and his wife Darlene vacationed at Lake Berryessa from Thousand Oaks, California many years ago and decided to make a home here. At that time, Bob was the road manager for entertainer Jimmy Durante and several of their daughters were "The Pearce Sisters", a musical group that headlined with Durante's act all over the world. (Note: Mr. & Mrs. Pearce have 13 children.) (Watch for future story about Bob's past career!)

For a semi-retired person, Pearce is one of the hardest working people you could meet. The station provides automotive and marine service, auto towing, marine supplies, bait, tackle, minnows, propane and good conversation to travelers needing direction or information. They are also open 7 days a week, with winter hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Happy Anniversary, Bob. Let's make it another 10 years!

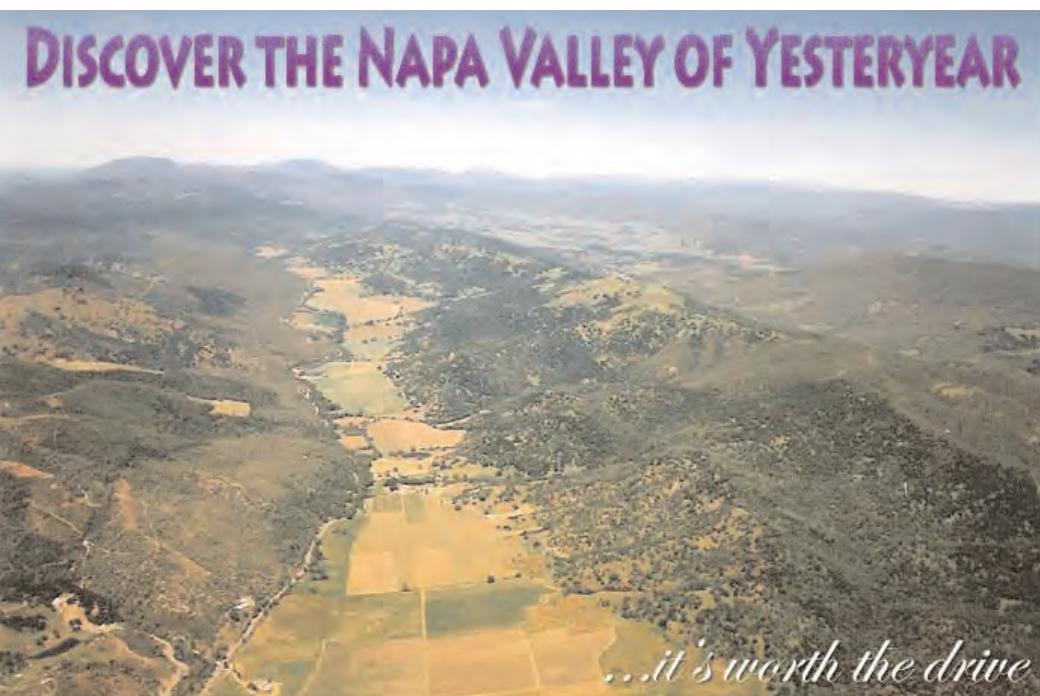
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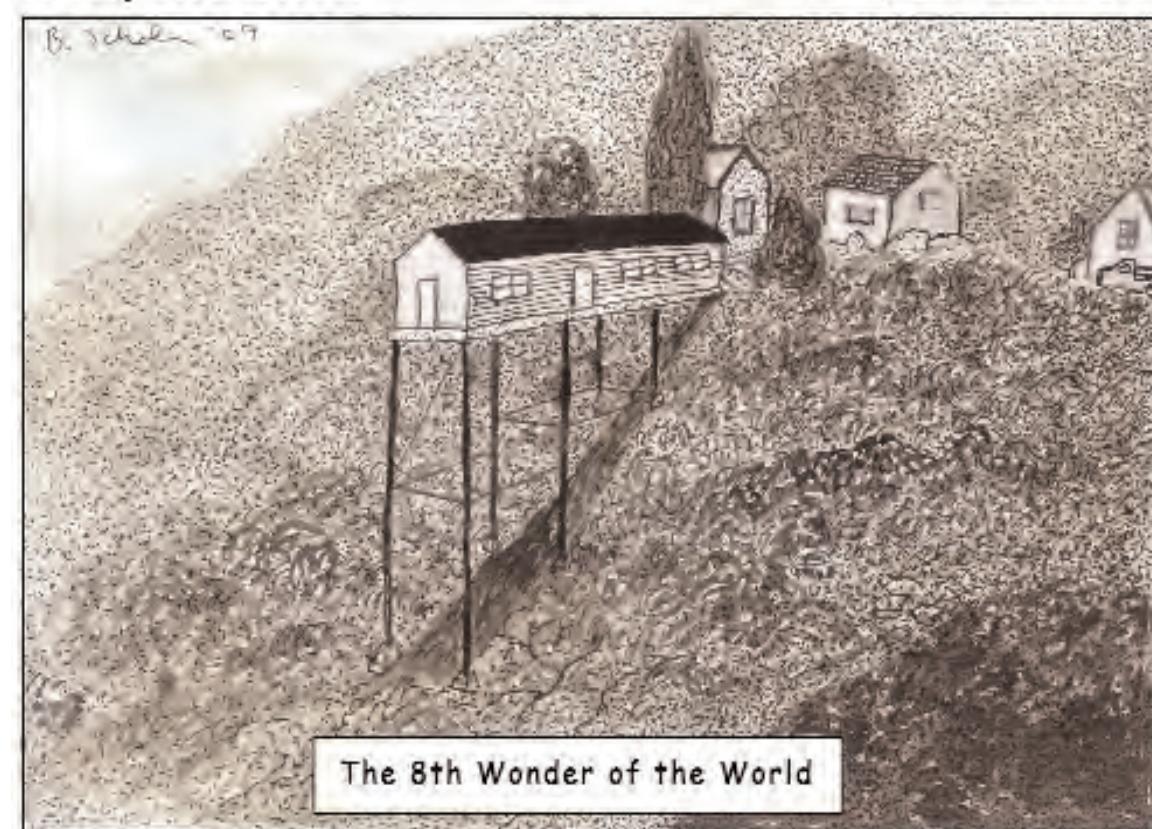
Chiles Valley is a beautiful high-elevation valley that runs parallel to the eastern side of the Napa Valley. As an agricultural preserve, the area is free of the traffic and congestion encountered on Highway 29 and the Silverado Trail. It offers the wine connoisseur and adventurer an opportunity to step back in time and visit the Napa Valley of yesteryear. All this awaits a scant fifteen-minute drive from the Silverado Trail.

Our charming wineries are located along winding country roads and offer a relaxing and intimate opportunity to learn about and enjoy limited production wines. Many of the wines we offer are not available in the marketplace and can only be purchased at the wineries.

Get out of the traffic and into the country! Bring your family, friends and a picnic lunch and come experience the backroads of Napa Valley. It's worth the drive!

Napalachia

by Bill Scholer

**What IS Permaculture? Can it happen in Angwin with Pacific Union College's help?**

A few miles to the west of Napalachia, in Occidental, California, the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center (www.oaec.org) promotes the concept of "Permaculture" as an important part of any sustainable

community – the administration, academic departments (students and faculty), the university research effort, and the local community.

1. Administration

The administration has a very sig-

nificant impact by the business decisions they make concerning new building design, repair and renovation projects, building operations and maintenance, procurement practices, landscaping, recycling at various lev-

els, waste management, custodial

services, energy management, trans-

portation, food service and dining

operations, and residential operations.

2. Academic Departments

The educational side is also sig-

nificant but in different ways. The

investment in the education of stu-

dents on these subjects has a long

term benefit. They will eventually

become leaders in their community

and bring with them the important

concepts of sustainability. Service-

learning is an important teaching

method that allows students to learn

required curriculum while applying

what they learn to real world prob-

lems. This learning model is very well

suited to the university environment

and is a way to integrate knowledge

inherent qualities of plants and ani-

als combined with the natural char-

acteristics of landscapes and struc-

tures to produce a life-supporting sys-

tem for city and country, using the

smallest practical area.

Permaculture is based on the

observation of natural systems, the

wisdom contained in traditional farm-

ing systems, and modern scientific

and technological knowledge.

Although based on good ecological

models, permaculture creates a culti-

vated ecology, which is designed to

produce more human and animal food

than is generally found in nature."

More comprehensively, perma-

culture underlies the management

approach to modern eco-village con-

cepts of sustainable develop-

ment—including biointensive organic gar-

dening, backcountry restoration of

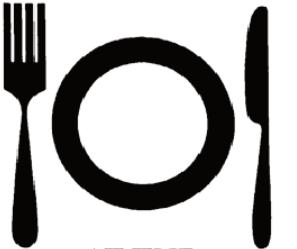
forests and meadows, stormwater

planning and erosion control, stream

restoration, buildings, and more.

**Pacific Union College:
Transition to a Sustainable
Campus**

The aim is to create systems that are ecologically-sound and economically viable, which provide for their own needs, do not exploit or pollute, and are therefore sustainable in the long term. Permaculture uses the

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base with local requirements and applications. This can have an immediate benefit depending on the nature of the service requirement. Further educational opportunities exist with developing courses on sustainable development, informal workshops and training, as well as distance learning.

3. Research

The research sector of the university has a significant role in terms of its near and long term impacts. There are already on-going projects with ecological habitats and other environmental issues. Areas for research could also include large scale composting, procurement practices, production methods, alternative energy sources, and any number of building design, construction, operations, and maintenance practices.

4. Local Community

The local community can also provide various levels of resources to assist the sustainability effort and includes alumni, the business community, utility suppliers, transportation providers, vendors, community organizations, and local chapters of professional associations.

Although you may have seen these before, they're always fun to read:
Great analogies and metaphors

Every year, English teachers from across the country can submit their collections of actual analogies and metaphors found in high school essays for the amusement of teachers across the country. Here are some winners:

• Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.

• His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.

• He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it.

• She grew on him like she was a colony of E. Coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

• She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.

• Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

• The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

• McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.

• From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.

• Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.

• The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.

• He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.

• Even in his last years, Granddad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.

• The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.

• He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.

• It was an American tradition, like fathers chasing kids around with power tools.

• He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.

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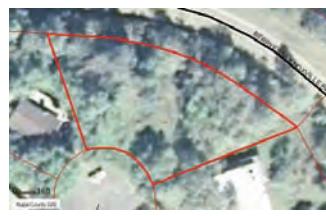


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Some People Like Poetry

Some people -

that means not everyone.

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you might end up with something like two per thousand.

Like -

but then, you can like chicken noodle soup, or compliments, or the color blue, your old scarf, your own way, petting the dog.

Poetry -

but what is poetry anyway?

More than one rickety answer has tumbled since that question first was raised. But I just keep on not knowing, and I cling to that like a redemptive handrail.

WISLAWA SZYMBORSKA

--translated, from the Polish, by Stanislaw Baranczak and Clare Cavanagh

Rilke's Fear of Dogs

had less to do with any harm

they might inflict than with the sad look in their eyes expressing a need for love he felt he couldn't meet. And so he looked away from them.

He was too busy for such obligations, waiting instead for angels to speak, looking up at heaven with an expression they couldn't help responding to, try as they might to avoid his gaze.

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**Mythical largemouth record stands...
maybe...by Guy Carl**

Bass fishermen dream of the chance to catch that giant largemouth which breaks the long-held world record.

An angler in Japan may have just realized his dream earlier this month. There is much controversy and mystery surrounding what really has been the biggest largemouth ever caught. The current recognized world-record bass was caught in 1932 by George Perry in Georgia. It weighed 22 pounds, four ounces. This record was set so long ago that it seems more legend than historical fact.

There have been many challengers to the title over the years, and countless rumors of largemouth that eclipsed the record but did not qualify for one reason or another. But 77 years later, Perry's fish still stubbornly clings to what is perhaps the most sought-after record in the entire sport of fishing.

The latest challenger is Manabu Kurita, a pro fisherman who just two weeks ago landed a bass in Japan's Lake Biwa weighing 22 pounds, five ounces — just one ounce heavier than the existing record. The weight was verified on a certified scale.

The controversy on this fish surrounds the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and its criteria for breaking a record. Its rules state that a new record must break the old one by at least two ounces, otherwise it is considered only to have tied the existing record.

The theory here is that, since fish lose weight every minute after being caught, and since fishermen generally do not tote around certified scales on their bass boats, it's impossible to verify down to the ounce that one fish was truly bigger than the other.

It's a fair bet that Kurita was able to get his bass to a certified scale more quickly and carefully than Perry got his to the post office in 1932. If both anglers did have a certified scale on site at the time of the catch, who's to say which one would have weighed more? So the IGFA will most likely take the safe road and call them co-record holders.

And so the legend of George Perry lives on.

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Clear Lake is widely recognized as the bass fishing capital of the west, with more fish caught over five pounds than anywhere else in the nation. Could the next world record live there? Thousands of fishermen work this lake hard all year long, and yet the current lake record is only 17.52 pounds. So it clearly holds plenty of trophy bass, but maybe not the world record.

What about Lake Berryessa? The continuous stocks of trout provide easy meals for giant bass, allowing them (in theory) to grow to record sizes.

And with its steep shorelines and deep underwater canyons, the lake offers many areas for the lunkers to elude fishermen. So far, the biggest bass ever caught out of this lake has been a 17.5-pounder.

It's possible the world record could live here, but probably a long shot.

Like all records, this one will someday be officially and indisputably broken. It could be a caught by seasoned pro tossing a \$50, hand-tuned swim bait, or it might be landed by a youngster fishing with a night crawler on a Snoopy pole.

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Steele Park Resort, Sunday, September 6th from 10am-12pm

Pleasure Cove Marina, Sunday, September 6th from 5pm-7pm

Markley Cove Resort, Monday, September 7th from 10am-12pm

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Editor's note: I just received this from a friend who suggested that the premise is redolent of Berryessa and I should consider writing a sequel!

Not Enough Indians...is a high-concept satirical novel by Harry Shearer, probably best known for his work on *The Simpsons* and *This Is Spinal Tap*, with a premise that's at once utterly outrageous and weirdly plausible.

The town of Gammage, N.Y. (read Lake Berryessa, CA) is in deep trouble: The factories (resorts) have shut down, the roads and schools are in disrepair (schools will be closed by Napa Valley Unified School District), and the beleaguered municipal government can barely afford to collect the garbage (pay for water and sewer system upgrades). Even the public radio station has closed, replaced by a "Christian radio network that features 'Hot Jesus Talk.'"

After failing to woo a Wal-Mart (Pensus Group) or sell "naming rights to a big ugly building on the wrong side of town," (get money from the "bumble bunnies" of the BORG to build a trail around Lake Berryessa) the city fathers find temporary economic salvation in the unlikely figure of Tony "Loose Slots" Silotta, a thuggish mogul from Las Vegas looking for a piece of the lucrative Indian casino action. Hoping to beat the dubious Wowosa tribe of Connecticut ("It's not wow! It's Wowosa!") at its own game, Silotta makes the town of Gammage an offer it can't refuse: "Let me get this straight," a pony-tailed selectperson says. "You want us to get the entire population of the town recognized as an Indian tribe so that we can open a gambling casino?"

The bureaucratic obstacles to this fraud turn out to be easier to navigate than one might expect, due to the fact that Vince Winstanley, a deputy assistant secretary at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau of Reclamation Guys - BORG), just happens to be under pressure from his boss to speed up the certification (reopening of the resorts) of "the unrecognized tribes, 250 groups of Native Americans who enjoyed neither tribal sovereignty nor the unalloyed pleasures of reservation life because the federal government had never signed treaties with them." Add a smooth-talking Washington lawyer to the mix and before long, the citizens of Gammage (Lake Berryessa) have been reborn as the Filaquonsett tribe (Napalachia), upon whose newly sovereign land Silotta constructs a "vast, galactic" casino, big enough that "two Wowosas and an Office Depot" can fit inside it.

Shearer is at his satiric best in chronicling the absurdities of Gammage's cultural and economic metamorphosis. Embracing their new identity with more fervor than seems absolutely necessary, many Filaquonsets actually seem to believe they're Indians: "We prayed to Ngadala, the god of the sun and the moon, to rescue our tribe, and our valley, and our prayers have been answered," Dr. Gardner declares, while wearing a headdress and a three-piece suit. The townspeople learn the ceremonial Eagle Dance and greet each other with the words, "Hya, hya, hya." Needless to say, the Wowosas are not amused, and soon the two ersatz tribes are engaged in a very real battle for survival.

For a relatively short book, *Not Enough Indians* is packed with characters, a rogue's gallery of earnest city officials, long-winded local activists, unctuous consultants, wily bureaucrats, Native American hucksters, Vegas high-rollers and assorted eccentrics. (Eccentrics at Lake Berryessa??!!)

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Watershed Partnership Intern Learns from Boaters

By: Jasmine Greer

Even though my job as an intern for the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is to educate and inform lake visitors about environmentally-friendly recreating, I have also learned a lot from the boaters. I have been repeatedly informed that Lake Berryessa's most prominent draw is that it is one of the cleanest, clearest lakes in the area, and, for this reason, many boaters choose to spend their time here exclusively. Of course we all prefer to recreate in clean water, but this is important because the lake is a drinking-water source to almost a half million people in the region.

So if you wouldn't drink it, don't put it in the lake! There are several floating bathrooms scattered about the lake for boaters' convenience, plus restrooms and port-o-potties at all the docks and public areas. If *everyone* were to use the lake instead of the bathroom, the nitrogen levels would increase and algae blooms would erupt. This would inevitably damage the water quality and species residing in the waters.

Another way you can help keep Lake Berryessa clean is to properly dispose of your trash. In my conversations with boaters, I have learned that they are especially sensitive to garbage and many have shared with me that they make a



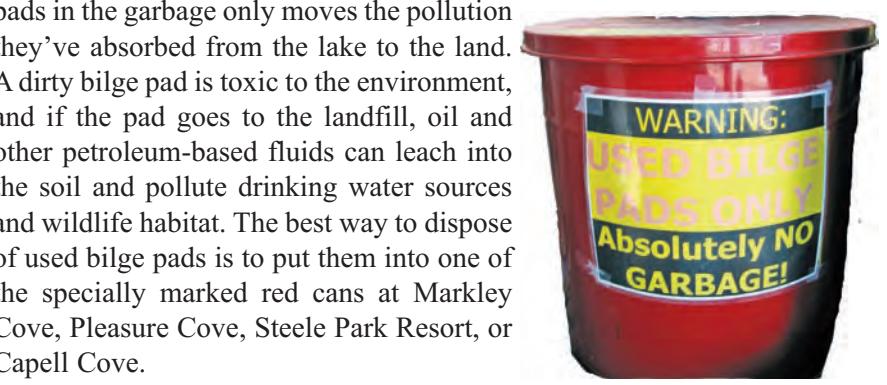
veritable treasure hunt of finding and picking up floating debris during their day on the lake. And this practice is not only commendable, it saves us money: the state of California spends \$1.7 billion annually to restore trashed rivers and lakes! And remember, what is carelessly thrown on land eventually ends up down-slope in the water. The best advice is to have a trash bag handy and tie it down, use the provided receptacles at the docks and day-use areas—including the recycle bins—and reduce the amount of material that you actually bring to the lake.

Lastly, many boaters, especially fishermen, have expressed concern about invasive species. So, one of the simplest—and most pressing—actions boaters can take is to clean, drain and dry their boats to ensure that no invasive quagga or zebra mussels hitch a ride. If these tiny terrors ever made it into Lake Berryessa, they would clog up pipes and propellers, devastate our fishery, and fill our shorelines with their razor-sharp shells. When young, they are almost invisible and feel

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Please don't put your used bilge pads in the trash! Throwing dirty bilge pads in the garbage only moves the pollution they've absorbed from the lake to the land. A dirty bilge pad is toxic to the environment, and if the pad goes to the landfill, oil and other petroleum-based fluids can leach into the soil and pollute drinking water sources and wildlife habitat. The best way to dispose of used bilge pads is to put them into one of the specially marked red cans at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Park Resort, or Capell Cove.



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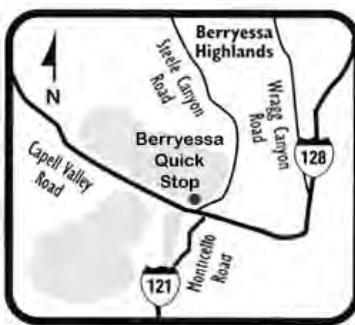
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Every single brick and stone building in Winters was leveled either by this tremor or by another magnitude 6.4 quake which struck two days later on April 21.

These were both followed on April 29 by a magnitude 5.6 aftershock. Damage was reported as far away as Chico and Napa. One man, Jeff Darby, was struck in the

head by a falling brick as he tried to escape, badly injuring him. He died three days later.

These earthquakes were not isolated events.

Excerpt from the New York Times, May 21, 1906. (Published one week after the Great Earthquake on April 18, 1906 at 5:13 a.m.).

Download PDF of the article at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.

1892 Was A Year of Tremors

Government reports tell of a man named Devilbis who owned hotel in Winters, CA. On Sept. 24, 1889, an earthquake shock tumbled the chimney from the hotel. Mr. Devilbis climbed on the roof and plastered up a new chimney.

Three hours later another shock came along and knocked off the roof of the hotel. He put on a new roof the next day and on Oct. 12, 1891

another earthquake hit the town of Winters, tearing away the chimney and unroofing the house.

Mr. Devilbis again put on a new roof. The following year,

1892, on Tuesday, April 19, another earthquake hit the town of Winters, demolishing buildings and breaking all the monuments in the local cemetery. Mr. Devilbis had just built a new earthquake-proof hotel, but the earthquake did not miss it, for here is what Bulletin 112 of the United States Geological Survey says about it:

"Main Street in the Town of Winters presents a badly wrecked appearance, although some buildings are still standing. The large new Devilbis Hotel suffered considerably, much of the brick front caving into the street. There were forty guests asleep in the hotel when the shock occurred... There seemed to be an explosion and water was thrown from Putah Creek to a distance of 20 feet on either bank."

Three small quakes were felt on Wed., Apr. 20. Another report for Thursday, April 21, says:

"Another earthquake shock has completely laid Winters in ruins. Buildings that were damaged on Tuesday (April 19) are now entire wrecks, and the street are strewn with debris and destroyed structures. The atmosphere is perfectly still, sultry, and oppressive.

The people are camped out in the ruined city. There has been no shock since 7:20 PM, but the suspense is even worse than shock. Men are laughing for fear that they should cry. Sixteen women are huddled in one tent. Melancholy spectres, men and women, are walking about the ruined street to have their wits about them when the next shock comes.

