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April 21, 2005

From the Editor: [General Plans, People, and Earth Day](#)

April 22 is Earth Day, in case you forgot. The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970 and we've learned a lot since then. But the County General Plan meeting at the Berryessa Senior Center on April 6 was much more than it seemed on the surface and made me wonder how much some people actually have learned. There were clear distinctions between what those who live here want and what those who don't live here think we should want.

Consider County attitude – it seems to be paternalistic and negative towards our community. County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a “black hole” expense and that Napa County citizens don't use the lake. An unnamed Planning Dept. person worried that the meeting would be full of people from the “six packs and gun racks” crowd. Those of us who were there know this wasn't the case. But I've sometimes made a point about how much something costs by translating the dollar figure into the number of six-packs you could buy with the money. That pile of six-packs is quite an exciting visual when you think about a multi-million dollar government waste of money like the plan the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing for Lake Berryessa.

But the six-pack comment also indicates a fundamental lack of understanding of what it is like to be part of a concerned and educated rural America in the 21st century. There are too many people who have not gotten beyond their 1970's Easy Rider stereotypes. Some, like the local Sierra Club, are so far behind the times they must be able to see wagon trains catching up to them in their rearview mirrors!

Many of us at Lake Berryessa now were part of the efforts that resulted in unprecedented environmental and social progress during the last 35 years since the first Earth Day. But some don't want to let go of the thrill of the battles, with the rush that comes from knowing you (the good guys) are right and they (the bad guys) are wrong. You can see it now in some of the rhetoric from local exclusionist groups who seem to want to fight bigger and bigger battles over smaller and smaller things.

Consider the local folks' attitude – most seem to want to combine the positive values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses – more lodging outside the resorts for visitors, for example. Sure would be nice to be able to have a self-supporting gas station out here! Maybe even a change to the highly-restrictive 160 acre agricultural zoning. Even Marin County - no slouch when it comes to protection - has only 60 acre ag zoning. Local people, especially those who have lived out here their whole lives, know the value of what they've got, but they also want to share it, expand it, benefit reasonably from it.

So how about some philosophy in the mix. General planning principles point out that to have a sustainable community you need at least 1,000 homes - to support a school, local businesses, local services. In other words, you have to have a critical mass of social and economic activity to create a sustainable community. Lake Berryessa has not gotten there yet and based on how it's being treated by the County it may never be allowed to. When people who control your destiny (the rest of Napa County) don't even know much about you (remember the County says Napa County residents, i.e., voters, don't even use the lake) you are at a disadvantage.

Philosophically, we've learned a lot in the 35 years since that first Earth Day. We've learned that most of us Americans consider ourselves environmentalists. We've learned how to turn the tide on environmental destruction and have done so in remarkable ways. We've learned that using sustainability as a guiding principle gives the best result for the environment, the economy, and social equity. And I know we've learned how to make Lake Berryessa a vibrant community while preserving the values that make this community unique.

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To the Editor

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce commands the Bureau of Reclamation for re-examining the economic viability of their proposed plan. We all want Lake Berryessa to be accessible to the public, provide the infrastructure necessary to service a broad range of needs, and to the maximum extent possible, be economically self-sufficient. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce unites businesses, local leaders and concerned citizens of the Lake Berryessa area with the mutual goal of achieving a better and more prosperous community.

Our objective is to work cooperatively with all members of the Lake Berryessa community to significantly improve economic conditions in the region as well as improve recreational opportunities for the public. However, Reclamation's plans appear to be inconsistent with those desired results.

Not only is the Socio-economic Environment section of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) superficial in its analysis of the economic effects of the Reclamation's plans on the local and regional economy, our members are not aware of any needs assessments, meetings, or discussions with them prior to the DEIS release.

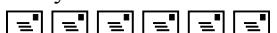
The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce believes that the Summers and Summers Economic Analysis calls into serious question the financial viability of Reclamation's plan. If the Bureau of Reclamation should carry out the proposed closure of the Lake and complete demolition of the existing infrastructure, the consequences for all of the local, as well as regional, businesses would be devastating. You do not have to destroy the lake to renew it! Please do not implement DEIS Alternatives B,C, or D.

Several groups have proposed economically-viable plans that would increase access for short-term visitors, upgrade or remove mobile homes that do not meet reasonable health and safety standards, and provide an enhanced recreational experience for all lake users.

The most detailed of these has been prepared by an historically-unprecedented coalition of all seven concessionaires. These are business owners who have the most detailed knowledge of the practical economics of running a resort. They agree with the Summers and Summers analysis. They also agree that there is no need to remove all the long-term sites which provide a legitimate recreational opportunity for citizens as well as a stable revenue base to allow them to enhance recreational facilities for short-term visitors. Please take these plans seriously.

This is a time of opportunity for Reclamation, the resorts, local businesses, residents, and Napa County to work together to bring new life to our area. And this all fits the spirit of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) which aims to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment...to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans." Please see the attached Department of the Interior news release. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce supports the application of these principles to the Lake Berryessa planning process which has too often in the past been more adversarial than cooperative.

Peter Kilkus, Executive Director
Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

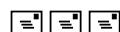


A few words from Steven Wright

-All those who believe in telekinesis, raise my hand.
-I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
-Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
-Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
-Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.
-Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
-The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
-What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

More Letters to the Editor

The following letter sent from Steve Petty has been edited slightly for space. It is being included as a service to Pleasure Cove mobile home owners. We solicit responses from the Bureau of Reclamation and others interested parties. Several groups have written letters of interest to Reclamation, including the California Watershed Posse, about potentially running Pleasure Cove Resort. However, all of the members of the Resort Owners group referred to in the letter have declined to respond to the BOR's solicitation. Mr. Petty is pursuing legal action to regain management of Pleasure Cove.



April 15, 2005

Dear Permittees:

This letter is to update you of the recent events and actions regarding Pleasure Cove Resort. On March 28, 2005, the Bureau of Reclamation "took over" Pleasure Cove Resort for an alleged violation. We believe that Reclamation has acted improperly. We contend that Reclamation has overstepped it's authority, and we have filed an appeal.

Reclamation has stated that Pleasure Cove Resort should issue refunds. Our sites and docks are still occupied; Reclamation is preventing use of the facilities, not Pleasure Cove Resort. There is no legal or contractual basis for the "lockout" of the permittees. Reclamation doesn't want to return our property, but they want to derive full benefit.

Reclamation is advising prospective bidders that the long term sites must be removed by December 15, 2005, this decision wasn't supposed to be made until the ROD was out. But now Reclamation is saying even if the Record of Decision allows long term sites to remain, ours are gone. Is that fair?

We are working with the support of the other six resorts, Task Force 7 and the Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa, to reopen the resort as soon as possible, as well as protect the long term sites from removal. All seven resorts have banded together to prepare the Resort Owners Plan (ROP) in response to the DEIS. This plan works to retain, improve and upgrade the long term sites. It delivers all the goals Reclamation wants, while

offering more facilities, services and use. It also doesn't ask for 15 million dollar's of tax payer's money for clean up, or close one resort.

We were in the process of working out details, with agreement of a \$100,000 bond, and abruptly they "locked the doors." The Reclamation officials have tried to talk many of you into some kind of legal confrontation with Pleasure Cove Resort. I think the real crime here is what Reclamation has done, and I would suggest that you band together with all the above mentioned groups that support the resorts, and file a legal action against Pete Lucero and Cleve Dufer for overstepping their duties, and Reclamation for this illegal closure.

Please accept our apologies for the imposition and inconvenience, to you and your families, we understand that you have to do what you feel is necessary, we will do what ever it takes to protect Pleasure Cove Resort, its Investors, Staff and Permittees. Please rally with us, or the next time we get locked out it could be forever. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Steve Petty
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P.S. If you call the office (707) 257-9830, please leave a fax # and or e-mail address. We know your are upset, so are we. We can't speak to every one, so we will try to keep you updated through FAX or E-MAIL. Again you need to do what you feel is best for you, we will not respond to threat's. Our position is Reclamation is keeping you out not us, also you are occupying our property, there will be no refunds until this is settled between Reclamation and PCRAMG. And then it might be Reclamation issuing the refund



The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 ubtil 8:30 PM.
Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call **257-0527**.

To put your event on the calendar call The Lake Berryessa News at 966-3806 or 287-6240 or email Shirl (shirllake@myexcel.com) or Peter (pkilklus@aol.com).

Seniors Legacy Reno Trip

Bus leaves the Senior Center at 7:30am on June 7th & will pick up at the Corners for the Highland & Napa people.

Bus arrives in Reno 11am.

**Stay over night. Double occupancy \$78. 00 per person.
Single room, \$99.00 / night. \$5.00 cash back & \$3.00 food credit.
Next day, leave Silver Legacy at 10:30 am & arrive at Boomtown for Buffet Lunch. Leave Boomtown at 3pm & arrive at the Senior Center by 7pm.
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County General Plan **&** **Lake Berryessa**

The Napa County General Plan meeting on April 6 at the Spanish Flat Senior Center focused heavily on local issues since the majority of the 50 attendees were local residents. Two members of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, Harold Moskowitz and Diane Dillon, also attended the meeting. Moskowitz represented the area during his previous service on the board. He still owns property here. Dillon currently represents Lake Berryessa.

Many comments revolved around the present and future economic viability of the Lake. Most seemed to want to combine the positive social and environmental values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses. One breakout group, which included several lifelong residents, staged a verbal mini-revolt against the County's perceived lack of attention to the needs of the Lake Berryessa region and demanded that the County recognize the differences between Lake Berryessa and the rest of the County. The unfairness of the County's 160 acre agricultural zoning was given as an example since there is almost no potential for agriculture around Lake Berryessa other than cattle ranching.

The range of comments, according to someone who had attended several of the past meetings, was more representative of the local needs. However, the schism between the more extreme environmental positions and local residents' views was apparent.

There were several remarks from locals when an opposition regular stated she wanted to get rid of the loud boats, jet skis, and airplanes on the lake. She wanted no wakes to hit her kayak, hiking trails around the lake, more open space for public use, more controls on groundwater, and that "viewsheds" be protected. Many of the locals were incredulous at the mention of taking even more potential use of their property. Local business and property owners

protested that they understand and practice the concept of stewardship and know the value of what they've got. But they also want to share it, expand it, and benefit reasonably from it. This local philosophy coincided with that of representatives of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance who were in attendance. NVLSA's goal is to promote responsible and thoughtful stewardship and the wise and sustainable use of privately-owned land.



County's \$1 Million "Black Hole"!

County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a million dollar "black hole" expense and that Napa County citizens don't make use of the lake.

The second assumption is clearly false since many sources, including local Lake Berryessa businesses and thousands of Napa County residents, have shown that Lake Berryessa is a significant recreation destination for Napa County citizens.

The first assumption, when its basis was called into question, was revised by the County to a \$700,000 black hole. Under further analysis, even this was found to be excessive. The bulk of expenses, based on the County's data, for the Lake Berryessa area during fiscal year 2004 were:

Sheriff's Budget:	\$838,236
Fire Budget:	<u>243,061</u>
Total:	\$1,081,279

Detailed data provided by the County listed cost elements by demand as well as by what the County would need to expend regardless of the number of long term sites in the resorts and/or number of concessionaires.

The Sheriff's Boat Patrol, a cost of \$623,288, would be required whether long-term sites were eliminated or not. Of the remaining, approximately \$215,000 are costs due to calls for assistance. The highest call volume experienced by the Sheriff's department occurred

during the months from April through September which coincides with the largest number of short-term users. Of the 729 calls for service in calendar year 2004, 591 (81%) were during the months with highest short-term use activity. Since there are only about 1,300 long-term sites and more than one million visitors per year, it is reasonable to infer that the increased short-term visitation is the primary reason for service call increases. Therefore, long-term sites do not significantly affect the call volume experienced by the Sheriff's Department. However, the hundreds of local residents and dozens of local businesses depend on these law enforcement assets year round.

Three fire stations currently serve the lake region. These stations would likely remain in their current locations, even if the long-term sites were removed, since there are hundreds of homes, businesses and ranches dependent on these fire protection services.

The call volume may drop, but not substantially. Currently the average incidents per year that require Fire

Department assistance totals 202. According to the County, the annual volume is directly attributable to "resorts, day use, boating, and close-in travel routes". Once again, it is reasonable to conclude that long-term sites do not significantly affect the expenses associated with maintenance and operation of the three fire station.

Upon close examination, much of what has been stated about County costs have little or no relationship to the present resort structure or number of long-term sites. A single concessionaire for the whole lake and the radical redevelopment proposed by the BOR would not change the County's costs significantly. It appears that

Reclamation is trying to assuage the County's cost concerns by substantially reducing access at Lake Berryessa to motorized watercraft and short-term users. The Bureau's current proposal ensures less use by the public and no appreciable savings to Napa County.

Lake Berryessa is primarily a motorized watercraft recreation destination. For Napa County that does not create a financial situation which needs to be addressed. A collaborative effort that includes Reclamation, the County, local businesses, long-term sites, short-term users and the boating public could surely find a way to consistently guarantee the funds required for County services at Lake Berryessa.



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New Policy Tools Advance Cooperative Conservation

The Department of the Interior recently announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation."

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. Enacted in 1969, NEPA describes a vision for balancing environmental, cultural, and economic goals. It provides the primary basis for public comment on agency decisions through consideration of the environmental effects of federal actions. The department notes that it made procedural changes to incorporate into the NEPA process the use of emerging environmental management techniques such as:

- consensus-based management, where possible, to reduce conflict and enhance cooperative problem-solving;
- adaptive management, as appropriate, to improve the use of science and monitoring;
- improvements in the NEPA process made by drawing from existing analyses, where appropriate
- integration of several simultaneous analyses rather than sequencing them; and building project-specific analysis from existing, broader programmatic analysis

The revisions provide the department's eight bureaus with the guidelines necessary to implement and carry out the objectives of NEPA. The Act aims to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment...to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other

requirements of present and future generations of Americans."



Ten Things Everyone Using the Internet Should Know

On hoaxes, viruses, get rich quick offers, relaying email and online petitions.

1. Big companies don't do business via chain letter. Bill Gates is not giving you \$1000, and Disney is not giving you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class-action checks. MTV will not give you backstage passes if you forward something to the most people. You can relax; there is no need to pass it on "just in case it's true." Furthermore, just because someone said in the message, four generations back, that "we checked it out and it's legit," does not actually make it true.
2. There is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to their cousin. Also, there is no missing child of a Wal-Mart manager in Mississippi so don't pass that one on.
3. Neiman Marcus doesn't really sell a \$200 cookie recipe. And even if they do, we all have it. If you make the recipe, decide the cookies are that awesome, feel free to pass the recipe on. One "secret" is to grate chocolate into the dough.
4. We all know all 500 ways to drive your roommates crazy, irritate coworkers, gross out bathroom stall neighbors, creep out people on posters, and people from each and every world ethnicity it takes to change a light bulb.
5. If the latest NASA rocket disaster(s) DID contain plutonium that went to particulate over the eastern seaboard, do you REALLY think this information would reach the public via an AOL chain-letter?
6. There is no "Good Times" virus. In fact, you should never, ever, ever forward any email containing any virus warning unless you first confirm it at an actual site of an actual company that actually deals with viruses. Try: <http://www.norton.com> or <<http://www.norton.com>> And even then, don't forward it. We don't care. And you cannot get a virus from a

flashing IM or email, you have to download...ya know, like a FILE!

7. If your "CC: list" is regularly longer than the actual content of your message, you're probably going to Hell.
8. If you still absolutely MUST forward that 10th-generation message from a friend, at least have the decency to trim the eight miles of headers showing everyone else who's received it over the last 6 months. It sure wouldn't hurt to get rid of all the "" (or the <) that begin each line. Besides, if it has gone around that many times we've probably already seen it.
9. The "Make a Wish" foundation is a real organization doing fine work, but they have had to establish a special toll

distracting them from the important work they do.

10. If you are one of those people who forwards anything that promises "something bad will happen if you don't," then something bad will probably happen to you.

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**Resort Owners Propose
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Redevelopment Plan**

In response to the Bureau of Reclamation's radical plan for demolition of all present resort facilities and infrastructure, the seven present resort owners have united to propose a detailed redevelopment plan that exceeds the goals of Reclamation's Preferred Alternative B. And it would do so without having to shut down the lake for two years.

The Resort Owners Plan (ROP) was presented to Reclamation during the reopened DEIS comment period which ended April 4. It represents a financially-feasible plan and a reasonable blend of DEIS Alternative A and Alternative C. More importantly, the ROP represents the visions of the concessionaires, whereas the BOR's Alternative B was formed without the input of those providing facilities and services at the lake and fails to embody a cooperative vision of existing stakeholders.

The ROP would provide new and improved facilities, particularly for short-term and day users. Day users would be afforded greater shoreline access and recreation areas. Some long-term sites would be removed, per Reclamation's wishes, but this vital economic component would be allowed to remain, ensuring continued year-round services for long-term, short-term, and day-use visitors alike. Some trailers would be converted to vacation rentals to open up access to prime locations to the general public. The establishment of rules to camouflage vacation mobile homes will improve the visual appearance of resort shorelines and prevent trailer eyesores.

In addition, the ROP well represents the goals established by the Bush administration. It signifies an effort to find a compromise with Reclamation and to be consistent with the administration's stated goals to maximize access to public lands and not discriminate against any current users of those public lands. Further, it is consistent with

the "4 Cs" philosophy outlined by the Secretary of the Interior ("conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation"). At Lake Berryessa there is both a land use issue and water management issue. The current Preferred Alternative by Reclamation will result in both short-term and long-term damage to the physical landscape of the lake. The ROP recognizes needs for improvement and at the same time attempts to meet all the guidelines of the 4 Cs.



**Willie Nelson produces
"BioWillie" Diesel**

Since so many of us here at Lake Berryessa drive diesel trucks and listen to country music, Willie Nelson has just added a new dimension to our lives. As a longtime advocate for American farmers, Willie bought in early to the promise of homegrown fuel alternatives, filling his tour buses with emission-reducing "biodiesel" made from soybeans and vegetable oil, including fast-food grease.

This winter, he took his commitment a giant step further, founding Willie Nelson's Biodiesel in Cad's Corner, Texas. A Cad's Corner truck stop is the first to stock "BioWillie," and several other stations in Texas and Oklahoma plan to sell it soon.

Biodiesel is still rare on the roadways, but its use is on the rise. Last year 30 million gallons were sold, up from 15 million in 2002. More than 300 U.S. gas stations now serve the fuel, which can safely power any diesel engine. And the fuel is expected to become even more popular now that a recently approved federal tax incentive for producers could push the price down to match that of traditional diesel, which is unfortunately rising rapidly.



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HA! HA! Harvey
Beer Drinkers!

Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver. ~ Babe Ruth

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not. ~ L. Mencken

Remember, "I" before "E", except in Budweiser. ~ Professor Irwin Corey

PWC Races Bring Excitement to the Waters of Lake Berryessa

Summer came early to Lake Berryessa thanks to some intense Personal Watercraft (PWC) racing hosted at Steele Park Resort early this month with Pacific Coast Entertainment's Round 1 of the Pacific Watercross NorCal Racing & Riding Tour.



The Tour's goal is to combine the thrill of PWC racing with the family fun of PWC riding at some of the most interesting lakes in Northern California. The race event was the first in a five stop tour presented by locally-owned Pacific Coast Entertainment, L.L.C.



Participants ranging from Pro to Beginner came from as far away as Lake Havasu City and Oregon to participate in the first sanctioned PWC (also known as "jet ski") Race on Lake Berryessa in more than 10 years.

Racers competed in Closed Course and Endurance Races plus the crowd pleasing Freestyle Competition. More than 50 racers entered the various "Sit-Down" and "Stand-Up" classes riding Sea-Doos, Kawasakis, Hondas, and other models.

Their watercraft ranged from showroom floor "Stock" to fully modified "SuperStock". Participants were competing for individual event trophies and for points that will earn them a place at the World finals at Lake Havasu in October plus prizes including Fly Racing riding gear, Hydro-Turf watercraft accessories, and Slippery wetsuits.

The series brings PWC racers and recreational riders on a tour of Northern Californian lakes and waterways, including Lake Berryessa, Rollins Lake, Camp Far West, Clear Lake and finishing in Benicia on the Carquinez Straight. For more information on this series visit their website at www.PacificWaterCross.com.

The NorCal R2R American Watercraft Association Charter Club, whose members are PWC racers and their families and friends, also held a PWC Poker Run.

With good weather and the lake looking breathtakingly beautiful as usual the event promoter, Evan Kilkus, considered the race a huge success. The racers also enjoyed Lake Berryessa and Steele Park. Honda rider Robert Stellhorn, #811, enthusiastically stated "It was an absolutely awesome race... the layout was great and the lake was beautiful."

Spectators came out to enjoy the sun, watch the races, and mingle with the riders. A group of local kids competed to get the most autographs from the racers after each moto. "I didn't realize how big and professional this event was going to be," stated one mother of three enjoying the action from the shade with her baby. The Bureau of Reclamation, which facilitated the permit process, was present to distribute recreation and safety information.

FISHIN WITH DINO

Trout and salmon are at surface to the 25 foot depths. Trolling Skiers Cove shoreline will produce your trout. Needlefish or Tripple Teasers are lures working well this week.

Bass are in 12 to 15 feet of water. Throw plastics, jigs or crawlers for some nice small mouths. A few large mouths have come in also.

Crappie are slow but active in evening hours using jigs or minnows. Dock areas or heavy brush areas are great areas for crappie. Cappell Cove at night using lights works great.

The water temperature is at 59 degrees 8 feet from the surface.

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Fishin with Sid

To all my fishing buddies,

I am leaving for Miami for sun and fun and will keep you informed of my fishing exploits. On April 24th will be a full moon so if you fish Lake Berryessa that weekend the females on the east side of the lake from the Ranch House to the Vineyards will be on their beds. The water temperature is a little above sixty degrees in the shallow waters.

Throw your favorite plastics into the beds and they will pick it up and move it. When they do set the hook. The new river 2 sea crawdads in watermelon with red flecks or black flecks has been producing for me personally. Also, the weightless senko in watermelon/red or black flecks will be good from now all the way through June. Those who fish from shore with a bobber should hook a minnow behind the dorsal fin and fish approximately four to five feet down. Please keep me informed if you use something that is successful so we can pass it on to others. Have a great time fishing!!!!!!

Boating Fatalities Drop in 2003

The most recent Coast Guard accident statistics list 703 boating fatalities in 2003, a 6% drop from 2002. Overall, fatalities have been on a downward trend for three decades even as the number of boats on U.S. waters has more than doubled. It was not until the mid-1980s that fatalities dropped to less than 1,000 per year. In 2003, there were 12.7 million registered boats in the U.S.

Some 70% of fatalities were drownings and 86% of those victims were not wearing a life jacket. Twenty-seven children died and drowning was the cause in 60% of those incidents. On a positive note, alcohol was a factor in 31% of boating fatalities, down 8% from 2002. A decade ago, alcohol involvement in fatal accidents was at 50%.

Injuries from accidents on personal watercraft (e.g. Jet Skis, etc.) dropped for the eighth year in a row. Most fatalities (297) still occur with boats less than 16 feet long. In 26% of the fatalities, the boater was fishing at the time of the accident. To download the full report, visit www.uscgboating.org and see 2003 Recreational Boating Statistics.

This information is also available in BoatU.S. Magazine, a publication of the Boat Owners Association of the United States whose web site is www.BoatUS.com.

**CHICKEN SATAY with
SPICY PEANUT SAUCE and
CUCUMBER SALAD**

(Found in a PG&E Bill Flyer)

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

Remove the small pieces of meat (chicken tenderloins) from the underside of each breast half and place in a medium bowl. 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
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 brown rice and lots of extra sauce on the side. Or try basmati or jasmine rice.

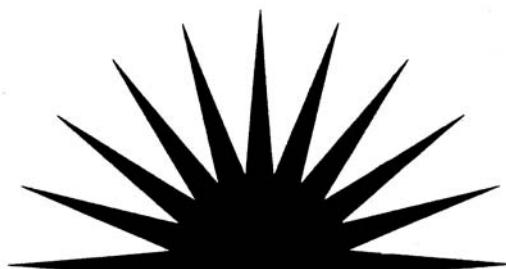
Cucumber Salad

2-3 cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced
2-3 thin slices red onion, cut in half – or as much as you like
2 TBL chopped red bell pepper – or as much as you like
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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Florida Manatee Deaths down

Recorded manatee deaths in Florida for 2004 took a big drop from the previous year, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. FWC reported a total of 276 deaths last year, well down from 370 in 2003, but the agency cautioned that 96 animals died due to red tide exposure in 2003.

The number of manatees killed in watercraft collisions last year showed a small decline from 2003 as well, from 73 to 69. As a percentage of manatee deaths, collisions with watercraft remained at about 25%. That rate has held relatively steady for the last decade, according to FWC figures, even while boat registrations in Florida have increased significantly in that time.

**These are actual
comments left last year
on Forest Service
registration
sheets and comment
cards by backpackers
completing wilderness
camping trips:**

"A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."

"Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."

"Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."

"Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."

"Ban walking sticks in wilderness. Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."

"All the mile markers are missing this year."

"Found a smoldering cigarette left by a horse."

"Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."

"Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."

"Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow in the winter."

"Chair lifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."

"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."

"Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights."

"Need more signs to keep area pristine."

"A McDonald's would be nice at the trail head."

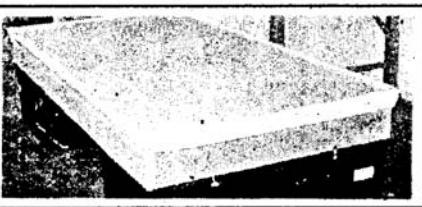
"The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."