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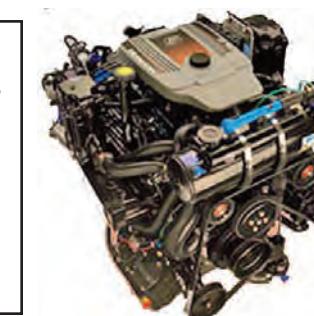
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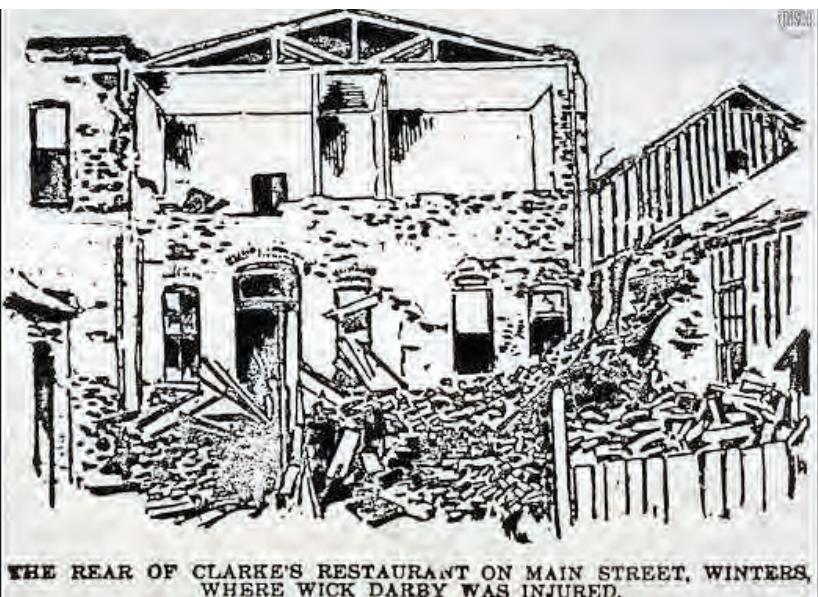


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Some of the farmers say that the earthquake was foretold by the action of the fowls and animals in the barnyards. Horses were restive and neighing, chickens fluttered all about, and dogs whined anxiously for some minutes before the earth trembled. Several boiling springs burst from the foothills on the north and west and are flowing steadily."

A week later, on April 29, the official report from Winters says: "An earthquake shock was felt here at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon for about eight seconds. No damage was done, although the people were generally alarmed." Beginning right in January of the following year, on Jan. 25, 1893, the reports tell of two more shocks at Winters.

But the records show that nearly every time the Town of Winters was hit, San Francisco also experienced a shake. Some were only slight, while others smashed dishes and wrecked buildings. The Government records show, however, that all of the towns that were shocked by the San Francisco earthquake in California last week had been accustomed to being shocked, some of them having experienced as many as 200 shocks a year.



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August 22: "Celebrate Summer" event. The Community Church of Lake Berryessa along with Valley Christian Church would like to welcome the community to its 2nd annual Celebrate Summer event -- a day of free family fun in the sun at the Community Church parking lot, Moskowitz Corners.

August 28: Earthquake Festival, Winters, 5 PM - 11 PM. Join the annual celebration of the rebuilding after the 1892 Winters earthquake.

August 30 (Sept. 27 & Oct. 25): Suisun Valley's 4th Annual Fun Family Farm Days. Experience the hidden treasure that is Suisun Valley! www.suisunvalley.com

Sept. 12: Jazz & Art Festival at American Canyon from 12N - 4pm. Rosemarie Wilson will put out a signup sheet at the Berryessa Senior Center for those interested and also to set up a car pool.

Sept. 19: Special Berryessa Senior Center Pot Luck Dinner, 4 - 7 PM. Tri-tip roasts provided by Rudy and Betty Fehrenkamp. They also plan to bring potato salad and cookies. Georgia and Curly Craddock will provide a big pot of cowboy beans and dessert. Sign up so the Senior Center will plan to have enough food. Sign-up sheet at the Center or call 966-2127

Sept. 19: Creek to Bay Clean Up Day

Sept. 20: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

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

Oct. 3: Clif Bar annual Epiphany Ride Bike Race down Pope Canyon Road and using Pope Creek Bridge parking lot as a rest stop and turn around.

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center

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

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

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The water is now 28.50 feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/4/09	412.66	0.22	92	54	0.00
8/5/09	412.57	0.22	89	52	0.00
8/6/09	412.47	0.19	90	51	0.00
8/7/09	412.38	0.23	86	55	0.00
8/8/09	412.31	0.21	77	53	0.00
8/9/09	412.20	0.17	85	56	0.00
8/10/09	412.03	0.22	99	59	0.00
8/11/09	411.96	0.24	104	60	0.00
8/12/09	411.85	0.23	98	57	0.00
8/13/09	411.77	0.25	104	58	0.00
8/14/09	411.68	0.26	97	56	0.00
8/15/09	411.58	0.24	91	55	0.00
8/16/09	411.50	0.23	97	57	0.00

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Old Napa Gold Mine Now a Nature Reserve

If you've driven Knoxville Road north from Lake Berryessa, you know how wild the country is. In winter on the way to the Knoxville Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area to ride dirt bikes and ATVs, the kids always love splashing the truck through the many stream crossings with water flowing a foot or more over the road. Close to the OHV area on the border between Napa and Lake counties sits the now-abandoned gold mine.

From 1985 to 2002, Homestake Mining Co. extracted \$1 billion worth of gold from the desolate landscape above Lake Berryessa. For a time, the McLaughlin Mine was the biggest producer in California and one of the largest in the world.

Fired by visions of wealth, prospectors roamed this rocky terrain in the mid-19th century. They found mercury and some silver, but the gold was hidden from view. There were no nuggets or glittery veins. This gold existed in microscopic and submicroscopic particles. Without Homestake's sleuthing and modern extraction technologies, the billion-dollar Napa Mother Lode wouldn't have happened.

Until Homestake's gold strike, Napa County had produced less than 25,000 ounces since pioneer times. The McLaughlin Mine would do a lot better. Homestake blasted two open pits, burrowing 900 feet beneath the ghost pines and chaparral. One of the pits swallowed the old Manhattan quicksilver mine, which had extracted cinnabar for more than a half century.

Huge trucks removed 150 million tons of rock, 38 million tons of which contained gold. This valuable ore was crushed to a powder, piped five miles as slurry, then baked and bathed in a sodium

cyanide solution. By the time the processing plant closed, 3.4 million ounces of pure brilliance had been extracted.

At the McLaughlin Mine, there are now few traces of history to be seen. The processing plant that had operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year was gone. Homestake had cut it up into four-foot chunks and sold it for scrap metal. Gone, too, are the 300 workers who had operated this raucous industrial outpost where explosions and thunderous ore dumps had occurred around the clock.

The dual ore pits, stretching nearly a mile, are now blue-green lakes. The Homestake Mine is an oasis of quiet again. Most of the property is now the McLaughlin Natural Reserve, a vast 7,000-acre spread devoted to environmental education and scientific research within the University of California's Natural Reserve System.

Working in side-by-side buildings, the last structural vestiges of the mining operation, are five Homestake employees doing environmental remediation and two UC reserve managers, Cathy Koehler, a wildlife ecologist who lives at the reserve with her husband, Paul Aigner, an evolutionary ecologist, who oversee the dozens of researchers who visit each year.

Much of the property is serpentine rock, supporting a serpentine habitat where most of the world's plants cannot grow. Those that do have made special adaptations to the soil's high magnesium content. Researchers have come from all over the United States and several foreign countries to study this rare juxtaposition of serpentine and non-serpentine.

Because serpentine rock emerged when hot springs bubbled up within the past two million years, NASA researchers have come here for clues about how life may exist on other planets.

Everyone is interested in gold mines, but the geological history of the McLaughlin Reserve is equally fascinating. Some 140 million years ago, two tectonic plates beneath the earth's crust collided. The oceanic Farallon plate dove beneath the North American continental plate, leading to volcanoes and a jumble of rock in the Knoxville area.

Subsequently, the Farallon plate rose back up, creating the coast mountain ranges. Within the past two million years, volcanic vents opened up. Molten rock and geothermal waters came to the surface, depositing minerals, including mercury, silver and gold. The McLaughlin Mine was located atop the fault that runs through this crash scene.

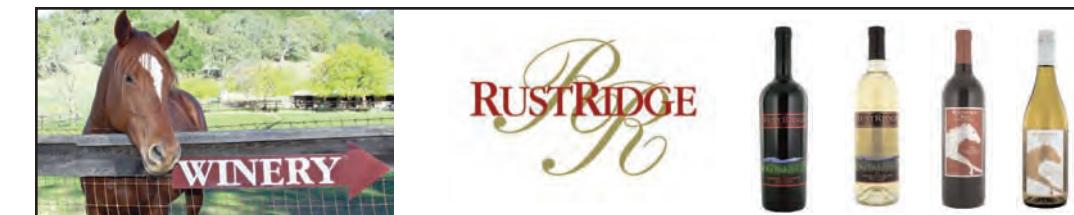
Environmental remediation plans approved by a host of governmental agencies will probably require monitoring for another 30 to 50 years. The water in the tailings pond and the ore pit is so hard and mineral rich that it does not support fish life, but it's not toxic. Waterfowl enjoy the ponds without harm.

There certainly is gold remaining in the ground but it exists as microscopic crumbs too small to glitter embedded in the area's churned, geological mash-up. The mine, which cost a quarter-billion dollars to put into operation, is gone. When the mine was operating, the richest ore had only .1 ounce of

gold per 2,000 pounds of rock.

Homestake Mining Company's McLaughlin gold mine produced its first gold bar in 1985; its last in 2002. McLaughlin's two open pits, located mostly in Napa County, produced 3.4 million ounces of gold worth roughly \$1 billion at an average market price of \$300 per ounce. The pits measure one mile by a half mile. The McLaughlin pits were so vast, they gobbled up the remnants of the old Manhattan mercury mine. Manhattan operated from the 1860s until 1978, producing 80,000 flasks of mercury from ore hauled from tunnels.

Homestake continues to revegetate rock deposits and turn a slurry dump into wetlands. The pit lake is permanent. The company has won awards for its environmental program. The site is also part of the larger Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area.



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Environmental Management Program for Lake Berryessa Resorts

(Short Version - See www.BerryessaEnvironmental.com for details).

Resorts will meet the requirements of the internationally-recognized standard for Environmental Management Systems - ISO 14001. The Resort is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its activities upon the land and water resources of Lake Berryessa under its stewardship.

The Resort's Environmental Management Plan consists of 10 elements:

1. ISO 14001 Environmental Management System
2. Environmental Stewardship
3. Quality Recreation Experience
4. Stakeholder Partnerships
5. California Clean Marinas Program
6. Conservation and Efficiency: Land, Energy, Water
7. Pollution Prevention & Hazardous Material Reduction
8. Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling (The 4R Environment)
9. Environmental Education Integration
10. Communication and Training

The Resort's Environmental Policy is to be a responsible corporate citizen in protecting the environment in which it operates. Its core purpose is to create innovative and enriching recreational experiences for the general public in a sustainable environment.

This Environmental Policy is supported by an ISO 14001-compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) consisting of the following major procedures:

- Environmental Policy
- Control of Documents and Records
- Legal and Other Requirements
- Environmental Aspects, Objectives and Targets
- Environmental Training and Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
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Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Interns Jasmine Greer (l) and Lauren Young (R) Take a Break at Cucina Italiana - But Where's Bilgee the Bilge Pad?



Haiku Poetry

Editor's Note: I love poetry that forces me to see or feel something differently for the first time. You'll see a poem or two from time to time in the Lake Berryessa News. I came upon some Haiku poems in a spy novel recently and it led me to explore that form a bit.

Haiku is one of the most important forms of traditional Japanese poetry. Haiku is, today, a 17-syllable verse form consisting of three metrical units of 5, 7, and 5 syllables. In Japanese, this convention is a must, but in English, which has variation in the length of syllables, this can sometimes be difficult.

The technique of cutting divides the Haiku into two parts, with a certain imaginative distance between the two sections, but the two sections must remain, to a degree, independent of each other. Both sections must enrich the understanding of the other.

The typical length of haiku appearing in the main English-language journals is 10–14 syllables and few have a syllabically symmetrical line arrangement such as 5-7-5 or 3-5-3. Some haiku poets are concerned with their haiku being expressed in one breath and the extent to which their haiku focus on "showing" as opposed to "telling".

So the basic rule of 5-7-5 is fun to try, but as in all poetry image and emotion are the goals.

Some of my favorites follow:

Insects on a bough floating downriver, still singing

Spring passes
And the birds cry out-
Tears in the eyes of fishes

On New Year's Day
I long to meet my parents
as they were before my birth.

A giant firefly:
that way, this way, that way, this
and it passes by.

My life is Jello
Sitting and waiting in the bowl
Patiently to gel

And of course there are Cat Haiku
poems:

You never feed me.
Perhaps I'll sleep on your face.
That will sure show you.

You must scratch me there!
Yes, above my tail! Behold,
"Elevator butt."

The rule for today
Touch my tail, I shred your hand
New rule tomorrow

In deep sleep hear sound
cat vomit hairball somewhere
will find in morning

Grace personified,
I leap into the window.
I meant to do that.

My small cardboard box.
You cannot see me if I
can just hide my head.

Blur of motion, then --
silence, me, a paper bag.
What is so funny?

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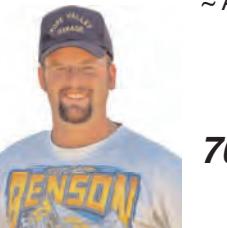
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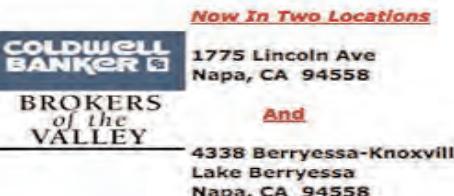


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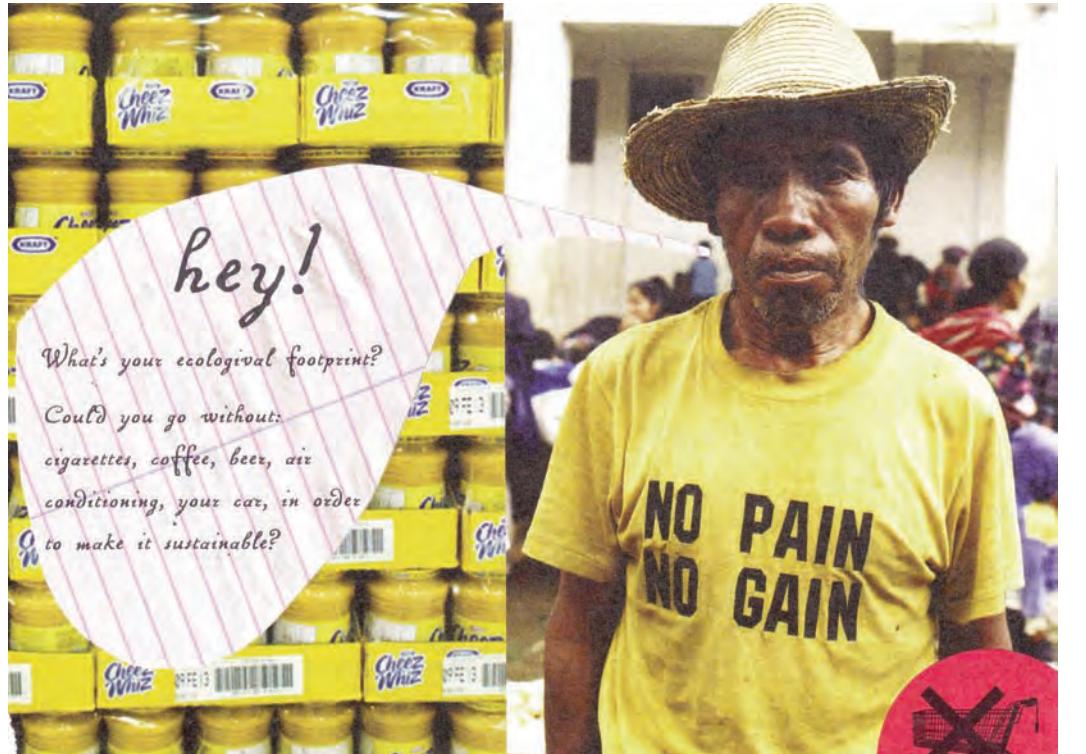
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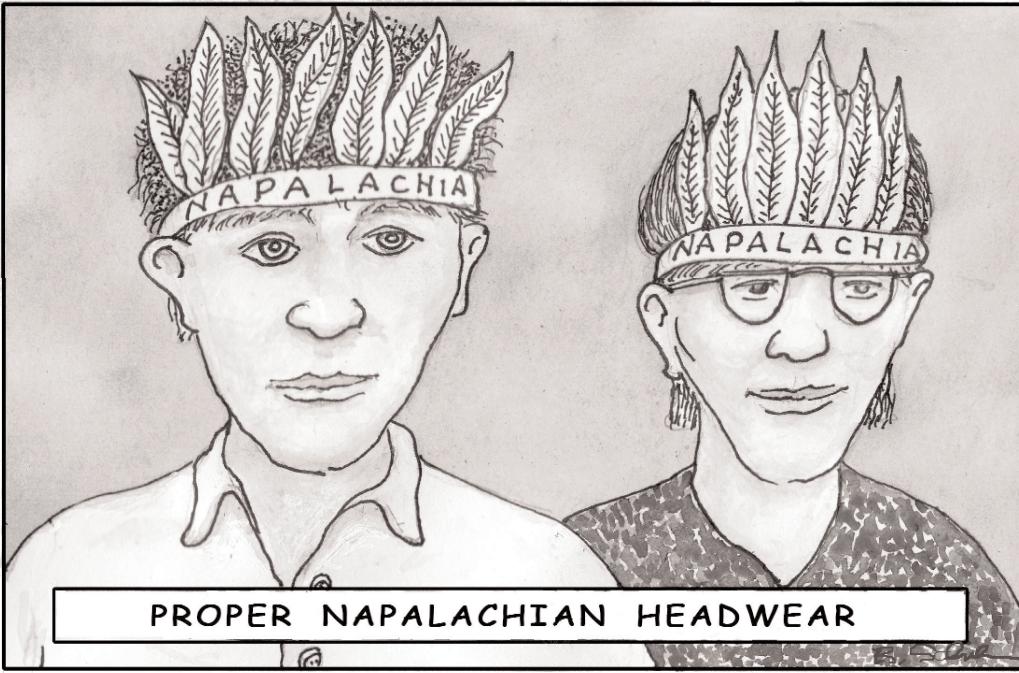
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By Bill Scholer



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How to Make your Very Own Napalachian Headgear by Karla Holland-Scholer



Materials List: Heavy construction paper for headband (optional felt if you want a fabric headband), turkey or turkey vulture feathers (or make your own feathers out of construction paper with the optional template available online at www.LakeBerryessa.com), any natural or recycled material that you think represents Napalachia.

You can get creative here, so things like wine corks, grape leaves, pine cones, found objects on the lake shore, etc. White or black curling ribbon, hole punch, and glue gun.

1) Measure head for headband using 2" wide brown construction paper cut into strips. Around 23" will fit most adults. You will need less for children.

2) Design and cut out feathers (feather template is available to download on the online newspaper), shells, and bones from construction paper; making a hole in the end of each with the hole punch.

3) Punch a few holes at the bottom of the headband, making sure holes are not in your vision path, as these holes will be holding the construction paper feathers, shells, bones, and Napalachian found objects.

4) Measure the curling ribbon from the distance of the holes in the headband to the student's shoulders. Allow extra ribbon to make knots at both ends and cut ribbon. Knot one end to the headband hole and another to the construction paper objects (This is what you will be hanging some of your construction paper feathers and your Napalachian found objects).

5) For the top of the headband, real feathers and your hand made construction paper feathers can be attached via glue gun by an adult. Gluing on the outside, rather than inside of the headband may not look as aesthetically pleasing, but will help keep the feathers in place.



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Lake Berryessa Highlands Residents Appointed to the 2009-2010 Napa County Grand Jury

On July 1st, the Napa County Grand Jury swore in the new jury for the 2009-2010 year. As two local residents were appointed this year, Tamia Walker and Diane De Filipi, this would be an excellent opportunity to remind our neighbors what exactly the Grand Jury does and how you, as citizens, can be involved.

The Napa County Grand Jury is comprised of 19 local Napa County residents who will serve a one year term. The grand jury is often referred to as the "watchdog" of the community; as such, they investigate citizen complaints against local government agencies, entities and persons.

Additionally, they conduct required yearly investigations of a number of different government agencies. They offer advice to help determine avenues where the government may better serve the citizens of the community by functioning better.

The grand jury also investigates complaints of mismanagement and/or the willful or corrupt conduct of these agencies.

At the end of the year, a public report is generated. The report details which agencies the grand jury investi-

gated through-out their term in office. The report also lists the particulars of the investigation: the findings, the grand jury recommendations to correct the problem as well as allow for any commentary from the agency in response to the grand jury's investigation.

Any complaints or suggested investigation issues may be sent to the Grand Jury by going to the Superior Court of Napa website at http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/GrandJury/GJ_act.htm and completing the form via the internet or by mail to:

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offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you haven't gotten your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair."



And his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"



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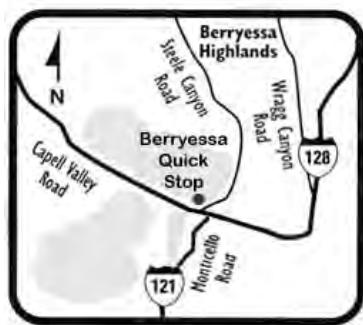
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Take a trip to the Monticello History Museum in Spanish Flat Village. Then shop for collectibles at The Handmade Store next door.

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Life After Labor Day

People familiar with Lake Berryessa know that some of the best weather and uncrowded days at the lake occur after Labor Day weekend.

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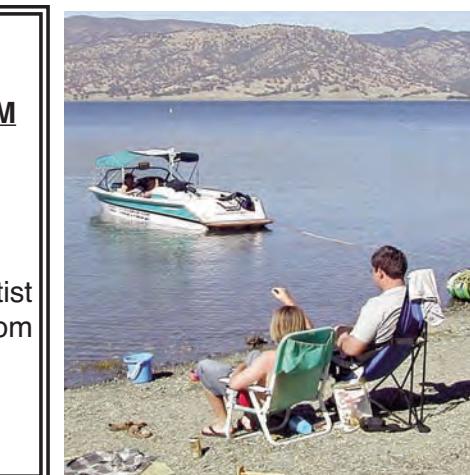
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Berryessa Estates Gets Stimulus Funds - Berryessa Highlands Does Not

The Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, which serves water and sewer to Berryessa Estates' 500 residents, will receive a \$2.25 million federal stimulus grant to replace the drinking water treatment facility.

Diane Dillon, the Napa County supervisor who represents Lake Berryessa, said she is grateful for Congressman Mike Thompson's support in getting the funds. She now hopes that assessments on property owners — intended to cover upgrades to the water treatment and sewage plants — will be reduced.

The County did apply for stimulus monies on behalf of the Berryessa Highlands water & sewer district - Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID). Unfortunately, the application was denied because the main requirement to receive ARRA funds is that a project be shovel-ready. In other words, plans and specs must be completed, which they were in the case of Berryessa Estates, which had been put out to bid several times already.

Supervisor Dillon assures Berryessa Highlands residents that the County is continuing to research other opportunities to help the Highlands.

Property owners at Berryessa Estates had agreed to pay an assessment to cover the costs of several infrastructure improvements, including the replacement of the water treatment plant. An engineering consultant has estimated the project at \$1.1 million. But three rounds of bids since last fall failed to line up a contractor with a proposal at that price. The lowest bid, in April, came at \$1.2 million.

The stimulus money should cover all construction, inspection and administration costs of the new water treatment plant. The plant, which could be under construction in November, will serve the subdivision when it is built out with about 340 homes. Construction could take a

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Sept. 12: Jazz & Art Festival at American Canyon from 12 noon – 4pm. A FREE Event with Music, Art and Food at Donaldson Park. Car pooling is available at the Berryessa Senior Center. Call Rosemarie Wilson at 707-738-2238

September 17: Berryessa Senior Center Event. Cache Creek Casino. Car Pooling is available at the Senior Center. Leave at 10:00AM return about 3:00PM on Thursday.

Sept. 19: Special Berryessa Senior Center Pot Luck Dinner, 4 - 7 PM. Tri-tip roasts provided by Rudy and Betty Fehrenkamp. They also plan to bring potato salad and cookies. Georgia and Curly Craddock will provide a big pot of cowboy beans. Senior Center will provide garlic bread. Please bring a vegetable, salad, appetizer or dessert to complete the meal. Call 966-2127

Sept. 19: Creek to Bay Clean Up Day at Lake Berryessa. This year's event will be a land based clean-up. Kayakers and boaters are welcome to participate as well. Please join us this year for a fun and rewarding clean up of the Lake with lunch to follow. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Jason Jordan at: 707-966-2111 ext 143 or e-mail jgjordan@usbr.gov

Sept. 20: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

Sept. 21: Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6:30 PM, CeCe Short's office, Spanish Flat Village Center

Sept. 28: Berryessa Senior Center - Free Flu Shots from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Monday. By the Napa County Nurses and Health Department. Donations Accepted.

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

Oct. 3: Clif Bar annual Epiphany Ride Bike Race down Pope Canyon Road and using Pope Creek Bridge parking lot as a rest stop and turn around.

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center. An "All you can eat Pancake, Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast" for \$5.00 - Adults and \$3.00 - Children under 12. Also Available for \$0.50 Additional - fruit juice and/or eggs. Please call 966-2127 for additional information.

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

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

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.

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The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet. Lake Berryessa has had 0 inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now 29.66 feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/17/09	411.41	0.24	98	52	0.00
8/18/09	411.33	0.24	101	56	0.00
8/19/09	411.26	0.24	99	59	0.00
8/20/09	411.14	0.26	99	55	0.00
8/21/09	411.07	0.21	93	56	0.00
8/22/09	411.00	0.23	103	61	0.00
8/23/09	410.89	0.27	101	53	0.00
8/24/09	410.75	0.21	84	51	0.00
8/25/09	410.71	0.20	90	51	0.00
8/26/09	410.64	0.19	95	51	0.00
8/27/09	410.54	0.23	95	53	0.00
8/28/09	410.48	0.19	97	54	0.00
8/29/09	410.39	0.19	99	60	0.00
8/30/09	410.34	0.27	108	61	0.00

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- Portability.** Even if you are unemployed, or lose or change your job, your health coverage goes with you.
- Uniform benefits.** No Cadillac plans for the wealthy and Pinto plans for everyone else, with high deductibles, limited services, caps on payments for care, and no protection in the event of a catastrophe. One level of comprehensive care no matter what size your wallet.
- Prevention.** By removing financial roadblocks, a single payer system encourages preventive care that lowers an individual's ultimate cost and pain and suffering when problems are neglected, and societal cost in the over utilization of emergency rooms or the spread of communicable diseases.
- Choice of physician.** Most private plans restrict what doctors, other caregivers, or hospital you can use. Under a single payer system, patients have a choice, and the provider is assured a fair reimbursement.
- Ending insurance industry interference with care.** Caregivers and patients regain the autonomy to make decisions on what's best for a patient's health, not what's dictated by the billing department or the bean counters. No denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions or cancellation of policies for "unreported" minor health problems.
- Reducing administrative waste.** One third of every health care dollar in California goes for paperwork, such as denying care, and profits, compared to about 3% under Medicare, a single-payer, universal system.
- Cost savings.** A single payer system would produce the savings needed to cover everyone, largely by using existing resources without the waste. Taiwan, shifting from a U.S. healthcare model, adopted a single-payer system in 1995, boosting health coverage from 57% to 97% with little if any increase in overall healthcare spending.
- Common sense budgeting.** The public system sets fair reimbursements applied equally to all providers while assuring all comprehensive and appropriate health care is delivered, and uses its clout to negotiate volume discounts for prescription drugs and medical equipment.
- Public oversight.** The public sets the policies and administers the system, not high priced CEOs meeting in secret and making decisions based on what inflates their compensation packages or stock wealth or company profits.



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Healthcare and Civil Society

By Peter Kilkus

After a long statement from a seemingly-normal woman that was incredibly offensive at several levels, Congressman Barney rank replied in part, "On what planet do you spend most of your time?... Trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table..."

Although actually an insult to dining room tables everywhere, our nation let out a collective belly laugh. Millions of Americans thought, "Right on, Barney. It's time someone stood up to these lunatics."

Theoretical physicists have actually found the place of origin of the screamers and ranters who seem to materialize at health care meetings and other political functions.

Apparently there is a separate planet physically parallel to ours, but slightly out of sync with normal reality, which has been dubbed the "Planet of the Crazy People".

String theory has proven that several wormholes exist between our normal Earth and Planet Crazy through which these beings can transport themselves.

Although similar to humans they can be easily identified since they typically don't know what they are talking about (and don't care that they don't know because they're too lazy to find out), they find the truth too confining, they substitute abuse for intelligence and screaming for reasoning. See www.factcheck.org for the truth behind the craziness.

While we all understand that ignorance in itself is not anti-American, how does civil society protect itself from the really crazy? The operating principle of health care reform opponents is to never overestimate the intelligence of the American voter and they've been partially successful.

But a countervailing democratic principle is that the right to be heard does not include the right to be taken seriously.

Ten very loud wrongs never equal one very true right.

The "Health Care War" Economy

Health care is a very serious issue

that has been hijacked by the big money players who are simply using "Crazy Planet People" and emotionalism as pawns. The health care industry as a whole has contributed to the conditions which perpetuate a virtual Health Care War among its various sectors - pharmaceuticals, HMOs, hospitals, medical device manufacturers, long term care entities, bio-tech and others. We are all just collateral damage in this high-stakes battle that has nothing to do with the real purpose of health care in this country.

The industry and its member sectors, dominated more and more by corporate giants, are locked in a never ceasing and irrational conflict for economic supremacy. It is a battle that is in the long term not winnable even for such behemoths as HCA, Pfizer, Tenet, the "Blues" or Kaiser.

For-profit health insurers speak of the trading and selling of "covered lives", the buying and selling of those lives on the open market. They are speaking of human lives as property - their property - they literally "own" those lives, the lives of this nation's residents.

The market that the industry has helped foster and currently sustains demands corporate giantism, inter and intra-sector greed and duplicity, "care containment" disguised as cost containment, and brutish disregard of human health as necessary for short-term industry survival. This is one reason why the health insurance that cost \$100 in 2000 would now cost \$188.

The United States has a large private for-profit sector, and an equally large proportion of health care delivered by private not-for-profit institutions. That mix allows direct comparisons of costs and quality of care. Health researchers have found consistent results. American for-profit hospitals are 3 to 11% more expensive than not-for-profit hospitals.

Health-care investors expect returns of 15% or more on their investment. To just break even in comparison to not-for-profit delivery means that for-profit companies must cut costs by 15%.

The United States, by anyone's political and economic yardstick, spends more on health care than any other industrialized nation - about \$2

trillion - while at the same time health outcomes tend to be below other nations. For example, the U.S. ranks 27th internationally with respect to life expectancy, right behind Costa Rica, Finland and Barbados.

Hold the line on healthcare, Mr President - Only in the US is medicine solely run for profit

by Rose Ann DeMoro (Berryessa Highlands property owner DeMoro is executive director of the California Nurses Association/ National Nurses Organizing Committee.)

The bizarre US healthcare debate, replete with wild distortions of the National Healthcare System, must seem incomprehensible to many in the other civilized countries of the world. News reports have emphasized images of enraged conservatives fearing fabricated "death panels" or traumatized elderly people urging "hands off my Medicare".

They face mostly Democratic legislators and some liberal advocacy groups who are circling their wagons around an embattled President Obama to defend their proposed minor revisions to the status quo after already surrendering more comprehensive reform.

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The result is about 45 million Americans with no health coverage and tens of millions more denied medical care because their insurer won't pay for it.

President Obama has had no trouble describing the problem. "We are held hostage at any given moment by health insurance companies that deny coverage or drop coverage or charge fees that people can't afford," he said. But from the outset Mr. Obama dismissed the call for a systemic transformation, deciding instead to seek support from conservative legislators and negotiate with the largest health care corporations in the hope of neutralizing their opposition."

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What's left is a plan that will

force the uninsured to buy private insurance, with subsidies for those on low incomes and limited constraints on high pricing and the denials of treatment that characterize the present faltering insurance-based system. In sum, it looks like another huge corporate bailout, after the one for the banks, for an equally unpopular insurance industry.

As a result, mobilizing activists has proved a challenge, as the White House and Congress have found out in recent weeks as they struggle to counter those denouncing them from the right. Even the grassroots network built by Mr. Obama that set new standards for campaigning last year has failed to produce much enthusiasm for his health plan.

America's nurses and many doctors continue to press for wider reform, to a national or single-payer system that would look familiar to the rest of the industrial world. It is still possible. But time is running out.

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The driver floors the throttle in low gear: roars - inchingly - up the steep grade. Halfway to a hilltop, great swirls of rain, little cyclones of gush, come whipping down on the truck, and the laggard crew howl in chorus, halting the transport car on the spot - as if they'd whunked into a deer or calf, so sudden a braking and tire burn of rubber. The workers cheer the foreman driver, who starts to coast backwards down the hill. No work today, they shriek with glee. Hard rains gonna fall, gonna fall, they rasp & groan in Bob Dylan guttural croaks. Rain puddles would loosen their road tars & wall mortars, spoiling the seal.

Ah, they're all of one mind, so prone to hot-tail it back home for sweet holiday. The man at the wheel coasts downhill and brakes in lunges, reversing his gears, at last, as if waiting out the quick-switch

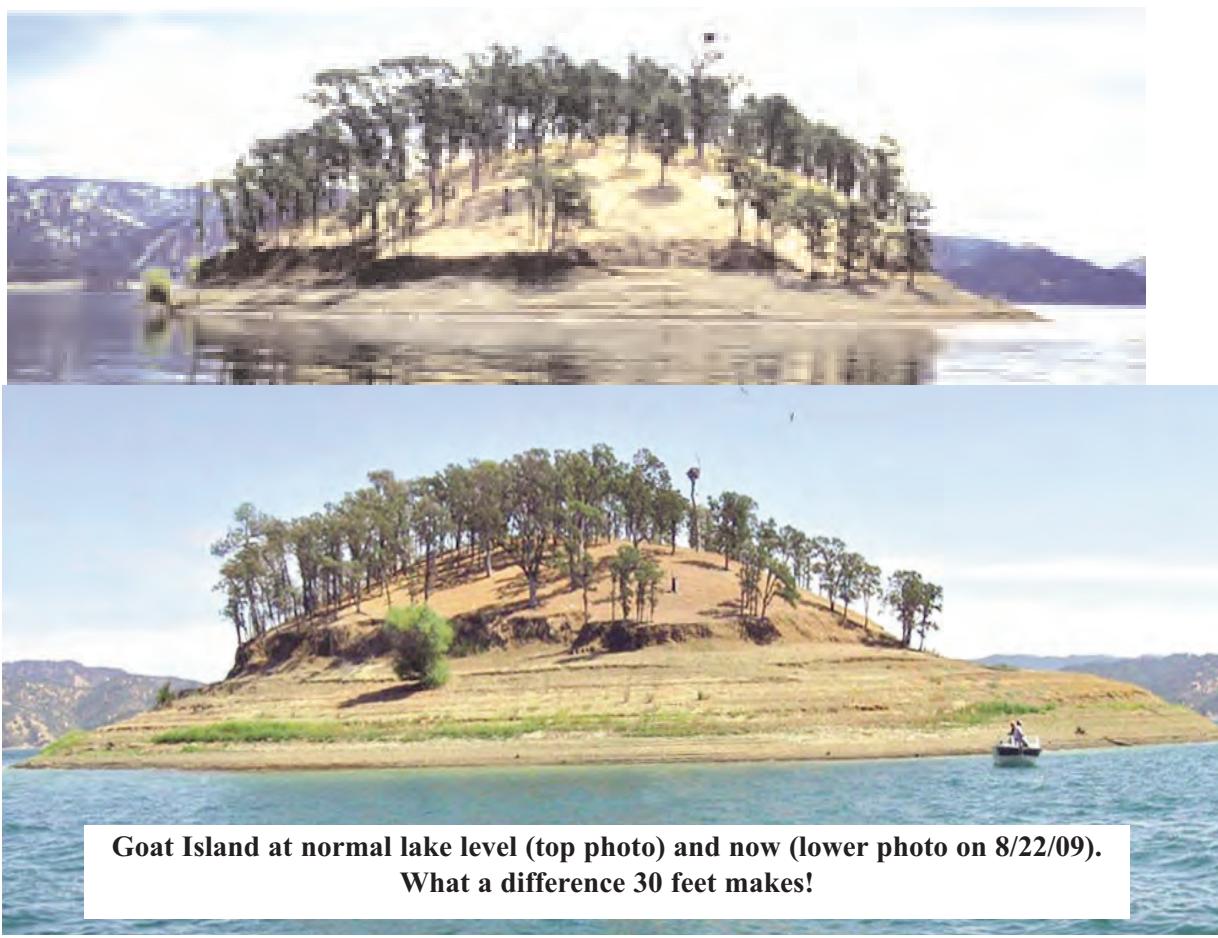
of weather. And no sooner does he speedup the backout, all rain quits, cloud overcast cracks open like an axe-riven coconut, and Sun

pours forth its Golden Milk. Back into forward gear, zip-zip, cranks the bossman to a fizzle of heartsick jeers from his men. Stolen holiday! Lost, O lost, they bleat, a flock of betrayed

sheep. They scale hill steeps once more, leveling out on the top of the rise, and worse rain squall bears down -

to ecstatic hurrahs of the men, another truckload of crew bringing up the rear ... Both halt and reverse. Rain whirligigs to shine. And a tug-of-war between work and play resumes, yellow hardhats trapped in limbo, hollers of joy fade to grunts: no play, no work. Six hour cul-de-sac....

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Goat Island at normal lake level (top photo) and now (lower photo on 8/22/09).
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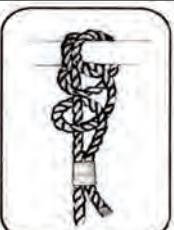
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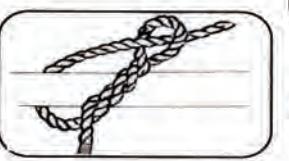
Manila, Sisal: Tape the rope as illustrated below. Cut in middle so that each end remains permanently taped. Natural fibers do not fuse with heat.



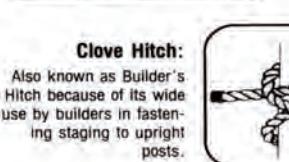
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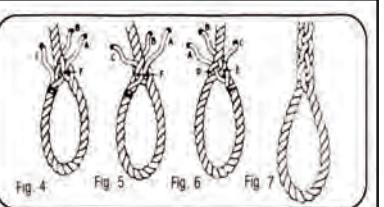


Sheet Bend:
Also known as a Weaver's Knot and is used aboard ships for joining small or medium sized ropes. Popular also in textile mills for joining threads or yarns.



The Eye or Side Splice

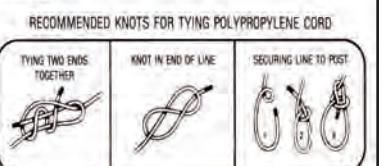
The Side Splice is also called the Eye Splice because it is used to form an eye or loop in the end of a rope by splicing the end back into its own side. This splice is made like the Short Splice except that only one rope is used.



5. Strand C is then passed to the right of and tucked under Strand F, as shown in Figure 5. This completes the first round of tucks.

6. Figure 6 shows the second round of tucks started, with the rope reversed again for ease in handling. Strand B is passed over Strand D and tucked under the next Strand to the left. Continue with Strands A and C, tucking over one Strand and then under one to the left. To complete the splice, tuck each Strand once more.

7. The finished Eye Splice is shown in Figure 7. Remove the temporary seizing and cut off the Strand ends, leaving at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each end. Roll the splice back and forth under your foot to even up and smooth out the Strands.



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AN INTERESTING HISTORY LESSON: Railway tracks

The US standard railway gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US railways.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railway tramways. And that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railway gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. Bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a Specification/Procedure/Process and wonder 'What horse's arse came up with it?' You may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. (Two horses' arses.)

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The engineers who designed the SRB's would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRB's had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railway line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRB's had to fit through that tunnel.

The tunnel is slightly wider than the railway track, and the railway track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

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(From: Single-Payer/Medicare for All - An Economic Stimulus Plan for the Nation. See full report at: www.calnurses.org/research/)

Adding all Americans to an expanded Medicare could be achieved for \$63 billion beyond the current \$2.1 trillion in direct healthcare spending. The \$63 billion is six times less than the federal bailout for CitiGroup, and less than half the federal bailout for AIG. Solely expanding Medicare to cover the 47 million uninsured Americans (as of 2006 data on which the study is based) could be accomplished for \$44 billion.

The Institute for Health and Socio-Economic Policy projections build from an econometric model of the current face of healthcare – applying economic analysis to a wide array of publicly available data from Medicare, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and other sources.

It is the first known study to provide an econometric analysis of the economic benefits of healthcare to the overall economy, showing how changes in direct healthcare delivery affect all other significant sectors touched by healthcare, and how sweeping healthcare reform can help drive the nation's economic recovery.

Healthcare presently accounts for \$2.105 trillion in direct expenditures. But healthcare spreads far beyond doctor's offices and hospitals. Adding in healthcare business purchases of services or supplies and spending by workers, the total impact of healthcare in the economy mushrooms to nearly \$6 trillion.

Overall, every direct healthcare dollar creates nearly three additional dollars in the U.S. economy. In current form, healthcare:

- Generates 45 million jobs, directly and in other industries.
- Accounts for 10.5 percent of all U.S. jobs and 12.1 percent of all U.S. wages.
- Tots 9.2 percent of the nation's Gross National Product.
- Contributes about 25 percent of all federal tax revenues. Federal, state, and local taxes from the healthcare sector in 2006 added up to \$824 billion.

All those numbers would rise dramatically through comprehensive healthcare reform. But a single-payer system would produce the biggest increase in jobs and wages. The reason, DeMoro said, is that "the broadest economic benefits directly accrue from the actual delivery and provision of healthcare, not the purchase of insurance."

Don DeMoro is the lead author of the study and director of the Institute for Health and Socio-Economic Policy.

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257-9309 8:30 to 9:30 pm

Aug 29 – Friends of the Garden Work Party*

Sept 12 – Calif. Natives for the Garden*
9-12 am \$5 free to CNPS members RSVP 253-2665

Sept 13 – Designing w/ Natives*
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Sept 26 – Friends of the Garden Work Party*

Sept 29 – Create Habitat at Home
w/ Napa/Solano Audubon, 6:45-8:45pm Napa Library

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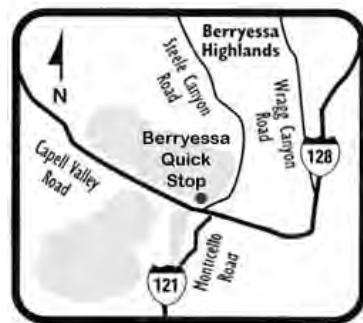
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End of Summer Blues at Lake Berryessa

2009 has been a strange summer at Lake Berryessa, and it's now coming to an end. The poem on this page sets the mood. Most holiday weekends turned out to be cool. The nicest weekends turned out to be quiet since rumors persisted throughout the Bay Area the lake was closed.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce valiantly tried to counter those rumors with press releases to all major newspapers and television stations from Sacramento to Oakland to San Francisco. A special Chamber of Commerce edition of the Lake Berryessa News was distributed far and wide.

But with four of seven resorts closed and the abortive Bureau of Reclamation bid process stalled again, it was difficult to entice visitors to the area. On some of the nicest weekends in August, Steele Park Resort saw 20% of their RV sites stand vacant.

Some local businesses were off by 40% in revenue compared to previous years. Berryessa Corners was refurbished and partially re-opened by Mike Schildknecht before he tragically passed away in early June. Unfortunately the manager had to close the bar and restaurant right after Mike's death.

The Corners Store will store will be closing on Sunday, September 20th. Owner Jim Keller stated, "I would like to thank all who have supported The Corners and especially Mike

Schildknecht over the last year. Although the store will be closing this Sunday we will be ambitiously searching for a passionate operator to help The Corners achieve its awaiting success."

Ron Watt of Berryessa Quick Stop, also at The Corners, assures local residents and visitors that he will remain open to provide for their grocery needs.

Despite the dramatic decrease in visitors, in an incred-

Embers

Poor summer, it doesn't know it's dying. A few days are all it has. Still, the lake is with me, its strokes of blue-violet and the fiery sun replacing loneliness. I feel like an animal that has found a place. This is my burrow, my nest, my attempt

to say, I exist. A rose can't shut itself and be a bud again. It's a malady, wanting it. On the shore, the moon sprinkles light over everything, like a campfire, and in the green-black night, the tall pines hold their arms out as God held His arms out to say that He was lonely and that He was making Himself a man.

HENRI COLE

ible run of tragedy, three people have drowned while swimming off Oak Shores during the last week. The last one of these was Shannan Johnson, a resident of Capell Valley Mobile Home Park

and an employee at Berryessa Quick Stop at The Corners. Friends say she had a "big good heart" and "will be very missed".

The Bureau of Reclamation has temporarily prohibited swimming from the beach at Oak Shores until a safety review of the situation is completed by their safety experts.

Although these drownings were statistically random events, at least one of which was alcohol-related, they serve as a sad counterpoint to the grim economic and social realities residents here face. The question on everyone's mind is, "What is the future of Lake Berryessa and when will it happen?"

The answer to that question is solely in the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation whose track record is questionable.

Reclamation launched the Visitor Services Plan in 2000 to ensure a smooth transition from existing concessionaires to new contract concessionaires by 2008/2009. The result has been chaos rather than transition.