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One night at Cheers, Cliff Clavin explained the "Buffalo Theory" to his buddy Norm: Well ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

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Lake Berryessa has had .39.16 Inches of rainfall since July 1st

As reported by Carlos Jeffreys of The Corners

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low
4/11/05	440.60	0.08	71	39
4/12/05	440.53	0.20	67	37
4/13/05	440.46	0.08	68	35
4/14/05	440.41	0.13	70	37
4/15/05	440.38	0.07	78	42
4/16/05	440.37	0.19	81	49
4/17/05	440.35	0.18	73	40

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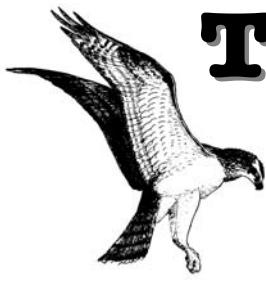
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NVLSA Proposes New Ballot Initiatives

The general membership meeting of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance (NVLSA) at Napa Library on April 20 was typical of many volunteer groups. When you are dependent on committed individuals to help make a difference, it's not always easy to find enough people to take on the additional duties of being a Board member. And when the Board meetings are at 7 A.M., even the good food at Mrs. McDonald's Restaurant may not be enough to convince you. But George Bachich, President of the NVLSA, and the rest of the members present, were able to fill the vacancies.

As Bachich explained, "So far, we have had no trouble filling our Board positions. We encourage new people to participate. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and selfless group."

If you are not familiar with the NVLSA, they were instrumental in defeating Measure P, the Stream Setback Ordinance, last year. The group formed when several people became convinced that Measure P was detrimental to property owners without a corresponding benefit to Napa County residents or environment.

Per their mission statement, NVLSA is organized to promote responsible and thoughtful stewardship, and the wise and sustainable use of privately owned land. Another key objective for them is to promote the principle that respect for the environment and respect for individual citizens and their property rights are equally important, and that these values are mutually consistent. They want to bring common sense and balance to local land use decisions by ensuring that all viewpoints are represented, all arguments are considered, and the effects of newly proposed regulations are well understood, so the best decisions can be made based on the merits.

In direct parallel to the efforts of the Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa and other groups contesting the Bureau of Reclamation's plans for Lake Berryessa, the NVLSA wants to bring sound environmental reasoning to local land use decisions to ensure that protective measures are sensible, cost-effective, and fair, so that man and environment can truly benefit without inflicting injustice or disproportionate cost on any segment of society.

The NVLSA has been very active in the County General Plan meetings and is gathering signatures for two initiative ballot measures stemming from their experiences with the unintended consequences of previous County regulations. Members at the meeting referenced a UC Davis study that they said was quoted in the St. Helena Star showing that Napa County is the most regulated county in the state.

The first initiative is quite simple. It's called the Read and Understand Act and requires that "...each County Supervisor read and understand each ordinance, regulation, or resolution he/she votes to adopt and certify in writing that he/she has thoroughly read the ordinance, regulation, or resolution and thoroughly understands the impacts the ordinance, regulation, or resolution may have on the citizens of Napa County."

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The Supervisor vs. the Lake

Several weeks ago, Solano County Supervisor Duane Kromm wrote a Letter to the Editor in the Fairfield Daily Republic supporting the Bureau of Reclamation's plans for Lake Berryessa, part of which is quoted below:

"The Bureau has studied Berryessa and concluded that lake access should be opened up. This means the current concessionaires and trailers will largely disappear to be replaced by public park facilities. More people will be able to use Lake Berryessa under this plan."

An additional benefit of this new plan is that problems with sanitation and fire risk will be dramatically reduced. All of us who drink water that originates in Lake Berryessa will be better off.

I personally support more public access at a cleaner Lake Berryessa. I hope the residents of Solano County will soon be able to picnic and camp and swim and boat at a cleaner, more accessible Lake Berryessa."

Duane Kromm
Solano County Supervisor District 3

Following is the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce response. The headline was added by the editor of the Daily Republic.

Fairfield Daily Republic
Sunday, April 19, 2005

County supervisor flaunts false data

It is rare to see a letter from a county supervisor which in one fell swoop manages to conflate data that has been discredited several times with opinion that insults all the businesses and residents of the Lake Berryessa area.

But Solano County Supervisor Kromm has managed to do so by implying that the lake is polluted, access is denied to citizens, the whole lake is somehow unsafe and that this is all the fault of the resorts and the mobile homeowners. Statements like his are simply not true and have contributed to the decline in the economic climate at the lake which has hurt our local businesses.

The Bureau of Reclamation never actually "studied Berryessa." They decided on an outcome, the total destruction of everything that exists now, and wrote a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to support that goal. An independent analysis by economists Adam and Michael Summers concluded that Reclamation's plan was not financially feasible. This document is available on the Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa web site at www.ProtectBerryessa.org.

You don't have to destroy the lake to renew it! The current resort owners have proposed a plan to redevelop the lake that is financially feasible and represents the visions of the concessionaires, whereas Reclamation's Alternative B plan was formed without input from those providing facilities and services at the lake and fails to embody a cooperative vision of existing stakeholders.

Also, Reclamation never contacted our Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce local business members to determine the impact of their plan on us. It would be a disaster.

The Resort Owners Plan (ROP) would provide new and improved facilities, particularly for short-term and day users. It would do so without having to shut down the lake for two years. Day users would be afforded greater shoreline access and recreation areas. Some long-term sites would be removed, per Reclamation's wishes, but this vital economic component would be allowed to remain, ensuring continued year-round services for long-term, short-term, and day-use visitors alike.

Even the Bureau of Reclamation stopped talking about pollution at the lake a long time ago. Supervisor Kromm has definitely not talked to Budweiser, which uses Lake Berryessa water since it is the cleanest around. He has obviously not looked at the Solano County Water Agency data that shows Lake Berryessa exceeds water quality standards.

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On March 25, Peter Kilkus debated Carol Kunze on the merits of the Bureau of Reclamation's plans for Lake Berryessa. They appeared on Letters to the Editor on Napa Channel 28. The show, hosted by Rachael Frank-Clark, airs in Napa all month. This discussion will help you understand the issues and judge the impacts to the lake community. You won't learn about these issues in any other media outlet except The Lake Berryessa News. For a free VHS or DVD copy please call Peter Kilkus at 415-307-6906 or email at PKilkus@aol.com.

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And closer to home, the Winters City Council passed Resolution 2004-34 which states in part that the Council "believes that Reclamation's DEIS Alternative B has not addressed the broad range of concerns of local communities like Winters." This conclusion was echoed in a letter from the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

I am pleased that Supervisor Kromm supports the same values we all do, especially those of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, for a better Lake Berryessa. But why doesn't he understand the actual facts involved rather than parrot unfounded criticisms? I would be more than pleased to show Supervisor Kromm the environmental and economic data anytime he wishes.

Peter Kilkus
Executive Director, Lake Berryessa
Chamber of Commerce



Resort Owners Respond to Pleasure Cove Shutdown

To the Bureau of Reclamation,

At a Special Meeting of The Lake Berryessa Resort Owners Association, we discussed the Bureau of Reclamation's (BUREAU) actions at Pleasure Cove Resort. We believe that the Bureau has acted improperly in this matter.

It is apparent to us, that the Notice of Violation of February 24th 2005, is flawed. No "Default" was declared against Pleasure Cove Resort Asset Management Group (PCRAMG). No 15 day period, from the declaration of Default, in which to cure a "Financial Default" was granted. The "Notice of Violation" was not issued by the "Contracting Officer". No notice of "Right to Appeal" was issued.

The Bureau has offered the assets of PCRAMG to prospective bidders to operate a thirty month interim contract. The Bureau has made no effort to pay "Fair Value" as required by Public Law 96-375, even though the assets are required

to remain by the terms of the proposed interim contract. The Bureau is attempting to declare the assets abandoned, in order to acquire the assets without payment. If PCRAMG attempts to remove its property by May 12th as required by the "Notice of Termination" and it prevails in its appeals, PCRAMG will suffer irreparable damages. The Resort cannot operate without these assets remaining in place. If PCRAMG removes its property the Interim Concessionaire will not be able to fulfill the proposed concession requirements. Either way Pleasure Cove Resort will not be able to reopen. PCRAMG has notified the Bureau that it will not abandon its property without payment.

The appeals process of 43 CFR Part 430 may last beyond July. If the Bureau waits for the appeal to finish, prior to reopening Pleasure Cove, the users and customers will be further harmed. The Bureau has not allowed customers to use their boats or trailers. Boat owners are being told that if a boat leaves its slip to use the Lake it will not be allowed back.

Trailer owners are being told they cannot use their trailers. They are only allowed into the resort to remove personal property and once removed not allowed back in.

The interim contract jumps the gun on the Record of Decision [ROD] by requiring the removal of long term sites even if the ROD allows long term sites to remain.

The entire dispute is over the wording of a \$100,000 bond. Reclamation has already spent in excess of \$150,000 to close the resort, with costs to taxpayers mounting.

We believe that Pleasure Cove Resort should be reopened by Pleasure Cove Resort Asset Management Group during the appeals process, or Pleasure Cove Resort Asset Management Group should be paid "Fair Value" by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Lake Berryessa Resort Owners Assoc.



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Pleasure Cove Shutdown: History & Issues

The following is a summary of the Bureau of Reclamation's actions regarding the proposal for the award of a new interim concession contract for Pleasure Cove Resort.

Background Information

In a letter dated March 28, 2005, Reclamation formally served written notice of termination on Steve Petty, Pleasure Cove Resort Asset Management Group, LLC ("PCRAMG"), based on the default of a contractual obligation to obtain and submit a \$750,000 performance bond. The notice of termination ended PCRAMG's management of Pleasure Cove Resort and withdrew authorization to provide long-term or short-term recreational facilities and services at Lake Berryessa. In a letter dated the same date, Reclamation notified interested and affected parties of PCRAMG's termination and the closure of Pleasure Cove Resort until the effective date of a new interim concession contract.

On March 28, 2005, Reclamation issued a notice entitled "Pleasure Cove Resort Area Potential Interim Operator Letter of Interest Indicator" announcing its interest in issuing a new short-term concession contract to provide public recreational facilities and services at the resort on or about May 1, 2005. Reclamation's notice included a contract term of May 1, 2005 to May 1, 2007, and outlined minimum (mandatory) services and facilities and optional (discretionary) services. Reclamation set the deadline for the submission of letters of interest and concept proposals on April 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. On March 31, 2005, Reclamation issued a draft interim concession contract, defining expectations for performance. (Reclamation's draft document was forwarded to 15 individuals/entities listed on an attachment addressed to "All Interested Parties.")

On April 26, 2005, Reclamation published a "Prospectus Update - Pleasure Cove Resort." The report advised that "the contract has still

not been released to the Lake Berryessa Office" and that once the prospectus is open, "you will have 10 calendar days to submit your prospectus bid..." and that "once the selection of the winning concessionaire is made, the resort will be scheduled to be open within one week later."

Some Issues and Concerns

Status of Long-term Permittees

Although Reclamation states the term of the proposed new interim concession contract is for a term from approximately May 1, 2005 to May 1, 2007, draft documents (See e.g. Prospectus, paragraph 4) confirm that long-term trailer sites must be terminated by November 1, 2005:

"4. Outline in detail how you will accomplish the requirement of the Contract (Sec. 2.A.1.c and Sec. 10.A.3) to terminate the use of long-term trailer sites no longer than November 1, 2005 and facilitate the removal of all personal property no later than December 15, 2005. Indicate if you propose to establish another type of use in the vacated private trailer sites as in the Contract (Sec. 2.A.2.b.)"

In other words, is Reclamation using PCRAMG's default and the termination of the interim concession contract to implement the permanent removal of long-term permittees from Pleasure Cove Resort effective November 1, 2005? Is it Reclamation's intent to change the use of the resort to short-term and day-use RV and camping facilities only with the permanent removal of long-term permittees? What are the long-term permittees planning to do individually and as group to expose and fight Reclamation's clandestine plan?

Local, State and Federal Permit and Regulatory Issues

Serious questions have been raised regarding Reclamation's compliance with local, state and federal permit and regulatory requirements. Reclamation's own internal investigation and the Solicitor General's report and findings regarding Lake Berryessa

concession operations and record keeping failures are only the tip of the iceberg in this pyramid of bureaucratic failures

Timing of Proposed New Interim Concession Contract

Reclamation's announced target date for the re-opening of Pleasure Cove Resort is Memorial Day weekend (May 30, 2005). This may be unrealistic in light of Reclamation's previous history.



This is a Classic but Some People Still Don't Get It!

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?

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 Shirl & Son-in-law Dave

May 13th
 Happy 1st Birthday
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 Love from Grandpa C.

May 14th
 Happy Birthday to
Kenneth Smith, & To
Grandson Kenneth Jr.
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May 27th
Happy 14th Birthday
 Hailey
 Love from Pop Pop

May 19th
Happy Birthday
To ?? ??
I won't mention her name but
she works at
the Boat House??
Have a good Summer!
From you know who??

May 19th
Happy Birthday
 Dave Eck
From your
Father-in-law
 Mr. C.

May 29th
 Happy Birthday
 Jolene Romriell

Explaining the American Press

The Wall Street Journal is read by people who are running another country but need the baseball scores.

The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure there is a country - or that anyone is running it; but if so, they oppose all that they stand for. There are occasional exceptions if the leaders are handicapped minority feminist atheist dwarfs who also happen to be illegal aliens from any other country or galaxy provided, of course, that they are not Republicans.

The New York times is read by people who think they should run the country and who are very good at crossword puzzles.

USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand The New York Times. They do, however, like their statistics shown in pie charts.

The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country - if they could find the time and didn't have to leave Southern California to do it.

The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country but need the baseball scores.

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HA! HA! HARVEY – The HEARING TEST

An elderly gentleman of 85 feared his wife was getting hard of hearing. So one day he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor made an appointment for a hearing test in two weeks, and meanwhile there's a simple informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the state of her problem.

"Here's what you do," said the doctor. "Start out about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room. He says to himself, I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens. Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. So the husband moved to the other end of the room, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for supper?" Still no response.

Next he moved into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" Again he gets no response. So he walks up to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?" (I just love this!)

"Damn it Earl, for the fifth time, CHICKEN!"



**Today, when I awoke,
I suddenly realized that
this is the best day of my life,
ever**

**There were times when
I wondered if I would
make it to today;
but I did!**

**And because I did I'm
going to celebrate!**

**Today, I'm going to
celebrate what an
unbelievable life I
have had so far:**

**the accomplishments,
the many blessings,
and yes, even the
hardships because
they have served to
make me stronger.**

**I will go through this
day with my head held
high and a happy
heart.**

**I will marvel at God's
seemingly simple
gifts:**

**the morning dew,
the sun, the clouds,
the trees, the flowers,
the birds,**

& the Wild Turkeys.

**Today, none of these
miraculous creations
will escape my notice**

**Today I was walking down my
lane & saw a wild female**

Turkey

**& following all around were at
least a dozen baby Turkeys. I
quietly walked towards them &
yes, I had to get close enough to
hold one. I slowly creped up to
them & picked up two, so**

**precious & yes, with Mommy
Turkey keeping her distance as
she watched me very carefully.**

**Today this was God's simple
gift.**

**True story
With Luv ANGEL**

Dear Friends,

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event that raises awareness of cancer in the community and raises funds to fight cancer. I'm on a team (Team #11) this year and we are planning to raise \$2,000+. Throughout the twenty-four hour event, my teammates and I will take turns walking around the track and camping out. If you would like to help in the fight against cancer, you can make a contribution to the American Cancer Society through Relay For Life.

The First Annual Dixon Relay For Life will take place on Saturday, June 11 at the Dixon Fairgrounds starting at 9:00 a.m. I would be glad to walk in honor or in memory of someone you know who has survived cancer, or lost their battle with the disease. For a donation to the American Cancer Society (of any amount), I will make sure that the person's name is included in the Luminaria Ceremony.

A Luminaria is a small bag filled with sand and a small candle that makes it glow. Each Luminaria bears the name of a person who has battled cancer. At dusk, we light all the candles along the path and they bum into the night to light the way for walkers-creating a path of hope. In addition, we will include a photo and/or the name of the person in our power point show. You, your friends and family members are invited to attend the ceremony at 9:00 p.m. and experience this emotional and powerful ceremony.

If you are interested in purchasing a Luminaria, please fill out the form below and return it to me (or Korie Robinson-my sister) by May 15th. You will be truly lighting the way for cancer research, education programs and patient services. There's no finish line until we find a cure.

Gratefully, Meshell Hays (Daughter of Shirt Katleba, Lake Berryessa News), 667 Colusa Court Dixon, CA 95620



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If you would like to provide a photo for the power point show, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will return the photo to you after the event.

**Lateral Thinking
Exercise**

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?

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**EnviroSports Ironman
Event Returns to Putah
Creek Park**

Putah Creek Park resort has been the host to a series of triathlons during the last seven years. This year the route for the bicycle portion of Sunday's event has been expanded. Riders will leave Putah Creek and head south on Knoxville Road to Highway 128 at Turtle Rock. They will then pedal north on Hwy 128 to Pope Valley and return to Putah Creek. Details of the two-day event are given below or see www.envirosports.com. All Lake Berryessa residents and businesses are encouraged to show their support for this event along the bicycle route Sunday.

May 14, 2005

Lake Berryessa provides a gorgeous venue for this triathlon. This is a great event for beginners and a perfect race for seasoned athletes to get ready for the rest of the season. This event sold out January 17.

DESCRIPTION: Half-mile swim, 15-mile bike, 4-mile run

You'll begin your race following a half-mile triangular swim course in Lake Berryessa at the Putah Creek Resort. With water temperatures in Lake Berryessa hovering in the low 70s, the decision to wear a wetsuit is up to you -- they're not required. Next, jump on your bike for an out-and-back 15-mile spin along the rolling hills surrounding Lake Berryessa. Find your running legs as you head out onto the Knoxville/Berryessa Road for the out-and-back 4-mile course over rolling terrain.

May 15, 2005

THE HALF IS HERE! Since our Napa Valley Sprint has grown so popular, we've decided to supersize the event you love so much! Sign up early and count yourself among the first to race this exciting Half-Ironman distance course. Strictly limited to 500 athletes! No waiting lists once event fills!

DESCRIPTION: 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run

You'll begin your race following a 1.2-mile triangular swim course in Lake Berryessa at the Putah Creek Resort. With water temperatures in Lake Berryessa hovering in the low 70s, the decision to wear a wetsuit is up to you -- they're not required. Next, jump on your bike for a 56-mile tour through the rolling countryside of Chiles and Pope valleys, passing scenic vineyards, idyllic pastures and charming old barns along the way. Enjoy views of Lake Berryessa along the final Half Marathon, which follows a double out-and-back course along the rolling hills of Knoxville Road.

FISHIN WITH DINO

May 1

Salmon are hitting at Berryessa! Anglers using Apex lures trolling the surface hit limits of salmon and trout all weekend. Skiers Cove shoreline or outside the cove of Spanish Flat Marina were hot spots.

Bass anglers did well throwing plastic roboworms or crawlers in many coves around the lake. Small mouths are in 15 feet of water. A few large mouths were also caught this weekend.

Catfishing is still on the slow end, but should speed up with warmer weather ahead. Crappie anglers are doing or using jigs or minnows off the bottom. Early morning hours or night fishing for crappie are the best times.

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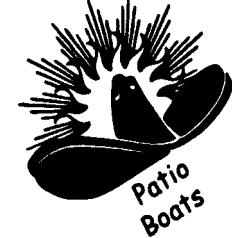


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Fishing with SID

April 27th

Seventeen fishermen went out on the "Golden Eye" last week in San Francisco - 4 halibut, 1 stripers and a 64" sturgeon were caught with Father Michael from "Holy Trinity Church" catching the first halibut. It goes to show it never hurts to have a little help from above.

I just got back last night from Miami. Had ten days of great fishing. One day in 160 feet of water over a shipwreck I hooked an 80+ pound nurse shark which we let go. That day I caught a lot of undersized king mackerel and plenty of bait for the boat to use. If any of you guys go to Miami, and you want to go on a party boat, the Kelly Fleet out of Haulover near 150th and Collins Avenue in Miami Beach will run you about \$30.00 for 3-4 hours of fun.

On another day I caught red snapper and a grouper. In fresh water, one day I caught approximately 47 fish within 4 hours. Another day I went out with my friend Felix and introduced him to the senco worm. We ended up with a limit for the day. My largest fresh water fish was a 10 pound largemouth bass.

I hunted all the fish down. I am between four to fifteen feet above the canal wearing polarized sunglasses and I can see rocks and logs moving. The rocks were mostly turtles and the logs were either largemouth bass, peacock bass and some I'm not sure what, but could have been catfish. In some areas there were as many as four generations of bass. I fished 90% with the weightless senco. I don't think the color made any difference. The next time I go down I'll bring some top water lures and I think the morning and evening bite will be great.

Now back to Lake Berryessa in California. Don't forget the full moon is on May 23. Fish from the 19th thru 28th. The females will be on their beds. Fish the east side of Lake Berryessa in the vineyards in about 2 to 4 feet of water. Please release the Big Gals quickly.

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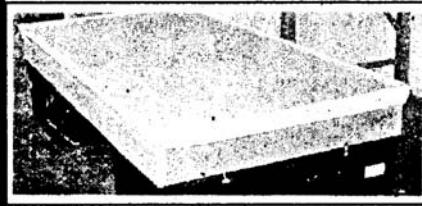
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Read and Learn! SOMETHING WE ALL NEED TO KNOW, IS IT A STROKE?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- *Ask the individual to SMILE.
- *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
- *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of nonmedical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

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2005 Lake Berryessa Calendar of Events

You are invited even though you are not a member of the organization
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May 29th 31 Night (8:pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck

June 7th & Reno Trip (overnite) Berryessa Senior Center

June 8th Rsvp. by May 5th **966-4505 or 966-0206**

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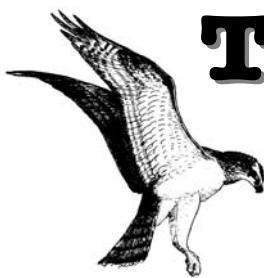
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June 25th	Food, wine, Cheese & Olive Oil Tasting (4 to 7pm) Berryessa Senior Center 966-0206 or 966-2127
July 3rd	Horseshoe Tournament Monticello Ski Club * (10am Sign up at Ski Platform) (Sharky)
July 3rd	31 Night (8pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck *
July 16th	Potluck Breakfast (9am to 11:30 AM) Berryessa Senior Center 966-0206 or 966-2127
July 30th	Flea Market ~ Berryessa Senior Center Tables to be Rented to Private Parties 966-2795
Aug. 6th	Poker Run ~ Lions Club Berryessa Chapter, 966-1413
Aug. 6th	Bingo (8pm) Monticello Ski Club (Chris & Cheryl) *
Aug. 20th	Pancake Breakfast ~ Monticello Ski/Club/ Auggie & Shirley *
Aug. 20th	Casino Night/Pasta Dinner Berryessa Senior Center ~ Big Raffle
Sept. 3rd	31 Night (8pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck *
Sept. 4th	Golf Cart Parade? Rib Cook-Off ~ Monticello Ski Club *

* Secretary of the Monticello Ski club is Shirley, Call **469-8863**

Many of our events that are free. Others charge a very nominal fee.
For some, the fees are fundraisers to keep the organization going.
Check with the phone numbers listed for more information.

**If we missed your event & you would like to have it listed please call or
e-mail the Lake Berryessa News.**



The Lake Berryessa News



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Memorial Day Weekend is coming! Time for Summer Fun to Start!

May 19, 2005

Flowers and Fire at Lake Berryessa

I was talking to Brad Kirkpatrick up in Pope Valley the other day about the fascinating history and politics of the Lake Berryessa region. Because of the long rainy season this year we wandered onto the topic of the beautiful crop of wildflowers. Hiking around the lake is even more enjoyable when the view is framed by so many colorful flowers. Since Brad is also the Chief of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, I asked him about something that has been bothering me for the thirty years since I came to Northern California.

Whenever there is an especially wet year, the fire professionals warn that it will be a "bad fire season". But every year that rainfall is low, the same fire professionals warn that it will be a "bad fire season". Are they just trying to scare us every year? Is it just news media sensationalism as usual?

Brad laughed at the question, but seemed to believe that although a wet season can be bad, a dry season could have the greater potential to be "badder". The real difference is in the type of "bad".

I stopped at the CDF fire station on Knoxville Road on the way home to see what they thought about my confusion. Tina, Ken, and Bob were on duty and gave me a rundown on the technical issues. First, there is no "good" fire season. The difference in "bad" is based on the type of fire which can be caused by the different fuel loads.

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DAM LEVEL UPDATE

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

The water is now feet below the top of the spillway

Lake Berryessa has had inches of rainfall since July 1st, 2004

As reported by Carlos Jeffreys of The Corners

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low

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Local Boat Dealer Grew Up at Lake Berryessa

After reading information for and against, I have to ask who is going to pay for the proposed demolition and reconstruction of the entire lake. There is no plan or budget disclosed or any idea of how much it will cost and who is paying for it. The government is already so cash strapped that it can't fund our schools and we're talking about spending millions on a minority group's whim of what the world should be like??

Putting the whole lake under one resort is ABSURD. Look at Lake Sonoma. It has the WORST resort/marina in this state. Lake Sonoma is a one-concessioner lake that has abused the public. Doing the same to Berryessa would result in the same problems only bigger. When that one concessioner runs out of money, what happens? Those will be harder shoes to fill when everything is run down and out of cash.

It is sad when a small group can effectively persuade the government to cost the taxpayers more grief with no plan, when the thousands and thousands of locals who want to do what's right are not being heard. The economic result of even thinking of closing the lake is catastrophic.

The boat dealers, boat service centers, repair facilities, etc. of the bay area and Sacramento all bring in collectively over \$120 million a year to these communities in sales. That's \$120,000,000.00! Multiply that by an average sales tax of 8% and you have over \$9,600,000.00 in annual sales tax revenue. The personal property tax all these boaters pay on their boats averages approx. \$350 per year per boat. Multiply that times all the registered boaters in these communities and you're looking at another \$7,000,000.00 per year the counties are counting on.

There are plenty of small lakes that ARE restricted to small boats that people can go on, Lake Hennessy for starters!

I can safely say for all my fellow boat dealers in the Bay Area and Sacramento, that Lake Berryessa is one of the top destinations for our customers and their families to enjoy a day, weekend, or the entire summer. In a time when family recreation is strained, restricting tax-paying families from enjoying a great form of family recreation is just not the right thing to do. How many families do you think the BOR will affect by taking their kids away from time at the lake with Mom and Dad?