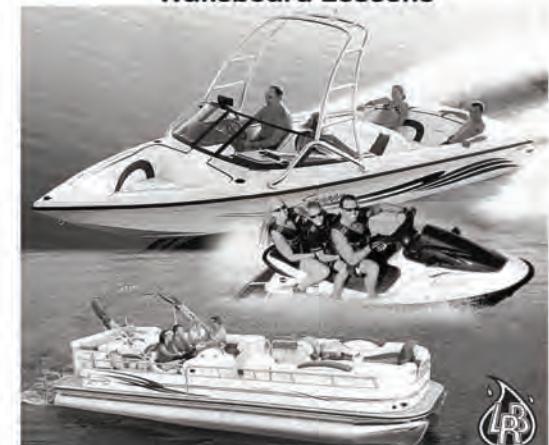
The original 2007 Request for Proposals were due on September 5, 2007, Reclamation extended the original RFP proposal submission period until October 31, 2007. Six companies submitted bids. In April of 2008 the Bureau of Reclamation

announced that three companies had been selected.

In March of 2009 Reclamation declared their Request for Proposals illegal, and cancelled all negotiations. A new RFP was issued in May with bids due September 30, 2009. Will there be a better outcome this time - two years later?

At a meeting with Napa Register editors recently, Pete Lucero said that Reclamation hopes to award the contracts by March of 2010. He said he expects to see more recreational

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opportunities at the lake by next summer. Lucero said he believes the new lakeshore will be in full blossom in three to seven years.

Uncertainty remains about Steele Park, which alone among the resorts requires a commitment of upwards of \$4 million from the new operator to pay into water and sewer upgrades for the Berryessa Highlands area. "We just can't tell if bidders will be willing to take on that much" of a financial obligation, said Lucero.

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Morning in the valley and high up on a mountain a flag and a white cross get lost in the fog

Trailer parks and vineyards glisten in the sunshine listen to the lonesome cry of a neighbor's dog

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Driving down the highway that snakes along the hillside swerving to miss a possum moving slow

wild turkeys grazing under the shadows of an oak tree others laying by the side of the road

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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Sept. 19: Special Berryessa Senior Center Pot Luck Dinner, 4 - 7 PM. Tri-tip roasts provided by Rudy and Betty Fehrenkamp. They also plan to bring potato salad and cookies. Georgia and Curly Craddock will provide a big pot of cowboy beans. Senior Center will provide garlic bread. Please bring a vegetable, salad, appetizer or dessert to complete the meal. Call 966-2127

Sept. 19: Creek to Bay Clean Up Day at Lake Berryessa. This year's event will be a land based clean-up. Kayakers and boaters are welcome to participate as well. Please join us this year for a fun and rewarding clean up of the Lake with lunch to follow. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Jason Jordan at: 707-966-2111 ext 143 or e-mail jgordan@usbr.gov

Sept. 20: Bocce at Berryessa Gap Winery, 1 PM, Winters, 530-795-3201

Sept. 21: Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6:30 PM, CeCe Short's office, Spanish Flat Village Center

Sept. 28: Berryessa Senior Center - Free Flu Shots from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Monday. By the Napa County Nurses and Health Department. Donations Accepted.

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

Oct. 3: Clif Bar annual Epiphany Ride Bike Race down Pope Canyon Road and using Pope Creek Bridge parking lot as a rest stop and turn around.

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center. An "All you can eat Pancake, Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast" for \$5.00 - Adults and \$3.00 - Children under 12. Also Available for \$0.50 Additional - fruit juice and/or eggs. Please call 966-2127 for additional information.

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

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

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

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

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The water is now **30.71** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/31/09	410.21	0.25	93	57	0.00
9/1/09	410.13	0.22	89	52	0.00
9/2/09	410.09	0.20	95	55	0.00
9/3/09	410.01	0.14	99	62	0.00
9/4/09	409.92	0.27	103	56	0.00
9/5/09	409.86	0.23	95	51	0.00
9/6/09	409.79	0.18	90	52	0.00
9/7/09	409.70	0.18	85	55	0.00
9/8/09	409.64	0.19	90	52	0.00
9/9/09	409.56	0.20	92	61	0.00
9/10/09	409.51	0.20	95	54	0.00
9/11/09	409.44	0.18	98	56	0.00
9/12/09	409.40	0.22	104	64	0.00
9/13/09	409.29	0.22	93	56	0.16

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Corn and avocado salad

Ingredients:
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2 1/2 tablespoons cider vinegar
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup tightly packed chopped cilantro
2 avocados, diced

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the corn for 3 minutes until the starchiness is just gone. Drain and immerse it in ice water to stop the cooking and to set the color.

When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cob, cutting close to the cob. Toss the kernels in a large bowl with the red onions, vinegar, olive oil, lime juice, salt, and pepper. Stir together.

Gently toss in the diced avocado and fresh cilantro. Taste for seasonings and serve cold or at room temperature.

NOTE: Salad tastes best if you mix together all ingredients about an hour before serving and leave out at room temperature. This will give you a wonderful, creamy texture from the avocado. There should be enough acid from the vinegar and lime juice to keep the avocados from turning brown. Gently stir again just before serving.

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1,200 Registered Nurses Celebrate Coming "SuperUnion," Push Obama for Stronger Health Proposals, Demand Senator Feinstein Endorse Labor Law Reform

Far and away the most exciting industry for the labor movement today is healthcare—and the air of historic change was in San Francisco air last week as more than 1,200 registered nurses from across the country gathered to plan their coming merger...and to advance their patient advocate's agenda of guaranteed healthcare on the single-payer model and of genuine labor law changes to allow every nurse to freely choose her union.

The RNs are members of the California Nurses Association & National Nurses Organizing Committee, and their guests from United American Nurses and Massachusetts Nurses Association.

The 1,200 nurses broke from their meeting to make a special house call to Dianne Feinstein, and deliver roses along with hand-written pleas for her to support the Employee Free Choice Act. (A lesser question: What's DiFi going to do with 1,200 roses on her front stoop? One guess: That's what summer interns are for.)

While lawmakers bicker and the public wades through a muddle of misinformation, the major nurses unions, particularly the California Nurses Association (CNA), are staking out bold positions on reform. Their efforts have culminated in a new union merger that seeks to align progressive nurses with other service workers as well as healthcare consumers.

As a critical link between physicians and patients, nurses occupy a pivot point in the reform debate. Alongside bread-and-butter

campaigns on pandemic-flu preparedness and nurse-to-patient staffing ratios, the CNA has taken on universal healthcare as a labor issue, arguing that single-payer would not only serve patients' best interest, but also make the entire system more economically viable.

CNA/NNOC executive director Rose Ann DeMoro sums it up: "The problem with other solutions like the public option is that they leave in place the real problem: The insurance companies," DeMoro told us.

As the Washington Independent reports, those insurance companies are the subject of a new investigation by California Attorney General (and future and past Governor) Jerry Brown, after CNA/NNOC uncovered data that they reject on average 22 percent of all claims—and that jumps to 40 percent for the worst company, PacifiCare.

While the Christian Science Monitor notes the ongoing viability of the single-payer reforms nurses are dedicated to...it's popular in the states and HR 3200 contains an amendment to empower states to that kind of experimentation.

The California Nurses Association was also instrumental in lobbying for an amendment, added by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D) of Ohio to a House version of the federal healthcare reform bill, that would remove potential legal impediments for states to pass single-payer bills by waiving federal exemptions that apply to employer-sponsored health plans from the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).... There are also strong prospects for single-payer healthcare in California, where the legislature has twice passed single-payer, only to have it vetoed both times by Governor Schwarzenegger.



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Napa County is Offering Free Seasonal Flu Clinics
By Supervisor Diane Dillon

Napa County Health & Human Services Public Health Division will offer free seasonal flu clinics, starting in mid-September. Seniors citizens, pregnant women and others in high-risk groups should strongly consider getting a seasonal flu shot for this flu season to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with flu or spreading the flu to others.

This is NOT the H1N1 "swine flu" vaccine, which will be administered AFTER seasonal flu clinics are over. H1N1 "swine flu" vaccine should be available in mid- to late October in medical provider offices, clinics and at Napa County Public Health Clinics. The Community H1N1 "Swine Flu" Clinics schedule will be published in mid-October or call (707) 253-4540 for more information.

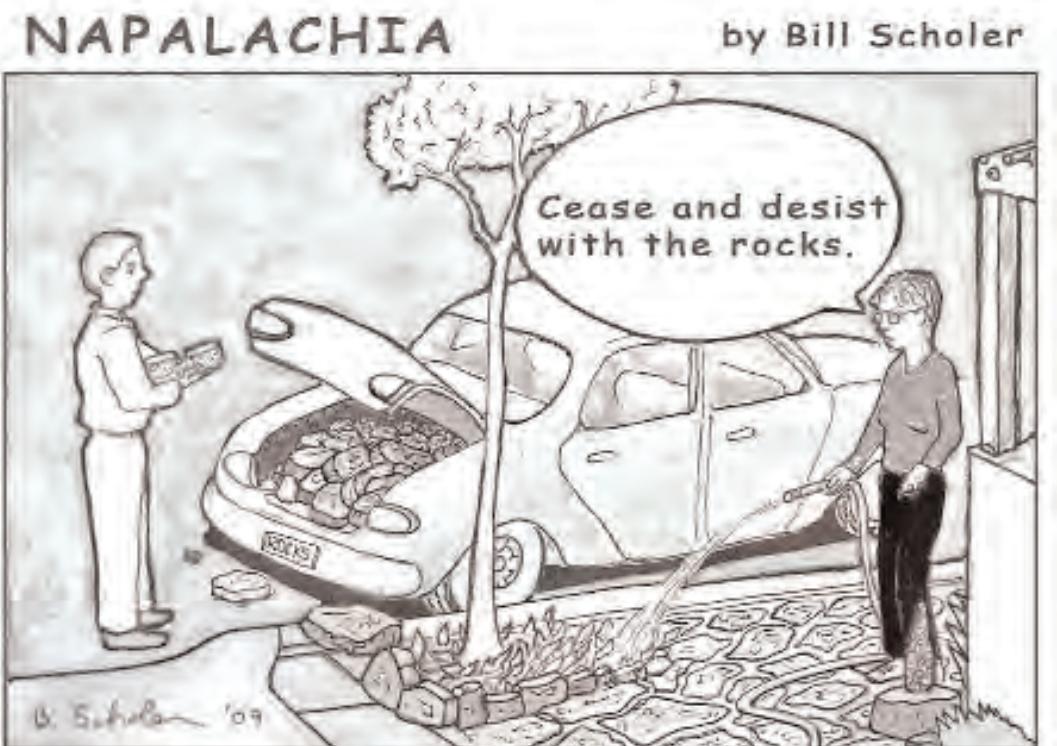
Adults (18 and over) eligible for the seasonal flu vaccine include:

- * People 50 years of age and older
- * Residents of nursing homes or other chronic-care facilities
- * Those with chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular, renal, hepatic, neurological/neuromuscular, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes)
- * People who have immunosuppression
- * Women who will be pregnant during flu season (October through March)
- * Healthcare personnel / first responders
- * Household contacts and caregivers of persons with health problems like the above
- * Household contacts and caregivers of persons under age 5 years and adults 50 years and older

Free clinic locations and dates:

- * Friday, Sept. 25, 2009: Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., (707) 255-1800
- * Sept. 28, 2009: Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- * Friday, Oct. 2, 2009: Napa Valley College Drive-Thru, 2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., (707) 253-4540

Children younger than 18 years of age will not be given flu vaccine at these clinics. All high-risk children and healthy children aged 6 to 59 months and their household contacts should be vaccinated against influenza. If you would like your child to receive a flu vaccine, please call your child's health care provider, or call our Public Health Immunization Clinic at (707) 253-4270 for an appointment.



Editor's Note: Bill is an optimistic guy who believes even the value of Berryessa Highlands rocks will increase in value as home prices recover and the new resorts open.

What is the flu?

The flu is a contagious respiratory viral illness. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best ways to prevent the flu are by getting a flu vaccination each fall and remembering to always wash your hands.

Every year in the United States, on average:

- * 5% to 20% of the population gets the regular seasonal flu;
- * More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, and;
- * About 36,000 people die from seasonal flu.

Symptoms of the seasonal flu and H1N1 flu

- * Fever (usually high)
- * Headache
- * Extreme tiredness
- * Dry cough
- * Sore throat
- * Runny or stuffy nose
- * Muscle aches
- * Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults

To prevent the spread of seasonal or H1N1 flu

- * Stay home when you are sick to avoid contact with co-workers and friends.
- * Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Properly dispose of used tissues.
- * Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water, or use hand sanitizer to help protect yourself from germs.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- * Stay healthy by eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, exercising, getting plenty of rest and not smoking.

Parents and caregivers should use medicines that contain acetaminophen instead of aspirin to treat flu or cold symptoms or chicken pox in children and teenagers because aspirin contains ingredients that have been linked to a rare disease known as Reye's syndrome. This disease can lead to coma, brain damage and even death in children and teenagers suffering from the flu, flu-like illnesses or chicken pox.

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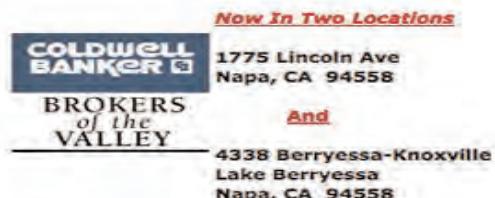
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**Capell Valley PTA Meeting
September 10, 2009**

President Stephanie Botts called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Stephanie Botts, Sandy Stock, Amber Payne, and Christine Rochelle
Also present: Casey Rochelle, Kristine Fields, Erin Pease, Matt Storck, Scott Koehler, Chuck Peckinpaugh, Kathy Pendergrass, Jon Soper.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIGN UP SHEETS: Sign up sheets were passed around for various positions throughout the year.

SPIRITWEAR: It was discussed that for hardship cases PTA would donate loaner wear to kids and the kids could work it off in the garden area or fundraising efforts. There was a motion to allocate \$200.00 as a deposit for spiritwear.

PARENT GOALS:

- More computers for classroom
- More parent/aide help for teachers
- Not so many "small" fundraisers that only bring in small amounts of \$, would like fewer fundraisers that bring in "more" money.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER: The cookie dough dates:

- October 23rd – Fundraiser starts
- November 13 – Cookie Dough turned in
- November 18 – Place Order
- December 9 - Order in ready to distribute.

FUNDRAISERS: Other fundraising ideas were discussed. Kristine Fields will check into the Campbell's Soup fundraiser.

PTA THEME MEETINGS: There will be "themes" for this year PTA meetings. Food and meeting will start at 6:00 PM. Dates & Themes are as follows:

• October 8th	"Spooky" Fun Food Night
• November 12th	Chili Cook Off
• January 21st	Soup
• February 11th	Dessert and Coffee
• March 11th	GREEN food
• April 8th	Italian
• May 12th	Mexican

PARKING LOT: Staff will be sending out a letter to better structure the drop off/pick up procedure. It is the goal of the staff and PTA to make this new procedure as safe for the children as possible.

HANDBOOK: Kathy has finished the Capell Valley Handbook.

Teachers Report:

- Mr. Peckinpaugh: Needs empty toilet paper rolls and ideas for the "K" art projects and would like some "K" puzzles and games.
- Mr. Soper: His class is working on goals for personal, academic, country and community. The 5th graders went to the food bank and helped pass out vegetables from the garden.
- Mr. Soper thanked Kristine Fields for all the hard work she has been doing as the Aide.

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2009



Rainfall Statistics		
Year	First Rain	Season Total
97-98		46.3"
98-99	11/10/98	23.5"
99-00	10/30/99	25.0"
00-01	10/20/00	24.7"
01-02	10/29/01	23.4"
02-03	11/07/02	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	25.6"
04-05	10/19/04	36.4"
05-06	09/26/05	43.3"
06-07	10/03/06	14.5"
07-08	09/19/07	22.0"
08-09	10/03/08	20.1"
09-10	09/13/09	???

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

IDIOT SIGHTING: The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street.

An intellectually challenged coworker asked a friend what the buzzer was for. Her friend explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Completes Summer Program

By: Lauren Young and Jasmine Greer

As you may know, extensive recreational use puts water quality at risk. Therefore, the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP) was formed in 1999 to mitigate that risk, and educate all lake users about the value of their resource. The LBWP brings together a diverse group of partners who work to ensure that the lake remains a clean and healthy source of water for drinking, recreating, and wildlife. The partnership has been reaching out to boaters and visitors for over six years, mostly in the form of summer interns who conduct person-to-person watershed education and distribute watershed materials to boaters and recreators.

One of the most important materials passed out by interns are bilge pads. These are pillow-like oil absorbents that boaters can use to keep their bilge clean and keep oil out of the lake. Even a drop of oil can contaminate gallons of drinking water for the resorts and Solano County! Because it is nearing the end of summer, the LBWP would like to

remind everyone that when putting boats away for the winter, please don't forget to discard used bilge pad in a red canister at one of the resorts or Capell Cove! And, please pick up a new bilge pad in the blue dispenser.

We all prefer to recreate in clean water, but this lake is also a drinking-water source to almost a half million people in the region. There are several floating bathrooms scattered about the lake for boaters' convenience, plus restrooms and port-o-potties at all the docks and public areas. If everyone were to use the lake instead of the bathroom, the nitrogen levels would increase and algae blooms would threaten the water quality. The LBWP requests all lake users to use a bathroom and not the lake.

Another way to help keep Lake Berryessa clean is to properly dispose of trash. The LBWP advises boaters and recreators to have a trash bag handy and tie it down, use the provided receptacles at the docks and day-use areas—including the recycle bins—and to reduce the total amount of trash brought to the lake.

Another action for boaters to help keep the lake

clean is to clean, drain and dry boats to ensure that no invasive quagga or zebra mussels hitch a ride. If these tiny terrors ever made it into Lake Berryessa, they would clog up pipes and propellers, devastate our fishery, and fill our shorelines with their razor-sharp shells. When young, they are almost invisible and feel like grains of sand, so the LBWP requests boaters to be vigilant and inspect boats thoroughly.

The end of summer also means Coastal Cleanup Day is just around the corner! In 2008, the Lake Berryessa Annual Coastal Clean Up saw more than 130 volunteers hard at work in the area under Pope Creek Bridge collecting trash. All together, volunteers from Solano and Napa counties retrieved over 600 pounds of trash and 1,000 pounds of recyclables from the Lake and its shore area. Please attend the Annual Coastal Cleanup on September 19, 2009. You can sign up at berryessatrails.org. Let's clean up the lake & make a new record of trash collected this year!

LBWP is composed of multiple partners to provide outreach to Lake Berryessa users. Active Lake Berryessa Watershed Partners include:

Solano Resource Conservation District

Solano County Department of Resource Management

Solano County City Jurisdictions

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

Napa County Environmental Management

US Bureau of Reclamation

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Solano County Water Agency

Department of Boating and Waterways

Solano Irrigation District

More information about the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is available from:

Marianne Butler
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Good-Bye, Bilgee.
See you next year!



The Bureau of Reclamation in partnership with Berryessa Trails and Conservation will be hosting two events in the month of September.

Coastal Clean Up - 2009

Saturday, September 19, 2009

For this year's event we will be cleaning up trails and shoreline at a few locations around, as well as a tire collection at another site. The event will start at 9:00 am and go until 12:00 noon. After the event, we will be having a BBQ at Oak Shores Day Use Area for all participants. There will be kayaks, volleyball, and swimming. Come help clean up keep Berryessa Beautiful!.

National Public Lands Day - 2009

Saturday, September 26, 2009

This event will be focused on invasive species removal and trail maintenance. This event will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will again be having a BBQ at Oak Shores Day Use Area. There will be kayaks, volleyball, and swimming. Help us remove invasive species, while learning about the native flora at Lake Berryessa.

All volunteers must sign up in advance! For more details or information about either event, contact: Carol Kunze at carol@berryessatrails.org or 707-966-5211 or Jason Jordan at jgjordan@usbr.gov or 707-966-2111 extension 143

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BOR Water and Land Grab - Reclamation's Destruction of Recreation

Summers were a flurry of people and recreation at Lake Berryessa for 50 years. Millions of visitors came to the lake from the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento Metropolitan Area, as well as Napa, Lake, Solano and Yolo Counties.

Known as a place where friends and families came together to share recreation and the outdoors, where wake boarders soared over wakes, water skiers cut back and forth leaving prismatic spray, sailboats caught the wind, swimmers stroked through waters, children played outdoors, and everyone enjoyed the seven resorts' facilities, and access to the lake; Lake Berryessa was a summer destination year after year.

Those waters have been the scene of ghostly calm for 2008 and 2009. Five of the seven resorts are shut down or shutting down and removing all facilities. Why? Bureau of Reclamation launched the Visitor Services Plan [VSP] in 2000 to ensure a smooth transition from existing concessionaires to new contract concessionaires 2008/2009. The result of blundering actions and decisions by Reclamation - is NO Transition - and that took nearly ten years.

Pensus Group LLC was awarded the five of seven concessions April 2008 - they never signed a contract. March of 2009 Reclamation declared their Request for Proposals [RFP] illegal, and cancelled all negotiations.

A new RFP was issued in May with bids due September 30, 2009. There is almost no incentive for bidders to invest since resorts as they are known will be gone, leaving no facilities to use, and because Reclamation can require the new concessionaires to remove all improvements at the end of the lease.

Reclamation will have five of the seven resorts shut down by October 2009, four have been shut down since 2008. Reclamation appraised those five concessions at \$32M in 2006, with revenues of \$12M annually. For

50 years the existing concessionaires funded all investments in the resorts, paying franchise fees, and serving the public. Reclamation, in turn, is trying to force abandonment and/or concessionaire destruction of the concessionaires' own improvements.

Further, the shut down resorts are facing total demolition by Reclamation - with "stimulus funds." Putah Creek Resort and Lake Berryessa Marina Resort have both filed bankruptcy, and Reclamation is taking control of all the assets.

Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort and Steele Park Resort have removed, destroyed or salvaged many of the improvements at those resorts; many improvements are impractical, impossible or illogical to remove.

Lake Berryessa is unique in many ways - the concessions were carefully planned on a total of 12 miles of the 170 miles of shoreline by the National Park Service in 1959 to disperse recreation - this in turn created the challenge of the concessions to develop mini cities, moving hundreds of thousands of yards of dirt, most with independent water and sewer systems, along with all supportive facilities for outdoor and water recreation.

The seven recreation resorts developments, including roads, launch ramps, docks, parking lots, parks, day use areas, stores, fuel dispensing / fuel docks, cafes and sites for public use (cabins, park models, camping, RVs, day use, etc), provided the very facilities which are required for future concessionaires.

In July 2009, Reclamation declared that ALL facilities at the five resorts must be removed, and a new concessionaire must provide all new facilities. This will close the resorts for years - locking out and driving away the public.

New facilities will require new plans, permits and construction, halting recreational use for years. The new requirements for incoming concessionaires are minimal, ultimately limiting public use and access.

Reclamation's long drawn out destructive process has taken tolls on employment, the Lake Berryessa community, vendors and public recreation, as well as the concessionaires

and investors - all independent from the external US financial crisis - lives, livelihoods, economies, healthy recreation, concession assets have been devastated, destroyed and/or lost unnecessarily.

Cucina Italiana, Berryessa Garbage, Napa Valley Ice, Viking Propane are a few of the businesses which have suffered under the direction of Reclamation's VSP/RFP process.

The American Land Rights Alliance believes this very scenario will play out across the United States if Reclamation is allowed to get away with the destruction of Lake Berryessa recreation.

Schemes like this fit into the Water and Land Grabs the government is instituting with departments such as National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation - control in and recreation out, with personal and property rights abused and economies destroyed. The government AGAINST the people is a terrifying reality.

How Long Will It Really Take to Reopen Lake Berryessa Resorts?

Per Bureau of Reclamation statements on their RFP web site, www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa/Prospectus_Master_Compiled_Question_and_Answer_list_073009.pdf, Offerors must formulate their proposals based upon construction and/or installation of all new permanent facilities. An exception is Markley Cove where Offerors can purchase existing permanent facilities, so long as the condition of those facilities subsequently meets all applicable Reclamation requirements.

Clean-up and removal of the remaining facilities will likely continue beyond the estimated award date for new contracts. Reclamation will confer with successful Offerors to integrate the disposition of any remaining facilities with the Offerors' plan and schedule for project improvement.

Reclamation will not allow Offerors to use existing facilities even on a temporary basis until new facilities are constructed.

"Offerors shall not incorporate

any currently existing facilities into the proposal in order to avoid being considered non- responsive..."

Q: The link you gave me to public law 96-375 contains the provision that seems to me to acknowledge that permanent facilities placed by concessionaires remain the property of the concessionaire and that the Secretary of the Interior may require that they not be removed and instead pay fair value for them, or require a new concessionaire to pay fair value for them.

I don't see where the Secretary of the Interior can require that the concessionaire remove its improvements and not be paid fair value for them, as you indicated at our meeting on June 29, 2009. Can you please explain and clarify this apparent discrepancy to me -- and to others by posting my question on your web site. Everyone needs to be clear on this crucial point.

A: The Federal Court of Claims addressed this issue in the case Frazier v. United States, 79 Fed. Cl. 148 (2007), and the United States prevailed. Regarding Public Law 96-375, the court noted that "it is illogical to presume that Congress would insist that the Bureau retain all permanent facilities at a concession, preventing unwanted or dilapidated facilities from being removed by the concessionaire." Id. at 162.

The court also held that it was "unassailable from a textual analysis of the statute" that "(1) permanent facilities, if removable, can be transported off federal lands and retained by plaintiffs, if the Bureau has not commanded that they remain and (2) plaintiffs may abandon their property rights in permanent facilities which the Bureau has not selected to remain at the concession, if these are not removable or not worth removing." Id. at 161.

Finally, the court agreed that Reclamation was "also correct in stating that payment under Public Law 96-375 is only required when the Bureau exercises its option to require permanent facilities to remain at a concession site." Id. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit later considered an appeal from the unsuccessful plaintiffs' and affirmed the prior decision without any changes.

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The Future of Lake Berryessa Begins

On September 30th, the Bureau of Reclamation received bids for all the resorts at Lake Berryessa. Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero said on Oct. 6, that they had received "at least 2 bids for each of the six resorts available for new contracts."

He also said that the names of the bidders would not be released at this time. The timing of the release of that information would be up to the Program Manager for the Berryessa project.

Let the speculation begin! The key issue is how quickly the resorts can be rebuilt and re-opened for at least boat launching.

The Future of Real Estate at the Lake

by Amber Payne, Realtor

The Real Estate market is changing in the Berryessa Highlands area! Since April of 2009 there have been 10 homes that have SOLD. Of those 10 homes 8 were "Bank Owned", one was a short sale, and one was a normal sale.

The highest sale price during that time period was a home that sold for \$299,000. The lowest price was a home that sold for \$91,875 - a manufactured home. The average days on the market are approximately 137 days. The average list price was \$180,817 with an average sales price of \$161,752, an 89% difference from list price to sale price. Again most of this SOLD data is for the Berressa Highlands area of Lake Berryessa.

At the time of this writing the inventory in the Berryessa Highlands is rather low, there are currently 3 SFR homes in the Berryessa market that are available and there are 2 in escrow. Several other listings that are available outside of the Berryessa Highlands area vary in price and acreage.

The biggest challenge in this market seems to be appraisals. The lenders are depending heavily on the appraisals. The other issue that is prevalent and unique in our market is the fact that we have many buyers for the second home market. Any second homebuyer in today's market must put down 20%. Manufactured home loans are not as easy to get a loan on in this market either. A well qualified buyer should be able to obtain a property in this market and if you are a sell-

er in today's market it is best to speak with your Real Estate professional to help you decide what might be the best situation for you in this market. All of this data was obtained from BAREIS.

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Investing in the Future at the Lake

by Vinni Bubak, Realtor

For a while no one wanted to buy up here due to the fact that homes in town are affordable. Potential second home owners were skeptical because they said, "We aren't sure what is going to happen with the resorts and if they don't open then we don't want to own a home up there if we can't use the lake".

I believe once the economy recovers and the resorts reopen this will be an exclusive area - as I've stated for the last 14 yrs. It's a great opportunity right now to buy homes and properties. As the market recovers people won't be disappointed in their investments. It will be profitable. For right now, we have to ride the storm out.

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District 3 Supervisor Election

by Peter Kilkus

Next year (2010) will see the election for a new supervisor for District 3 which includes most of North and East Napa County. There are approximately 13,000 registered voters in the district. The Napa (94558) list includes Lake Berryessa as well several hundred voters along the Silverado Trail. The approximate number of voters in each area are (alphabetically):

Angwin - 1,660
Calistoga - 3,000
Deer Park - 130
Napa (94558) - 2,500
Oakville - 65
Pope Valley - 360
Rutherford - 200
St. Helena - 4,800
Yountville - 130

The primary race will take place in June, 2010, and realistically a candidate must raise tens of thousands of dollars to have the best chance.

If more than two people run, June will be a primary to determine the top two vote getters. If no one gets 50% or more, then there will be a run off in November.

It is clear from the numbers above that the urbanized areas of the Napa Valley exert an undue influence on the outcome of this election. When I ran for Park and Open Space District last November I lost by 60% to 40%, even though I got about 90% of the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley vote and up to 60% in Angwin and other rural precincts. But that could not overcome the St. Helena/Calistoga block.

The basic unfairness here is that St. Helena and Calistoga already have their own city governments which are relatively independent of the County. Their citizens typically don't understand the issues of rural Napa County. Yet they have the majority of votes in District 3 which is geographically the largest and most rural part of the County.

Only a few names have been floated as potential candidates to run against present District 3 Supervisor, Diane Dillon. One of those is Jeff Parady, Pope Valley resident and owner of Pope Valley Repair and Towing. Jeff's family has a long Napa County history and he believes the

rural parts of the County, especially Pope Valley and the Lake Berryessa area, have not been adequately represented at the County level for years. He believes we need a District 3 supervisor who understand the needs of the rural parts of the County and who has roots in east Napa County.

Jeff believes that rural folks understand better what the urban areas need than urban folks understand what the rural areas need. This is why a rural-based supervisor would be more effective for everyone in District 3.

I also spoke with another potential candidate, Michael Haley, who lives in the unincorporated Oak Knoll District. Michael is an active political force in the County and has a regular column in the Napa Register as Napablogger.

He expects soon to announce the formation of an exploratory committee to run for Supervisor.

The main reason he says he is running is to bring more focus to the county budget and increases in spending that far outweigh the growth in the economy. He believes the pension system has gotten out of control, with multi-million dollar unfunded liabilities, yet nothing is being done about it by the current Board of Supervisors. He says that this is a problem that is going to get worse and worse until we deal with it, so he intends to make it the focus of his campaign.

As far as Lake Berryessa is concerned, Michael said, "In Berryessa, the county has virtually ignored many problems that have caused a great deal of hardship. It seems that we can keep increasing employee payrolls and pensions faster than the cost of living or what taxpayers can afford, yet we can't fix water systems or the roads. The way that the resorts got dismantled with no support from the current Supervisor to consider local impacts was terrible, and I can assure you I will be all over that if I am elected Supervisor. I will be happy to meet with and talk to anyone in the Lake Berryessa region who would like to talk with me. Email me at michael@napablogger.com."

As far as the business owners and residents of the Lake Berryessa region, the prevailing attitude seems to be "ABD": Anybody But Dillon.

Winter Publishing Schedule

With this issue of the Lake Berryessa News, we begin a winter publishing schedule. From October through March, the paper will be published once per month during the first full week of that month.

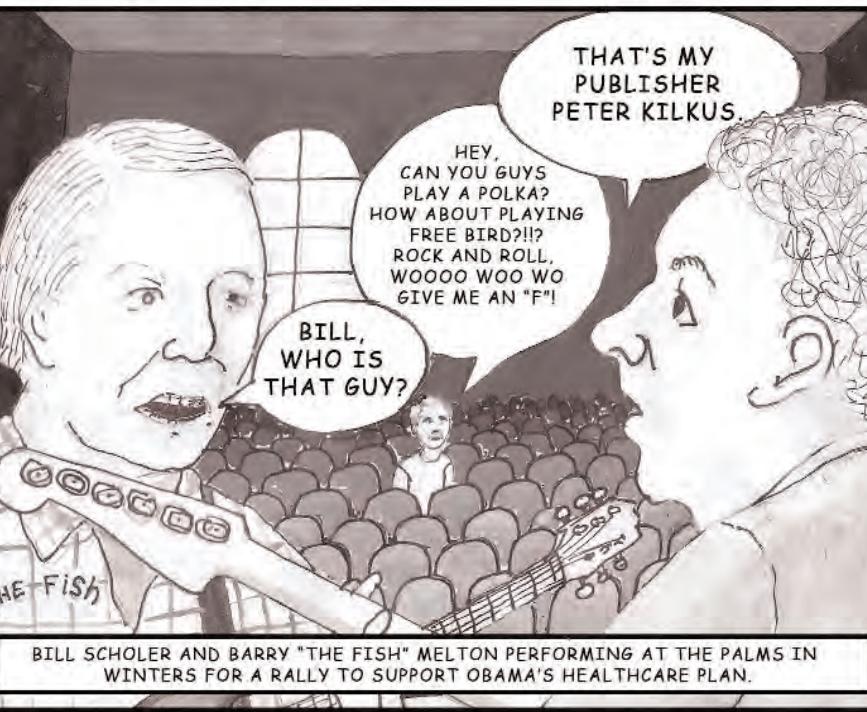
However, I will be updating the Lake Berryessa News web site (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com) and sending out email newsletters more often to keep you informed about current events at the lake.

Please send me your email address and those of your friends so I can keep the news coming directly to you.

I also want to thank all my loyal advertisers for their ongoing support.

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By Bill Scholer



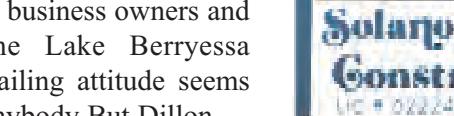
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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center. An "All you can eat Pancake, Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast" for \$5.00 - Adults and \$3.00 - Children under 12. Also Available for \$0.50 Additional - fruit juice and/or eggs. Please call 966-2127 for additional information.

Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18: Pope Valley's Ocho, the champion Gypsy Vanner horse and his sister, Zen, are performing at the Northern California Renaissance Faire, held at Casa de Fruta at 12:00 and 2:00, 30 minutes prior to the Tournament of Champions Royal Joust. Call Mandy at 707-312-0828. For further information like driving directions, go to www.gypsystation.com and click on the Now Appearing notice on top left of your screen.

Oct. 13: "Eat to Defeat ALS" and the last Classic Car Cruise Night of the season in Winters. Fundraiser at Cody's Restaurant, 314 Railroad Ave. All you can eat tri-tip buffet for just \$12.00/person. Tickets should be purchased in advance at Cody's Restaurant, Close Quarters Salon or by calling Cherie Felsch at 530-795-2574. A limited number will be available at the door. Also happening, just a few steps away on Main Street, is the last Classic Car Cruise Night of the season from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Oct. 16: The Bill Kaye Annual Bike Rodeo will be held at Pope Valley School, with Wooden Valley and Capell Elementary schools also in attendance.

Oct. 17: LIONS CLUB ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST, Hosted by the Turtle Rock, Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be music, prize drawings and more fun than the law allows! All You Can Eat Octoberfest Goodies for \$15.00. Sign-up at the Turtle Rock. Please come out and support your local Lions Club in their many Community Projects - the Lions Club just finished eye exams on 97 children from Capell, Pope Valley and Howell Mountain schools on September 15th and 16th.

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

Oct. 24: Las Posadas Christmas Pageant Auditions, Pope Valley Farm Center, 1-4 PM. This is a family event and all are welcome to participate. There are solo parts, chorus, walk on and general helpers needed for the production. Pageant and pot luck dinner will be held on Dec. 19 at the Farm Center.

Nov. 10: Free AARP event, Napa Elks Club, 2480 Soscol, 10 AM - Noon. Five things you should know about: Free Napa County RX Cards, Happy Healthy Pets, Good Grief, Managing Your Mail, Keeping Family & Friends Informed.

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.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 10/4/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **0.16** inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now **32.01** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
9/14/09	409.22	0.08	74	54	0.08
9/15/09	409.15	0.10	79	54	0.00
9/16/09	409.09	0.15	89	53	0.00
9/17/09	409.02	0.17	92	53	0.00
9/18/09	408.97	0.15	92	57	0.00
9/19/09	408.92	0.20	101	57	0.00
9/20/09	408.85	0.19	97	57	0.00
9/21/09	408.80	0.18	99	57	0.08
9/22/09	408.73	0.20	101	56	0.00
9/23/09	408.67	0.18	102	57	0.00
9/24/09	408.60	0.22	106	58	0.00
9/25/09	408.53	0.00	100	56	0.00
9/26/09	408.50	0.16	99	57	0.00
9/27/09	408.45	0.16	103	58	0.00
9/28/09	408.38	0.18	103	0	0
9/29/09	408.30	0.20	92	0	0
9/30/09	408.22	0.18	78	0	0
10/1/09	408.15	0.22	76	0	0
10/2/09	408.10	0.15	85	0	0
10/3/09	408.05	0.16	89	0	0
10/4/09	407.99	0.16	77	0	0

Saturday, October 31**Halloween Costume Party, Turtle Rock, 6pm**

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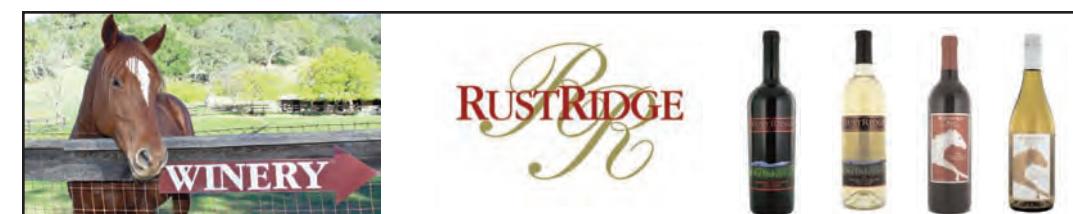
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Saturday 9/19/09: Came for the Zodiac hunt but stayed for Cucina Italiana!

by Ben Rumson, Pashnit Motorcycle Forum – For the love of the ride. (www.pashnit.com)

The number nine is or is not important in Zodiac symbology, according to the master sleuths over at that Zodiac web place. That made Saturday a perfect day to lose my ambitions for a longer motorcycle ride to the coast (instead of allowing people to believe that I simply lacked the endurance for a longer trip due to idiopathic slackerdom) and instead revisit one of the sites covered in previous reports. And to try out the new D5000 camera, which had languished in its box, unexamined, since the big brown truck delivered it a week before.

There was nothing of interest to be found at the Berryessa Zodiac site, which was expected yet still disappointing, especially after I had gone through the trouble of persuading the friendly personnel staffing the gate to the BOR camping area to let us in for free. The only item of note is that the place heretofore referred to as Zodiac Island is now Campsite 27. There's a picnic table and BBQ pit-on-a-pole right there at the approximate scene of the events of 9/27/69. No replacement trees, 90-something degree heat. Water level dropping to near subterranean levels. The place is not an attractive place to set up camp...

There's no new Zodiac info in this addendum to the addendum to the report on Zodiac. That's due partly to the fact that I have already explored the Zodiac deal to the point where there's nothing else to interest me, and mostly because the only reason I'm posting at all is to tell you that the best rib eye steak I have ever had is available a short distance south of Zodiac Island at Cucina Italiana.

With pepper sauce, made with whole black peppercorns. And roasted fennel on the side, and all of the bread and really excellent Balsamic dipping stuff you want. You wanna know just how good it is? I'm sittin' there, with my D5000 in the saddle bag just outside the window, and some guy comes in and says, "Stefano, I got a buck, dude! Come out and see it!!!"

As the guy with the old "Good Chevrolet, Sacramento" license plate frame and Stefano go out front, I'm thinkin' about the cool shots I could compose if I could talk the hunter into takin' the deer outta the truck and propping him up on the seat of the Rocket III while Tanstaafli lies inert under the front wheel of the red behemoth.

I'm starting to get motivated to put some effort into picshur-takin', but then I look back down at that rib eye and decide that nothing is gonna pry me away from it. It was that good.

With just the right level of attentiveness from Chef Stefano and his business partner, Pashnit member Winelink, (A.K.A. Sharyn), we continued our excellent dining experience. I am telling you, I have never been disappointed by anything I have eaten at Cucina Italiana. Why I haven't yet encountered other Pashnites there is a mystery, because this place seems tailor-made to our dominant demographic.

Let the guys from that other forum go to those places farther south and west—all they need is bread, sandwich meat, and beer and then they're off on their next double-yellow scofflaw Team Berryessa adventure, like a flock of angry little buzzing mosquitoes. You want real food? Go see Chef Stefano and Winelink.



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Cucina Italiana Switches to Winter Hours

October...brings Pumpkins, Polenta, and the Winter Schedule to Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa.

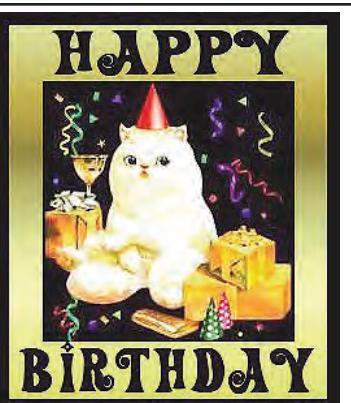
Chef Stefanos' Cioppino with Dungeness Crab, Salmon, Mussels, Clams & Whitefish has been voted the most favorite reason to come to the Lake - although the beautiful weather continues to be "fabuloso" for an easy shoreline hike just up the road at Smittle Creek.

Come on up for some Fabulously Fresh Italian Food with bounty from our local gardens and enjoy Ravioli, Gnocchi & Pappardelle handmade especially for you by Stefano.

Winter hours start in October - Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are also available for catering and special events—you can check us out at www.lakeberryessanews.com or call (707)966-2433

October Birthdays

Sybil Beeson	23rd
Georgia Craddock	1st
Rudy Fehrenkamp	
Beatrice Junk	28th
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Letters to the Editor

The "Right to Life" is also the "Right to Live"

Regarding your libertarian friend's "thinking" on doctor-cum-capitalist-entrepreneur: Isn't there a glaring intellectual inconsistency - or outright contradiction - in the position that mandating and protecting profits for the health insurance industry and its "provider" docs is the same as requiring drivers insurance? As I want to point out, driving is not a right but a choice - the old free will canard.

But being born is a condition, entailing all that goes with embodiment, subject to earth and time - only secondarily and for the most privileged a matter of choice or free will.

The glaring part is that the "pro-life" rabble defend - literally to the death - the "fundamental right to life"...(although not to the living)...So why not therefore commit to supporting and protecting the result, i.e., the individual born of that ideological position, with optimum conditions for living that life?

An inherent right to life of the living versus choice to drive or not - these are not of the same phenomenological order. Nor is the medical profession's right to exploit those whose health it exists to protect.

The medical profession is not an existential right but a calling to service. Its profits are not inherent. If its

position of trust is adequately met, it achieves a position of respect in society - and in turn an adequate living (and sense of a life well-lived) for its practitioners. No wonder in this capitalist society doctors commit so much suicide: the profession has lost its moorings.

Jana Sequoya Magdaleno

Nothing to Celebrate.

I don't know the origin of the article about CNA and the "SuperUnion" (Sept. 17 issue) but I have to respond. As a registered nurse since 1965 I've always considered myself a member of an honorable profession. How sad to learn I am now considered part of the "exciting industry for the labor movement today".

In the late 1960's I was among the first nurses to join the California Nurses Association and empower that professional organization to act (with us, not for us) as a collective bargaining unit. Membership was voluntary. This union did indeed help us attain better working conditions and compensation.

Since then, the CNA has morphed into a gigantic and liberal union. Mandatory membership in order to work in most large hospitals ensures a steady income to the union coffers. Most of these monies are spent in the political arena and overwhelmingly for "progressive" causes and candidates.

Next time you see the California

National Nurses Organizing Committee - United American Nurses...Organizing and United for what?...a new "union merger that seeks to align progressive nurses with other service workers as well as healthcare consumers". Sounds like a stronger and bigger union to me.

Aspirin and Heart Attacks

If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. Aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life". Therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the aspirin would be strongest in your system. Aspirin by your bedside saves lives.

There are other symptoms of an heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating.

NOTE: There may be no pain in the chest during a heart attack.

The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVE TWO ASPIRINS IN YOUR MOUTH and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards, phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by and state "HEART ATTACK!!!" and that you have taken 2 ASPIRINS. Take a seat on a chair or sofa and wait for their arrival andDO NOT LIE DOWN !!

Las Posadas Christmas Pageant

A Glimpse of History Through Music and Drama

In Upper Alta California in the Mexican era, beginning eight days before Christmas, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem would be re-enacted. A procession, led by children, would be formed outdoors as soon as it was dark. The participants would stop at the closed door of a house to ask for lodging.

The man of the house would answer in song telling them to go away - that everyone was asleep. He eventually is persuaded to open the door. All enter singing - begging for sweets. Refreshments

would be served and there would be dancing. On the ninth night, the babe is born. His image would be carried around the room and kissed. Piñatas were broken, spilling out candy and nuts for all the children.

The Las Posadas was introduced as a devotion at the Church of Acolman in 1587 to counteract the Aztec celebrations in honor of Huitzilopochtli. This was to help teach and convert the Indians. It was inspired by the early miracle

plays of medieval Europe but lost the sacred drama of those plays and acquired spontaneity, simplicity and religious fervor.

There are countless variations of this procession carried out in villages and towns in Spain, Mexico and California still. Las Posadas Pageant is an interpretation of the era of 1835 - 1850 in La Frontera de Norte in Upper Alta California.

The production is a narration of the event with tableaus of scenes in-between the song and answer songs. It seeks to re-create the spirit of the early Spanish and Mexican cultures in Upper Alta California when Commandante Vallejo, Doña Francisca Vallejo and their family would celebrate the Christmas Holiday with all the people.

This year, this production of Las Posadas Pageant will be held in Pope Valley on December 19 at the Farm Center. This will be adding to the history of the area by bringing to life the way it was. A get together meeting and audition will be held at the Farm Center, October 24, 2009 from 1:00-4:00.