I grew up on this lake and have many fond memories of boating with my family. My son learned to ski there and also has a lot of great memories. Keeping kids in mind with this process should be a priority in planning. Kids that go boating with their families have been shown to grow up to respect the environment, and grow up to be more responsible, tax-paying citizens of this community.

I hope the Bureau of Reclamation will look at the financial severity of their actions when making a decision and come up with a solution that hears all voices and weighs the majority, not the extremely small minority, as our government is supposed to do. I hope you'll listen to the locals and realize they are not the bad guys here.

Thank you for your time,

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Annual Rancho Monticello Shoreline Cleanup

By Cheryl Lacombe

Rancho Monticello Resort sponsored their annual Lake Berryessa clean up on Saturday, May 14th. Volunteers who participated included Rancho Monticello Permittees, friends, Resort Staff and Monticello Ski Club members.

The shorelines on the north end of the lake and islands were cleaned of debris that included white styrofoam, bottles, cans, flip-flops and shoes. This year the clean up was especially important as the April Earth Day lake clean up sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation had been cancelled.

Barbara Hinkley-Teel of Napa stated that this is her 4th year to participate in the lake clean up and has always been amazed at the quantity of trash collected, but happily, she has noticed a decline over the years. She and her husband Don stated, "We find it very rewarding and it keeps us in touch with nature. We enjoy spending a few hours with friends on the lake, making a difference".

The goal of the cleanups is to not have trash littering the shorelines. A number of the volunteers feel that the cleanups are working, as the amount of debris that is collected has greatly diminished from prior years. In the past, refrigerators, washing machines, engine blocks and tires littered the shorelines. Today water bottles, cans and stray shoes are the majority of the trash collected.

Napa County's Wetlands: A Vital Resource

10 AM Saturday, May 21 at the Carolyn Parr Nature Center, Westwood Hills Park, Napa

Michael Champion, Education Coordinator for the Napa County Resource Conservation District, will describe the variety of wetlands and marshes that can be found throughout Napa County and how they help improve water quality, reduce flooding, and provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife. Using historical photos, Michael will show how the landscape has changed as well as discuss the implications of restoration.

Information: 255-6465

Fire Safe, California!

Create a **DEFENSIBLE SPACE** of 100' around your home. The area closest to your home is the most important.

Try to get 10 to 15 feet of spacing, both vertically and horizontally between shrubs, large plants, and trees. If you have 4 foot high brush underneath larger trees with limbs, limb up the tree at least 14 feet. This eliminates the "fuel ladder" to the tops of trees. Breaks like this in the vegetation help to slow down an advancing fire and gives firefighters a fighting chance.

Plan your landscape to eliminate a continuous path of vegetation. Do not have any combustible fuel within three feet of your home.

For landscaping purposes, use of irrigated fire resistant plants is encouraged. Green lawn, rock, stone, and other materials can be used to create an attractive and fire safe landscape.

Clear all vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath your deck. Enclose undersides of elevated decks with fire resistant building materials, or with screen mesh with openings no greater than 1/4 inch.

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, May 23rd, 6-8 P.M.
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New Members Welcome!

Seniors Legacy Reno Trip

Bus leaves the Senior Center at 7:30am on June 7th & will pick up at the Corners for the Highland & Napa people.

Bus arrives in Reno 11am.

Stay over night. Double occupancy \$78.00 per person.

Single room, \$99.00 / night. \$5.00 cash back & \$3.00 food credit. Next day, leave Silver Legacy at 10:30 am & arrive at Boomtown for Buffet Lunch. Leave Boomtown at 3pm & arrive at the Senior Center by 7pm.

Money due in by May 5th. For more info.
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Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.
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Flowers and Fire

Awet season causes heavy growth of flowers, small plants, and grasses. When these dry out they can feed a very aggressive hot fire that is hard to attack. The larger fuel such as trees contain a lot of moisture after a long wet season and will not burn early. Professional fire fighters judge fuel loads by the time it takes them to dry out. One hour and 10 hour fuels like grasses dry fast. Even if they were wet in the morning – they're dry an hour later in the sun. The 1,000 hour fuels like big trees can take 42 days to dry out. That's why you may have huge late season fires like the Oakland fire in October – the big fuel loads have finally dried out.

So which is worse? Dry seasons can have fires that start early in the year (February-March) and can still happen until late in the year. Wet season fires don't start until later in the fire season (June-July) but can be fast and furious and be even larger later in the year (September-October).

Wet year or dry year, Bill Robertson, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Napa County Fire Marshall's office, says, "People should be prepared for the worst ever fire season because every fire season has the potential for being the worst ever. Property owners need to take the initiative to do the work to create defensible spaces around their homes because even minor prevention preparation can make a major difference in survival."

Gil Pridmore, Chief of the Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department added another dimension. He said that fire weather during the season was more important than how a season may start. Long stretches of hot weather with high winds

multiplies the problems. Also, when firefighting resources are stretched thin across the state, any fire can be hard to eliminate.

So enjoy the flowers while you can. Flowers burn too – some are even worse than grasses because of their oil content. I also learned that vineyards burn – they may look a bit like firebreaks, but they're not. And they make attacking a fire more difficult because of the stakes and guy wires used to support the vines.

Many thanks to our dedicated fire fighters – those suits are not air conditioned!

Peter Kilkus



Congress Supports PWC Use in National Parks

After more than ten years of spreading misinformation about personal watercraft (PWC) in an attempt to have them banned from all waterways, the Bluewater Network and the National Parks Service have been strongly criticized by the U.S. Congress. In backroom deals with the NPS, supported by threats of lawsuits, the Bluewater Network in 2000 forced the NPS to establish regulations that generally prohibited personal watercraft use (PWC) in most National Recreation Areas, Lakeshores and Seashores. At the same time, the Park Service established a two-year grace period for 21 park units where personal watercraft use was prevalent. Each unit that seeks to reopen to PWC is required to complete a comprehensive scientific study of PWC impacts on the local environment and economy and prepare a rule allowing continued PWC use.

To date, fifteen National Parks have completed a detailed

environmental assessment, **all of which conclude that PWC use should be allowed.**

This conclusion is relevant to Lake Berryessa since the Bluewater Network wrote 888 form letters to the Bureau of Reclamation during the first DEIS comment period last year demanding that PWC be banned from Lake Berryessa.

Members of the Resources Subcommittee on National Parks in the U.S. House of Representatives decried the baseless discrimination against PWC last week in a hearing on Capitol Hill. The committee stated that it is vitally important that our National Parks be open and accessible to everyone, including those who want to use personal water craft.

Advancements made to PWC technology have resulted in a 75 percent reduction in emissions and 70 percent reduction in

sound since 1998. These enhancements have made today's PWC some of the most environmentally-friendly motorized vessels on the water.

More than 1.4 million Americans enjoy boating on personal watercraft. PWC can fit up to three people and are an affordable boating option for family recreation with the typical PWC customer today being over 40 years old and married. The Personal Watercraft Industry Association actively advocates for states to adopt reasonable regulations such as mandatory boating safety education for all PWC users, a minimum age of 16 to operate PWC, and daylight-only usage restrictions.



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Indian Casinos in Napa?

We've all heard rumors about "the Indian casino at Lake Berryessa" – maybe up by Putah Creek! It ranks up there with the one about the big Marriot Hotel that will be built out here. Readers should send in their favorite rumors and we'll print a column of them.

As reported by Jay Goetting in the Napa Register last week, after a special seminar on the topic, our supervisors don't believe Napa County is at high risk for a potential tribal gaming casino. Although there is no tribal land nor any Native American reservations in Napa County, a tribe could claim a historic connection to the land and go through a lengthy and complex series of actions to gain approval by the federal government.

Two new casinos near Cloverdale are in planning stages. Rohnert Park is already going through legal battles over its proposed casino. The Rohnert Park casino would be one of the largest resorts in Northern California. The original casino was to be built near Sears Point but never got off the drawing board. Instead the tribe chose land in Rohnert Park.

Lake Berryessa has been mentioned as an area with casino potential, but Supervisor Diane Dillon, who represents the area, said it would not be appropriate on any agricultural land in Napa County. The Berryessa area is designated as an agricultural area. However, with Indian tribes treated as sovereign nations, their ability to circumvent local and state land use laws and environmental controls has become legendary.

In what the Lake Berryessa News can only assume is part of the ongoing attempt by the Napa Supervisors to denigrate the Lake Berryessa community by complaining about Lake Berryessa's "cost" to the County, Wagenknecht likened the casino potential to what happened with the formation of Lake Berryessa. "A federal entity (Bureau of Reclamation) comes in and establishes it," he said, "at huge cost to Napa County."



The Importance of Coordination

A southern Baptist minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down.

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CDF cost: \$166.4 Million Damage costs: \$126.8 Million

Top Five Fires in Acres Burned:

Rumsey, 10/10 to 10/16, Yolo County - 39,138 acres

Cerrito, 5/3 to 5/7, Riverside County - 16,640 acres

French, 8/14 to 8/20, Shasta County - 13,005 acres

Geysers, 9/3 to 9/8, Lake County - 12,525 acres

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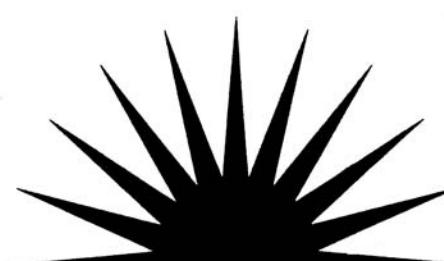


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Ironmen and Ironwomen Invade Putah Creek

Napa Valley Triathlons highlighted Lake Berryessa and featured local amateur athletes last weekend. About 800 Lycra-clad athletes descended upon Lake Berryessa Recreation Area for a weekend of fun-filled and friendly-spirited competition. On May 14th and 15th Bay Area event producer Enviro-Sports hosted the Napa Valley Triathlons. Among the participants assembled at the starting line were more than two dozen local Napans and St. Helenans. Joining them was a field of amateur athletes from 29 states.

Saturday's race, the Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon was the 7th annual event staged at the Putah Creek Resort at the northwest end of Lake Berryessa. The

event, which consisted of a half-mile swim followed by a 15-mile bike and a 4-mile run, sold out in mid-January at 800 registered athletes.

The half-mile swim course followed a clockwise triangular course starting and finishing at the boat-launch ramp at the Putah Creek Resort. Following the swim, participants hopped on their bikes for a 15-mile out-and-back ride north of the resort along Knoxville Rd. Finally, athletes laced up their running shoes for the final 4-mile run course, which also followed the rolling hills along Knoxville Rd. north of the resort.

Troy Taylor, 33, of Napa placed third overall in the 2004 Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon and competed again on May 14th. Members of the St. Helena High School wrestling team

volunteered at the Saturday event with duties including checking athletes in on race day morning and handing athletes water and sports drinks at aid stations along the course.

The tremendous popularity of the sprint-distance triathlon was the inspiration behind the new Napa Valley Half-Iron Triathlon, which debuted Sunday, May 15th. In this race, participants began by swimming a 1.2-mile clockwise triangular course in Lake Berryessa, starting and finishing on the boat ramp at the Putah Creek Resort. The second portion of the event took athletes on a scenic 56-mile bike tour of the greater area surrounding Lake Berryessa, including Pope and Chiles Valleys. The final 13.1-mile run was a double out-and-back course; starting from the Putah Creek Resort, participants

headed north along Knoxville Rd. approximately 3.25 miles to the turnaround point, then returned to the resort before completing a second lap.

Two hundred participants competed in Sunday's Half-Ironman distance triathlon. In all, the weekend festivities brought more than 1,200 athletes and spectators to the Lake Berryessa Area. Many athletes no doubt made an effort to extend their stay and explore the nearby Napa Valley with their friends and family.

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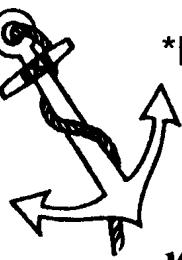
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Lake Berryessa: The Trout And Salmon Jewel Of Napa County

by Cal Kellogg <http://www.fishsniffer.com/>, April 11, 2005

California is blessed with many top notch reservoirs. So many in fact, that no matter how much you fish it's hard to visit them all. For me this was the case with Lake Berryessa. I've known for a long time that it's an outstanding lake boasting strong populations of trout, bass, crappie, and catfish. The positive reports I'd received from Dino Righetti and Mike Keen at Spanish Flat Marina prompted me to visit the lake recently.

After launching and cruising outside the sheltered cove at Spanish Flat, I was immediately taken aback by the lake's size. I'd reviewed a map of the lake before visiting, so I knew it was a big body of water but it seemed even larger in person.

Our primary mission was to explore the lake and attempt to locate some concentrations of bass. I'd wanted to check out two large islands about midway down the lake. My Dad had seen some rainbows jumping and suggested that we troll our way across the lake. His idea sounded good to me, so I tied on a silver and blue Cripplure, while Dad opted for a white Roostertail spinner. As we slowly crawled through the chop we saw several more trout jumping high above the water.

We had been trolling for less than 10 minutes when Dad's rod loaded up and started bucking wildly with the gyrations of a hard fighting trout. "Now it's my turn," I commented to Dad as we resumed trolling. As is often the case I was wrong, and Dad was into a second fish in short order.

My Cripplure got hammered next and I started fighting the fish. When I looked back to see what he was doing I instantly noticed that his rod was bent and pulsating. "Dad you've got one on the hook," I said pointing at his rod. As Dad struggled to get the rod out of the holder the line suddenly went slack. With a little luck, (and vastly superior angling skill!) I was able to lead my fat rainbow into the waiting net.



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At the marina we met avid fisherman and Fish Sniffer subscriber George Parish, just as he finished cleaning a fine mess of crappie. Mike Keen confided that the fishing had been going well, but that the wind and overcast had slowed the bite. Despite our modest success, this is a great time to visit Lake Berryessa. The trout are actively feeding near the surface and several bass with double digit weights have been reported in recent days. Add to that the strong crappie bite that's underway and you've got the foundation for a memorable day on the water.

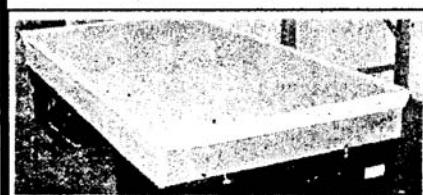
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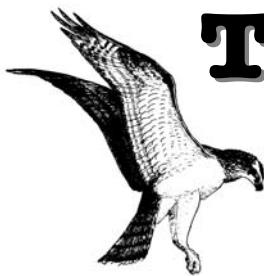
You are invited even though you are not a member of the organization sponsoring the events. We hope to see you there!

May 29th	31 Night (8:pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck
June 7th & June 8th	Reno Trip (overnite) Berryessa Senior Center Rsvp. by May 5 th 966-4505 or 966-0206
June 18th	Fathers Day Picnic ~ Monticello Ski Club *
June 25th	Food, wine, Cheese & Olive Oil Tasting (4 to 7pm) Berryessa Senior Center 966-0206 or 966-2127
July 3rd	Horseshoe Tournament Monticello Ski Club * (10am Sign up at Ski Platform) (Sharky)
July 3rd	31 Night (8pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck *
July 16th	Potluck Breakfast (9am to 11:30 AM) Berryessa Senior Center 966-0206 or 966-2127
July 30th	Flea Market ~ Berryessa Senior Center Tables to be Rented to Private Parties 966-2795
Aug. 6th	Poker Run ~ Lions Club Berryessa Chapter, 966-1413
Aug. 6th	Bingo (8pm) Monticello Ski Club (Chris & Cheryl) *
Aug. 20th	Pancake Breakfast ~ Monticello Ski/Club/ Auggie & Shirley *
Aug. 20th	Casino Night/Pasta Dinner Berryessa Senior Center ~ Big Raffle
Sept. 3rd	31 Night (8pm) Monticello Ski Club/Chuck *
Sept. 4th	Golf Cart Parade? Rib Cook-Off ~ Monticello Ski Club *

* Secretary of the Monticello Ski club is Shirley, Call **469-8863**

Many of our events that are free. Others charge a very nominal fee.
For some, the fees are fundraisers to keep the organization going.
Check with the phone numbers listed for more information.

**If we missed your event & you would like to have it listed please call or
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How Many Places Can You Eat at Lake Berryessa in One Week?

Over the years “dining out” at Lake Berryessa has been an interesting challenge. I decided to work my way around the lake and see what’s available. This is not a traditional restaurant review since I’m not a gourmand. But the places I visited had more than just food. Each had enthusiastic owners who really care about this lake and want to improve the overall community. Most are members of the new Lake Berryessa Chamber of commerce and each had something unique that made it worth stopping by. So, in sort of alphabetical order, let me describe my travels around the lake last week.

Jim and Linda Tschida’s venerable Spanish Flat Inn at the Spanish Flat Village Center was transformed by Yevo and Suzanne Jeworowski into **Boone’s Saloon** more than a year ago. I sat next to the namesake of the place, 4-year old Boone, as he polished off a steak on a beautiful Sunday evening after music on the patio. Suzanne explained that they serve fresh-prepared food to order with steaks fresh cut from the loin, hand-packed hamburger patties, and sliced fresh whole potatoes to make their outstanding fries. Liquor Chef Maxine takes good care of you at the bar and Food Chef Todd makes a mean burger, but there’s a wide range of food on the menu. Boone’s is a biker bar with heart and soul and they emphasize that all ages are welcome. The atmosphere is very friendly and the pool table is often in use. Their All-You-Can-Eat Taco Tuesday is another big hit. Get the latest at www.Boones-Saloon.com.

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How Do You Get to Lake Berryessa?

Most people who come to Lake Berryessa regularly develop family traditions of where to go and what to do. From the East Bay and points south, a major route to the Lake is Hwy 680 to Suisun Valley Rd. to Wooden Valley Rd.

If you come that way you can stop at Tower Mart 99 to get your snacks or gas - and a copy of The Lake Berryessa News. Manager Lilia McCauley and her staff will take good care of you. Across the Rockville Corners intersection you can stop for a bite at Joe Bosco’s Joe’s Valley Café - and a copy of The Lake Berryessa News. Farther up the road you can take a left to quiet Manka’s Corners where Gigi and Ray Canepa’s Vintage Café serves gourmet food in a very pleasant setting. Hank Howard of Steele Park claims they serve some of the best lamb he’s tasted. By the way, you can pick up a copy of The Lake Berryessa News there too!

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- Pleasure Cove Boils Over
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Dear Lake Berryessa User:

You may be surprised to learn the Bureau of Reclamation plans to cut watercraft use from over 3,000 to only 700. Motorized watercraft use is in jeopardy. The BOR also plans to reduce tent campsites from 504 to 250, dock slips from 1438 to 600, dry boat storage sites from 1068 to 100, long-term trailer and mobile home sites from 1347 to 0.

Amazing as it sounds, the Bureau of Reclamation is planning to force out the very people who pay money to support your use of Lake Berryessa. The BOR thinks it is better to get money from the taxpayers. Congress has other priorities. BOR won't get the money. All the present resort owners at Lake Berryessa are likely to be out by 2009 if BOR gets its way. BOR plans to eliminate at least 4 of the 7 existing resorts. The lake will be shut down for two years and the public services they provide will be gone.

BOR is waging a war against public use at Lake Berryessa and destroying forty years of family recreation history choosing certain approved users who can stay and forcing other users to get out. The Bureau of Reclamation shows no sign of any willingness to be a good neighbor or to find a solution to this mess they have created at Lake Berryessa. Armed guards continue to interdict people trying to get to their mobile homes at Pleasure Cove. BOR has taken possession of the entire Pleasure Cove Resort without the clear authority to do so.

Fear is a bad thing. The BOR is threatening all mobile home, dock owners and other users on the lake with losing their rights and access. People with vested interests at the lake live in fear that they will lose everything of value they have at Lake Berryessa.

Call, fax and e-mail your local congressmen. Ask them to request an investigation by the Resources Committee in the House and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the Senate. Ask them to request that funds for Lake Berryessa management by the BOR be cut until the Administration reins in this out of control agency.

Call, fax and e-mail:

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Deputy Lynn Scarlett (202) 208-4203, FAX: (202) 208-1873 – lynn_scarlett@ios.doi.gov
Commissioner of Bureau of Reclamation – John Keyes (202) 513-0501 – FAX: (202) 513-0309 – jkeys@usbr.gov

Mark Limbaugh – Deputy Commissioner of Reclamation (202) 513-0540 – FAX: (202) 513-0309 – mlimbaugh@usbr.gov

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- Insist that the Bureau of Reclamation planning process for Lake Berryessa be reopened in a fair and unbiased way.
- Insist that there is room for all users of Lake Berryessa. In fact, there is room for more.
- Insist that the use of motorized watercraft not be reduced below 3,000 boats.
- Insist on more campsites, RV sites, cabins, and motel rooms, not less.
- No private property should be taken without compensation. The BOR must follow Public Law 96-375.
- BOR must stop the discrimination against short-term users, long-term users and motorized watercraft.
- Bush Administration officials must require the Bureau of Reclamation be good neighbors at Lake Berryessa.

Thank you for your support,

Chuck Cushman

American Land Rights Association: www.landrights.org

Chamber of Commerce

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce met on Monday, May 23, at Cucina Italiana. Chamber members decided to create a seven member Board of Directors and begin actively recruiting for candidates, to become a member of the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau, and to create simple advertising collateral for distribution. Businesses and organizations which have become members to date are:

- 4 Star of Lake Berryessa
- American Watercraft Rentals
- Berryessa Boat Storage
- Berryessa Electronics & Mechanical Services
- Berryessa Senior Center
- Berryessa Trails & Conservation
- Bill Lang Cadillac Pontiac
- Boone's Saloon
- C & C Trucking
- California Watershed Posse
- Catacula Lake Winery
- Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa
- Cuccina Italiana
- Davies & Gamble
- Envirosports
- Joey's Watercraft Repair
- Hammer Ski & Marine
- Kastner Motors
- Markley Cove Resort
- Monticello Ski Club
- Pacific Coast Entertainment,
- Polylift of California
- Pope Valley Repair & Towing
- Pridmore & Son Construction
- Pridmore Bros. Inc.
- Putah Creek Resort
- Rancho Monticello Resort
- R-Ranch Restaurant

- RustRidge B&B/Winery
- Spanish Flat Center
- Spanish Flat Country Store
- Spanish Flat Resort
- Squeaky Clean
- Task Force 7
- The Corners
- The Lake Berryessa News
- Tri-Eagle Beverage
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Contact the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, telephone 253-4421. The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, June 17, 2005 by 5:00 pm.

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“We should take care not to make intellect our god; it has, of course, powerful muscles, but no personality.”

“Whoever sets himself up as judge of truth and knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.”

Albert Einstein

Seniors Legacy Reno Trip

Bus leaves the Senior Center at 7:30am on June 7th & will pick up at the Corners for the Highland & Napa people.
Bus arrives in Reno 11am.
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Single room, \$99.00 / night. \$5.00 cash back & \$3.00 food credit.
Next day, leave Silver Legacy at 10:30 am & arrive at Boomtown for Buffet Lunch. Leave Boomtown at 3pm & arrive at the Senior Center by 7pm.
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Call Rosemarie 707-966-4505

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
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Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

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Senior Center – Call 966-0206

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Cucina Italiana, also in the Spanish Flat Village Center has worked its way into the hearts and stomachs of the locals, tourists, and often large groups of resort visitors. The heart part is tickled by Chef Stefano Gusberti's enthusiasm combined with the 5 foot high flames that often leap above the kitchen stove without seeming to singe his eyebrows. Sharyn Simmons is the perfect complement to the Chef with her customer-friendly approach, her wine expertise, and her ability to translate what Stefano is saying while being ready to extinguish him if he does catch fire. Stefano was born in Salsomaggiore and studied at the Institute Lovate in Parma, Italy. After creating gourmet masterpieces at The Rex II Restorante in Los Angeles and Massa's in San Francisco, Sharyn and Stefano moved to Berryessa in 2001. The stomach part is always more than satisfied by the delicious food in large portions. Not many folks (me either) have been able to finish a whole meal - which is part of Cucina's philosophy of satisfying their clients. I think they pay more for plastic "doggie boxes" than they do for napkins. An outdoor patio, new grapevines in front, as well as plans to add a bocci ball court will make this an even more pleasant place to spend time.

I have to admit that the ad in the Lake Berryessa News is what attracted me to **R-Ranch Restaurant at the Lake**. I hadn't had huevos rancheros since my last Mexico dive trip. I followed the signs on a Sunday morning to the R-Ranch entrance gate. The office gave me a pass and stamped my hand with an S for Special and told me to walk up the hill to the pool area. I met an enthusiastic owner Rane Connor and Chef Jerry Stapleton at the poolside restaurant. The seating

was basic but the breakfast fare looked great. I had the huevos outside with a view of the kids playing in the pool. I need to get back there for dinner some night. It would be nice if the R-Ranch let you drive up, but it's worth the trip to try something new.

Many fishermen know about Steele Park's **Captain's Cove** since it's open so early and serves great breakfasts. My son Evan and I have been going there for ten years. Eating with a view of the cove and launch ramp is a great way to have breakfast, lunch, or simple dinner. But my favorite view is still the one at Steele Park's **Boathouse Restaurant**. Although it is only open during the summer season, it attracts many local people from the Berryessa Highlands. Michelle Peace, owner/chef, has put together an excellent menu ranging from simple but delicious salads to gourmet dishes with eye-pleasing presentations. A couple of years ago the Boathouse installed a pizza oven which was an instant success because their wide variety of very tasty and filling pizzas. People rave about the crust. Watching the sun go down over the lake while finishing a good meal with friends is the type of summer experience you don't forget - unless you stay too long at their round bar.

Turtle Rock has always intrigued me since the first time a few years ago I went in to drop off some information about the Bureau of Reclamation's plan to shut down the lake and demolish the resorts. That's when I first met Pete Leung, Jr. who has been carrying on his father's tradition as: Home of the "World Famous Eggrolls". When I dropped by last Sunday I finally asked him how the tradition started and he pointed to his father's picture on the wall. Father Leung, a former Hong Kong resident, had expertise in

egg roll recipes. The family has owned Turtle Rock for 25 years, and 20 years ago the "World Famous Eggroll" was perfected. I bought some frozen ones, and although I didn't really burn myself too badly cooking them, I think I'll get them already fried next time. Dozens of egg roll wafer packages were spread around the bar. Pete said that they would be making 3,000 egg rolls for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Must be quite a project to watch! By Friday evening (5/27) he had already sold more than 200. There was quite a crowd sitting outside with cool drinks watching the traffic going home from a day at the lake. With all the sharp boat-towing rigs and roaring motorcycles flowing by, it was almost as much fun as the traditional visit to the launch ramp to watch folks try to sink their trucks.