This is a family event and all are welcome to participate. There are solo parts, chorus, walk on and general helpers needed for the production. Music sheets will be provided for auditions. Martha McGettigan, great great granddaughter of General Vallejo is the producer and director.

This program has been done and well-received in Sonoma for many years. It is a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit with friends, family and the community.

For more information please call Martha at (707) 965-2169.

Does Indian Summer Mean Summer in India?

Because of the period of hot weather we had at the end of September which coincided with my daughter Radha's birthday, she asked if I knew where the term Indian Summer originated. I didn't so I looked it up - Wikipedia's not a bad source.

Indian summer is an informal expression given to a period of sunny, warm weather in autumn in the northern hemisphere, typically in late October or early November, after the leaves have turned but before the first snowfall.

As with all informal expressions, ideas on what constitutes an Indian summer vary widely. All in all, even with the variety of opinions on this weather (or seasonal) phenomenon, the most popular belief of Indian Summer is as follows: It is an abnormally warm and dry weather period, varying in length, that comes in the autumn time of the year, usually in October or November, and only after the first killing frost or freeze. There may be several occurrences of Indian Summer in a fall season or none at all.

In some regions of the southeastern United States, "Indian summer" is colloquially used to describe the hottest times of the year, typically in late July or August. But in the South as elsewhere in the U.S., this period is more commonly known as the dog days, in reference to the position of Sirius—the "Dog Star" and brightest star in the northern hemisphere—alongside the sun.

Why Indian? Well, no one knows but, as is commonplace when no one knows, many people have guessed. Here are a few of the more commonly repeated guesses:

* When European settlers first came across the phenomenon in America it became known as the Indian's Summer.

* The haziness of the Indian Summer weather was caused by prairie fires deliberately set by Native American tribes.

* It was the period when First Nations/Native American peoples harvested their crops.

* The phenomenon was more common in what were then North American Indian territories.

* It relates to the marine shipping trade in the Indian Ocean (this is highly dubious as it is entirely remote from the early US citations).

* It originated from raids on European settlements by Indian war parties, which usually ended in autumn.

* In a parallel with other 'Indian' terms it implied a belief in Indian falsity and untrustworthiness and that an Indian summer was an ersatz copy of the real thing.

The term Indian summer reached England in the 19th century, during the heyday of the British Raj in India. This lead to the mistaken belief that

the term referred to the Indian subcontinent. An author by the name of H. E. Ware, noted that ships traversing the Indian Ocean loaded up their cargo the most during the "Indian Summer", or fair weather season. Several ships actually had an "I.S." on their hull at the load level thought safe during the Indian Summer.

In fact, the Indians in question were the Native Americans, and the term began use there in the late 18th century.

Silverado Resort for sale

The largest resort in Napa County doesn't come with a set price tag, but is expected to sell for "probably somewhere in between" \$10 and \$100 million. Setsuo Okawa of Tokyo, Japan, and his family, have owned Silverado Resort for the past 20 years.

In 1984, Robert Meyer bought the resort for \$20 million, selling it five years later to the Okawa family for \$110 million in 1989.

The history of Silverado Resort stretches back to the mid-1800s, when retired military general John Miller built the signature Southern-style white mansion near Atlas Peak Road in Napa. In the late 1960s, AMFAC Corp. turned the property into a resort.

This could be a difficult time to sell Silverado Resort. The recession has affected the hotel market since hotel values have fallen 30 to 50 percent, depending on where they are.

Silverado Resort includes 1,200 acres, two 18-hole championship golf courses, 280 guest condo hotel units and private cottage suites, 13,000 square feet of meeting space, 10 swimming pools, 16 tennis courts, three bocce ball courts, three dining facilities and a 16,000 square-foot spa.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts, based in Colorado, manages the resort. The resort employs 500 people and includes 300 condominium owners and 800 country club members.

Trick or Treat!



Pope Valley School
September 2009



STEBBINS COLD CANYON - UC Davis Natural Reserve Outings

Most outings are interactive and experiential in nature. In addition to Stebbins Cold Canyon, outings will take place at Bobcat Ranch, and Lake Solano Regional Park. Please RSVP for each outing you are interested in attending. Most outings are limited to 15 participants and fill up quickly. RSVP via e-mail: jfaly@ucdavis.edu. Include your name, address, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether you need directions.

STAR GAZING: Saturday, October, 17th 6:30-9:30pm, Tour of the Night Sky

Yes, stargazing in the fall. Focus on changes in the sky compared to spring, point out planets, deep sky objects & constellations and share stories on the mythology of the night sky. There is a 1½ mile, slight up hill, hike to the meadow where the group will observe the night sky. This outing fills up quickly so RSVP early.

PHOTOGRAPHY & NATURE: Sunday, October 25th, 10-1pm

Take only photos leave only footprints. Do you want to develop some photographic technique and learn how to take fantastic nature photos? Join Daniel Ng as he guides you how to uniquely capture an image with film or a digital camera. Bring a camera and a sense of wonder.

COLD CANYON, A POSSIBLE FUTURE: Sunday, November 1st, 9:00 AM

Andrew Fulks will lead a loop trail hike that includes exploration of property at the Cold Canyon headwaters. Currently the property is privately owned, but Tuleyome, a non profit organization dedicated to protecting both the wild and agricultural heritages of the Putah-Cache bioregion, will talk about plans to purchase the property and add to the existing trail system. The hike will be approximately 6 miles long with a 1,200 elevation gain.

BOBCAT RANCH: Sunday, November 15th 8:30am-1:00pm

To the north-east of Stebbins Cold Canyon is the 6,800-acre Bobcat Ranch. For decades the ranch was privately owned but a few years ago Audubon, California purchased the property for conservation, restoration and recreation. Currently the ranch is not open to the public but ranch manager, Alex Palmerlee, will lead a special outing into the inner reaches of the property and highlight the natural habitats and local wildlife inhabiting this region. The hike is moderate. The group will meet at Steady Eddy's in Winters @ 8:30am

BASIC BOTANY: Saturday, November 21st 10-1pm, As a way to ID Plants

Come on out and take an easy hike in the sunshine while learning about some fundamentals of plant anatomy that provide clues to identifying major plant families. With this skill you might be surprised how many plants and wildflowers you can identify at the reserve and at home in your own backyard.

LOOP TRAIL: Saturday, November 28th 9-1pm

Hike the loop trail after Thanksgiving with opportunities along the way to learn about the reserve and to reflect on what you are thankful for. This hike is 5 miles, has a 1,200' elevation gain (with many steps) and offers distinctive changes in the plant communities and breathtaking views in all directions—look for waterfalls after the rain. Bring: Sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water and a snack.

ANIMAL TRACKING: Saturday, December 5th, 9-Noon at Lake Solano

It is easy to forget that the places we live and play are also home to foxes, mink, coyotes, and other mammals. Usually these animals stay out of sight, but they always leave behind clues to tell you they were there. Learn to read animal track and sign with experienced tracker Sean Clementza and see the landscape through an animal's eyes. This outing meets in the day use parking lot at Lake Solano.

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Holiday Assistance from the Community Church of Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will once again be the location for people in the Lake Berryessa area to sign up for holiday assistance. The assistance is provided through Catholic Charities and others for the Christmas holiday.

Sign-ups will occur on Thursday, October 15th between 11:00am- 4:00pm, Thursday, October 22 between 11:00am - 4:00pm, and Saturday, October 24 between noon and 2:00pm.

The church address is 6008 Steele Canyon road and it is located at Moscowite Corners. Holiday assistance will include gift assistance for those children under 14 years of age and food for the elderly and or low income.

Requirements for assistance are:

1-proof of income for all adults in the home

2-Passport to services from social services accepted

3-proof of residence via Water, PG&E or other bill bearing the home

address and party name

4-birth certificates for all children living in the home

5-a photo ID for all adults in the home.

If the above documents are not present when signing up for assistance the assistance may not be available. For questions please call the Community Church at 707-252-4488.

Coastal Clean-Up Day Results - September 19, 2009

Lake Berryessa Coastal Clean-up Results: 47 volunteers collected 1500 lbs of trash and 744 lbs of recycle from the shoreline of Lake Berryessa!

Quote of the month

“Glen Beck is Satan’s mentally-challenged younger brother.”

Author Stephen King

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Pope Valley School Gets Clean-Air Grant for Two New Clean Exhaust School Buses!

After months of hard work by School Board President, Chris Thompson, and many others, Pope Valley School received two new LNG (liquified natural gas) school buses.

The buses solve a problem for the district in that their use of LNG allows the school to use its LNG tanks at the school to refuel the buses. Previously the diesel buses had to be driven to St. Helena to refuel.

From the photo below you can see that the new buses have high-backed seats with seat belts for added safety (and less fidgeting?).

Since the buses were purchased with clean air grant funds, the engines of the old buses must be destroyed. However, the buses have already been used as a teaching tool to educate the kids about environmental sustainability



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Berryessa Highlands residents agree to water rate increase
Property owners want county to OK agency to run service
 By KERANA TODOROV
 Napa Register Staff Writer

Berryessa Highlands residents are paying more to keep their Lake Berryessa water and sewer district afloat.

The new water and sewer rates became effective Oct. 1, after the vast majority of property owners in the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District accepted the proposed water and sewer rate hikes. Fewer than 2 percent of property owners in the area filed protests with the district by last Tuesday's deadline.

Under the new hikes, residents will pay 82 percent more than current rates between Oct. 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010; and 61 percent more between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The rates then will decrease to their current levels.

A committee of residents proposed the new structure after a majority of property owners in the area dealt a defeat to higher increases in June.

The new rates are meant to be temporary while Steele Park Resort, the district's biggest customer and revenue generator, is shutting down. The resort is scheduled to close at the end of the month as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reviews bids on Steele Park and four other resorts on the shores of Lake Berryessa.

Committee members said they were pleased with last Tuesday's tally.

"I think we're heading in the right direction," committee member and Berryessa Highlands resident Stu Williams said Friday.

This Tuesday, the members of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, who run the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, will discuss whether two engineering firms recommended by the residents to run the district should be evaluated without a formal bid process.

County staff have recommended going through the normal bid process. Committee members oppose the plan because it could take three to four months.

The district's water and sewer systems need major repairs, but the district

has not been able to issue bonds to pay for the improvements because Steele Park — which has been expected to pay more than a quarter of the estimated \$14 million cost — is closing.

The burden on Steele Park raised concerns in the Bureau of Reclamation and elsewhere that no new operator would bid to take over the popular lakeside resort.

But on Friday, Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero said the agency has received "an acceptable range of proposals" to run all the resorts, presumably including Steele Park. The contract for Steele Park includes a requirement to pay money into the NBRID water treatment system.

The bureau hopes to award resort contracts by March, said Lucero, who declined to say how many bids were submitted by the Sept. 30 deadline.

In 2006, state water regulators imposed a moratorium on new construction at Berryessa Highlands because of a series of violations of rules for disposal and treatment of wastewater. The violations most often occur in winter.

The moratorium remains in effect until the district upgrades its infrastructure. According to San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board, the improvements must be completed by 2012.

Bart Barthelemy, another committee member who has spearheaded the grassroots campaign to find alternatives to run and manage the troubled district, on Friday said he wants county officials to evaluate the two engineering firm proposals without soliciting additional bids.

"Time is of the essence. We have winter coming up," Barthelemy said.

County to distribute H1N1 vaccine

Napa County's Public Health division is making plans to distribute the H1N1 vaccine to priority groups and, eventually, to anyone who would like to be vaccinated, following receipt today of the County's first shipment of vaccine.

The County's initial allocations of vaccine are to be targeted to the CDC-recommended priority groups, including pregnant women; children age 6 months to 24; caregivers and family members of infants up to age 6 months; those with underlying health conditions; and health care workers.

Drunk Drivers on Steele Canyon Road

by Tamia Walker

This is what happens when drunk drivers drive by my house, going too fast for the corner our house sits on.



The driver's car rolled off the cliff. His passenger was air lifted with a broken back. The driver ran and the drama to find him...sheriff and chp along with a helicopter was amazing...you would have thought it was a shooting (must have been a slow Sat night)...the helicopter found him after about an hour and a half and then he was air lifted as well....that is a pic of Joe's brand new work truck.

"Like communities all over the country, our initial shipment of the H1N1 vaccine is small and comes to us in the form of the nasal spray," said Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. "In accordance with CDC and State recommendations, we'll ensure that those first doses are administered to otherwise healthy children, with no underlying medical conditions. We've been told to expect that by November, we'll have enough vaccine for anyone who would like it."

Public Health will make its initial allocations available to priority populations at targeted clinics during October. A schedule of public vaccination events will be made available when the larger shipments begin to arrive in late October and early November.

Most of Napa County's total H1N1 vaccine allocations will be received and administered by private health care providers, including Kaiser and private physicians such as pediatricians.



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Charley promptly responded,

"They said, 'Good morning, General. Would you like some coffee this morning, sir?'"

From Barry Bosshard

Sunday Drive: Berryessa Loop

Tom Stienstra
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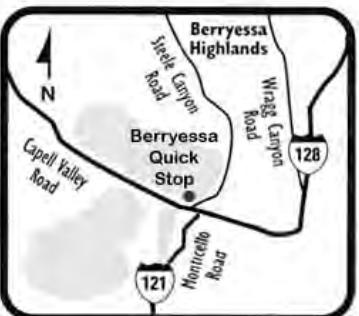
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Q. Why did the blonde scale the chain-link fence? A. To see what was on the other side.

Q. How can you tell when a blond sends a fax? A. You will find a stamp on it.

Q. Why is it good to have a blonde passenger? A. You can park in the handicap zone.

Q: How can you tell a blonde's been using the computer? A: There's white-out all over the screen.

Q. What do you call 24 blondes in a box? A. A case of empties!

Local News Notes

Steele Park Resort is now closed and demolition will continue for at least 6 months. Check out the Steele Park demolition photo album at www.LakeberryessaNews.com. As of Wednesday, 11/4/09, the restaurant, office, ice cream parlor, and motel are gone!

The Oak Shores campground is closed. Only Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina are now open for lodging and launching. The Capell Public Launch Ramp remains open.

There is no further news from the Bureau of Reclamation about the bid process. During the last bid process, the names of the bidders were released within 4 weeks. But this time the BOR seems reluctant to release any information. The last communication I received from Pete Lucero, Public Information Officer, simply stated, "On advice of counsel, Reclamation will not release names of concession bidders or any information on their proposals."

When I queried Congressman Mike Thompson's office I received this reply: "Mr. Kilkus: On the advice of Attorneys at the Bureau of Reclamation, (BOR) we have been told the names & content of any of the proposals will NOT be released.

Our office has been assured that by mid-December, those bidders selected as superior proposals will be released. The BOR will proceed with negotiations with each bidder for final contracts. Regards, Brad Onorato"

As of 11/8/09 we have had 3.30 inches of rain at the lake and the water level rose from a low of 407.64 feet to 407.94 feet (or about 7 inches). It has now gone back down to below where it was at 407.57 feet – 32.43 feet below Glory Hole.

From Bob Joe at Capell Valley Estates: Just wanted to share news that Capell Valley Estates saved one of the homes from Steele Canyon Resort today and is giving it a new lease on life on lot 26. The relocation went without a hitch other than Pepe blowing out one of the trailer tires on Steele Canyon Rd. Reuse and small foot print living are both sustainable principles and we're proud to be able to apply these at Capell Valley Estates.

As a recent recipient of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus program) funding program in order to make improvements to our water treatment facility. We have included a 10 kW Solar Array to help power the electrical needs of the water plant.

Bids for the project will be solicited in published ads this month. The project costs are estimated to be between \$400k - \$500k with completion expected in early 2010. Because of this stimulus program the residents of CVE will end up with a free upgraded water treatment facility.

We still have the Free Give Away of the 1870's two story house, sure wish there was a taker.

CeCe Short is going on a new work-related adventure as Napa County Territory Manager for California Outdoor Properties, participating with Cabela's Trophy Properties. See her ad on Page 1.

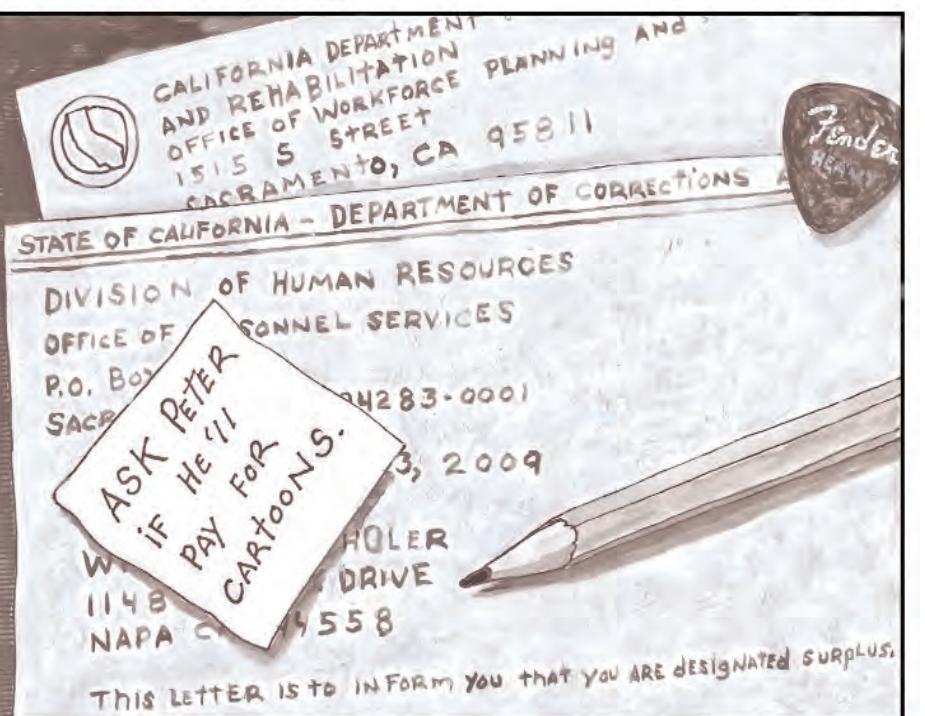
The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships to two of our local High School students. They both graduated this past school year and are now attending classes at the Junior College level. Kelsey Hamilton of Spanish Flat and Josh Willson of the Highlands were both awarded \$500 scholarships in their pursuit of higher education.

The churches hope is to identify two more local students graduating this school year and again award scholarships. Interested parties should contact the church for more information. 707-252-4488

State furloughs and layoffs hit close to home! And result in desperate questions.

NAPALACHIA

By Bill Scholer



The notice below refers to a rate review public hearing for Berryessa Garbage Service which serves most Lake Berryessa residents.

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN GARBAGE ZONE TWO WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that on Tuesday,

November 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., or at such time thereafter as reasonably possible, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider adoption of a resolution adjusting rates for the collection and disposal of garbage in Garbage Zone Two within the County of Napa.

The fees initiated or revised by this resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide the service for which the fee is levied and are mandated by State law.

The Public Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 24, 2009 in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Suite 305, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

A copy of the proposed fees and data regarding the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service, including General Fund revenues, is available for review at the office of the Clerk of the Board, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, California, 94559.

DATED: November 3, 2009

ATTEST: Karita Prescott

Deputy Clerk of the Board

2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

November 14: Senior Center Thanksgiving potluck. The Center will provide turkey, dressing and rolls. Those attending should plan on bringing a side dish and if you would like a dessert/appetizer as well. The festivities start at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. If you plan on attending there is a signup sheet at the entrance to the center. There will be a raffle for the Turkey Dinner basket along with other items.

November 14: Pope Valley Craft Fair, 10 AM - 4PM, POPE VALLEY FARM CENTER

November 15: The Pope Valley Fire Department & Pope Valley Gun Club present the annual benefit TURKEY SHOOT, 8:00 a.m. to Sundown, Across from the Pope Valley Farm Center. For more info, call (707) 965-2295 Please No Dogs Allowed!

November 20th: Napa's Project Homeless Connect is looking for volunteers - Napa County is attempting to organize 500 volunteers for a day of impacting the lives of homeless people in Napa County. Volunteers are needed for set up on the 19th and many tasks on the 20th. The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is assisting by organizing local volunteers - 252-4488. You can also contact the Volunteer Center of Napa Valley at katier@volunteercenternapa.org for information.

November 24, 2009: Berryessa Garbage Service rate review public meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Suite 305, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. See Notice on Page 2.

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

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

Winter Publishing Schedule

The Lake Berryessa News continues its winter publishing schedule. From October through March, the paper will be published once per month during the first full week of that month.

However, I will be updating the Lake Berryessa News web site (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com) and sending out email newsletters more often to keep you informed about current events at the lake.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 11/2/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **3.30** inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now **32.43** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
10/5/09	407.94	0.11	70	40	0.00
10/6/09	407.90	0.10	73	41	0.00
10/7/09	407.86	0.12	76	43	0.00
10/8/09	407.82	0.13	85	43	0.00
10/9/09	407.79	0.09	79	43	0.00
10/10/09	407.72	0.09	81	45	0.00
10/11/09	407.70	0.11	82	43	0.00
10/12/09	407.64	0.09	65	44	0.00
10/13/09	407.92	0.00	63	54	0.02
10/14/09	407.92	0.00	65	55	2.83
10/15/09	407.94	0.02	74	58	0.01
10/16/09	407.93	0.02	70	58	0.02
10/17/09	407.92	0.04	83	55	0.00
10/18/09	407.91	0.08	85	56	0.00
10/19/09	407.93	0.02	74	51	0.00
10/20/09	407.89	0.04	59	49	0.27
10/21/09	407.89	0.01	76	49	0.00
10/22/09	407.86	0.08	75	50	0.00
10/23/09	407.88	0.02	80	50	0.00
10/24/09	407.86	0.03	80	51	0.00
10/25/09	407.83	0.02	80	49	0.00
10/26/09	407.87	0.10	86	48	0.00
10/27/09	407.77	0.01	84	50	0.00
10/28/09	407.72	0.29	64	38	0.00
10/29/09	407.68	0.11	62	41	0.00
10/30/09	407.69	0.06	74	43	0.00
10/31/09	407.66	0.06	75	45	0.00
11/1/09	407.66	0.06	65	48	0.00
11/2/09	407.64	0.01	80	46	0.00
11/3/09	407.64	0.08	82	43	0.00
11/4/09	407.64	0.07	79	42	0.00
11/5/09	407.62	0.07	75	44	0.00
11/6/09	407.61	0.03	64	50	0.00
11/7/09	407.60	0.02	63	42	0.00
11/8/09	407.57	0.08	71	39	0.00



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Fishing With Sid

Thank you friends for calling and emailing me all summer and asking how I am. I have not been to Berryessa at all this past summer because of the Bureau of Reclamation and the management of Steele Park Resort who would not allow me to dock my boat at their marina. It is difficult for me to launch my boat everytime I go out so not being able to keep it in the water really prevented me from enjoying the fishing this summer at the lake. I have tried to answer all your emails and help with your fishing questions pertaining to fishing at Berryessa. That lake is still my number one love. I will try to catch you up on my fishing activities starting from this past weekend and going backwards.

This past Saturday I fished out of Emeryville Marina on the "Captain Hook" with Capt. David, a real nice guy, and a pleasure to fish with. Helping him were two great deckhands Lloyd and Randy. We went to the Farallons Island for rockfish and lingcod. I used light gear and caught 26 rockfish and some nice ling. That day the boat limited out and the water was fairly calm.

Using the same boat and crew the week before we were not able to go to the Farallons due to the weather which was windy with very high waves. We ended up going to shallower water in a more protected area. That day I lost twelve bars without landing even one ling cod but I did limit out on rockfish.

The weekend prior to that I fished on the "C-Gull" also out of Emeryville with Chris as the deckhand. I caught five ling cods and over thirty rockfish. A few weeks prior to that I went up to Cool to visit my friends Jeff and Lynnea who have a beautiful ranch there. I fished all their ponds and caught nothing but bass one after another. I had a great time.

If you are interested in fishing out of the Emeryville Marina you can call Craig at 510-654-6040 to book a trip on any of their boats. If you are interested in going up to Cool you can call Lynnea at 650-346-6363.

You can use my name as a reference at either place if you would like.

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Fishing News from Guy Carl

The group called Putah Creek Trout supports changing the regulations on Putah Creek to catch-and-release only, with gear restricted to artificial lures with barbless hooks.

Under the proposal, the stretch of the stream between Monticello Dam and Lake Solano would be open for fishing year-round, but no trout could ever be taken from these waters.

Personally, I'm in favor of this proposal for a number of reasons. The Department of Fish & Game is no longer stocking fish here, so all of the fishing pressure now directly impacts the wild trout fishery.

And with nearly all of Napa County's streams permanently closed to trout fishing, this nearby cold-water fishery is a wonderful resource for the trout enthusiast.

The proposed regulations would not affect Lake Solano downstream nor Lake Berryessa above the dam, so those anglers wishing to use live bait and/or take fish home have plenty of alternatives.

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The Berryessa Lions Club held their annual Octoberfest on Saturday October 17th at the Turtle Rock. It was quite successful and a good time was had by all.

The Berryessa Lions Club would like to thank the following for their help in making this event a success: Peter and Chavonne Leung, owners of The Turtle Rock; Frank Mosley, Mosley Electric; Pat and Judy Trihey, Berryessa Boat Storage; Carole Hancock; Peter Kilkus, Berryessa News; Alex Mosley.

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I then worked for 20 years in various blue collar trades such as warehousing, transportation, and construction. I returned to school in 1997 and soon thereafter completed my A.A. Degree at Delta College. I then completed my B.S. Degree at University of San Francisco in 2001. After a brief stint in Santa Cruz as a remodel contractor, I moved to Napa and enrolled in the teacher credentialing program at Sonoma State University. After completing my credential I substituted in all phases of education in K-12 in the Napa Valley Unified School District. For the past two years I have taught third grade at Napa Valley Language Academy.

I am a guitar player/composer, writer and artist. I enjoy the outdoors and I love to travel. My wife Suzie and I share two daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren.

I'm happy to have the opportunity to be teaching at Capell Valley Elementary School. I'm impressed with the strong sense of community here

and I look forward to this coming school year.

Senior Center Helps Support Our Troops

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is a recycling program which donates old cell phones to the Cell Phone Recycling Center in Dexter, Michigan. Proceeds from donated cell phones are used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American troops.

Effie Macholz will be collecting any old phones that are dropped off at the Berryessa Senior Center and forwarding them on to the recycling center.

This "Cell Phones for Soldiers" was started in 2004 by teens Brittany and Robbie Bergquist and they have raised millions of dollars to help our troops call home.

Senior Center Thanksgiving Potluck

The Thanksgiving potluck will be held on Saturday, November 14 (due to a wedding reception being held on the 21st). The Center will provide a turkey, dressing and rolls. Those attending should plan on bringing a side dish and if you would like a dessert/appetizer as well. The festivities start at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. If you plan on attending there is a signup sheet at the entrance to the center. There will be a raffle for the Turkey Dinner basket along with other items.



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On October 23rd, the Berryessa Lions Club held its "Bill Kaye Annual Bike Rodeo" dedicated to the loving memory of Charter Lion Bill Kaye.

Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses and community members, the Lions Club was able to purchase fourteen bicycles. As in past years, the bike rodeo was held at Pope Valley School and this year was enhanced by the participation of Capell Valley School. We were able to award a bike to a child from each class at both schools.

The Berryessa Lions Club would like express its gratitude to the following whose continued support allows us to serve our community.

Bikes were donated by:

Dr. Tonya Watson who performs our annual eye exams
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(Editor's Note: Kate Rubins, the daughter of Berryessa Highlands resident Jim Rubins, was chosen as a new astronaut trainee and was profiled in the Lake Berryessa News several weeks ago. Kate has just received the honor of being named one of the 2009 Brilliant Ten by Popular Science Magazine. Kate was a local student here years ago and should be an inspiration to our present students. The following is reprinted from Popular Science Magazine)

The Flying Virus Hunter- Kate Rubins



Multiflasker: When she's not doing research or training for NASA, Kate Rubins manages her non-profit, Congo Medical Relief, which she created to deliver medical supplies to Africa.

As a kid, Kate Rubins dreamed of being an astronaut and figured flying fighter jets would be the best way to get to NASA. She even went to space camp at age 12 to get a head start on her training. Then she learned the disappointing news that, at the time, the pilot job was off-limits to women.

Secretly, her parents hoped their daughter would choose a safer career, but by high school Rubins had already set her sights on another perilous profession: hunting killer viruses. And this time, there was no glass ceiling to hold her back. Rubins published her first paper on HIV in 1999 as an undergraduate at the University of California at San Diego. In 2001, while a Ph.D. candidate at Stanford University, she helped the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases create the first animal model for testing smallpox, a scourge that killed millions before its eradication in 1980.

Rubins's work has made it possible to study how the virus evades the immune system in living tissue, a major step toward new medicine and vaccines should terrorists somehow get their hands on one of the two known smallpox samples. It's this ability to make positive changes in the world that motivates Rubins. "We have a responsibility as

researchers to help people," she says.

After smallpox, Rubins quickly shifted her attention to another scourge, monkeypox, which is now reaching epidemic proportions in Africa. A cousin to smallpox, the virus is endemic to monkeys and rodents, but it can jump to humans during the slaughter or consumption of bush meat, causing facial boils, blindness and even death. During her tenure as a Whitehead fellow at MIT, Rubins spent months in the remote jungles of the Democratic Republic of Congo, eating the occasional meal of grubs (her motto: "If people serve it, I eat it"), trying to figure out why the disease appears to be spreading so quickly. The region's underdeveloped health infrastructure makes infection rates hard to pin down, but an uptick in the number of cases suggests the virus is gaining strength.

To track the genetic evolution of monkeypox, Rubins and her team collect and analyze DNA samples from volunteer patients. Because traditional genetic-sequencing techniques can take weeks and often churn out incomplete results, she helped develop a faster, more accurate method. Typically, scientists extract monkeypox from patient samples and grow the virus on human or monkey cells. The problem is that the virus can evolve in response to its growth medium, so the final population of viruses may bear little resemblance to the ones that are infecting people in Africa. Rubins's idea was to skip the tissue-culture step and instead rely on a new high-powered DNA sequencer to amplify all the genetic material. She then devised laboratory protocols and algorithms to sort the monkeypox from the human cells. The entire process takes less than five days and generates what Rubins calls an "obscene" amount of genetic data on the virus.

Today, the Air Force no longer bars female fighter pilots. The policy changed in 1993, but by then Rubins had already moved on. She's never been the type to sit around waiting for the tide to turn. This fall, while her team continues its work in Africa, Rubins will finally get the chance to live out that childhood dream when she joins NASA's 20th astronaut class, training to become one of the first people to fly the shuttle's successor, the Orion.

Selected from thousands of candidates, she says her full-throttle hobbies of skydiving and scuba diving, not to mention her ability to thrive in dangerous places, set her apart. When asked if she's nervous about the prospect of flying a new spaceship to the moon, Rubins smiles calmly. "Not at all. I want to be the first person to fly it, right? I'm just thrilled." —Nicole Dyer

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When they run low, a gas generator kicks in. Even then, the system uses half the fuel (about three gallons per hour) and spews half the emissions of other wakeboard-ready motorboats, since the generator only needs to rev high enough to recharge the battery, not to move the drivetrain itself.

Shipping in 2009, the Epic 23e has a waiting list even at \$150,000. Anthony expects the price to drop closer to gas models within two years as batteries become more common and as fuel costs and emissions limits turn the tide toward greener boating.

A blonde walks into the hairdresser with headphones on. She asks the woman working there for a haircut. The blonde sits down in the chair.

The woman takes the blonde's headphones off and cuts her hair. At the end, the woman asks how she likes her hair but, to her surprise the blonde is dead! The woman picks up the headphones and listens.

She hears: "Breathe in...breathe out...breathe in...breathe out."

It was a really hot day and this blonde decided she would go buy a coke. She went to the coke machine and when she put her money in, a coke came out - so she kept putting money in.

And since it was such a hot day, a line had formed behind her. Finally, a guy on line said, "Will you hurry up? We're all hot and thirsty!"

And the blonde said, "No way. I'm still winning!"

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Chip - Pasture muffins that you try not to step in.

Terminal - Time to call the undertaker.

Crash - When you go to Junior's party uninvited.

Digital - The art of counting on your fingers.

Diskette - Female Disco dancer.

Fax - What you lie about to the IRS.

Hacker - Uncle Leroy after 32 years of smoking.



Hardcopy - Picture looked at when selecting tattoos.

Internet - Where cafeteria workers put their hair.

Keyboard - Where you hang the keys to the John Deere.

Mac - Big Bubba's favorite fast food.

Megahertz - How your head feels after 17 beers.

Modem - What you do when the grass gets too high.

Mouse Pad - Where Mickey and Minnie live.

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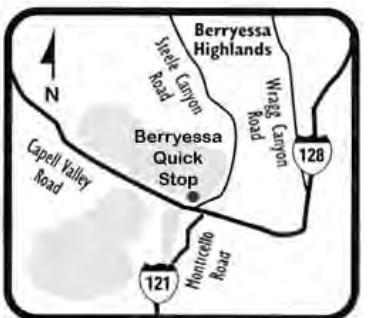
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Huge Windstorm Hits Lake Berryessa

November 27th and 28th saw one of the biggest wind storms to hit Lake Berryessa in a long time. The winds were consistently in the 20 to 30 mph range with higher gusts. My guage showed gusts of 41 mph plus in the Berryessa Highlands.

The power went out several times during the early morning hours - five times between 8 AM and 9 AM on the morning of the 28th. The outages lasted less than a minute each time, but residents stopped trying to reset their clocks or computers until later that morning.

Unfortunately, very heavy winds hit the Markley Cove Marina damaging docks and sinking or damaging some boats. The following report just came in (Nov. 29 - AM) from Tom Brown, a neighbor of mine at Steele Park until we were forced to demolish our mobile homes there this year:

Hi Peter, you must have heard by now about the wind storm destruction at Markley Cove. Lisa called me about 2:30 PM on Saturday and informed me that my boat was one of many damaged by the hurricane speed winds. Jeremy and I took the trip up there yesterday to remove my boat as requested. I couldn't believe the damage on my C dock.

The roof was gone, the support poles bent and boats on their side, mine being one of them. At first it appeared that my boat had suffered major damage, but we couldn't get it off the bent and distorted lift. It was stuck and wedged into the slip.

I had to un-bolt the lift so that it would drop out of the way. I tied it off with the only rope I had and I hope I'll be able salvage it. After about 2 hours of frustration and hard work, we were finally able to move the boat out of the slip. We wondered if we were going to sink, not knowing what damage might have occurred to the hull.

The engine fired immediately and I felt no vibration, indication that the prop and drive shaft were okay. We we not taking in water (good thing because I wasn't prepared to go swimming) so we motored to the launch ramp with great relief. We couldn't believe that we only had some dock rash and a small rip in the cover.

Now I have no dock or lift at Berryessa - the lake is possessed.



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Christmas Cheer!

Every Christmas pageant throughout the world has a scene showing Joseph leading Mary into Bethlehem on a donkey. Do you realize what would happen if the Republicans asked for equal time?

Did you hear about the Beverly Hills school Christmas pageant? Two kids dressed as Mary and Joseph are on their way to the inn in Bethlehem. On the other side of the stage, a boy in a shepherd's outfit is on a cell phone, calling for reservations.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?
A: Ribbon hood.

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Snowflakes.

Some of these new toys are so creative and inventive. This year they have a Neurotic Doll. It's wound up already.

Q: Mom, can I please have a cat for Christmas?
A: No. You'll have turkey the same us the rest of us.

Q: What is the purpose of reindeer?
A: It makes the grass grow, sweetie.

It was Christmas Eve in at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one. In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam,' he replied, 'they're all dead.'

Q: What's the most popular Christmas wine?
A: I don't like Brussels sprouts!

Q: Why does Santa wear pink underwear?
A: He's a man. He did all his laundry in the one load.

Q: What do you call Santa's Helpers?
A: Subordinate Clauses.

Q: Why would you invite a mushroom to a Christmas party?
A: He's a fun guy to be with.

Holiday Fun Faire

Saturday, December 12th
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Win an Old West Costume Dinner for 6

Step back into the past with a dinner served in the Berryessa Valley Exhibit Museum.

Period costumes will be provided.

"Old Time" Photos will be taken of the winners.

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Drawing, Saturday, 7 PM, December 12, 2009 at Cucina Italiana.

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Tickets available at the Spanish Flat Country Store, Cucina Italiana, the Hand Made Store, and Turtle Rock. Call 707-966-1600

Random Thoughts for the Day:

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

There is great need for a sarcasm font.

Bad decisions make good stories.

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page research paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.

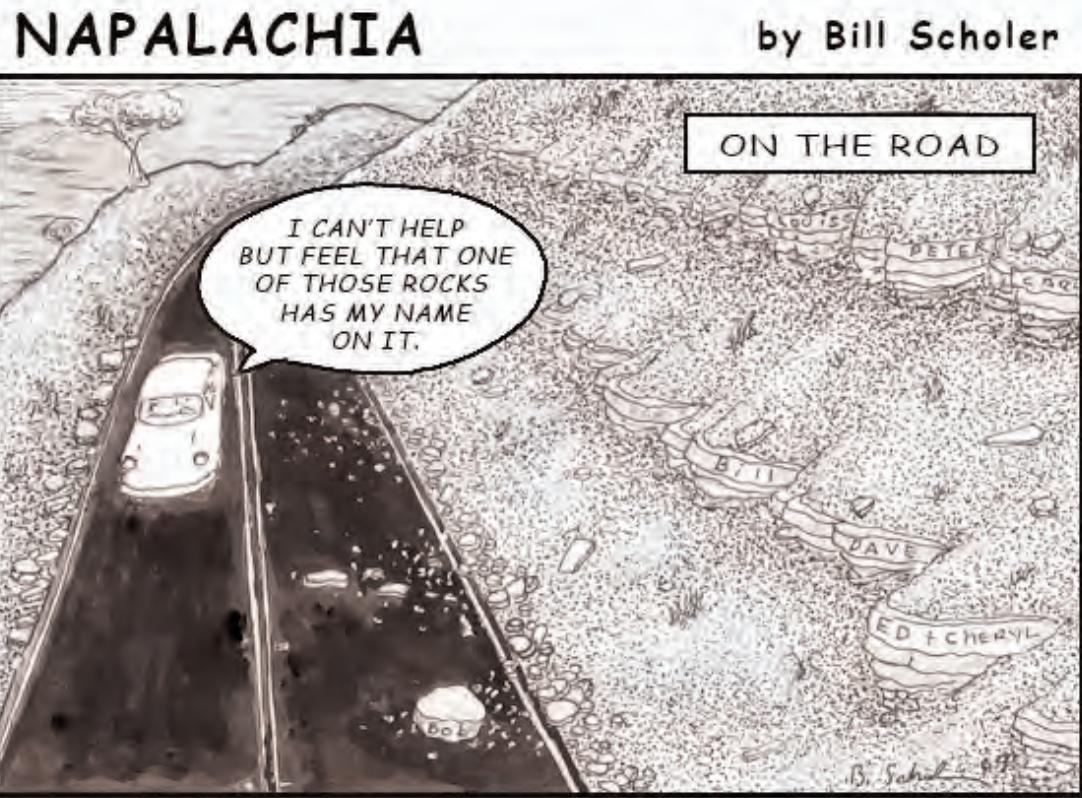
I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away.

I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

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Those who travel Highway 128 to Winters during the rainy season know what Bill means!

Lake Berryessa L.U.S.T.

Although we all love Lake Berryessa, the L.U.S.T. in the title stands for Leaking Underground Storage Tanks. It's a program started in the late 1980's to deal with leaking gasoline tanks. This is the period when Lake Berryessa lost all of its gas stations because it was too expensive for the owners to install the required double-walled leakproof gasoline storage tanks. Engineers were digging test holes at the old Berryessa Corners gas station (now Berryessa Quick Stop) last week to determine whether the project can be closed.

Below is a list of L.U.S.T. projects at Lake Berryessa and their present status, as well as the clean-up costs paid by the State Water Resources Control Board to do the clean-ups. Detailed data on all clean-up sites is available on the state's Geotracker web site: <http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov/>.

The most troublesome site remains Putah Creek Resort where some \$1+ million has been set aside from the stimulus funds being used to clean-up the resorts for further remediation. The Bureau of Reclamation has written a 77-page detailed plan for the final remediation of Putah Creek Resort which is available on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

BERRYESSA MARINA RESORT: Opened - 1/12/96, Closed - 7/2/01
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 SUGARLOAF PARK: Opened - 11/7/97, Still Open - 3/10/08 - Monitoring, \$173,719
 TURTLE ROCK: Opened - 11/28/94, Closed - 6/25/02, \$44,571
 MARKLEY COVE RESORT: Opened - 11/6/91, Closed - 9/7/93

Christmas Greeting: "To My favorite Pink Lady from Your Secret Admirer"

2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

December 5: Winters Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30pm – 6:30pm, Rotary Park

Winters Theater Company, "Cinderella", Fri, December 4, 7pm – 9pm, Sat, December 5, 7pm – 9pm, Sun Dec 6 2pm - 4pm, Winters Community Center, <http://winterstheatre.org/index.html>

Also on Saturday Dec. 5th: During the day 10-3 is the Winters Friends of the Library (WFoL) annual Family Holiday Festival a gift and craft fair. In the evening, the Winters Wonderland Main Street Stroll with caroling, refreshments, and merchant specials.

December 8: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner. The Community Church and Valley Christian church would like to invite all Lake Berryessa community members to attend. Dinner is free of charge and there will be a short program of some of our favorite Christmas carols. Please call the Community Church at 707-252-4488 for location and time. The number of attendees are needed for planning purposes. Pastor Bob Lee

December 12: Spanish Flat Village Fishing Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store. Come for the morning Trout & Salmon Derby, then enjoy lunch & Christmas treats, shop & take a picture with Santa, bring the whole family for lots of fun!

December 12: Spanish Flat Village Holiday Fun Faire, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Have your picture taken with Santa from 1:00-5:00. See details on Page 1.

December 19: Berryessa Senoir Center Christmas Dinner, 6pm with dinner at 7pm. The Center will provide a ham, rolls, and mashed potatoes. There will be a gift exchange which will be passed out by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their two helpers. And as a special treat, Rosemarie Wilson has purchased jingle bracelets for all the ladies attending the dinner.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please have a generic wrapped gift which should cost no more than \$10.00. Also, those of you planning on attending should bringing a side dish and if you would like a dessert/appetizer as well. There is a signup sheet at the entrance to the center.

December 19: Pope Valley Christmas Pageant and Potluck Party. Farm Center, 5:30 PM

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 11/2/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **3.77** inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now **32.77** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
11/7/09	407.60	0.02	63	42	0.00
11/8/09	407.57	0.08	71	39	0.00
11/9/09	407.56	0.05	69	37	0.00
11/10/09	407.54	0.03	64	36	0.00
11/11/09	407.54	0.04	64	43	0.00
11/12/09	407.53	0.03	66	43	0.00
11/13/09	407.51	0.01	66	36	0.00
11/14/09	407.49	0.02	63	37	0.00
11/15/09	407.46	0.03	67	34	0.00
11/16/09	407.45	0.08	66	35	0.00
11/17/09	407.43	0.01	65	33	0.00
11/18/09	407.42	0.01	68	38	0.08
11/19/09	407.41	0.00	65	33	0.00
11/20/09	407.44	0.02	60	33	0.00
11/21/09	407.45	0.00	56	35	0.26
11/22/09	407.38	0.02	61	40	0.00
11/23/09	407.36	0.04	60	38	0.00
11/24/09	407.36	0.06	72	37	0.00
11/25/09	407.34	0.02	69	38	0.08
11/26/09	407.30	0.02	73	37	0.00
11/27/09	407.39	0.04	67	41	0.00
11/28/09	407.26	0.11	64	42	0.05
11/29/09	407.23	0.24	68	37	0.00

Winter Publishing Schedule

The Lake Berryessa News continues its winter publishing schedule. From October through March, the paper will be published once per month during the first full week of that month.

However, I will be updating the Lake Berryessa News web site (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com) and sending out email newsletters more often to keep you informed about current events at the lake.

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Frozen turkeys weren't targets, they were rewards given to the best trap shooters during the 28th Annual Pope Valley Turkey Shoot held Sunday, Nov. 15. Each year, Pope Valley residents come together in support of the all-volunteer Pope Valley Fire Department and host a trap shooting event that raises funds for the station.



In local trap shooting circles the Pope Valley Turkey Shoot is one of the most popular events. Marksmen from as far away as Ukiah joined residents from all over the valley at a field across from the Pope Valley Farm Center to shoot as many clay targets as steady hands and eyes allowed.

A strong family component was integrated into the turkey shoot. Children and teenagers shot paintball guns at targets, some tossed rings at wooden



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ducks, and others seemed happy munching on burgers and hot dogs.

The Pope Valley Turkey Shoot is a benefit that raises fund for the local fire department said Phil



Burton, one of the many volunteer firefighters who helped put on the competition.

"Pope Valley has the largest coverage area," Burton said. "We have 17 members (listed), 12 who run around (actively). The support of the community with any volunteer station is essential."

Last year, the event raised about \$30,000, of which the fire department kept about half after paying expenses. This year, despite the rough economy, they expected to raise the same amount. The funds help the department pay for ancillary expenses, everything from axes to infrared detectors to extra training.

While Pope Valley firefighters worked the event, Angwin Fire Department volunteer crews covered their area, Burton said, adding to the unity of the local fire departments.

Nursing as a Growth Opportunity

In 2000, the amount of full-time equivalent (FTE) licensed nurses was 1,891,000. The demand for FTE licensed nurses was 2,001,500. By 2020, there will be fewer FTE licensed nurses at just 1,808,000. Yet the demand will rise to 2,824,900.