There are also a couple of other places to try. The **Putah Creek Resort restaurant** has a sweeping view of the north end of the lake. The **Rancho Monticello Resort restaurant** also has a panoramic view across the middle of the lake from the north end to Big Island. Although **The Corners** is still not serving food, they do have a full bar tended by Carlos Jeffreys on weekends. Carlos, as you may notice from our regular dam level update table on the front page, is the keeper of the official rainfall totals for Lake Berryessa. And I'm sure Brenda at **Brenda's Country Store** right between Boone's and Cucina would be happy to whip something up for you at any time.

Let me know if I missed anyone. Now it's time for me to get something to eat!

Peter Kilkus

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Pleasure Cove Boils Over!

Reclamation's sudden closing of Pleasure Cove Resort more than a month ago has had wide-ranging repercussions. Pleasure Cove Asset Management Group, with the support of all the other resort operators at the lake, has taken vigorous legal action to take the resort back. This BOR police action, as well as Reclamation's controversial DEIS proposal, precipitated the involvement of a major national land rights group, the American Land Rights Alliance. More than 100,000 emails were sent during the last two weeks generating thousands of letters and calls to Congress. 5,000 Congressional Testimony Questionnaires were distributed to lake visitors at all the resorts and businesses this holiday weekend. Several members of Congress, the highest levels of the Department of the Interior, and both a Senate and a House committee are now deeply involved.

Until this weekend the BOR refused to say which company they had chosen to take over the Pleasure Cove contract. However, Reclamation personnel apparently told at least one Pleasure Cove mobile home owner early in the week that the chosen company was Forever Resorts headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, which owns and operates more than 55 properties located in or near national parks, recreation areas and national forests across the United States and more than 20 properties in Europe and Africa. Forever Resorts also states that they are the clear leader in manufacturing luxury houseboats and in providing them for vacation rentals.

A call by the Lake Berryessa News to Forever Resorts on Wednesday, 5/25, was unable to confirm their selection. The VP-Public Relations would only say that she knew of no announcement by Reclamation. BOR management finally confirmed that Forever Resorts had been chosen in a letter to another bidder, the California Watershed Posse (CWP) on Friday, 5/27. CWP had been critical of the ongoing BOR activity

in this case and issued the following statement to Reclamation:

"The CWP, on behalf of all American taxpayers, will not tolerate being denied public access to Federal recreational lands at Lake Berryessa or the continued gross violations of Environmental Justice by Reclamation. It is with sadness that we inform you that this evening the CWP Board of Directors instructed General Counsel Frank Iwama to draft a referral to the U.S. Attorney Office requesting an investigation into the BOR Pleasure Cove Resort illegal enterprise activities at Lake Berryessa."

Other elements of this controversy that have generated widespread concern are sections in the proposed contract that appear to be contradictory to the new BOR policy regarding exclusive use and which imply that the BOR will take action against additional resorts.

For example: "Due to the approaching expiration of the other six concession contracts at Lake Berryessa it is possible that any of the other concessionaires could have their contract terminated in advance because of financial and performance problems. In the event this occurs and Reclamation determines it necessary to establish an interim concessionaire, in a similar manner as this contract, the Pleasure Cove concessionaire could be assigned that responsibility through an amendment to this contract."

The other resort operators view this as a thinly disguised method to bypass the present planning process and induce a major corporation to take over a single small resort with the implied promise that they will then be given the others. Experienced observers believe that since the BOR has spent significant effort in what appears to be an ongoing effort to close Putah Creek Resort during the last few years, it may be their next target. This is one reason that all the present resort owners are united in opposition to the BOR plans.

Another interesting section in the new contract gives the Pleasure Cove operator the right to install 75 new

private houseboats. Aside from the fact that Forever Resorts declares themselves to be the "clear leader in manufacturing luxury houseboats..." this number of private houseboats is larger than that now allowed at the lake. Since BOR policy attempts to eliminate "exclusive use" why does this contract allow exclusive use of the water surface by private houseboats when it requires removal of "exclusive use" mobile homes on land by December, 2005, although the new contract extends to 2007? The original contract under which the mobile homeowners initially bought their permits actually extended to at least 2008.



Pleasure Cove Remained Closed During the Holiday

Resort Closed signs greeted visitors to Pleasure Cove all along the road and at the gate this weekend. The BOR had told the media that they would re-open to the public, but since they could not collect fees, only mobile home owners and visitors with receipts for paid reservations were allowed to enter.

The Lake Berryessa News was told by BOR personnel at the gate Friday that the resort was closed. You couldn't even pay to get in or get a reservation. There was no restaurant, no store, no gas, no services. Happy Memorial Day the BOR way.

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In 1999 CIFFI financed a \$25,000 trout pen-rearing program to enhance Lake Berryessa's Rainbow Trout fishery. May 1, 2000 saw the end of a very successful initial project of pen raising of thousands of Rainbow Trout and King Salmon. When these fish were released they ranged in the 12-14 inch size.

In 2004 1,000 Eagle Lake Trout were brought to CIFFI pens at Lake Berryessa to carry on with this highly successful project. As in the past the pens were the home of these trout until they reached trophy size and were released in the early spring. Markley Cove personnel volunteered

their time to assist CIFFI in the feeding and monitoring of the fish and pens.

California Inland Fisheries Foundation Inc. was founded in 1992 to improve the fisheries of Kokanee Salmon. Project Kokanee became the first co-operative venture in fisheries improvement with the California Department of Fish and Game. Volunteers assisted in egg-taking, freeing Fish and Game employees for other duties.

Today, CIFFI has grown to nearly thirteen hundred paid members, Project Kokanee has been joined by Project King Salmon and Project Rainbow Trout, and over 10 million fingerlings have been planted during the past nine years. For more information see www.Kokanee.org

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Hunting Berryessa Valley

Lloyd Briggs, August 15, 1881

Started off today driving a nice pair of ponies with a sort of express wagon in which we packed our tents and provisions. We drove over the mountains to Berryessa Valley. The road is extremely dusty this time of year, owing to the large trucks loaded with quicksilver which travel from the Knoxville quicksilver mine to Napa. The scenery is superb, and the waving wheat, hundreds of acres of which we passed, looked like a golden realm in such a wild, mountainous country. Quail are plentiful and quite tame, also the turtledove, and cottontail and jackass rabbits; and I had my game bag well filled on arrival from what shooting I had while standing in the team. I have shot twenty-seven doves before it was fairly light in this valley, and innumerable rabbits.

We passed many ranches bearing peculiar names, such as "Hole in the Wall," "Windy Flats," etc. Arriving

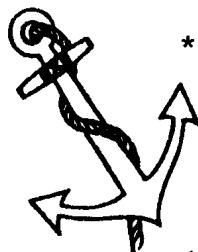
at Monticello, a farming and mining town of about 100 inhabitants, twenty-five miles from Napa.

I enjoyed fishing in Putah Creek which runs back of the town. Of all the dusty places in this region this is the dustiest place I ever was in. We were white from the time we entered it until we left. The seats, tables, floors and counters, and all the articles on them, were buried in dust by the passing teams or puffs of wind; a cloud of dust arose from our beds as we retired for the night. I enjoyed talking with the inhabitants, who were kind and friendly.

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Pick-A-Pet Comes to Lake Berryessa

Humane Society unveils its new adoption center on wheels. The Humane Society of Napa County is taking its show on the road. The pet adoption center and clinic, now known simply as Napa Humane, has purchased a high-tech mobile adoption unit, enabling the nonprofit organization to bring adoptive animals and clinic services to the community. Residents in almost every corner of Napa Valley will have a chance to see the rolling adoption center and take home a new pet. "We plan to have adoption fairs from Calistoga to American Canyon to Lake Berryessa to Angwin," Matovcik said. "We also plan to offer the use of the mobile unit to other nonprofit and private animal organizations."

Fishing Lake Berryessa
5/26/05 - Sacramento Bee

Bite is on for trout, salmon and kokanee on top to 25 feet down, on an Apex with or without a minnow added or try a Needlefish behind a dodger or lead core, four colors out. Trout fishing has been good from the banks off minnows and a bobber as well. Markley Cove is a good place to start if you're trolling as they released rainbow from the cages there to 5 pounds. Find steady bass action on plastics, Brush Hogs in baby watermelon or green, just about everywhere. Catfishing at night by the Vineyards area is producing fish to 6 pounds. Find a few crappie in Cappell Cove at night.

Hiking Trails at Lake Berryessa

Smittle Creek Trail is a 2.6 mile trail which runs between the two public parks at the Lake. It's a cozy trail, running past lots of small coves with views of the two largest islands in the lake. You can get to it either at the northernmost point of Oak Shores park or the southernmost point of Smittle Creek park. Leashed dogs allowed.

Pope Canyon Trail is basically an old roadbed which starts 2.1 miles up Pope Canyon Road from Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Look for a pulloff on the south side, and a brown and yellow striped bar crossing the trail. Head down the trail and turn left, following it for about 1.6 miles all the way down to the creek. Efforts are underway to extend this trail along the creek all the way to the Lake. Leashed dogs allowed.

North Shore Trail is in the process of being brought back to life. Originally built in 1976-77, the trail fell into disrepair but the trailbed is now being recut. Currently, there are more than three miles that can be hiked. The trailhead is just past Putah Creek bridge, but it can also be reached by numerous trailheads along Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Leashed dogs allowed.



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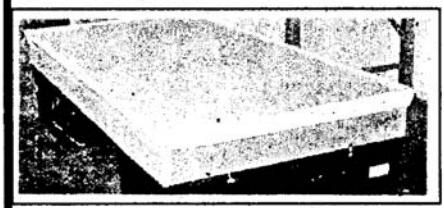


Stebbins Cold Canyon Loop Trail is a 4 mile strenuous trail that takes you up to Blue Ridge and spectacular views of the Narrows of Lake Berryessa. The first mile up the canyon is on land that is part of the UC Davis Nature Reserve system so no dogs are allowed. You can skip the Canyon part and just head up the ridge to the right for an out-and-back trail where leashed dogs are allowed.

Trail maps available at the BOR Visitors Center

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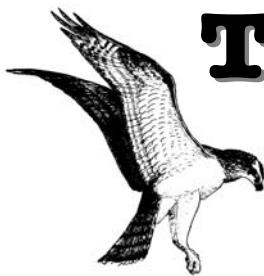
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The Lake Berryessa News distributed free copies of its April 7 edition to people attending the General Plan meeting at the Berryessa Senior Center, including a Napa Register reporter. Since this was probably the first time The Lake Berryessa News had ever been read by the folks at the Register, we are gratified that they noticed us. Unfortunately it was their lawyers who responded. Printed below is our apology as given to us by DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP, the Napa Valley Register's attorneys. For those of you who pay any attention to the Register, you'll notice that their reporter's name is incorrect in the statement below. We apologize to Gabe Friedman for his attorneys' oversight.

"Several articles in the April 7, 2005 issues of The Lake Berryessa News were copied from the Napa Valley Register and were republished without authorization from the Register. The article "Feds shut down Lake Berryessa resort," was written by Register staff writer Gary Friedman and was originally published in the Register on March 29, 2005. The column by Hank Howard, "Bureau needs to 'show me the money trail,'" was originally published in the Register on March 31. The letter to the editor "Public has plenty of lake access" was originally published in the Register on March 30.

The Lake Berryessa News apologizes to the Napa Valley Register for republishing these stories without permission and has agreed not to republish stories from the Register without authorization in the future."

Critical Information You Won't Find in the Napa Register

To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs -- it will let you go instantly. It is illegal to hunt camels in Arizona. There are 42 dots on a pair of dice. Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete! The average human will eat 8 spiders while asleep in their lifetime. On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year. Number of moose that have broken into retail stores in Norway over the past year: at least 2. The tip of a 1/3 inch long hour-hand on a wristwatch travels at 0.00000275 mph. Diet Coke was only invented in 1982. Kermit the Frog has 11 points on his collar.

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Dear Editor,

The public is being encouraged to believe, by both the Bureau of Reclamation and the local media, that the conditions at Lake Berryessa are so unacceptable that their only recourse is to level everything to the ground. But if it has really not degraded to that extent, why resort to such draconian measures? These are the key questions that should be answered before such a drastic and irrevocable action is taken.

The Bureau of Reclamation has had complete jurisdiction over Lake Berryessa since 1974. They have the authority, mandated by Congress, to manage the lake; that includes the water, the health and safety of individuals using the lake, and the seven resorts, in a manner consistent with the 1992 Resource Area Management Plan (RAMP), the 1993 Record of Decision (ROD), and Bureau of Reclamation policies. They are the sole administrator and everything undertaken at the lake is within their control, whether it is adding new campsites, paving a road, repairing a roof on a mobile home, cutting a tree limb, or setting the price on a bottle of ketchup sold at a resort store. They can require the removal of any mobile home or trailer for code violations. They can issue violations for minor infractions and defaults for more grievous ones, and have the authority to terminate a concession contract and evict a concessionaire. And, by the way, they can build trails, define 5 mile per hour zones for kayaks, canoes and swimmers, and add campgrounds, picnic areas, and launch ramps. For Reclamation to imply they had no power to effect conditions at the lake over the years is disingenuous at best - everything that exists at the lake today was done on their watch.

But we all know the best defense is a good offense, so the Bureau of Reclamation mounted a vigorous media campaign and as early as 2000 began conducting tours of the lake in order to exhibit examples of health and safety violations to members of the press. Rather than take prompt administrative action against the violators, these examples were used for public relations material.

In the public presentations and brochures, Reclamation assured us the less than 5 miles of the 170 mile shoreline occupied by long term sites would then be available for more diverse recreation - but can you think of any that is not available now? We would also have more hiking and nature based recreation - is there a real shortage? Napa County says it will solve their tax shortfall and improve business in the surrounding community, but no one has explained exactly how – it seems to have something to do with attracting a more affluent cross section of tourists who will pay higher prices for the far fewer facilities that will be offered than are currently available. Another change promised by Reclamation is the zoning of the waters' surface. Unfortunately the effect of that will be far fewer power boats on the lake, creating less rather than more visitors.

Reclamations' plan for upscale facilities, houseboat rentals, lodges and cabins will attract some people; but what happened to their professed desire to provide more access to Lake Berryessa for the general public? Will enough of these new facilities be affordable for the low to moderate income visitors who have made camping at the lake their favorite vacation spot over the years? Especially the 15,500 lake users who signed the Task Force 7 petition addressed to the Bureau of Reclamation asking to please upgrade, not destroy, the lake they love.

Is there another alternative? As a matter of fact, there is. At the request of the Bureau of Reclamation, the resort owners were asked to come up with a plan of their own. It was submitted to Reclamation on April 4, 2005 and is a thoughtful, well-executed proposal for bringing Lake Berryessa into the 21st century.

Pat Monaghan, Chair
Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa

**The Resort Operator's Plan referred to in the
Letter to the Editor is available for download at
www.ranchomonticelloresort.com/BerryessaROP.pdf**

Lake Berryessa's Fourth Annual 4th of July Light Parade of Boats!

A parade of decorated, lighted boats will again sail from Putah Creek Resort along the west shore of the lake on Saturday, July 2. Interested boaters should meet in front of Putah Creek at 8:30 PM. Call 966-4323 or 966-0506 for more information.

Mars Spectacular!

The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. At 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon

to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. In early August it will rise in the east at 10 PM and reach its azimuth at about 3 AM.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Share this with your children and grandchildren. NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN!

Coast Guard Auxiliary to Visit Steele Park

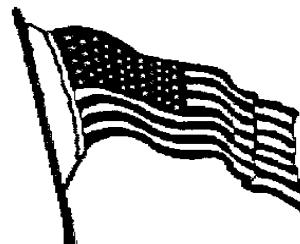
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 51 will gather at Steele Park Resort on Sept. 23-25, 2005. They intend to get everyone out on the water for fishing, training exercises, swimming and a lot of fun.

Intelligent Quotes

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why? Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever," -- Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

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Seniors Pot Luck

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Senior Center – Call 966-0206

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Pleasure Cove "Reopens"

On Wednesday, June 1, the Bureau of Reclamation announced that Forever Resorts would assume management of a newly-named Pleasure Cove Marina. However, according to a manager of Forever Resorts, their company is not paying anything for the assets they have been given by the BOR which allegedly belong to Steve Petty and the Pleasure Cove Asset Management Group. This is one of the core issues in the continuing legal and political actions being taken by Petty and the present concessionaires.

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Forever Resorts is a multi-national group of companies which owns and operates more than 55 vacation and entertainment properties located in or near national parks, recreation areas and national forests across the United States, as well as more than 20 properties in Europe and Africa. They also state that they are the leader in manufacturing luxury houseboats and in providing them for vacation rentals. This is why readers may have already seen large houseboats moving down Highway 128.

It is not clear whether the Bureau of Reclamation has signed a final contract yet with Forever Resorts. The present concessionaires are concerned with the number of houseboats which would be allowed in their proposed contract which proposed the addition of 75 private houseboats at Pleasure Cove. There are only 34 more private houseboats permits allowed on Lake Berryessa and the BOR had already turned down requests by Markley Cove to add more private houseboats. The BOR's actions surrounding the awarding of a new contract with Forever Resorts has raised serious questions of propriety and conflict of interest concerns

among present concessionaires, Pleasure Cove permittees, Task Force 7, Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa, and other individuals and groups.

At a Task Force 7 meeting at Putah Creek on Saturday, June 11 about 150 people heard the latest status on the actions being taken to convince Congress to bring the BOR under control. The California Watershed Posse, which had bid on the new Pleasure Cove contract and done extensive research into the BOR's recent management role, stated that there was enough legal basis to bring action against BOR employees and Forever Resorts under the federal civil RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act which allows civil claims to be brought by any person injured in their business or property by reason of a RICO violation.

What is curious to some is that in a similar recent planning process at Canyon Ferry Reservoir in Montana, the Bureau of Reclamation's recommendations were distinctly different from their actions at Lake Berryessa. It seems that they listened to local citizens' input and agreed to work with the existing concessionaires. Their plan's recommendations were to continue all existing concession operations. From public input into this plan, the existing operators and operations were all viewed as competent, friendly, "Montana-style" small local businesses that are doing a good job of meeting the public recreation needs.

Another recommendation said: Do not seek out one single concession operator for the entire lake. There is strong local opposition to a single large operator—especially non-local. The public prefers small local "Montana-style" operators. A third recommendation was to continue to work with all present

concessionaires to assist them in planning for, or providing, the necessary services, facilities and infrastructure to accommodate public needs.

Although Lake Berryessa is not Montana, BOR opponents contend that there is a "Berryessa-style" issue here that can be addressed by incorporating the Resort Owners Plan (ROP) as well as other local groups' input into a reasonable planning process for the future of the lake.

California Landmark 939 Litto's Hubcap Ranch

Just past the Pope Valley Winery and before the Aetna Springs Golf Course sits a California landmark. It is one of California's exceptional Twentieth Century folk art environments. Over a period of 30 years, Emanuele 'Litto' Damonte (1892-1985),

with the help of his neighbors, collected more than 2,000 hubcaps. There are now estimated to be 5,000 which stretch along the road side fence and inland!

All around the hubcap ranch are constructions and arrangements of hubcaps, bottles and pulltops which proclaim that Litto, the Pope Valley Hubcap King, was here.

More Intelligent Quotes

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," -- Brooke Shields, in an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff," -- Mariah Carey



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Resort Owners Plan (ROP)

The following excerpts from the ROP show in summary the proposals for each resort.

The Resorts have individual Master Plans that would have at least two phases each. For example, Phase I would be accomplished within 2 years, Phase II would be accomplished within 5 years. All Resorts would make Health and Safety issues a priority.

Infrastructure and upgrades to existing facilities are incorporated in the Plans. The fundamental change to "Non-Exclusive Use" at all the Resorts includes Resort-Owned and Permittee-Owned Units for Short Term Rental. The Resort Proposals implement changes mandated by RAMP in accordance with NEPA. All Resorts are Class I High Density Recreation Areas. Following are brief descriptions of what the Resorts are proposing, and Current to Proposed Comparisons.

Markley Cove Resort – Emphasis will continue to be the Marina / Docks - Long Term Sites decrease from 50 to 32, Short Term Rentals increase from 0 to 13, Day Use Parking increase from 100 to 180, Docks increase from 256 to 281.

Pleasure Cove Resort – Proposing a Hotel with Restaurant, Meeting Rooms, and Overnight Lodging. Develop Unused Resort Land - Hotel increase from 0 to 60 rooms, Long Term Sites decrease from 73 to 60, Short Term Sites increase from 185 to 348, Docks increase from 120 to 278

Steele Park Resort – Amenities Upgraded, Increase Day Use Parking - Long Term Sites no change 147 stays 147, Short Term Sites increase from 80 to 158, Day Use Parking increase from 400 to 600, Docks increase from 212 to 230 [Steele Park currently

has a swimming pool, natural water pool, tennis courts, restaurant, and a color palette for structures]

Spanish Flat Resort – Develop Unused Resort [225 Acres], Increase Short Term Sites - Long Term Sites increase from 198 to 225, Short Term Sites increase from 136 to 350, Day Use increase from 50 to 200, Docks increase from 201 to 224, Boat Storage increase from 19 to 100, add Equestrian amenities on newly developed Resort acreage.

Lake Berryessa Marina Resort – Propose to Re-Incorporate Smittle Creek with the Resort, Increase in Short Term Sites - Long Term Sites decrease from 157 to 120, Short Term Sites increase from 157 to 282, Day Use Parking increase from 90 to 140, Docks increase from 235 to 325, House Boat increase from 4 to 20, Boat Rentals move to Smittle Creek, preserve and manage Smittle Creek Day Use

Rancho Monticello Resort – New Facilities in Big Flat Area, Increase Short Term Units - Long Term Sites decrease from 569 to 420, Short Term Sites increase from 93 to 531, Day Use increase from 275 to 400, Docks increase from 386 to 420, Store increase from 1 to 2, Café increase from 1 to 2, Marina increase from 1 to 2

Putah Creek Resort – Replace Motel, Replace Restaurant/Bar, New Amphitheater, Develop West Entrance and Resort land – Hotel/Motel rooms increase from 27 to 40, Restaurants increase from 1 to 2, Add an Outdoor Amphitheater, Long Term Sites decrease from 152 to 140, Short Term Sites increase from 196 to 334, Day Use increases from 172 to 222, Docks increase from 142 to 220, reopen a Fuel Dock, Boat Storage increase from 50 to 100.

Summary of Major Changes:

85% of Current Long Term Sites are

retained and updated -1,347 to 1,198

1,551% of Current – Resort Owned Vacation Units [1,2,3 bedrooms] Short Term and Seasonal 6 to 93

New service – Permittee-Owned Vacation Units [1,2,3 bedrooms] Short Term and Seasonal 0 to 210

270% inc. – Hotel/Motel 43 to 116

511% inc. – Cabins 55 to 281

182% inc. – RV Sites 222 to 405

149% inc. – Camp Sites 504 to 750

750% inc. - Houseboats 4 to 30

84% inc. - Trvl Trlr Sites 330 to 277

135% of Current Launch / Day Use Parking 1,095 to 1,475

141% of Current - Day Use Sites 1,639 to 2,319

124% inc. - Docks 1483 to 1,839

218% inc. - Boat Rentals 87 to 190

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Painted Lady Butterflies

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Linda Frazier of Markley Cove Resort said that in some previous years the butterflies would carpet the Markely Cove parking lot. A recent story from UC Davis explains that the millions of painted lady butterflies that fluttered into California's Central Valley in the last week of March could be just the advance guard of one of the largest migrations of the species on record. There were reports of "billions" of butterflies

around Trona, near Death Valley, and in the San Fernando Valley.

Painted lady butterflies spend the winter in the desert. As caterpillars turn into adults in the spring, they migrate north in search of fresh food and breeding grounds, powered by a supply of yellow fat they have built up over the winter. Painted ladies migrate every year, but usually less conspicuously and in far fewer numbers. This year, however, exceptionally high winter rainfall in southern California has created a bumper crop of plants, especially thistles, for the caterpillars to eat, fuelling a population boom.

The current generation will fly as far as southern Oregon. Their offspring will fly on to reach British Columbia by summer, before heading south again in the fall.

FISHIN' with DINO

The lake has turned! It's 72 degrees 8 ft from the surface. You need to troll at the 40 to 60 ft depths. Doug Roberts of Spanish Flat Mobile Villa has landed his limits of Trout and Salmon every day this week using a Needlefish at 50 ft. A few Salmon are showing up at the 60 ft. depths near the dam area.

Bass are hitting worms or plastics in 20 ft of water. Mostly shady or rocky banks are the spots for bass.

Catfishing is picking up. Dip baits or worms and livers will get you a cat. Get your bait to the bottom.

Crappie are going for jigs or minnows near the bottom. Cappell Cove is producing Crappie in early morning hours or late afternoon.

Fishing is very good now so get up to the lake and get a line in!

Dino Righetti
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Intelligent Sports Quotes

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body," -- Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward

"The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein," -- Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

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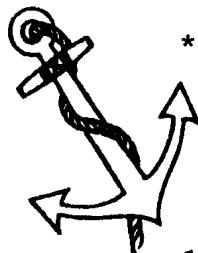
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Here's a tip for when you're not fishing or watching sports but can't wait to get back to fishing or watching sports:

Avoid cleaning brushes and rollers

Paint brushes and rollers used for an on-going project can be saved up to a week without cleaning at all. Wrap the brush or roller snugly in a plastic bag such as a bread or produce bag. Squeeze out air pockets and store away from light. The paint won't dry because air can't get to it. Unwrap the brush or roller and continue with the job. This works for water- and oil-based paints and stains. It does not work for varnishes or lacquer.

Berryessa Fishing Facts for the Newbie

Trout, Land-locked Steelhead, and "Trophy Trout": Beautiful, strong, game all the way-the favorite of fisherman everywhere, and Berryessa's prime game fish. Native trout go to 9 lbs. and bigger. Trophy Trout, which in less than a year have grown from an average $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. at time of planting (under a special State of California program) to between 21/2 to 31/4 lbs. are the second type of trout you'll find at Berryessa. There are also landlocked steelhead in the lake. Trout are cold water fish, so go deep in the summer when water temperatures on the surface are high. October to January, when temperatures are lower, they're closer to the surface. Primarily a lure fish at Berryessa, but live minnows will work.

Black Bass: Both large and small mouth bass await the fisherman and the large mouth go to 6 lbs. and bigger! Prime fishing areas are on the points of land, jutting into the main body of the lake, for 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 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 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 1lb. 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 !its are small flies, minnows, red worms and grubs. Average: 3/4 .lb to 3 lbs.

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 11/2 to 31/2 lbs., some going 5 to 9 lbs. have been caught.



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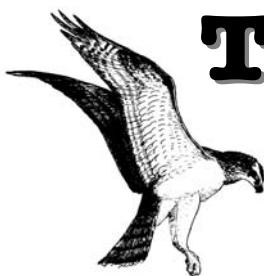


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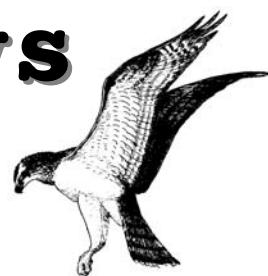
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Lake Berryessa - Is It The Cleanest Lake Around?

From a drinking water perspective, the answer is a rousing YES!

Despite several years of what seemed to be a concerted effort on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation, some County officials, exclusionist environmental groups, and local media to portray the lake as a cesspool of sewage surrounded by decrepit trailer trash (people still call to ask if it is safe to swim in the lake), official water quality studies have always shown Lake Berryessa water to be exceptionally pure. The resorts have never had a measurable negative impact on water quality, although the Sacramento Bee, in an inanely ignorant editorial last month, raised the issue of sewage contamination again. The only time there is even a blip on the measurement charts is during the first big rains of any season when small amounts of contamination from agricultural operations are washed into the lake to rapidly dissipate.

This was again confirmed at a meeting of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership on June 22 at Steele Park. The group acknowledged that water quality is excellent - but is a state of grace that needs to be preserved.

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Lake Berryessa Resort Financials for 2004

(Reported by the Bureau of Reclamation)

Resort	Gross Revenue	Franchise Fee to BOR
Berryessa Marina	\$2,075,262	\$59,754
Markley Cove	\$1,014,854	\$14,958
Pleasure Cove	Not Reported	\$1,000 (Special Contract)
Putah Creek	\$990,168	\$28,895
Rancho Monticello	\$3,438,028	\$98,118
Spanish Flat	\$2,155,433	\$62,820
Steele Park	\$2,921,515	\$88,545
Grand Total	\$12,595,260	\$354,091

Totals by Quarter	Gross Revenue
Q1 (Winter)	\$2,434,756
Q2 (Spring)	\$3,818,292
Q3 (Summer)	\$4,434,818
Q4 (Fall)	\$1,907,393
Grand Total	\$12,595,260

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- Napa General Plan Steering Committee
- Betty Pedersen, Senior Center Founder
- Lake Users Survey - Napa Wins



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We've heard time after time from some County officials that Lake Berryessa is a budgetary black hole for the County and that County residents don't use the lake. Some County Supervisors and local environmental groups, under the guise of no-growth "agricultural zoning", seem to want "the Other Napa Valleys" - Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, and Lake Berryessa - to be nothing more than a historical diorama in a museum.

Go see the quaint country folk in their natural rustic setting - real cows, horses, rundown (oops, vintage) structures. They want to do what! Fix things up. Modernize their property. Restore a historic old golf course. Build a house for their kids on their own farmland. Add a few homes. Create some additional lodging outside the resorts. Be treated like real Napa County citizens instead of impediments to the "open space at any cost" philosophy. No way.

But at a recent meeting of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership at Steele Park, the County representative distributed a survey done last year of short-term users at the various lake marinas. Real Lake Berryessa users, by county, come from:

- Napa: 50%
- Sonoma: 20%
- Solano: 12%
- Yolo, Mendocino, Lake, and San Francisco: 3% each
- Alameda, Contra Costa, Out-of-State: 2% each

Hopefully County officials will finally change their tune.

Although there is more "affordable" housing around the lake than in some areas of Napa, it's not so affordable if you have to commute to Napa, Fairfield, or Davis every day. Gasoline costs alone (not counting maintenance and depreciation) can run well over \$100 per month. I just bought a Toyota Prius since it was costing me about \$8 each time I drove my Durango to Napa and back. I now average about 40-45 mpg. So a recent news item caught my attention. Two out of three Americans, including 57 percent of conservatives and 67 percent of NASCAR fans, think buying fuel-efficient cars is patriotic and 89 percent agree that government action is important to achieve 40 mile-per-gallon efficiency standards, currently at only 27.5 mpg for cars and 20.7 mpg for trucks and SUVs. Any of you who are aware of the situation in Europe or Japan know that it can be done relatively easily. Maybe it's because their gas costs almost \$5 per gallon.

The Board of Supervisors members chose 21 people for the steering committee for the county's new general plan. Eighty-eight residents with diverse backgrounds submitted applications. Unfortunately, the "Other Napa Valleys" are not well-represented. Members by Supervisor's district are:

Brad Wagenknecht (Dist. 1): Mary Ellen Boyet, Jon-Mark Chappellet, Beth Painter, Jeff Reichel.

Mark Luce (Dist. 2): Carole Meredith, Michael Haley, George Bachich, Debra Blodgett.

Diane Dillon (Dist. 3): Guy Kay, Tom Gamble, Peter McCrea and Carol Kunze.

Bill Dodd (Dist. 4): Conrad Hewitt, Jim Hendrickson, Tom Andrews, Robert Torres.

Harold Moskowite (Dist. 5): Brad Simpkins, Stephen Cuddy, Stuart Smith, Duane Wall.

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Adventurer Betty Pedersen, Senior Center Founder

Communities evolve because people who care make things happen. Betty Pedersen is one of those special people. When she and her close friend, Ruth Spiteri, took walks they would talk about what their Lake Berryessa community needed. In 1983 they decided that a Senior Center would be a great resource for many local residents, especially since everything around the lake closes down in winter.

They laid the groundwork in 1983, originally meeting with a talented group of people at Moskowitz Corners, to create the by-laws and structure. Seventy people showed up for that original meeting! The membership age was set at 55 since they wanted members who were young enough to have energy and who also 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, but all other financing was done through fund-raisers. The Senior Center

opened in 1984 and has since been a cornerstone of the community.

By the time the Center opened, Betty was already a veteran lake adventurer. She and her husband, Robert, were born and raised in San Francisco and started coming to the lake in 1957 after the dam was built. They and their two boys were avid boaters who spent days water-skiing up and down the lake. In 1966 they bought a lot in the Berryessa Highlands, built the basic house by 1968, and finished their home over the next few years. It was their summer place until they moved here permanently in 1982.

Betty said that when you bought a lot back then, it was just a spot on a plan. You didn't know exactly what you'd get. It took 10 years to get the Highlands going - 2 years just to do the grading! She fondly remembers the excitement of riding in jeeps on dirt trails as the realtor pointed out potential building sites.

They camped out on their land when the family came to the lake. Their place originally had no electricity. After a day of strenuous water fun they used kerosene lanterns for light and barbecued their supper. Other couples bought land at the same time and they would often get together to party all

weekend. (Sound familiar?) Fun with good friends and family is a major part of the Lake Berryessa spirit!

Betty and Robert are moving to Vacaville on July 23rd to be near their family. They have 3 kids, 6 grand-kids, and 4 great-grand-kids. Betty, who will be 87 in October, admits that it does hurt to move from something you created and love deeply. But she'll still visit since she's only an hour away. She's most proud of her 50 year marriage to Robert, her 3 children, and co-founding the Lake Berryessa Senior Center. She should also be proud to be an inspiration to those of us who just turned 60!

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
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Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.
Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527.

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The goal of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is to protect the water quality of the Lake for all users. The specific objectives are:

- Educate Lake Berryessa users and local residents regarding water quality issues
- Implement best management practices for high-risk activities and conditions
- Develop contingency plans for emergency contaminant releases
- Coordinate water quality monitoring efforts to identify contaminant issues
- Develop a Source Water Protection Plan for Lake Berryessa

The Lake Berryessa News and Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce will work closely with the Watershed Partnership to accomplish these goals and to bring you progress reports.

Although the news is good for swimmers and H₂O drinkers, unfortunately for fisherfolk, the lake is impaired by mercury content originating from the soil and from historic mining operations in the watershed.

The State Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment had this to say about Lake Berryessa in April, 1987: Because of elevated mercury levels, women beyond childbearing age and men should eat no more than the amounts indicated below per month. Women of childbearing age and children age 17 and younger should not eat fish from this lake.

- largemouth bass over 15" - 1 lb.
- largemouth bass under 15" - 2 lbs.
- smallmouth bass - all sizes - 1 lb.
- white catfish all sizes - 2 lbs.
- channel catfish over 24" - 3 lbs.
- channel catfish under 24" - 3 lbs.
- rainbow trout all sizes - 10 lbs.
- crappie - not tested

Although Lake Berryessa has not been retested since then, a more recent report (January, 2005) on Clear Lake and Cache Creek give some indication that things have not changed much in the region, with recommended limits in the 2-4 pounds per month range depending on species.

Since certain species of fish are regularly stocked in the lake and may not bio-accumulate much mercury during their lifetimes and thus should be safer to eat if caught during their first years in the lake. The Department of Fish and Game manages 19 fish hatcheries throughout California, including 11 trout hatcheries that produce fish for recreational anglers.

In 2004, these trout hatcheries produced approximately 5.4 million fingerling, 1.2 million sub-catchable, and 7.4 million catchable-sized trout, which were planted in waters throughout California. The DFG planted Berryessa in 2004 with 40,000 catchable rainbows, 100,000 chinook fingerlings and 50,000 kokanee fingerlings.

Do Vineyards Count?

Napa County is completing a major data gathering project called the Baseline Data Report. A summary was presented at the June 28th Supervisors Meeting. One analysis that jumped out was the Agricultural Resources section which showed that there are 51,000 active agricultural acres, mostly vineyards, and 54,000 acres dedicated to grazing. The total agricultural revenue for last year was \$360 million of which \$350 million was due to grapes! For the mathematically-challenged that means that 54% of the land (vineyards) produces 97% of agricultural revenue.

Lake Berryessa Tomatoes

Can you play darts with Lake Berryessa Tomatoes? Ask the dart

board at Turtle Rock. After all, they were apparently first discovered many years ago by Pete Leung's mother, Joann. Lake Berryessa Tomatoes can be found every month at different "growing" spots around Lake Berryessa. Let me know if you spot one or a vine-ripened bunch. More details later but a short description may help with identification.

A tomato is a fruit, but in the United States we treat it like a vegetable. They didn't become popular in the U.S. until after the Civil War. Now the tomato is the third most popular vegetable in the United States - after potatoes and lettuce. A real good tomato is sweet, tender and juicy with a real rich red color. We have lost that with our tomatoes, we want them hard and pink, that's not what a tomato is supposed to be. The key

to getting a great tasting tomato is maturity. The longer on the plant the riper the tomato is, the better the taste. Most tomatoes are picked green and shipped in refrigerated trucks because they are highly perishable. Tomatoes will continue to ripen once picked but they will not get any tastier, (sweet or juicy).

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It was midsummer—the early morning cool and balmy—and in company with a small party of friends with capacious vehicle and camping outfit, we were intent on a protracted journey for the purpose of visiting friends in the neighboring county. The morning air was laden with the delicious perfume of wild grape blooms, wild roses, and the flashing waters of the crystal stream of Putah.

On either side, the mountains, grand and imposing, reared their peak-like battlements. A ride of a few miles brought us to the Devil's Gate, a ponderous mass of boulders, between which the old road of Putah Canyon formerly ran. A sulphur spring in the vicinity, from which we drank, and which, when coupled with the Satanic title of the gate, was strongly suggestive of a very hot climate and things not pleasant to contemplate.

Here is the dividing line of Napa and Yolo counties. It is written in large, white letters on the black face of the rock, and at the right, a corner of Solano county juts out in a huge mass of mountainous rock.

Comments made in 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 next year? 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'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it."

"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."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."

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TROUT & SALMON

The trout and salmon have moved into their summer haunts at Lake Berryessa, as Dino Righetti at Spanish Flat Resort said that the trout are coming from the 50-foot range and the king and kokanee salmon have moved to 60 feet.

"Don Roberts of Spanish Flat has bagged his limit each day this week by trolling around 50 feet with Needlefish," Righetti reported. "The same lures are producing king and kokanee salmon at a slightly deeper depth."

Bass anglers are spending the low

light hours of the mornings and evening looking for topwater fish before turning to plastic worms. Look for shady pockets with trees to be productive throughout the day with split hot, darter head or drop shot plastics. The bass are in the 15 to 30 foot range on average.

Crappie anglers are still getting results on the bottom with small worms, minnows or mini jigs around the Cappell Cove area and catfish anglers are getting some cats at night using dip bait or chicken livers.

Paul Kneeland, Fish Sniffer advertising director, Dan Bacher, Fish Sniffer managing editor and Gary Caruso experienced good salmon and trout fishing at Lake Berryessa during Project Kokanee/CIFFI's Third Annual Kokanee & Trout Fishing Derby out of Markley Cove on June 11.

The three anglers landed their limits, a mixture of kokanee salmon, king salmon and rainbow trout, while trolling a variety of offerings in the Big Island area. The king salmon and kokanee hit best on red Sockeye Slammers, tipped with white corn, at 45 to 65 feet deep. Caruso landed the big trout of the derby - a 17-3/4 inch holdover rainbow - while trolling an Apex lure.

In spite of surface water temperatures of 72 degrees, Bacher nailed two trout on a top-lined green/silver Cripplure, although the majority of rainbows hit in deep water. The trout ranged from 12 to 17-3/4 inches long, while the king salmon and kokanee were in the 15 inch class.

Berryessa is one of the few lakes in California, including Don Pedro and Trinity, where both king salmon and kokanee are

stocked. These plants are made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Department of Fish and Game and Project Kokanee/CIFFI. The DFG planted Berryessa in 2004 with 40,000 catchable rainbows, 100,000 chinook fingerlings and 50,000 kokanee fingerlings.

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

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Remember the Guy in Helium Balloon Lawn Chair - Here's the Upgrade?

Anyone who's ever been eight years old has wondered the same thing: How many balloons would it take to carry me up into the sky? John Ninomiya has logged 32 flights - and ascended as high as 21,400 feet-dangling beneath clusters of between 40 and 120 helium balloons. An avid hot-air balloonist, Ninomiya first attempted his boyhood dream in 1997, when he flew a cluster of seven custom-built Mylar helium balloons. The rig worked, but it suffered from buoyancy-control problems. Later he switched to smaller balloons made of latex, which were lighter, cheaper, biodegradable, and easier pop. The only way he can descend is by selectively popping balloons! Each balloon can lift as much 10 pounds. He flies eight to 10 times a year - each flight lasts around two hours and costs about \$2000.

Jet Ski Races at Clear Lake

July 9th & 10th Pacific Coast Entertainment is hosting another round of jet ski races and a PWC Poker Fun Run in downtown Lakeport off Library Park at Willow Point Campground. New racers and riders welcome! If you have a PWC, PCE wants to give you the opportunity to put it *and you* to the test! Lakeport is a great place for new racers because of its convenient location and nice venue. Check out the entry form and sign up at www.pacificwatercross.com/05.clear.lake.htm or call 415-497-8621.

After the races on Saturday PCE will light up the "Open Grill". Bring your steaks, chicken, sausages, or whatever else and you will have a good time!!! TNT's Restaurant and Bar will be open until 10:00, downtown Lakeport is within walking distance, and a local Casino is only a 5 minute sober drive away. As if that is not enough, the Rodeo is in town the same weekend, and the Lakeport Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a live band on Friday night in Library Park. First time racers receive free APBA Memberships worth \$70.

Fishing With Sid

Father's Day weekend was good for fishing. Friday and Saturday it rained on and off. Saturday night I took my new friend Justin, who is nine, and his father Rob out for an hour to show them how to catch fish. As we left the dock I told Justin he might as well troll because it is a five mile zone and bam he hooked a nice bass. We fished one of my favorite spots using a grub. Justin cast it himself and started to catch fish. In forty-five minutes Justin landed seven fish and was a very happy boy. Sunday, Father's Day, we went towards the Vineyards and we picked up a few fish trolling. Could not find the fish breaking on shad that day. Water was pretty calm but a lot cooler than last weekend. "til next time... good fishing!!!! www.fishingconnection.net

Some U.S. Statistics for the Year 1905

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home. Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!! Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the



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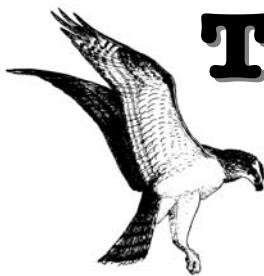
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Parking Crunch for Rowdy Bunch - But What About Public Access?

As people from Putah Creek Resort will tell you, the Memorial Day holiday was a disaster. Several say it was the worst they have ever seen. Those of us who remember the "rap concert" summers may think this is an exaggeration, but from personal observations and police reports, it was not a pretty sight. One perennial problem is the attractive nuisance of the Pope Creek Bridge party. But this year the situation was exacerbated by a wrong-headed decision by the State Water Resources Control Board, actively encouraged by a local Bureau of Reclamation manager, to force Putah Creek Resort to shut off running water to the campground showers and toilets. The replacement porta-potties were soon overwhelmed and campers were not thrilled.

Although temporary No Parking signs had been set up, some drivers threw them to the side and parked where they wished, climbing fences into the resort and campground. Resort security was hard-pressed to respond and mobile homeowners and normal campers were both upset by the chaos. Although some parties tried to lay the blame on the owner of Putah Creek Resort, cooler heads realized that the situation required cooperative enforcement on the part of the resorts, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the County Sheriff's Department.

By the 4th of July weekend a large number of permanent, well-placed and visible "No Parking" signs had been installed along Knoxville Road near the bridges and campground. The parking lot at Pope Canyon Road was open during the day but closed for overnight parking. This alleviated a large part of the problem and the cars that ignored the signs were ticketed and towed. On July 12th the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to create permanent no-parking zones in that area.

Not everyone was happy with the new level of enforcement. Several local people complained about being towed. Since they had always parked on the road in the past, they assumed it would be acceptable despite the signs, since it was a holiday and other parking was limited. Many were unhappy with the lack of public access outside the resorts to enjoy the lake.

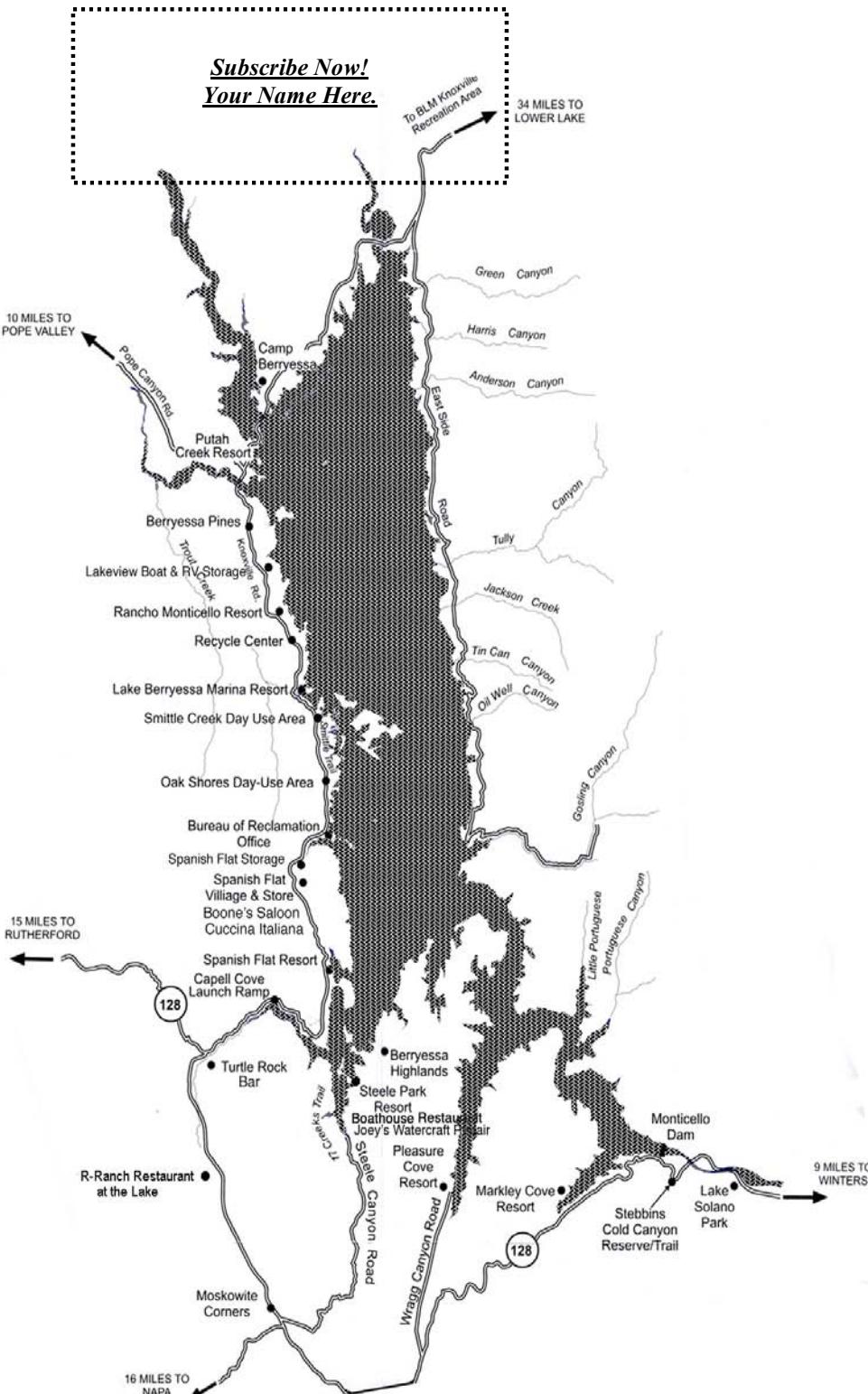
Two obvious problems exist. One is that in a democracy public facilities are open to all - the good, the bad, and the ugly. The other is that you can't economically design facilities (roads, campgrounds, etc.) to meet the highest peak demand. Society is a bell-shaped curve of intelligence, civility, and respect for others. Sometimes even good people get a little rowdy. But consistent enforcement of basic rules is critical to providing the most enjoyable experience for the maximum number of people. If things are not allowed to get too rowdy, then the too-rowdy will go somewhere else the next time. This was proven when strict enforcement of parking capacity and traffic laws broke the back of the "rap concert" multi-year disaster. That last rap weekend was sheer chaos - close to a riot at the Corners - but it never happened again.

As for capacity, long-time Berryessa observers say that both Oak Shores and the old Boy Scout Campground could potentially be used as overflow camping areas. More than two years ago when the Boy Scouts relinquished their permit for the North Shore campground, the Bureau of Reclamation said they would open that campground within a year. Why hasn't it happened?

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From the Editor

Tailgaters: Local Mental Cases?

What makes people think they deserve to drive fast on the freeway? Or any other road? Roads are a technology developed to get people from place to place more conveniently than chopping a new path through the weeds every time they traveled. A friend told me stories about his grandparents taking two days by horse and wagon to get from Salinas to San Francisco. They carried guns to protect themselves from "road agents". I wonder if tailgaters galloped up behind them, passing in a cloud of dust at a wide spot in the road to get there faster?

Take a step back and imagine that the fastest an engineer could design a car to go was 40 mph - quite a bit faster than a horse. What would life on the road look like? The most important result would be that it would take longer to get places and we would all have to plan ahead to start earlier. But isn't this the same thing we need to do now if we travel during "rush hour"? Just because a car can go 100 mph doesn't mean we must design all our roads to allow everyone to go 100 mph. If you want to go fast on the freeway, drive when no one else is on it. Stop whining about how the government "has to do something about traffic" just because rush hour means slow driving. There are very few highway improvements that can affect rush hour drive times significantly. Widening Jamieson Canyon from 29 to 80 might be one of them.

For people around Lake Berryessa there is basically nothing that can be done to improve the roads for faster travel. From the Berryessa Highlands down Monticello Road to Soscol & Trancas in Napa is approximately 20 miles. At an average of 40 mph, which is a reasonably comfortable speed on such a twisty, bumpy road, the trip takes about 30 minutes. Averaging 50 mph, dangerously fast, gets you there in 24 minutes. But even at 30 mph, a bit pokey, you still make it in 39 minutes. Every morning we can waste 5, 10, 15 minutes getting ready for work. Why then when we get behind the wheel do we lose our sense of civility and try to save a couple of minutes by driving like idiots on Monticello Road?

I'm not a slow driver, but I've been tailgated on the way to and from Napa by some strange people. Psychological problems must come into play. Tailgaters somehow believe that leaving no space between themselves and the car in front is getting them somewhere faster. Maybe they just like testing their brakes a lot. Others must enjoy being thrown from side to side in their cars as they speed around curves. Perhaps it appeals to their self-image as can-do individuals dedicated to their jobs. The scariest one was a woman in a truck who kept driving up to my bumper at high speed, falling back a long way, and doing it again. There was a child in the car and she was screaming and waving at me. The only problem was that I was about 8 car lengths behind two more trucks and couldn't go any faster. I think she just wanted me to tailgate the trucks in front of me on principle!

So take a deep breath, people. You don't deserve to go fast because of some inalienable right. Patience and civility behind the wheel are the only real long-term solutions to our traffic problems. Oh, did I hear someone whisper public transportation?

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The next membership meeting will be on Monday, July 25, 2005 at Boone's Saloon at 7 P.M. We will finalize the Board of Directors at that time. New members are encouraged to attend. Board Candidates are: Yevo Jeworowski - Boone's Saloon; Shirl Katleba - The Lake Berryessa News; Pete Leung - Turtle Rock; Susan Meyer - RustRidge B&B/Winery; Jeff Parady - Pope Valley Repair and Towing; Gil Pridmore - Pridmore Bros. Inc.; Sharyn Simmons - Cucina Italiana; Linda Tschida - Squeaky Clean; Bob White - Rancho Monticello Resort; Bonnie Zimmerman - Pope Valley Winery

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Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton recently announced payments to 56 of California's 58 counties. She said, "This money will help pay for essential services such as firefighting, search and rescue operations and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services."