A lack of nurses can translate into less attention spent with each patient, the program points out, and studies have proven that too many patients per nurse can negatively affect medical care. With fewer nurses in hospitals and other health-care facilities, the number of patients per nurse will continue to grow.

Fewer nurses are choosing to teach due to low salaries therefore adversely affecting the number of new nurses. And many nurses are choosing to work for pharmaceutical companies because the pay can be substantially higher than hospitals, emergency rooms, clinics and many other health care facilities.

If nursing appeals to you—and it's not an easy job, so it's definitely not for everyone—this could be the right time to look into it. The demand for nurses will only increase in the coming decades, so you'll be in demand.

Depending on where you decide to work, wages can vary. Here are some median annual salary figures from CBSalary.com to give you an idea:

- * Registered nurse: \$66,427
- * Intensive care unit (ICU) nurse: \$67,548
- * Head nurse: \$85,967
- * Critical care unit (CCU) nurse: \$67,016
- * Nurse midwife: \$98,008
- * Home-care nurse: \$65,507

(Salaries vary by location, of course. And there are many other nursing options available.)



Board of Supervisors Meetings on Video

The following story about Berryessa Garbage Service and the report by George Bacich on Page 4 about the lot line ordinance can now be seen on video at the Napa County web site. The system is quite easy to use, has good quality video, and an easy interface to find the section you want and jump to it directly rather than scanning through the many hours of a typical BOS meeting.

The fascinating thing about looking at the actual video is seeing directly what the supervisors say and how they act, as well as the demeanor and exact words of the public speakers.

(Editor's Note: I found it very interesting to watch Supervisor Dillon comment on the Berryessa Garbage Rate increase described below and Carol Kunze and friends comment on the lot line adjustment described on the next page.)

To see the BOS meetings in all their video glory, go to www.co.napa.ca.us/Gov/ and click on Board of Supervisors on the left. Then click on Board Meetings on the left side of the new window followed by Meetings and Agendas in the new main window. Now

click on Board of Supervisors in the new main window which will bring you to Meeting Agendas. That page gives you access to all agendas, minutes, and videos of meetings. You may need to download a free special viewer if you are running on a Mac. Try it - it's fun.

Berryessa Garbage Service Rate Increase

Berryessa Garbage Service, which serves most of the Lake Berryessa area, asked for a rate increase from the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, November 24, 2009. The residential rate for a single 32 gallon garbage can would increase from \$23.50 per month to \$25.10 per month or 6.8%. Equivalent rate increases were approved for the range of services provided by the company. You can see the full resolution along with the details of the services available from BGS on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

BGS has been seriously impacted by the closure of the resorts and has only partially compensated for that revenue loss by providing demolition and clean-up debris box service at the resorts for the Bureau of Reclamation. The Supervisors found the rate increase request justified and passed it.



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(Editor's Note: The Napa Sierra Club's strategy of using or creating legal loopholes to abridge the rights of Napa property owners, and Supervisor Dillon and Wagenknecht's close ties to the club, are well-known. Thus the following report is quite interesting.)

Napa Supervisors Rebuff the Napa Sierra Club

After seeing Elizabeth Frater's inaccurate and inflammatory letter to the Register claiming the new Lot Line Adjustment Ordinance will destroy the Ag Preserve and the environment, some people felt the Sierra Club might show up at last Tuesday's BOS meeting to oppose the Ordinance, which was scheduled for passage that day. The new ordinance makes it clear that lot line adjustments involving four or fewer parcels are an administrative action, not subject to CEQA, and that participating in one such lot line adjustment does not preclude a parcel from being adjusted again later. It was written by Planning staff after four or five publicly announced stakeholder meetings. The Sierra Club was notably absent from all but one of those meetings, so I didn't really expect them to try to sabotage the ordinance at the last minute, but I was wrong.

Sierra Club speakers included Carol Kunze, Carol V...., Nancy Tamarisk, and Elizabeth Frater, each one stressing that they were speaking for the Sierra Club, and claiming the new Lot line Adjustment is illegal, a violation of the Subdivision Map Act and/or CEQA. They cited legal cases to support their claim, and argued that staff's unfortunate choice of wording specifically eliminates the only CEQA exemption that might have been available, and therefore the CEQA exemption claimed by the ordinance is void. They advised the Supervisors to craft a different ordinance that might actually have some hope of withstanding a court challenge.

Several of us spoke in favor of the ordinance, County Counsel defended its legality, and the Supervisors approved it unanimously. Considering the unanimous vote and the Sierra Club's earlier lack of interest, I wonder if their last minute appearance might have been orchestrated primarily to give Dillon and Wagenknecht an opportunity to conspicuously vote against them in an effort to blunt recent criticism of their affiliation with the Sierra Club. Or have Dillon and Wagenknecht been wrongly maligned for always voting with the Sierra Club? I guess we will have to keep watching.

Regardless of any theatrics that may have been involved, the important thing is that all five Supervisors deserve credit for making a good decision that keeps the very useful and beneficial lot line adjustment process readily available to property owners without the needless expense and hassle of a CEQA review. For this they are to be commended.

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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board Election Results

Of the 62 ballots sent out, 33 were returned for a 53% response. Below are the results in order of total votes. The top 6 candidates are now Board Members. Congratulations!

1. Marcia Ritz 31
2. Jerry Rehmke 29
3. Georgia Craddock 28
4. Dee Cuney 27
5. Brenda Brown 21
6. CeCe Short 21
7. Craig Morton 19

The new Board is now formally in charge of the Lake Berryessa Chamber and will meet soon to elect their new President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to all who participated in this important process.

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Turnover at Lake Berryessa

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Anglers with good depthfinders can usually find the thermocline quite easily because algae and protoplankton will form a layer there, and the deeper, colder water is much more dense.

Frank Morris of the Solano Irrigation District reports, "The classic description of lake turnover is describing "dimictic" lakes or those having two mixes per year. Many larger lakes and reservoirs are "monomictic" - having only one mix per year. Without ice formation and the colder, less dense water rising to the top, reservoirs such as Lake Berryessa will not experience a spring turnover.

Winds in our region also play a large role in keeping the lake well mixed or destratified until summer when surface water temperatures are significantly different, allowing the stratification into the epilimnion, metalimnion and hypolimnion.

The fishermen at Lake Berryessa probably have the best data regarding the lake turnovers and where the metalimnion demarcation typically is located because that is where the fish feed on the zooplankton accumulating at the density gradient. Sometimes when deepwater decomposition is anaerobic, toxic byproducts are produced (for example, hydrogen sulfide) that are brought to the lake surface. If undiluted, these byproducts along with O2 starved water from the deeper parts of the lake can become a lethal combination for fish. Since I've been at Berryessa (5 years now), I'm not aware of this happening."

Remember also that the total depth in that vicinity of the dam is almost 250 feet in depth. The lower depths are pretty consistent, VERY COLD. Another interesting fact is that the Monticello Dam is what is called a "hypolimnetic discharge", meaning that water discharged downstream is drawn off the lower portion of the water volume meaning that it is very cold and very nutrient rich. These nutrients support the large biomass of aquatic plants (and algae) in Lake Solano which is predominately *Myriophyllum* sp., also known as Eurasian Milfoil."

Bureau of Reclamation Ranger Mike McGraw describes some of the biological impacts of lake turnover:

"I have a thermometer down at our boat dock about a 1.5 feet in the water. Yesterday (November 20, 2009) it read 60 degrees, roughly the same temperature it's been since the beginning of the month. Typically, I know the lake turns in the fall sometime in November, but I've never noticed too dramatic a drop on any given day or week for that matter. Usually by January it's around 50 degrees (the lowest I've seen it is 48 degrees a couple years ago).

The big, noticeable change in the spring relates more to direct sunlight on the lake surface, warming water temperatures, and the biological processes that "kick into gear." During this time phytoplankton/algae become more numerous, changing the water from clear to cloudy green - "The Spring Bloom". In response to the algae growth, small invertebrates (i.e. copepods, tiny shrimp-like crit-

ters, and insect larva) become abundant followed by increased feeding and reproductive activity by larger aquatic animals like fish and frogs. The fishermen respond to all this new fish activity and spawning in the early spring (which may be the source of the "spring turnover" concept among anglers at Lake Berryessa).

By late spring, nutrients typically become depleted from the lake and planktonic populations crash, causing the lake to clear a bit and fishing activity to taper-off. The summer is a period of "lake exhaustion", when food becomes scarce and only the hardiest aquatic creatures survive. All the dead organism sink to the bottom of the lake becoming food for decomposers like bacteria. The biological processes of bacteria can deplete deep water O2 supplies which make the fall turnover especially important, not only for recycling nutrients through the water column but also in restoring deep water O2 levels.

Upwelling in the fall can cause planktonic blooms but they are usually short-lived because water temperatures are too low and the days lengths too short to sustain much photosynthetic activity. Sometimes when deepwater decomposition is anaerobic, toxic byproducts are produced (for example, hydrogen sulfide) that are brought to the lake surface. If undiluted, these byproducts along with O2 starved water from the deeper parts of the lake can become a lethal combination for fish. Since I've been at Berryessa (5 years now), I'm not aware of this happening."

Fishing and Turnover

Each fish has a different range of water temperature in which it can survive. Although fish cannot always find the exact temperature they prefer, they are usually found in water close to that temperature.

Species and their preferred temperatures:

Brown Trout	60-65 F
Lake Trout	48-52 F
Rainbow Trout	55-60 F
Chinook Salmon	48-55 F
Coho Salmon	48-55 F
Largemouth Bass	68-78 F
Smallmouth Bass	67-71 F
Striped Bass	60-70 F
Bluegill	75-80 F
Crappie	70-75 F

The angler should know how to locate fish by temperature. Probe a lake's depth with a thermistor on a calibrated cord. The thermistor registers instant temperatures and the cord marks the depth. There are newer models out which also register oxygen content, pH, and water clarity. These instruments are useful lake fishing tools. With whatever instrument you select, document the temperature at one-foot intervals from the lake's top to its bottom. You rarely need to go deeper than forty feet because

it's rare to find fertile water deeper than this depth. Simply find the depth corresponding to the preferred temperature range of the fish species you are seeking. Then identify the ideal temperature depth, which coincides with the lake's bottom structures that produce both food and cover. This is a likely spot to find actively foraging fish.

Other factors such as light intensity, water clarity, pH, and oxygen content influence the fish by forcing them to migrate where these factors are favorable.

During hot temperatures when the epilimnion (top) layer is unfavorably warm, find the junction of the epilimnion and thermocline. At this juncture the most oxygen and somewhat cooler temperatures will be found. Target this junction at depths corresponding with bottom structures presenting both food and cover. At these times all of the lake's fish may be concentrated into this narrow zone.

Water temperature and fish metabolism

Fish have a metabolic rate dependent on water temperature. This dependence on water temperature also affects their immune system, wound healing, and digestion.

Trout, for example, will actively seek 64-degrees or the closest temperature to it. Sixty-four degrees, is the optimal temperature for a trout body to function at its peak. Below 50-degrees and the trout will start to shut down. Above 70-degrees and the trout will start to shut down. So, you can safely guess that trout actively feeding and swimming around will be found where water temperatures are in the 55-65 degree range.

During summer, the surface of a lake the water will be very warm and stays warm down to a certain level. As the Lake Berryessa chart above shows, the surface might be at its maximum of 82 degrees in August, while 40 feet deep it is 70 degrees. At 70 feet the water is about 55 degrees and it will stay that cool all summer. Lake Berryessa bottom water temperatures never go below about 50 degrees.

After turn-over the whole lake has good oxygen content and fish can move anywhere. They are hard to pattern because they roam a lot for a few weeks before setting up on deeper winter structure.

Professional anglers Guido Hibdon and Denny Brauer are unsure what happens to bass during the turnover, but they agree that the fish are affected. "I think it almost affects them like a cold front situation; it disorients them a little bit about what they're wanting to do," Brauer says.

"I think they're a little bit goofy about that time," says Hibdon. Before the turnover, fishing tends to improve with the cooling water conditions. During and after the turnover, however, fishing tapers off.



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(Editor's Note: It's been almost a year since I took over the Lake Berryessa News from Shirl Katileba-Rutter. That followed three years of working closely with her to publish the paper twice a month. We had a lot of stressful good times and just plain good times. So what ever happened to Shirl?)

Shirl grew up in the Dixon area and went to Dixon High. In 1989 Shirl and her husband, Dave Rutter, bought 60 acres at Lake Berryessa. they also had a place in Pleasure Cove Resort where they soon became concessionaires of The Commodore Restaurant. Now some 18 years later they have moved back to Dixon.

Hi! Lake Berryessa.

by Shirl Katileba

It's been almost a year since I sold the paper to Peter and I'm enjoying every free moment. Dave and I still have our place at the lake near Pleasure Cove, and hopefully we will run into some of you from time to time.

Dave likes his two-minute drive to work after seventeen years of commuting to Dixon from Wragg Canyon. I do miss everyone. Visiting with everyone as I delivered the paper was my favorite part of the job.

After a year of leisure I decided to apply for a job with our local bakery which is only four blocks



away from my house - The Solano Baking Company. I love my new job and boss Kendra Benz. When I'm off from work I'm done!

Kendra, granddaughter of the couple who started the business, has led the company into it's 28th year. It all began in 1981 when her grandfather retired from the U.S. Air Force after being a C135 refueling pilot at Travis Air Force Base. Kendra's parents were operating a very successful doughnut shop in Sacramento.

The two couples decided to open one together on the new mall in Fairfield. The next one opened near the air base and later another one on Alamo Road in Vacaville. In 1990 they opened the Dixon Bakery. Then the economy began to shift. Lots of changes and scaling back began to happen. In the end they finally just kept the best one - and that's in Dixon.

"It's a drive-thru world," Kendra says. "We really appreciate someone parking their car and getting out to come into our bakery."

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Praise for Solano Baking Company

From Sophia B. (www.yelp.com)

I've been going to Solano Baking Company since the early 80's when my mom would take us to the Fairfield Mall and let me and my sister pick out a "special treat" of whatever we wanted... We love, loved it.

Recently my parents had a 25th wedding anniversary and to celebrate we got them the exact wedding/anniversary cake they had 25 years ago. We of course decided to go

a place with family history, Solano Baking Company!

The original owners granddaughter Kendra helped us with the order and was very helpful and patient while we found the perfect cake. Kendra's ideas were amazing and she truly personifies what a family business is all about!

When we got the cake it looked fabulous. The vanilla with buttercream filling was awesome, as was the chocolate with raspberry and creamy fudge filling. Our parents were so happy with the surprise my mom started crying!

I would highly recommend Solano Baking Company to anyone who wants a cake that tastes as good as it looks!



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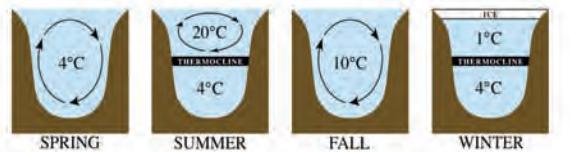
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As Lake Berryessa Turns! Temperature and Fishing in a Warm, Monomictic Lake

By Peter Kilkus, President
Berryessa Environmental Management
Systems (www.BerryessaEnvironmental.com)

No, this is not another episode in the Bureau of Reclamation's tragicomic daytime soap opera about Lake Berryessa. This is a report on a phenomenon called "turnover" which is well-known to anglers, but not so much to other lake visitors. Some people think that Lake Berryessa turns in both spring and fall. But scientific data shows that the lake only turns once per year - in the fall.

Turnover is essentially what it sounds like. The water on the bottom of the lake goes to the top, and the water on the top of the lake goes to the bottom. The bottom layer of water is called the hypolimnion, and the water between the hypolimnion and epilimnion makes up the metalimnion. The metalimnion is also called the thermocline, because a drastic temperature change occurs in that layer. For ease of understanding, I'll call these the top layer, middle layer, and bottom layer. The diagram below will also help you understand the process for a lake that freezes.



When layers mix and change places, a lake is said to turn over. Lakes that turn over once a year are said to be monomictic. Lakes that turn over twice a year, once in spring and once in fall, are called dimictic. Dimictic lakes usually freeze over during the winter. The reasons for both the spring and fall turnover in lakes that freeze are easy to understand so I'll discuss them first.

Although the turning of a lake is partly due to temperature and density differences in the layers, the major cause for the turnover (or mixing) is the wind. The wind causes full mixing of the lake when the temperature of the water is the same at all depths and there are no layers.

In late summer lake surface waters of both monomictic and dimictic lakes have reached their annual maximum temperatures. At this time in a sufficiently deep lake, you will find a definite layering of water temperatures. Warmest, and therefore least dense, waters lie on top, and the water temperature decreases with depth, reaching its minimum temperature at the greatest lake depths. How cold the lake bottom water becomes depends on the lake depth and other characteristics but it will never fall below 4 deg C (39 deg F) unless the lake freezes solid.

Summer breezes blowing over the lake general-

ly keep the top layer stirred by pushing a quantity of surface water downwind. This draws a flow of deeper water upward (upwelling) along the lee shore to replace the pushed waters. But this upwelling is not coming from the deepest layer, only from the lower part of the top layer. As a result, top layer waters mix, producing generally warm temperatures and high oxygen content (important to fish and other creatures) throughout the top layer.

The middle thermocline layer has minimal mixing, and what does occur is slow, thus isolating the bottom waters from the surface zone.

In fall, the surface water cools. Its drop in temperature eventually matches the middle layer in temperature. When these top layer waters reach about 10 deg C (50 deg F), they sink into the middle layer waters below, erasing the temperature stratification between the top and middle layers that had built during summer.

As fall air temperatures continue to drop, this new upper layer cools to the temperature of the bottom layer. The full water mass of the lake has now reached a uniform temperature, and the surface winds mix the full water body in the "fall turnover". The water temperatures then continue to decrease into the winter months.

For lakes that fall below 39 degrees and finally freeze, the surface becomes colder than the bottom, but this cold water now "floats" on top of the "warmer" water. (See above diagram) The colder surface water is now actually lighter than the warmer water and floats on it until it actually turns to floating ice. The key to this unusual process is how water density varies with water temperature.

Water is most dense (heaviest) at 39° F (4° C) and as temperature increases or decreases from 39° F, it becomes increasingly less dense (lighter). Thus, at 39 degrees and below, less dense but colder water is now at the surface and more dense but

warmer water is now near the bottom.

During spring, the process reverses itself. This time ice melts, and surface waters warm and sink until the water temperature at all depths reaches approximately 39° F. When this occurs, winds blowing over the lake again set up a full circulation system, this mixing known as "spring turnover". As the warming continues into the summer, the top water layer becomes much warmer and less dense. The warm surface layer now "floats" on the cooler lower layers. Over time into the summer the three water layers again become established, and our cycle has been completed.

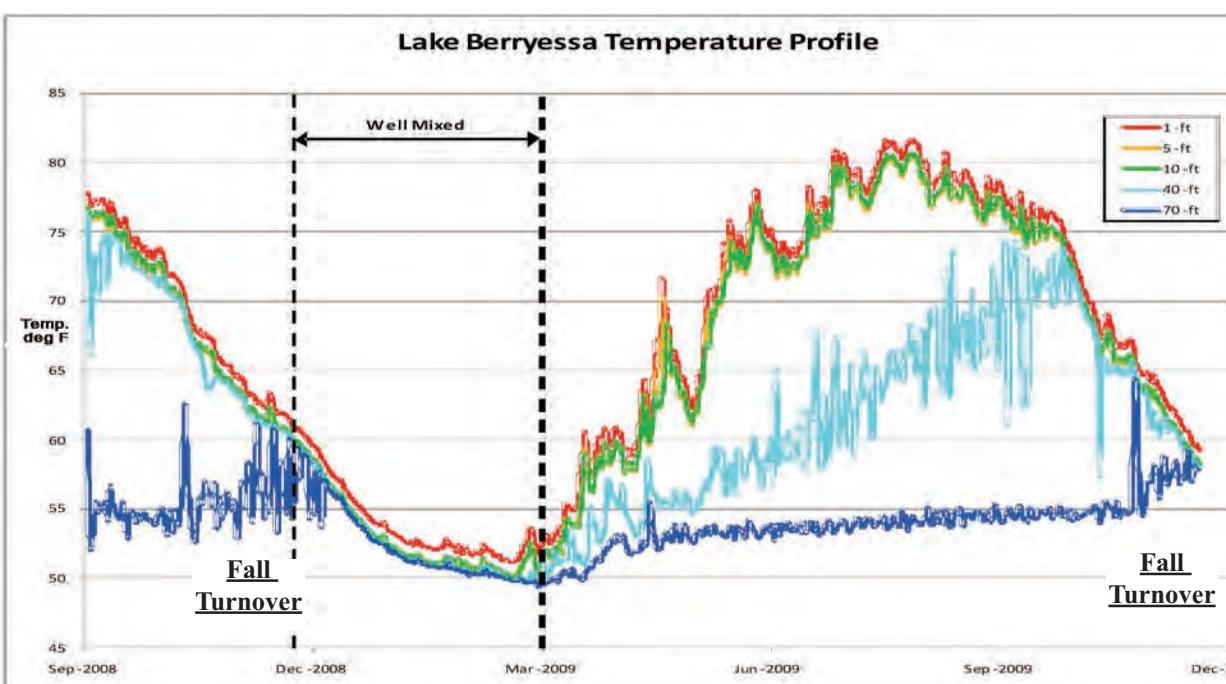
Since Lake Berryessa water temperatures never get below 39 degrees, it is classified as a warm, monomictic lake. During winter, the surface waters cool to a temperature equal to the bottom waters. But lacking significant thermal stratification, since the water never gets below 39 degrees, much less freeze, these lakes mix thoroughly each winter from top to bottom and continue to mix until spring.

This situation is graphically illustrated by the following chart from Alex Rabidoux of the Solano County Water Agency. Alex reports, "SCWA maintains a thermistor chain of sensors to a depth of 70-ft near Monticello Dam. I have attached a little over 1-year's worth of data, and you can see that Lake Berryessa experiences one mix per year.

For last year, mixing occurred in November, 2008 followed by several months where the lake was well mixed, and then stratification began again in March, 2009. For Water Year 2010, you can see a similar pattern, where Lake Berryessa became well mixed a few weeks ago, in mid November."

Alex added that the thermocline is probably somewhere near 40-ft, but there are not enough temperature sensors to say with absolute certainty without finer resolution.

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Spanish Flat Village Fishing Derby

Clear & very cold was the word out on Lake Berryessa Saturday morning, November 14th, as anglers vied for 1st place, Winner takes the Pot of \$\$\$, during the Spanish Flat Country Store, Trout & Salmon Derby. Pictured here is Steve Vollmer with fishing buddy & good friend Hamid Seirafi. Hamid's Rainbow Trout won 1st place weighing in at just a tad under 2 lbs. He shared that he was trolling near the Vineyards using a Renegade lure at the 25ft. depth..

Steve's winning Salmon weighed in at the 1 lb. range. His success was also trolling, using a Pink Hoochie in the Narrows at 35 ft. After the 1 p.m. weigh-in, everyone enjoyed home-made chili n' garlic bread prepared & donated by Marcia Ritz, owner of Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli in the Spanish Flat Village Center.

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