Wood Smoke Ordinance Fails to Ignite

Napa County Supervisor Wagenknecht had requested that County Staff investigate development of an ordinance related to fireplaces/wood stoves. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District provided a model ordinance for review. Several individuals and groups thought this was a waste of staff time and protested the proposed action. They felt that that wood-burning for heat had several environmental benefits.

At the last Supervisors meeting, Wagenknecht was unable to get support from even one other Supervisor. He introduced his idea at considerable length as one that would complement the many good things Napa County has done to help maintain clean air.

But several local citizens were present in the meeting room to object to the proposal. Only one resident of the City of Napa and two out-of-County residents, one from the American Lung Association and the other from the Bay Area Air Quality Control District spoke in favor of a wood smoke ordinance.

Harold Moskowitz indicated during those presentations that he could not support this idea, and Bill Dodd's body language and loaded questions clearly signaled the same attitude. Diane Dillon then noted that there were many others still waiting to speak, and wanting to save everyone wasted time, she stated that she also opposed the idea, making it a majority. Mark Luce followed, also opposing the idea. So when Supervisor Dillon again opened public comment, there was really no need for anyone else to say anything. The wood smoke ordinance never got off the ground.

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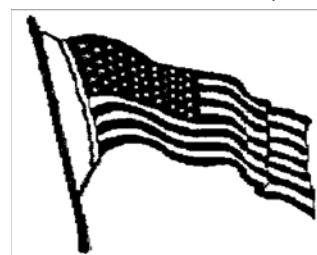
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Property Rights and Wrongs in a Democracy

It's easy to sympathize with those who instinctively question the harsh result in the property rights case, *Kelo v. New London*. A 5-4 majority of the Supreme Court allowed the New London City Council to use eminent domain - a government's right to seize property in its jurisdiction so long as it provides just compensation - to take nine homes from their owners in order to develop office buildings to complement a nearby pharmaceutical research facility the city believes will create jobs.

Many citizens, understandably, view this outcome as unfair. Nevertheless, as explained in The New Republic magazine, defenders of judicial restraint, particularly liberals, should applaud the Court's refusal to second-guess the economic judgments of city and state legislatures. Had the Court come out the other way, as libertarian

supporters of the so-called Constitution in Exile urged it to do, the decision would have unleashed a torrent of judicial activism that might have called into question everything from local zoning ordinances to environmental laws.

The appropriate response to the unfairness inherent in individual cases involving eminent domain is political, not judicial. Senator John Cornyn of Texas has introduced the Protection of Homes, Small Businesses, and Private Property Act of 2005, which would prohibit any government - state, local, or federal - that accepts federal funds for a development project from using eminent domain to promote economic growth.

A bill like this might help to discourage eminent domain abuse - that is, condemnation of private homes for private profit - without asking judges to second-guess the economic decisions of legislators,

a task for which they are notoriously ill-equipped.

As George Bachich of the Napa Valley Land Stewards notes, "According to the Institute for Justice, which litigated and lost this case, "the ruling has emboldened governments and developers seeking to take property from home and small business owners." It may similarly embolden certain conservation groups who might like to see our property taken for greenbelts, or for their versions of habitat or stream protection.

"The Court said it is up to State and local governments to defend our property, so we must now ensure that our local jurisdictions provide the necessary protections. This means our General Plan, our County government's guiding document, now being updated,

must include some protection for property rights. Historically, private property rights have been ignored in our General Plan because State and Federal protections were considered adequate. Now that the Kelo decision has refuted that idea, we must protect ourselves by encouraging our County Supervisors to include property rights in the new General Plan.

"Our General Plan should be a balanced document that reflects all the values important to our community, not just our "green" values. Protection of private property is an important community value that deserves inclusion."

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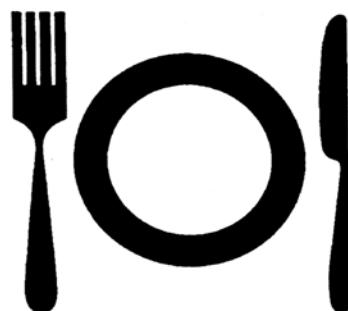
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Ride the Wine Country

Say "Napa County" and most people immediately think of wine. But there's another, more rural, side to this area north of San Francisco that many grapevine tourists never see. And that's where boating enthusiasts find Lake Berryessa.

Formed on Putah Creek in 1957 when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation built Monticello Dam, Lake Berryessa was originally intended to supply hydroelectric power for the area's growing towns and cities, as well as water for drinking and irrigation. But it soon became a recreational lake, as well.

Not that the lake is easy to reach, says Peter Kilkus, an AWA member who recently helped found the Nor-Cal R2R (Ready2Race, Right2Ride) AWA Charter Club based at Berryessa. The lake lies 70 miles north of San Francisco, 40 miles west of Sacramento and 17 miles east of tourist clogged Napa Valley, at the end of long, narrow roads that impose their own low speed limit.

As a result, the casual merlot-tasters and city day-trippers have always been fairly rare visitors. From the beginning, however, boaters and anglers flocked to enjoy the uncrowded waters. When PWC came along, they were welcomed, too.

"Lake Berryessa has always been a place for power sports," Kilkus says, and local residents focus more on land use issues than on who's running up and down the lake.

Lake Berryessa is 26 miles long and 3 miles wide and can store 1.6 million acre-feet of water, making it one of the largest lakes in California. When the dam is at capacity, it releases water through the "Glory Hole," the nickname for the much-

photographed spillway.

Nor-Cal R2R members hold some PWC races here, but the hundreds of coves and varied scenery make for many hours of recreational riding.

The 165 miles of shoreline range from gentle grassy banks at the north end to steep, rock slopes in the south. Water depth also drops as you head south, so fishermen have their choice of cold and warm water angling. The lake brims with rainbow trout, bass, catfish, crappie and bluegill.

A 2,000-acre federal-state managed wildlife area runs along the east side of the lake, where public access is prohibited. The oak trees and manzanita are a haven to many kinds of birds including eagles, wild turkeys, Canada geese, hawks, loons, herons, ducks and even pelicans. Deer and other wildlife can be spotted along the shores, as well.

The Bureau of Reclamation runs two day-use areas on the western side of the lake, Oak Shores and Smittle Creek, a boat launch ramp at Capell Cove, and a number of other day-use areas scattered around the lake. You'll find plenty of places to pull in for a rest break, try your fishing skills, or have lunch and a swim.

The Bureau currently has contracts with seven resorts that provide RV and camping sites, marinas, boat ramps, restaurants and picnic spots, convenience stores, and shower, laundry and toilet facilities. Several of the resorts rent boats and other watercraft. So, if you're in the Wine Country on vacation and can't stand to hear another wine snob ponder whether the cabernet has hints of vanilla or old leather, leave the wine whine behind and head east.

NOR-CAL R2R PWC Club

The members of the Nor-Cal R2R AWA Charter Club travel in fast company. That's because most of them are PWC racers, and most of their outings are part of an organized slate of races, rather than strictly recreational rides. But, says founder Peter Kilkus, they came together not only because of the common bond of speed, but also because they wanted to show solidarity with riders

elsewhere who are fighting hard just to take a simple ride.

Based out of Lake Berryessa in the eastern part of Napa County the Nor-Cal club was formed to help support AWA's battles for access in other areas, Kilkus says. Lake Berryessa has always been a popular watersports lake, and although there are no major initiatives by exclusionist groups, the Sierra Club and Bluewater Network have made negative comments regarding PWC and motorized water sports in responding to the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed future plans for the lake.

Peter's son, Evan, is the IJSBA

Region 2 racing promoter affiliated with the APBA. He sets up the IJSBA/APBA sanctioned races. "Evan has been combining closed course racing with endurance races. We set up a course that's a mile or a mile and a half, running out into the lake and back. Each race lasts for 45 minutes."

"We also have started AWA poker runs for families and friends who just want to go out and enjoy a ride," says Peter, who used to race PWC. "I got my First Place Master's trophy and thought I was the oldest racer out there, until I went to an event where a guy in his 60's beat me," he laughs. "Now I am the photographer and videographer."



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Congress Supports PWC Use

The members of Congress who sit on the National Parks Subcommittee of the House Committee on Resources are not satisfied with the length of time that it has taken to reopen the National Parks to PWC use. At a recent hearing, elected officials were clearly not content to sit back while the no-access crowd made accusations about alleged environmental harm caused by PWC technology without substantiating their claims.

Anti-PWC extremists' rhetoric has consistently been shown to be far from fact. Fortunately, the members of Congress now understand that PWC have come a long way and are among the most environmentally-friendly motorized vessels on the water today.

Congressman Jimmy Duncan (R-TN) became emphatic at the hearing, frustrated with the frivolousness of the bans caused by the anti-PWC extremists. He explained that millions of hard-working Americans have invested in a PWC as their family boat, yet they've become an easy target for all the wrong reasons.

Congressman Duncan asked the anti-PWC extremists why they aren't seeking an outright ban on all boats and boaters, to which they simply replied, "because we can't win that battle, and we would be considered un-American."

Those who are fixed on banning PWC from every body of navigable water won't win. Every single National Park unit that has completed an environmental assessment of PWC use has found that PWC should be allowed to

return and eight have already reopened to PWC users.

West Nile Virus in Napa

A snowy egret found in southeast Napa on June 29th tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). County officials emphasized that human illness from WNV is rare even where WNV has been found in mosquito populations and approximately 80% of the people who are bitten by a mosquito with WNV will not get sick. A mosquito bite does not require medical attention or testing for WNV. People who do become ill may experience mild, flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands and a skin rash. These symptoms generally resolve in three to six days. The elderly and those with lowered immune systems are particularly susceptible to illness

caused by WNV. Currently, there is no specific treatment for WNV infection. Since it is a virus, it does not respond to antibiotics. Residents who find freshly dead (usually less than 24 hours old) crows, blue jays, magpies, ravens, sparrows, finches, cardinals, snowy egrets and raptors such as owls, hawks, or eagles are encouraged to contact the California Department of Health Services West Nile Virus toll-free hotline at 1-877-WNV-Bird (1-877-968-2473) or log onto www.westnile.ca.gov.

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Fishing Putah Creek and Lake Berryessa

Cold water is released from the bottom of Berryessa Reservoir to flow downstream for about eight miles before it is diverted into the Putah South Canal, with a small amount also allowed to continue downstream. Because water demand is greatest in summer when farmers in Solano County are irrigating their crops, the creek has much higher flows in summer than in winter. When flows are low in winter, air temperatures are cool, so the between-dam creek stays cold year-round. This means that the reach is really good habitat for trout and it supports one of the best trout fisheries in the region. In the winter, the stream is given over to catch-and-release fly fishers. They pursue brightly colored wild rainbow trout that hang out in the deep pools and runs. Some of these fish are over two feet long. The trout move up to spawn in the gravel beds just below the dam, where they can be observed mid-December through early January.

In summer, the main anglers are fishing from the bank, using marshmallows and worms for bait, for hatchery fish planted by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). These fish are domesticated animals conditioned to taking pellets of food from the surface. They are likely to die of starvation and predation if not caught in a couple of weeks. The fishery is very popular, especially with kids, because catching is easy. Curiously, few wild fish are caught in the summer fishery, evidence that two very different kinds of trout fisheries can co-exist.

Alien fish do, however, dominate Lake Berryessa, an alien habitat. They are symbolized by the large common carp, native to Europe, which you can often see if you peer through the fence down into the water near the dam. They will be cruising about or browsing on the bottom with their fleshy lips. One of the main fisheries in the reservoir is for warm-water panfish: various kinds of bass, sunfish, and catfish that readily take baited hooks or lures. There is also a fishery for rainbow trout. Hatchery rainbows find life in the lake easy compared to life in the stream below, and they quickly learn to feed on abundant forage fish, mainly threadfin shad, a small herring. They grow quickly on this diet, feeding at the surface in the winter, when temperatures are cool, and in deeper water during the summer. In recent years, CDFG has been planting surplus juvenile chinook salmon which can also feed on shad and grow rapidly. These fish are unlikely to reproduce in the reservoir although steelhead-like rainbow trout do spawn every year in Putah Creek and other tributaries to the lake. These fish may be descendants of steelhead that got trapped above the dam and learned to complete their life cycle without going to sea.



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New Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Elects Board Members

July 25, 2005 saw the rebirth of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Members of the new Board of Directors are:

Yevo Jeworowski - Boone's Saloon
Shirl Katleba - The Lake Berryessa News
Jeff Parady - Pope Valley Repair and Towing
Gil Pridmore - Pridmore Bros. Inc.
Sharyn Simmons - Cucina Italiana
Linda Tschida - Squeaky Clean - Secretary/Treasure
Bob White - Rancho Monticello Resort

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce unites businesses, local leaders and concerned citizens of the Lake Berryessa area with the mutual goal of achieving a better and more prosperous community. The Lake Berryessa Chamber's area of interest is broadly defined as the region east of the Napa Valley hills - the "Other Napa Valleys" - including Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, and Lake Berryessa. This area includes several wineries besides the many local businesses, and, of course, the lake resorts.

One purpose of the Chamber is political: to provide a unified voice for the community when dealing with Napa County government regarding issues that affect the region. A second purpose is to assist in the economic revitalization of the area. To those ends the Chamber has joined the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau. The NVCVB is in the process of "Developing a Napa County Destination Vision".



Yevo Jeworowski

Linda Tschida

Bob White

The NVCVB presented a proposed program of work and requested funding of \$508,000 for Phase 1. On July 26, the Board of Supervisors provisionally agreed to an initial funding of \$250,000. The Berryessa Chamber intends to participate in the development of this program and ensure that the "Other Napa Valleys" are included in any final strategy.

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From the Editor

More Photos in the Lake Berryessa News!

In this issue we are experimenting with more photos. For photos to turn out right in a newspaper they must be made up of little dots called "half-toning". Check any paper or magazine with a magnifying glass and you'll see the dots - even for color pictures. We now have the software and printer to produce decent photos. We'll see how well it worked when we get the papers back from the printing press. So snailmail or email us your fishing photos and any others of interest and we'll try to use them.

To the Editor

I had the incredible undeserved chance to vacation with Keith Kenworthy at "the lake" - Rancho Monticello Resort, beginning so long ago that he had a bunwarmer coach - & I knew I had found heaven the first time. Time & time again Keith invited me back. One August I recall waking to the most beautiful daily sunrise – Keith had already made coffee & we sat on his deck. Keith would make a good double for St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. I truly believe that I have seen Heaven already. Though my chances are slim to none of seeing the preacher's heaven - I will never lose the memories of the best of times anyone could ever possibly have anywhere! Here on earth - or in the hereafter.

Anyone who has been so fortunate to have spent glorious mornings, days, evenings & nights at Lake Berryessa – always in the company of good people, the sort of folk who do give you the shirt off their back if you need it, and then offer you a beer and dinner and peach cobbler for dessert – it is about the best there is – and that's a fact.

No one who has been even close to "the lake" and has met & spent time with the good folk who frequent Lake Berryessa, could have any point of view but one of passionate love and affection for the lake, the community and the Resorts and the way of life that is wholesome, true and a respectful use of God's gifts to man. There is no need to "fix" such a paradise. Celebrate the wonder that it exists and make honest and constructive efforts to keep it the treasure that it is.

I am forever grateful for every moment I had at Lake Berryessa. Without "the lake" - we would all be so much poorer. YES - Save & Protect Lake Berryessa - - to do otherwise would be absolute folly.

Sincerely, A forever grateful visitor & supporter of Lake Berryessa.

Tony Kramer, Santa Paula, CA

Ever since I was a baby I've been coming up here to Lake Berryessa. Thirteen summers and I've never missed one. And every year, I'm up here inner tubing and waterskiing (well, at least making an attempt). But I've always come up here to spend time with my family. My cousins, aunts, uncles, and my Grandparents. Especially the Grandparents.

Because, after all, they own the place up here. And every year, it seems like we are always doing the same stuff over, and over again, year after year. But it doesn't matter. All I care about is being able to get away from everything and not have to worry about anything, and have some fun. At my age, you would think that spending time with the family would be torture. But the lake makes the time that I spend with them fun.

But my Grandparents aren't your ordinary seniors either. They don't even seem as old as they are, which I think is because of the lake. The lake keeps them active. They swim with us and they even water-ski sometimes. Actually, my Grandpa drives the boat and my Grandma skis but that's only when the conditions are absolutely perfect.

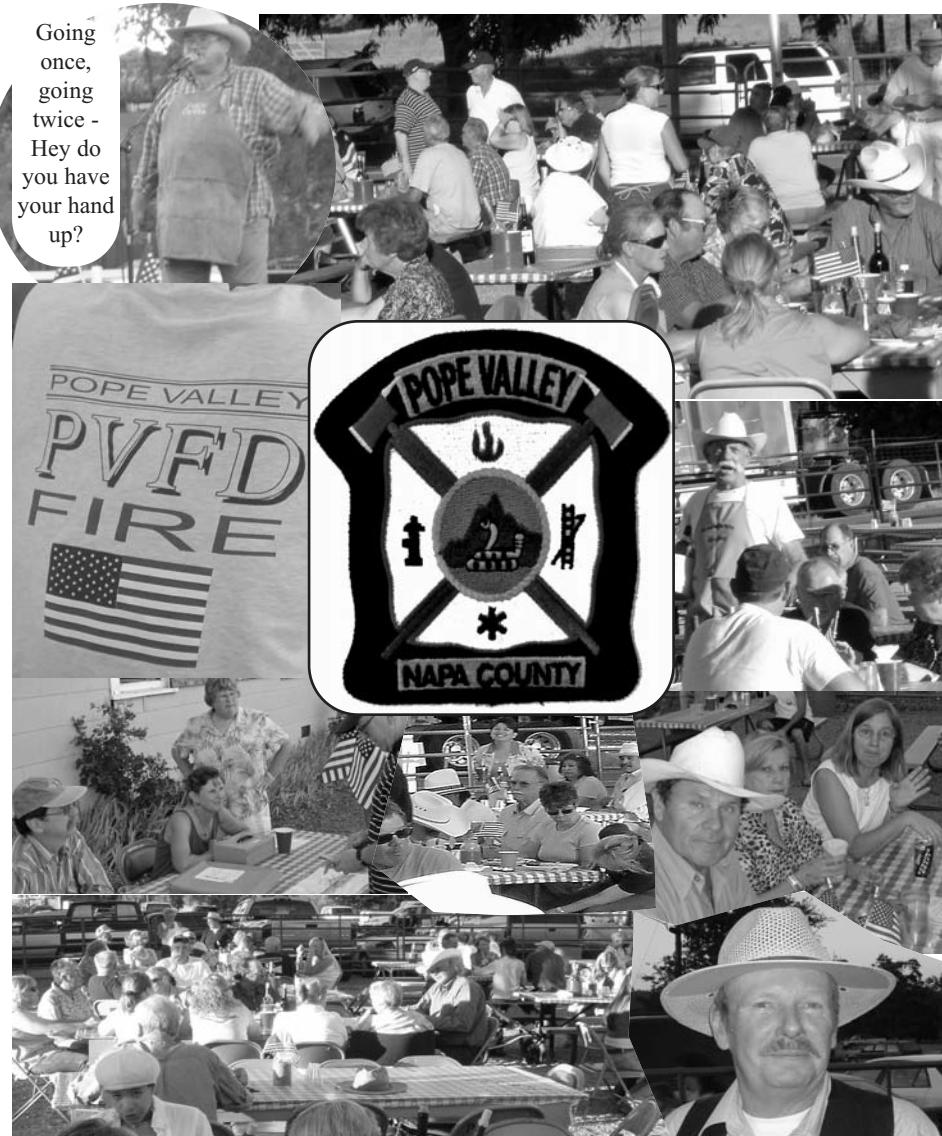
But I know that they wouldn't be as happy if they didn't have the Lake. I wouldn't be happy either. Because I feel like I grew up here, it's my home away from home. And I would never change it.

Laney A. Woodcock

(Laney's grandparents are Jim & Pat Monaghan of Putah Creek. I can imagine Pat on water skis, but we need a photo for this paper!)

Pope Valley Fire Department Barbecue Was Hopping Despite the Heat!

The annual barbecue came off like a well-oiled machine again thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. The food was great, the margarita booth was active, and the live auction was fun to watch - and hear. The temperature became perfect just in time for dancing. And all for the good cause of remodeling the community center. Let us know how we can help.



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The Lake Berryessa Lions Club is Looking for New Members

The Lion's Club is putting on the 21st Annual Poker Run next week and expects a good time will be had by all. The Lion's Club is a service organization with the goal of aiding the blind and visually-impaired, but it is also a great opportunity to have fun with friends and neighbors. To learn more call Jim Tschida at 707-966-1413; email: fluppenstoop@aol.com



Lion's Club Poker Run Committee
Bill, Dee, Diane, Linda, Jim

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
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Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.
Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners.
For more information call 257-0527.

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Supervisor Dillon on Private Property Rights



George Bachich of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance discussed property rights with Supervisor Diane Dillon a couple of weeks ago. He pointed out that many people attending the General Plan public input meetings (including those at the Berryessa Senior Center meeting) had expressed a desire for some recognition and protection of property rights in the General Plan. Bachich proposed including some language in the Steering Committee Guiding Principles and eventually in the General Plan to recognize that private property rights should be one of the factors considered when making land use decisions. Private property is an important community value that deserves inclusion.

But Supervisor Dillon said that because existing laws already protect private property rights, she did not see the need to include the issue in either the General Plan or the Steering Committee Guiding Principles. Bachich pointed out that the Stream Setback Ordinance was a major affront to private property rights, that it was passed by three Supervisors over the objection of one other Supervisor and hundreds of people at the public hearings, and that Napa's "local laws that already protect property rights" did not prevent that from happening. Only NVLSA's referendum prevented the Stream Setback Ordinance from becoming law.

Supervisor Dillon responded that she would never vote for something like the Stream Setback Ordinance, and that she only supported it during NVLSA's referendum campaign in order to "support her fellow Supervisors". Bachich concluded that if in Dillon's world

even something as morally insignificant as political solidarity trumps private property rights, then property rights are far down on her priority list. Therefore, it is even more important for Napa County to codify protection of property rights in order to protect them from such careless disregard in the future.

Bachich also suggested that property rights are at least as important as several of the other issues already included in the General Plan Guiding Principles, such as "promoting economic growth", "making recreational opportunities enhance public appreciation for the natural environment and open space", and "balancing the mobility needs of the community with the overall objective of creating a livable human and natural environment," but she did not agree. According to Dillon, these other objectives are important enough to merit a place in the guidelines, but property rights are not.



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Pleasure Cove Mobile Home Owners Fight Back

Per Oscar Braun of the California Watershed Posse (CWP) all Pleasure Cove Marina (PCM) mobile home owners will withhold all site and boat dock rental payments until such time that Forever Resorts provides all requested documented proof of asset title, legal standing and proof that PCM is a law-abiding Concessionaire operator complying with all local, state and federal laws.

During the first week of August, the CWP will be filing new complaints with the Napa County Environmental Services Code Enforcement, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Forestry and Sheriff Department offices alleging continued illegal operational activities being conducted without the benefit of lawfully issued permits and possession of stolen PCM mobile home owners property by the BOR and PCM.

Federal and State Money for Napa County

A major transportation appropriations bill passed Congress with major funding for Napa. \$6.4 M was slated for Highway 12 to fund environmental and design work for the proposed widening of Jamieson Canyon Road to two lanes in each direction. The state announced transportation funding for Napa County of nearly \$1M.

Proposition 42 gas tax allocation totaled \$951,954 for Napa County. \$45,000 is for a Northern Napa Valley Transportation Plan to examine existing public transportation services and determine if current resources can be used to accommodate the more inaccessible communities of the northern Napa Valley.

That could include areas such as Angwin and Lake Berryessa which might be served by small

buses or an on-demand service. Currently "Upvalley" bus service goes as far as the St. Helena Hospital and over the hill to Santa Rosa.

Philosophy Class

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some strange items. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions--and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full."

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else -- the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have

room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first -- things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled.

"I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend." When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.



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TWI will use the PWC to collect water samples, conduct species population surveys and monitor habitats without significantly impacting the environment. The partnership puts the PWCs on the front lines of environmental conservation.

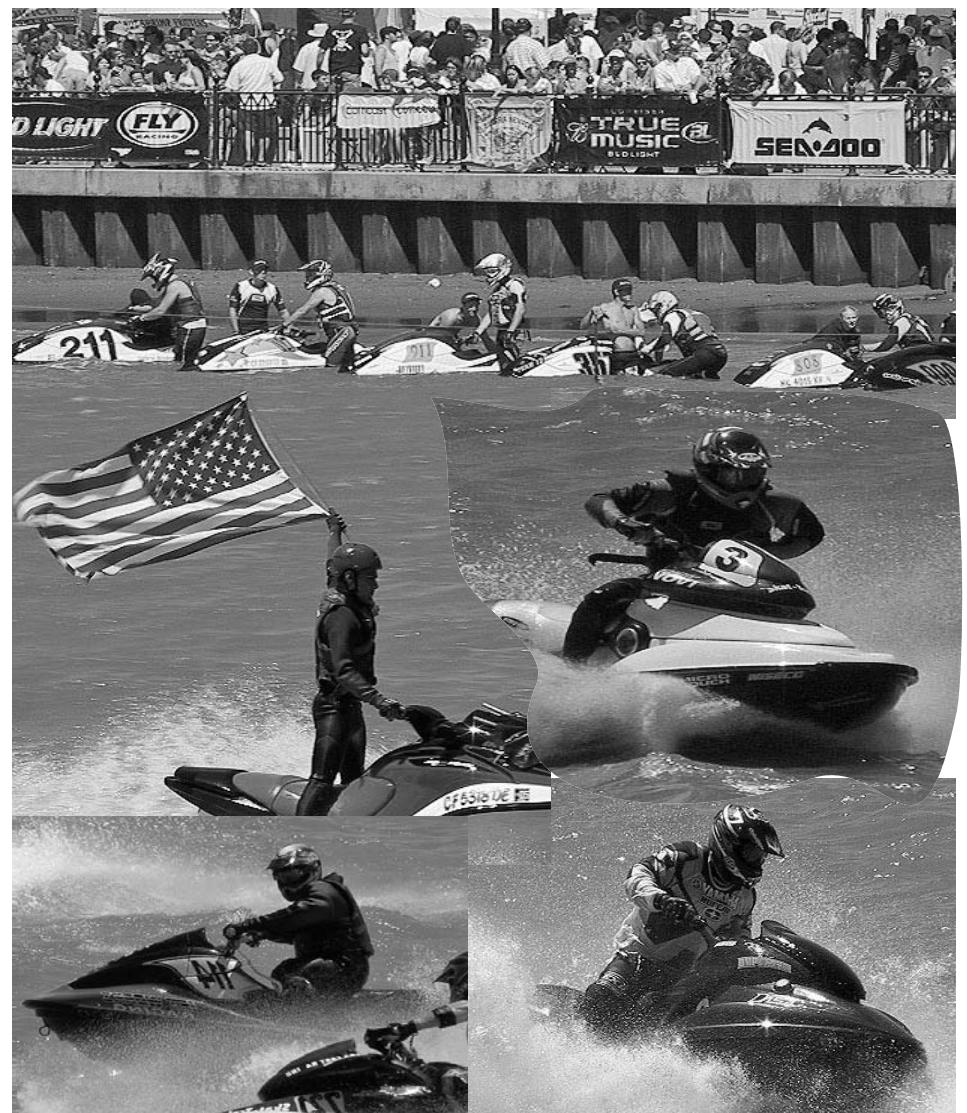
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Benicia Jet Ski Races Were a Blast!

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Fishing with Dino

Anglers were trolling at 60 to 70 feet and getting limits on Trout & Salmon last week. Mostly in the 2 lb. range. Spanish Flat and Skiers Cove shorelines are the hot spots at the south end of the lake. Catfish are on the move. Anglers were in all weekend with cats in the 6 lb. to 10 lb. range. Baits used were hot dogs, dip bait, crawlers or liver. Get the bait to the bottom and you should land a nice cat. Bass are slow & no sign of any Crappie. The water temp is at 80 degrees 8 ft. from the surface.

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His Eyes Were Bigger Than His Stomach!

Fishing with Sid

Lake Berryessa was still extremely warm this weekend. I headed out for catfish. I went into some back coves that had deep holes and set up two rods one with hotdog and one with smelly bait. Within the hour I landed two catfish one 12.5lb and one 13.4lb. Minnows are showing all over these back coves. I would fish early morning or early evening for bass with top water lures. Trolling for trout go to 70 or 80 feet for best results.

"til next week...good fishing!!!!

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Who Won the Lion's Club Poker Run?

Scott Feil won the \$1,000 first prize. It was so easy he did it with his eyes closed! 2nd prize went to Mary Lemas and 3rd prize to Beverly Bugbee. The Worst Hand of the Day was won by Jenni King! See you next year.

Although the weather was hot, the water was great! Ice-cold Margaritas helped. The food was excellent. As predicted, it was fun for all.



Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this a great event!



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From the Editor

Labor Day is coming. School reopens sooner than most kids want and parents will need to shift from summer rays to school daze mode. The rapid change from 100 degree to 80 degree days was also welcome. Holiday celebrations, changes in weather, thoughts about kids and families, and the controversy surrounding the concept of people, property rights, and the Fair Pay for Public Benefit initiative (see Pg. 4) combined to make me a bit philosophical this week.

Some people believe in their environmental religion so deeply that they have, in some ways, become inhuman. Radical Deep Ecology advocates would be happy to see a plague that wiped out 80% of the human race so the “natural world” could be saved. This is stated, though sugar-coated, in Point 5 of the Deep Ecology Platform:

“5) The flourishing of human life and cultures is compatible with a substantial decrease of the human population. The flourishing of nonhuman life requires such a decrease.”

I was reminded of this type of thinking by a letter in the St. Helena Star about a potential dam removal. The writer actually asked what he thought were rhetorical questions, “Are not the rights of the environment equal to human and civil rights? Is not compassion for the environment as important as compassion for our fellow human beings?”

These are profoundly important philosophical questions, but the reasoned answers are resoundingly NO! and NO!

Once you believe that a baby duck is as important as a baby human you’ve lost your rationality. Most environmentalists are not this mushy-headed, but many have a static vision of the future that prefers to exclude people rather than accommodate them. And that’s unfortunate because people will not go away.

It’s useless to think that we have to harm what we touch. We’re going to touch it as long as we exist. We can learn how to touch it lovingly through “Factor of 10” improvements in natural resource use and reasonable land use practices that create incentives to protect the environment while recognizing that people exist and can be a positive influence. Books have been written on how to do this. The romantic fantasy that humans are irremediably nasty needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences such as unjustified feelings of moral superiority.

Society has not come to grips with how to limit population growth and so there will always be more and more people. You can’t solve this by forcing these more and more people into smaller and smaller “townhouses” and calling it “Smart Growth”. This just may create future ghettos. Single family homes for us and our kids are in our genes.

So please think things through for yourself and reject the “Sky is falling” or the “Bulldozers are coming” hysteria you’ll hear during the next year of political arguments. What we really need is a Coalition of Common Sense - hopefully you’ll join.

There are seven (7) general public openings on the Napa County Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission is composed of eleven (11) members. No professional experience is required for membership, but members are expected to support the elimination of discrimination and prejudice against women and to have shown themselves qualified in community leadership. The Commission works to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex in the areas of housing, employment education, childcare, community services and related fields.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Health and Human Services, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, in the City of Napa. Anyone interested should contact the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, 253-4421, to obtain an application. The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, September 9, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. Applications are also available on the County website at www.co.napa.ca.us. Just go to the main web page and click on “committees” from the menu on the right.

FOUND - Tractor Tires, Oil Drum, Water Bottles...

by Cheryl Lacombe

If you have lost any of the above items they can be claimed at the Yolo Dump. On Saturday, August 13th, 25 mobile home owners, volunteers and employees from Rancho Monticello Resort and members of the Monticello Ski Club cleaned the north-shores of Lake Berryessa, School House Island and under the bridge.

Beer cans, metal barbecues, baseball caps, shoes, chairs, tires, and hundreds of plastic water bottles were among the many items cleaned from the shorelines.

Eight boats left Rancho Monticello launch ramp at 9:00 a.m. and headed north, sweeping the shoreline and islands. Along the way the volunteers were treated to Osprey flying overhead, fish jumping, and an occasional snake that got the adrenaline pumping!

First time volunteers Rick Robson and Ken Ahl both stated, "we can't believe how much fun and rewarding it is to spend a few hours helping the environment and cleaning up the lake we use". Rancho Monticello Resort sponsors two lake clean-ups a year, in the spring and summer.



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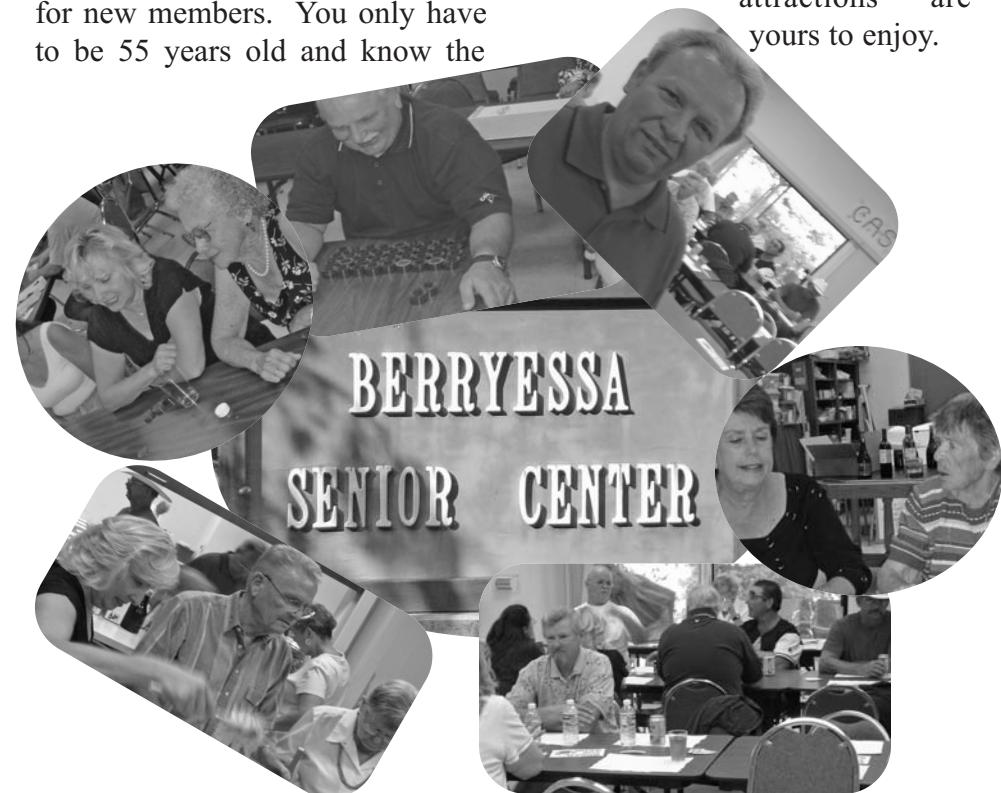
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Supervisors Waste \$30,000 to Delay Initiatives

The Napa County Elections Department completed its verification of the signatures on the "Fair Payment" and "Read and Understand" Initiatives on June 22, 2005. 5380 persons signed 833 separate petitions for the "Fair Payment" Initiative. 5264 persons signed 650 separate petitions for the "Read and Understand" Initiative.

Registrar of Voters, John Tuteur, was criticized last week by members of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance (NVLSA) for advocating against including the full text of the initiatives in the 67,000 ballot pamphlets to be mailed out prior to the election. After a flurry of protests, the decision was made to allow the full text of both measures to be printed in the pamphlet.

The two initiatives have created much controversy although on the surface they are quite simple. NVLSA, which brought the initiatives to this stage, say simplicity was their goal. They claim that opponents, many from out of county, are raising hysterical and baseless arguments against the measures simply to frighten voters.

Now about \$30,000 of taxpayers money will be squandered by the Board of Supervisors on a "study" that is not really a study at all. The Supervisors have only two options in this initiative process: either enact the ordinance or put it on the ballot. The only possible objectives of the study are to delay the election or to influence the election outcome, both of which are political objectives, and not an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

According to NVLSA the simple truth is that the Fair Payment for Public Benefit Act will have absolutely no impact on anything or anyone until such time as the Board of Supervisors enacts a new land use restriction more restrictive than the powerful restrictions that are already in place. If they never do that, the initiative will never come into play. There is no retroactive element to it. There can be no claims against the County for existing rules.

If a new ordinance is considered, a rational reading of the initiative (available at www.landstewards.org) reveals that it merely requires that the Supervisors take into consideration the

damage their new restrictions might do, and that they treat the impacted property owners fairly. It offers several ways to do that without costing the County a dime. And it makes exceptions for state mandates, building and fire code requirements, and regulation of public nuisances, health and sanitation, hazardous waste, etc. It applies only to discretionary actions by the Board of Supervisors, so if unfair and damaging new restrictions are for some reason deemed necessary, the voters can approve them and not owe anyone a penny.

NVLSA challenges opponents to give the study consultants a list of restrictions they hope to enact. Supervisors should also compile a list of possible restrictions so the consultant could have some basis for a report. The Sierra Club, the Farm Bureau, anyone who worries about the impact of this initiative on their programs should let the consultant know what restrictions they hope to enact in the future. Otherwise what are they hiding? The point is that land use restrictions should not be snuck in to the system while no one is looking - or without evaluating their impact on real people.

Opposition to the Read and Understand Initiative also appears a bit over the top. The initiative simply states that Supervisors should read and understand anything they vote on. The initiative has no penalties for violation and no enforcement mechanism because it is not a criminal statute, but rather a simple message from voters that reading and understanding is part of a Supervisor's job description. Voters, at election time, can determine whether or not a Supervisor is meeting the requirements of the job and vote accordingly. The \$30,000 study, no matter what the results, could not conceivably affect the Supervisors' decision. After the study is complete, they will still have only the same two options: either enact the ordinance or put it on the ballot.

Only Supervisor Moskowitz voted against the study. Of interest to Lake Berryessa region voters is that Supervisor Diane Dillon will be up for re-election at the same time these initiatives will be on the ballot in November, 2006. Should be an exciting election!

Lake Berryessa News Family Loses a Member

Shirl Katleba, Lake Berryessa News owner/publisher, lost her cousin, Matt Bera, last week after a 17-month battle against a rare form of cancer. Matt, only 36 years old, was a Sacramento City firefighter.

When he was diagnosed, he began researching cancer Web sites and became an inspiration to the department. Firefighters rallied with support, donating their time and organizing fundraisers to pay the extra medical expenses. In April 2004, hundreds of people agreed to shave their heads in his support, raising more than \$65,000 in donations.



Bera, a Rocklin native, joined the department in 1995 as a paramedic firefighter. He went on to the Truck 2 "B" shift, a coveted post among city firefighters. Weeks before he became sick, Bera was promoted to apparatus operator, the crew member who drives the engine or truck. Matt acquired obvious nicknames - Matty, Beracuda - and one owed to his eagerness to buy the latest electronic equipment, Gizmo. They kidded him about his thick, black hair saying that he was one of the first firefighters who could sit on the cover of GQ magazine.

During his difficult illness, Matt kept his thoughts on his three children, Megan, 14, Lauren, 11, and Nicolas, 5. "He wanted to be here for his kids," said Lauri Bera, who was married to Matt for 16 years.

**Lake Berryessa
Chamber of Commerce
News**

At the August 8 Chamber of Commerce meeting at Boone's Saloon, Board Members Jeff Parady, Gil Pridmore, Sharyn Simmons, Linda Tschida, and Bob White elected Bob White of Rancho Monticello Resort as Chairman and Sharyn Simmons of Cucina Italiana as Vice-Chair. Linda Tschida of Squeaky Clean is Secretary/Treasurer. The regular meeting date was set as the 4th Monday of every second month at 7 PM at Boone's Saloon. The next Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 26th.

Three subcommittees were proposed. Since we have several small wineries as members, Sharyn Simmons agreed to chair a Wine and Food Subcommittee with Susan Meyer of Rustridge B&B/Winery and Bonnie Zimmermann of Pope Valley Winery. Two other proposed subcommittees are Recreation and Retail Services.

Various actions were discussed:

- o The need to attract mid-week and off-season visitors
- o Target Napa Valley residents. Some 2nd generation Napans have never visited the lake!
- o Emphasize family-orientation of the lake experience - big, clean, lots of room, lots of fun.
- o Encourage Napa Recreation Department to do Kids Camps at the lake.
- o Link with tour operators to develop an itinerary that includes wineries, restaurants, lake activities.
- o Attract a demographic different from the classic Napa Valley tourist. Instead of the typical winery visitor, appeal to outdoor recreation-oriented (bicycle, kayak, hike) people who can then check out our wineries, restaurants, and resorts.

After much discussion among the Board and other members present as to future strategy, several high priority items were defined.

1. Web Site: Get a web site established and develop a directory of member services to be published on the site.
2. Develop a printed directory of member services.
3. Create visitor packages for distribution within the local community and to sites around the region.
4. Create Visitor Information points at local businesses around the lake to distribute Chamber of Commerce visitor packages with other information (BOR maps, etc.) to let visitors know what activities are available.
5. Develop a Press Kit for distribution locally (Napa Valley region) and to visitor groups (Fishing groups, bicycle clubs, car clubs, recreation clubs).
6. Create outreach mechanisms to contact groups which may be planning activities that would be appropriate to Lake Berryessa and assist them. The new movie about the Zodiac Killer which will be filmed at Lake Berryessa was discussed.
7. Get an address list for local residents so the Chamber can send them the Chamber directory and other information.
8. Each member will recruit more members to join the Chamber.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 26th at 7 P.M. at Boone's Saloon. All members and potential members are welcome. The Board will report on the progress toward completion of the priority items listed above.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please send them to:

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Pope Valley's Jeff Parady: Racer's Mechanic to Mechanic's Racer to Community Leader

Little did Jeff Parady's parents realize that the boy they took in a stroller to the races in Calistoga would someday be behind the wheel of one of those sprint cars that whizzed by at more than 140 MPH. He was hooked on the idea of racing as a kid, but didn't get a chance to live his dream until he was 19. A family friend got him started going to midget races, and driving a hot lap on the track in Petaluma was all it took.

Because of his mechanical training and skill, Jeff was invited to be the crew chief during the 1999 season on a USAC Pavement Midget team. Then he graduated to a Midget Lite (1200 cc motorcycle engine) team. Finally he got the opportunity to race himself with the support of friends and local community sponsors.

He flipped his car during only the second race of his career and fractured his neck. "I don't even know how many times I've flipped," says Jeff - leaving the impression that sprint car drivers enjoy being airborne upside down. But it's not a soft ride. The big wings make the car hug the ground and go faster, but flipping causes a rapid slow down due to the wings, and when you hit the ground the wings may break off and can start you on a couple of violent rolls.

Jeff won quite a few races in his first season and finished in the top 10 percent of his class of 70. He's now concentrating on the 360 Winged Sprint Class where the V-8 360 cubic inch motor puts out 712 HP at 8300 RPM!



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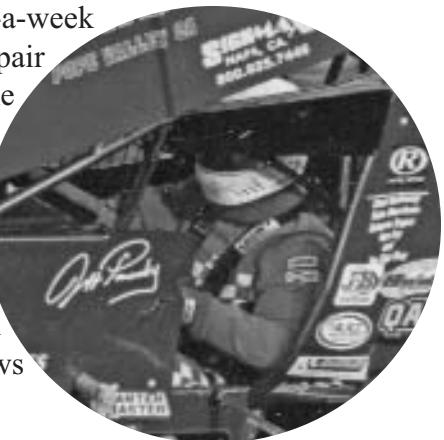
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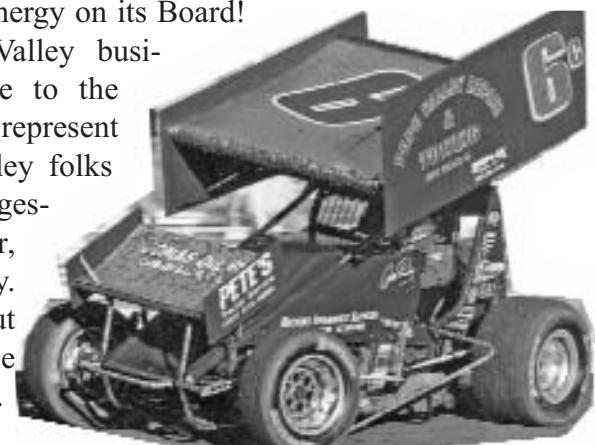
Jeff races as a business, but his 7-day-a-week day job as owner of Pope Valley Repair and Towing provides only part of the financing. He says he is amazed at and grateful for how much support he gets from a community of friends who see him put his heart and soul into racing and want to help him in every way they can. His racing goal is to run the World of Outlaws national circuit.



Despite his busy schedule, Jeff was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is pleased to have a young man with this much energy on its Board!

Jeff is the Pope Valley business representative to the Chamber and will ably represent that region. If Pope Valley folks have any ideas or suggestions for the Chamber, please contact Jeff directly.

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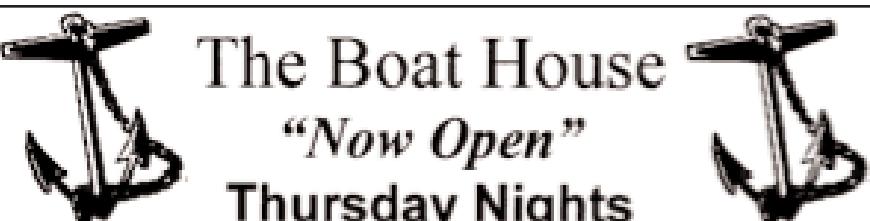
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Catfish are on the prod. Plenty of 6- to 10-pound cats can be caught on hot dogs, dip baits, liver and crawlers. Keep them on the bottom. Not much bass action as the water temperature has hit 80 degrees. Last week anglers came in with 10 to 14 lb. cats caught on hotdogs or liver off of the banks. Just get your baits to the bottom and wait. Dino Righetti, Spanish Flat Marina, 707-966-7708



Fishing with Sid

Fishing improved over this past weekend with the cooling of the weather. Thursday and Friday were still very hot but the wind came up on Saturday morning and the bite improved. They say when the wind comes from the west the fishing is best. Here's a winner for catching catfish - mackerel - it's very oily and puts out a strong scent and the cats love it. Add it to your list of baits. My wife and I wormed with brass and glass and were successful in landing bass. Trolling with a six foot diving lure in fifteen feet of water will also catch bass. If you have any fishing stories to share, please call me at 650-583-3333 or email me at bestguide@hotmail.com ...'til next week.....good fishing!!!!!! www.fishingconnection.net



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Life After Labor Day - Fall Fun and Winter Sun!

Summer is winding down with the last big holiday of the season. Most people will be out on their boats. There will be the big Rib Cook-off and Golf Cart Parade on Sunday, Sept. 4 at Rancho Monticello with the Berryessa Lion's Club hosting the bar. The party will be in full swing at the Pope Creek Bridge where people should have one last good time - but remember good behavior and that parking rules will be strictly enforced.



Goat Island by Robert Thayer

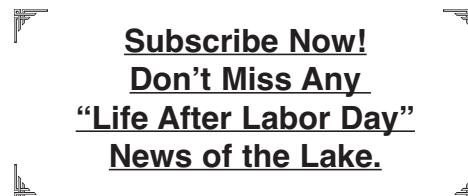
But although the good times of summer at the lake will now be memories, there is "Life After Labor Day" at Lake Berryessa. Look through this issue to see some future events like the Triathlon and Scuba Diving Cleanup coming in the Fall.

Many of you already know that Fall, Winter, And Spring are some of the nicest, most beautiful times to be up here at the Lake. And there's a lot to do - with our local wineries, beautiful roads for bicycles and auto touring, great restaurants, a large storefront public picnic area, quiet coves for kayakers with fewer motor boats, miles of hiking trails without the 100 degree heat, and uncrowded resorts with fine facilities.

You can see our history at the Visitors Center along with a few native animals. Visit some local "Other Napa Valley" wineries as good as anything "over the hill": Eagle and Rose, Pope Valley, Catacula Lake, Rustridge Ranch, Nichelini, Moss Creek and more. Try bird-watching to see our osprey and bald eagles catch "the one that got away" from the angler in the boat. Bass and other kinds of fishing continue through the winter, contact our local fishing guides

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 too far away. That's why local folks are surprised to hear that there are some second-generation Napa County residents who have never seen Lake Berryessa!

There are many day trips that you can plan. Check out the map and Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Directory on Page 5 for ideas. One example among many of beautiful day trip drives through the "Other Napa Valleys" starts at the Silverado Trail and Deer Park Road near St. Helena (make sure you have a full tank of gas):



From there come over the hill through Angwin to historic Pope Valley (but then almost everything in the Other Napa Valleys is historic). Turn left and it's only a few miles to the Aetna Springs Golf Course. You'll notice the thousands of hubcaps covering fences on the right. This is Litto's Hubcap Ranch, California Landmark 939. After some golf, head back the way you came but stop first at the Pope Valley Winery for a taste. After that you can hit the Pope Valley Store for a snack. Don't worry about car trouble since you'll be right across the road from Pope Valley Repair and Towing. The Pope Valley Farm Center, which the community is restoring, is also right next door.

You now have a choice of routes. Pope Canyon Road takes you directly to the north end of the lake. Continuing on Pope Valley Road south takes you to the beautiful new Catacula Lake Winery - roomy and cool inside with a nice patio. Just a bit farther up Pope Valley Road you can turn left onto Lower Chiles Valley Road and in less than 3 miles you come to Rustridge Ranch B&B/Winery. After a bit of tasting you can make a future reservation to spend time with a thoroughbred race horse and enjoy a scenic weekend getaway including breakfast.

When you leave Rustridge continue down the road until you turn left onto Hwy 128. A few miles farther 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. If you don't stop at Spanish Flat Resort for some fishing, you'll soon come to the Spanish Flat Village Center where your dinner choice is fine Italian food at Cucina Italiana or great burgers and steaks at Boone's Saloon. Of course, Brenda's Country Store is there too for your deli or other snack needs.

If you wish to go back to St. Helena, just drive up the west side of the lake past the Bureau of Reclamation Visitor Center, Oak Shores Picnic Area, Smittle Creek Day Use Area, Berryessa Marina Resort, and Rancho Monticello Resort to Pope Canyon Road. Left on Pope Canyon Road takes you along scenic Pope Canyon back to Pope Valley and home. Or one more mile up Knoxville brings you to Putah Creek Resort which has a restaurant with a great view - and the only gas you can get for your car anywhere around the lake.

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From the Editor

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Now that the summer season is approaching a close, but Life After Labor Day is just beginning, we'd like to thank our advertisers and distributors for their support. I do a 120 mile paper route every two weeks to drop off the Lake Berryessa News and have met lots of interesting and friendly people. My route starts at Manka's Corner on to Tower Mart at Suisun Valley and Rockville Roads near Fairfield to the Last Gun Shop and Sweeney's in Napa with a stop at the County Building and the riverfront.

After a Starbuck's coffee, it's on to Mrs. McDonalds before heading to Ranch Market Too! in Yountville. St. Helena's next, after the Oakville Store, with dropoffs at Steve's Hardware, Model Bakery, and the coffee shop around the corner. Silverado Hardware and the Calistoga Depot are my northern-most stops as I wind back down the Silverado Trail and on up to the College Market in Angwin. After delivering to the Pope Valley Store I usually catch up on news with Jeff Parady or Brad Kirkpatrick in front of Pope Valley Repair and Towing before heading out to Aetna Springs Golf Course where I turn around and head home. Shirl delivers to all the resorts and lake businesses as well as in Dixon and Winters. She's got a long route too. And we do it all for you! At least we don't have to use bicycles the way we did in the "olden days".

Below are some places to pick up the Lake Berryessa News



The Vintage Cafe at Manka's Corner

Is this your lake, or mine?

By Douglas Fischer

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Advancing fast is the federal government, owner of both land and reservoir, with plans to open the lake in eastern Napa County to a broader slice of the public. A blueprint mapping that effort is due this fall from the Bureau of Reclamation, and the agency already has taken small steps toward change.

In the trenches are owners of the trailers and mobile homes. They lease the shore-front land beneath their vacation getaways from the bureau under a month-to-month deal that's gone on for 50 years. The bureau would prefer to open that land to a more short-term and public use. The trailer owners and nearby businesses say about 1,200 vacation homes are about to be destroyed for no good reason.

The fight has been brewing for years. The first figurative shots came this summer, when the bureau handed management of one of Berryessa's seven resorts to a new operator with the requirement that trailers come off the property by mid-December.

A comparison with the opening cannonade at Fort Sumter in 1861 might not be too strong.

"One down; six to go, no time to lose to make sure the (agency's) destruction plan does not include us," said an e-mail alert to trailer supporters. "WE MUST WIN THE WAR."

On its face, Berryessa's question is simple: how to best use public land. It gets complicated as the government attempts to balance the desires of those who have used the lake for decades against those who insist the lake must be opened to more people.

The bureau created Berryessa 48 years ago by damming Putah Creek and flooding the rugged hollows of Napa County, 30 miles due north of Vallejo. Today, the 21,000-acre reservoir, a two-hour drive from the Bay Area, sports a 165-mile coastline chock-a-block with secluded coves. The lake is considered a top-flight spot for anglers, water-skiers and motor boaters.

But it also has a reputation as a "private" lake, given the trailers and the gated resorts that all but control access to the water. That's what the bureau wants to change.

The theory is that by opening the lake to as broad a range as possible, more people get to enjoy a public facility — particularly when that facility has precious few flat spots near the shore to pitch a tent or put a trailer or launch a boat.

Seven concessionaires manage each of the seven resorts. They lease land to mobile-home and trailer owners who, for \$300 and up a month, get what amounts to a private vacation home on the lake. Day users pay \$10 to \$15 to launch a boat or camp or picnic on the shore.

The bureau manages 348 reservoirs throughout the West. Of those, 347 have a policy of free access and short-term use. The exception is Berryessa.

"There's a perception (the lake) is generally not open to the public," said Mike Finnegan, the bureau's area manager for Central California, which includes Berryessa. "The question is ... whether or not people will move to the lake, whether there's a market for the lake. Our guess is 'definitely yes.'"

The bureau is considering four options. One is "do nothing" — a non-starter in the bureau's view, given that concessionaire leases start expiring in 2008 with no option under the law for renewal.

The second option calls for the removal of most, if not all, trailer sites — 1,200 in all. Existing resort areas would be redeveloped as RV parks, campgrounds, picnic areas, all potentially under management of a single company, much the way concessionaire giant Delaware North Cos. manages all lodging in Yosemite National Park.

Trailer owners would remove mobile homes at their expense. And the lake would be zoned to facilitate different uses, with portions closed to motor boats in favor of kayaks or canoes. Still, 90 percent of the lake would remain open to motorboats.

A third option offers concessions to the pro-trailer faction, keeping some

mobile-home sites but retaining an overall emphasis on short-term use. The final option leans more toward environmentalists' demands, further restricting development and boating activities.

Trailer owners say none of those options work. The leases provide year-round stability and an economic base to the region that will disappear once they're gone.

"I don't think any concessionaire would tell you they could make this work without the mobile homes," said Peter Kilkus, editor of the Lake Berryessa News, executive director of the recently revived Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and a mobile-home owner.

"You'll never get the thousands and thousands of kayakers out here to replace the thousands and thousands of boaters." But the future — at least one view — arrived this summer on the lake's south shore, where a finger of the lake stretches deep into what was once Wragg's Canyon.

Earlier this year the Bureau, citing contract violations, stripped the Pleasure Cove Resort concession from operator Steve Petty and opened it for bidding. Arizona-based Forever Resorts Corp. got the contract and arrived with a business model unlike anything the lake has seen. Forever Resorts say they inherited a shuttered bar, a run-down campground and 79 mobile home sites.

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It intends to remake the place as an RV park, with full hookups, cabins for rent, a refurbished lodge and bar. It wants to rent houseboats by the week or weekend, at \$2,800 a pop. Open the area to day users. Create an extended season.

It has no choice. The contract Forever Resorts signed with the bureau requires that the 79 mobile homes and trailers now in Pleasure Cove must be gone by year end.

"It's not us who are trying to get rid of these people," said Pleasure Cove Marina manager Terry Sparkman. "It's

the Bureau of Reclamation trying to turn public land back to public use without private property on it."

To those who say such a plan won't pencil out, Forever Resorts points to any number of properties the company manages on reservoirs throughout the West at Don Pedro, Trinity Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mojave. All are businesses run based on day- and weekend-visitors. None has long-term trailers.

"The model works," said spokeswoman Darla Cook. "We definitely see potential here. This is a beautiful lake."

Not that the company backs everything the bureau is mulling. One proposal being pushed by the Sierra Club would

impose a 5 mph, no-wake zone the length of the finger sheltering Pleasure Cove. That would kill the marina, Sparkman said. "It'd take three hours to get up the narrows to the lake".

But Kilkus, the newspaper editor whose son learned how to become a championship jet-skier on Berryessa's waters, doesn't understand why the bureau remains so dead-set against trailers. "Most arguments are set up to lead to a conclusion that you must get rid of mobile homes," he said earlier this month. "Our goal always has been to be inclusive of all forms of recreation. And mobile homes are a valid use of public land."

And while Forever Resorts says it can be profitable with a day-use crowd, others with more history at the lake say the slow mid-week and the dramatic drop in visitor numbers once summer ends would make income from the leases invaluable.

"Without those people, we'd be dead," said Yevo Jeworowski, proprietor of Boone's Saloon. "It's not the people who come up here for one weekend, it's the people who come up here every weekend. It's their 'hood'."

The lake's problems result largely from mismanagement by government overseers, opponents say. Concessionaires can't get loans to pay for upgrades with three years left on their lease. The bureau has never really policed the place.

Replace the trailers with rental cabins, Kilkus said, and you eliminate a class of people "who are very family-oriented and very stewardship-oriented, including seniors & grandparents."

Hogwash, say those pushing for more access. "The transition will actually begin, in many ways, as soon as the decision comes down," said Carol Kunze, executive director of Berryessa Trails and Conservation. "There are lots of places on private land, which is where these people should be, that would give them a place if they wanted to remain a part of the Lake Berryessa community."

Indication of where the bureau is leaning should be out in mid-September. Its final decision won't be known until late October at the earliest. Finnegan, the agency manager responsible for Berryessa, is hopeful all sides will see this as a "balanced decision."

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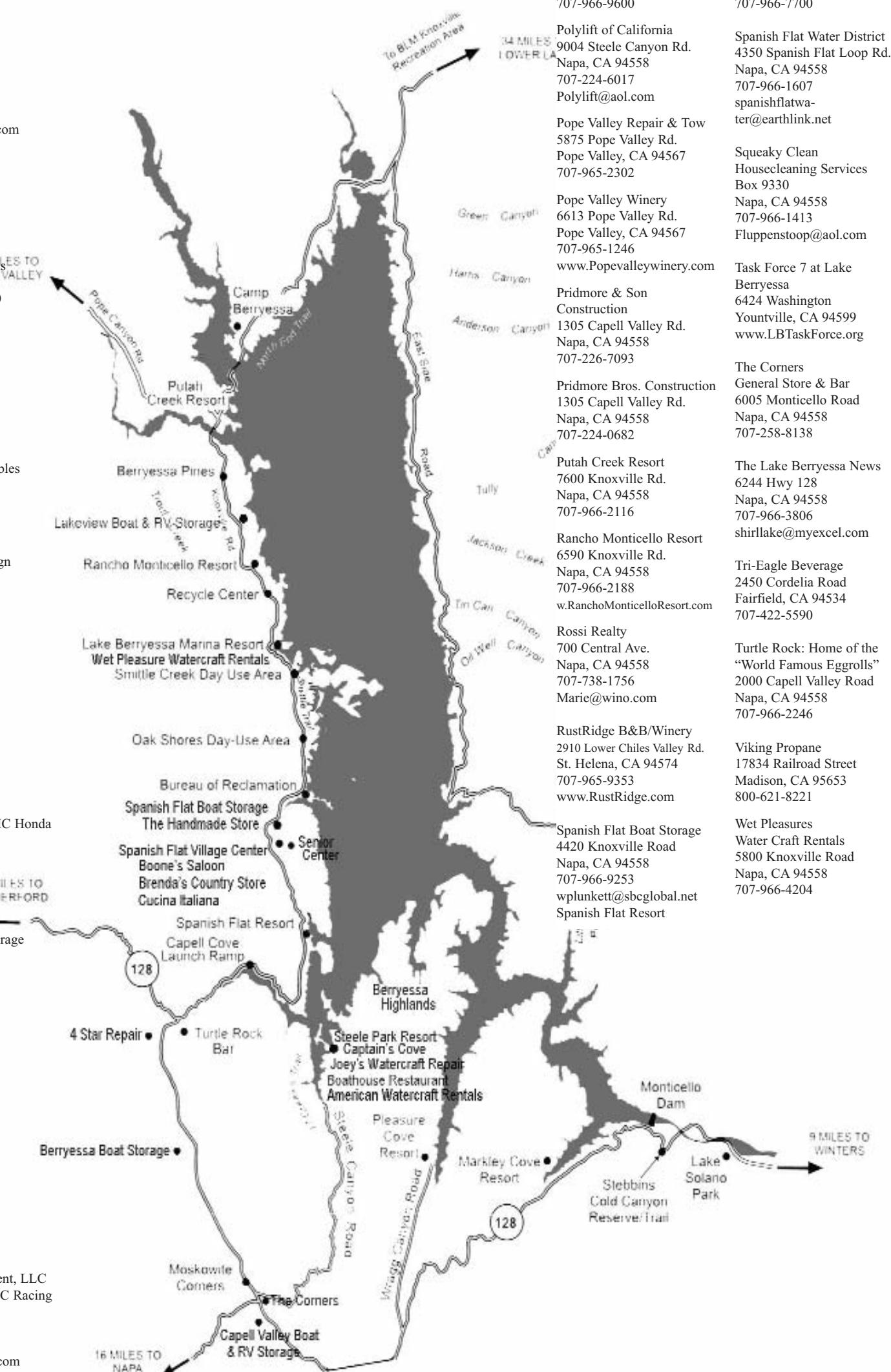
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You never know what you'll find. One of the first years, they found a phone booth. The next year they found the phone book that went with the phone booth. The divers go down as far as 40-feet with small netted trashbags. They then fill up regular garbage bags held by volunteers on kayaks.

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Some Crappie have shown up. Anglers are using jigs or minnows off the bottom. Dock areas or heavy brush areas are the best. Catfishing at the lake is great right now. Using dip baits or hot dogs off most any bank should land some nice cats. Get the baits to the bottom. The water temp is holding at the 81 degree mark 7 ft. from the surface.

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Saturday night we went out and fished under the full moon till midnight, the bite was not great but we had a little action. I have been giving some fishing pointers to a family docked near my boat and they had a great day fishing on Saturday. The kids ages range from four to ten. Here is what they caught: J.R. - Carp, Bass, Crappie; Trentino - Crappie; Jenny - Crappie, Sqaw Fish and last but not least the youngest Bianca - Carp, Crappie. Great job to the Vitale Family.

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Evan Kilkus looked out his window at Steele Park Wednesday morning and saw a tree flying by above the lake. Since we don't have hurricanes here he was puzzled. Turns out that a movie crew was about to start filming scenes for a new movie about the Zodiac Killer on a small spit of land across from Oak Shores. On Sept. 27, 1969, two Pacific Union College students, Cecilia Shepard, 22, and her companion, Brian Hartnell, 20, were brutally stabbed. Shepard died two days later. Hartnell lived, making him the only survivor of the infamous killer whose murder spree spanned from the mid-60s through at least the early 1970s.

Unfortunately for the film producers, the last tree on the so-called Zodiac Island fell down last year so they had to fly in three large oak trees to set the scene. The trees had no roots and were placed into holes dug by Pridmore Bros. Construction. One tree was split in half by the rotor downwash of the helicopter so another had to be flown in on Thursday. Gil Pridmore (future movie star?) was seen out there hosing down the area after a large crane placed the trees (soon to be firewood) in their temporary home.

Although no one is setting up booths to commemorate this tragic episode by selling "Zodiac-burgers" to tourists, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce hopes that the publicity will at least make more people aware of the beauty of the area and the recreational opportunities available here year-around.

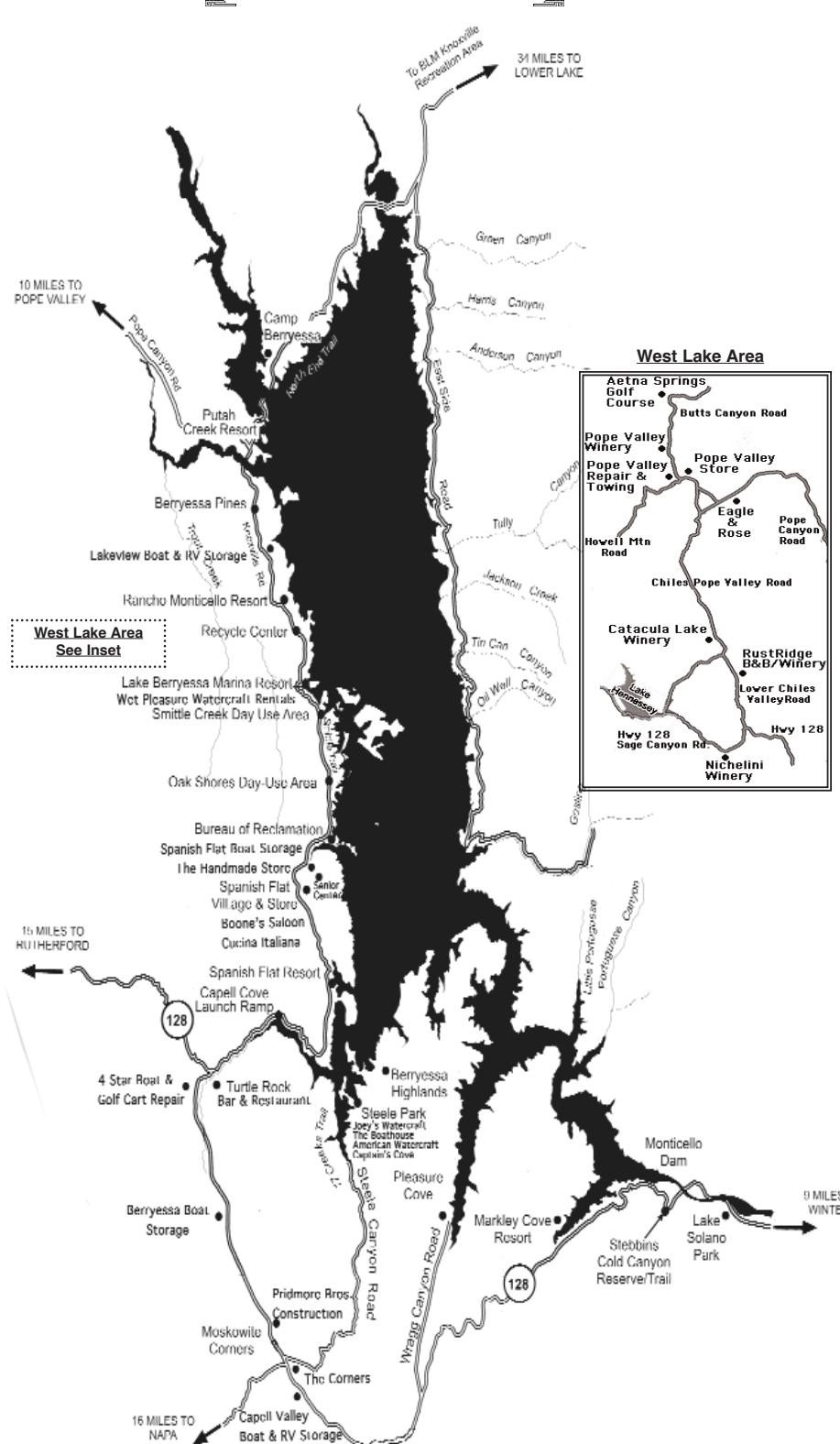


Pages 4 & 5 of this issue highlight some past history around the lake. Page 5 reproduces two old maps from 1957 and 1963 show how quickly facilities were built to serve the public after the dam was constructed. Page 4 shows a copy of the front page of the Lake Berryessa News from May 6, 1977. It includes the introduction of a very young Sheriff's Deputy Don Stanley as the Resident Deputy for Lake Berryessa! Don, who just recently retired, was known and loved around the lake for those many years.

New history is being made right now. The Bureau of Reclamation announced that the local office has completed the process of modifying the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and evaluating all the public comments that were received. The "package" has been sent to Washington, D.C where it will be reviewed and massaged to produce the final version of the BOR plan for the lake. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be released sometime during the next few months for comments, although a BOR representative stated that these comments will not count. The final Record of Decision (ROD) will be released after that. People experienced with BOR procedures (the process is already 3 years behind) don't expect that to occur before 2006.

Meanwhile, Pleasure Cove Marina mobile homeowners have been given eviction notices. All units must be moved or demolished by Dec. 15, 2005. However, they have banded together under the leadership of the California Watershed Posse to oppose that eviction. They have filed substantial legal documents with the BOR, Napa County, and other agencies alleging that there is no legal basis for the evictions and will likely request a court order to stay the action.

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From the Editor

There's a lot for people to do in the Other Napa Valleys - the Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, Senior Center, Farm Center, water boards, volunteer fire departments, local schools and churches - and we encourage you to become involved. There seems to be a groundswell of interest in improving the community. But one long-term resident cautioned me: "Remember this is the lake. Good intentions are often a substitute for action." Hopefully, many of you are the action-oriented type.

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Seldom have I seen such a cheap shot fired at a group of citizens who's crime appears to be having a long term site at Lake Berryessa. The headline of the story from the Oakland Tribune in your last issue reads "Is this your lake, or mine?". What behavior on the part of any of the 1250 families could possibly lead them to believe we think we own the lake? The answer to their question, however, is a resounding "we, the people - it belongs to us" and the last time I checked, we, the permittees, were included.

Let's make this situation very clear. Lake Berryessa is primarily a boating lake, very large, very under utilized, and very capable of serving every form of recreation - just not all on holiday weekends. Long term sites occupy 3.75% of the shoreline at the lake. That hardly constitutes denying the public access to the lake. There are seven resorts on the lake which are not, nor do they appear to be, gated mobile home parks - contrary to the Tribune story. They are year around full service facilities that provide camping, RV sites, cabins, motels, stores, rental boats, launch ramps, gas docks, snack shops and restaurants.

There is also lake access provided free by the BOR at Oak Shores and Smittle Creek, along with many turnouts (some expanded) adjacent to the roads. In addition a huge area that once housed the Boy Scout Camp could be made available for use and be operated by a current concessionaire on an as-needed basis, subject to BOR approval. There are 58 miles of shoreline available to the Bureau of Reclamation for development, but they can neither fund it nor operate it. But the options are numerous and are fully explored in the Resort Owners Plan, a detailed project proposed to the BOR in April, 2005. It calls for a complete revitalization of six of the resorts at a cost of \$45 million dollars over a seven year period and focuses primarily on expanding short term use.

Four and a half years of this DEIS/VSP process have been wasted. Instead of bringing all the stakeholders; the Bureau of Reclamation, the resort owners, the permittees, the community, local business owners, the environmentalists and the lake users together to work toward the best possible solution, we are fighting it out in the media. The misrepresentations that have been made by the parties involved have done irreparable harm to the resorts and their ability to provide service to their customers.

There should be no more headlines or comments disparaging the mobile home owners. Please remember, unless the rules are changed in 2008/2009, they are still legal residents according to the Bureau of Reclamation and entitled to a measure of respect.

Pat Monaghan

Chair, Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The next Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 P.M. at Boone's Saloon. All members and potential members are welcome.

Items for discussion will be the further development of the Chamber web site, a simple version of which is now up on the Web at www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com. The Chamber Directory and the goals and content of a Chamber Public Information Packet will also be on the agenda.

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Average annual health care costs of an elderly person with income under \$10,000 per year: \$14,692

Average annual health care costs of an elderly person with income over \$30,000 per year: \$8,855

Average amount each American spends on health care each year: \$4,887

Average amount each Canadian spends on health care each year: \$2,702

Percent of National Guard and reservists who could not be deployed last year because they had serious dental problems: 20%

Percent of National Guard members without dental insurance: 40%

U.S. estimated sales of Botox (to eliminate wrinkles), 2003: \$540 Mil.

U.S. spending on all cosmetic procedures, 2002: \$7.7 Billion

U.S. sales of pet food and supplies, 2003: \$18.9 Billion

U.S. sale of Prozac-type anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, and Viagra-type sexual dysfunction drugs, 2003: \$20.3 Billion

U.S. spending on potato chips and other salty snacks, 2002: \$22 Billion

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Meet Your Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy



Sheriff Earl Randol announced last week the assignment of Deputy Donald D. Stanley to the position of Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy. (See the above photo.)

Nelson Room Chair-



Reported by Roger Nelson

The Berryessa 4-H Club held their April meeting on the 18th.

Christine and Joe Rogers, and also Stacy Pridmore, won Gold Medals at the County Field Day. They will also represent Napa County at Regional Field Day, to be held in Petaluma, on May 14th this year. Judges from our club on County Field Day were Kathy, Diana, and Mrs. Samuels, and Brenda and Mrs.

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A Special Note From Your Editor - - -
SORRY ABOUT OUR 'NEW LOOK' - BUT . . .

Most of all - sorry about not having a newspaper out last week, but the special machine on which the paper is usually typed broke down - and it is STILL broke down - for an undetermined length of time . . .

So, this left only two alternatives - either continue not having a paper, or, since another machine was not, and is not available, this route, with a rented electric typewriter - the result of which you see here in this issue.

Agreed, it doesn't look good - and is NOT what you are used to, but we just feel sure you'd rather have it this way than not at all.

How long this will continue we don't know - but at least this way you can receive and read the "news," and we will continue to do the very best we can with the "equipment" we have!

Thank you for your patience, and for bearing with us through this.

Weather Report

As of Wednesday, May 4th, Lake Berryessa has collected a total of 9.03 inches of rain since July 1st. Last year's total at this time was 7.92.

The top elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole at Monticello Dam) is 440 feet. The water is now 37.98 feet below the top of the spillway.

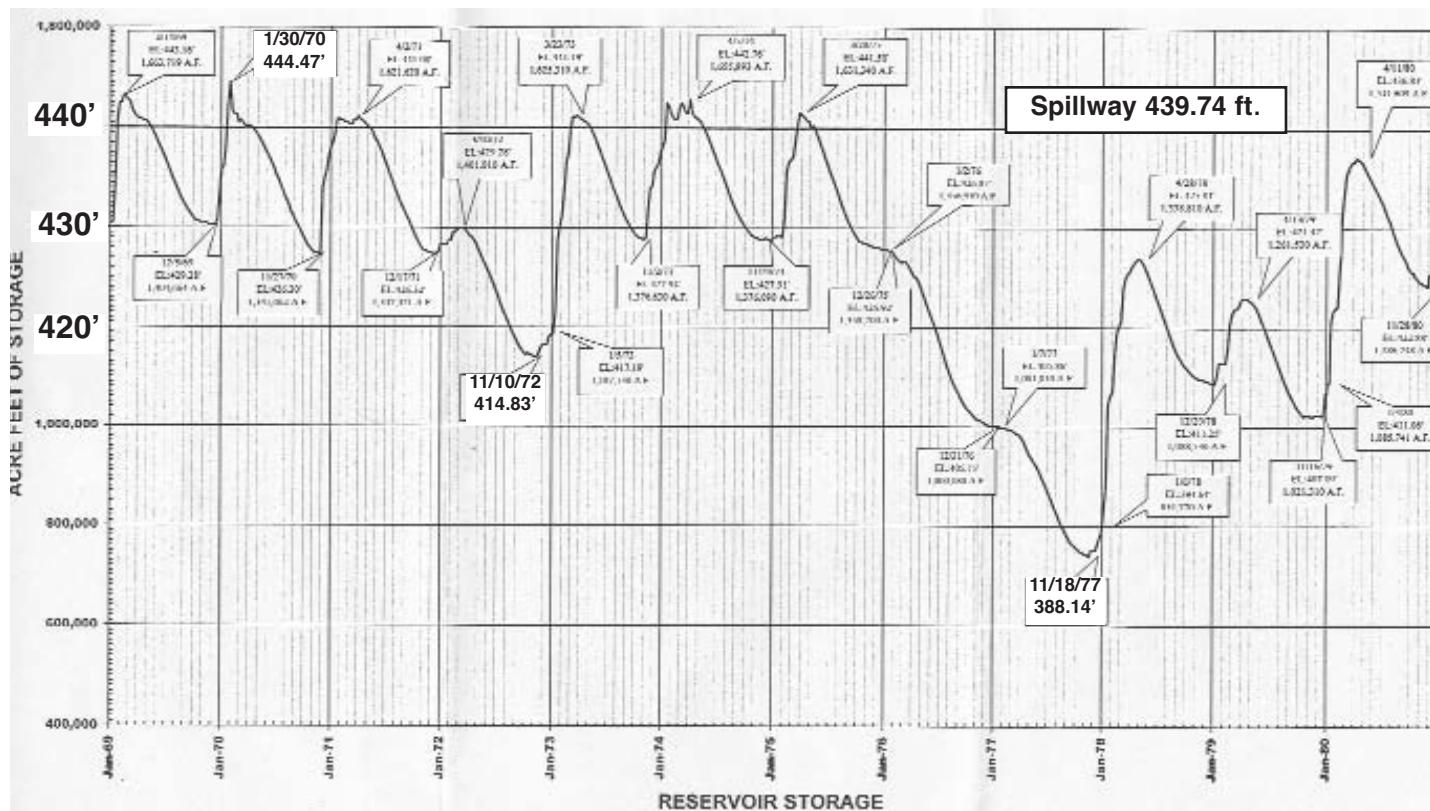
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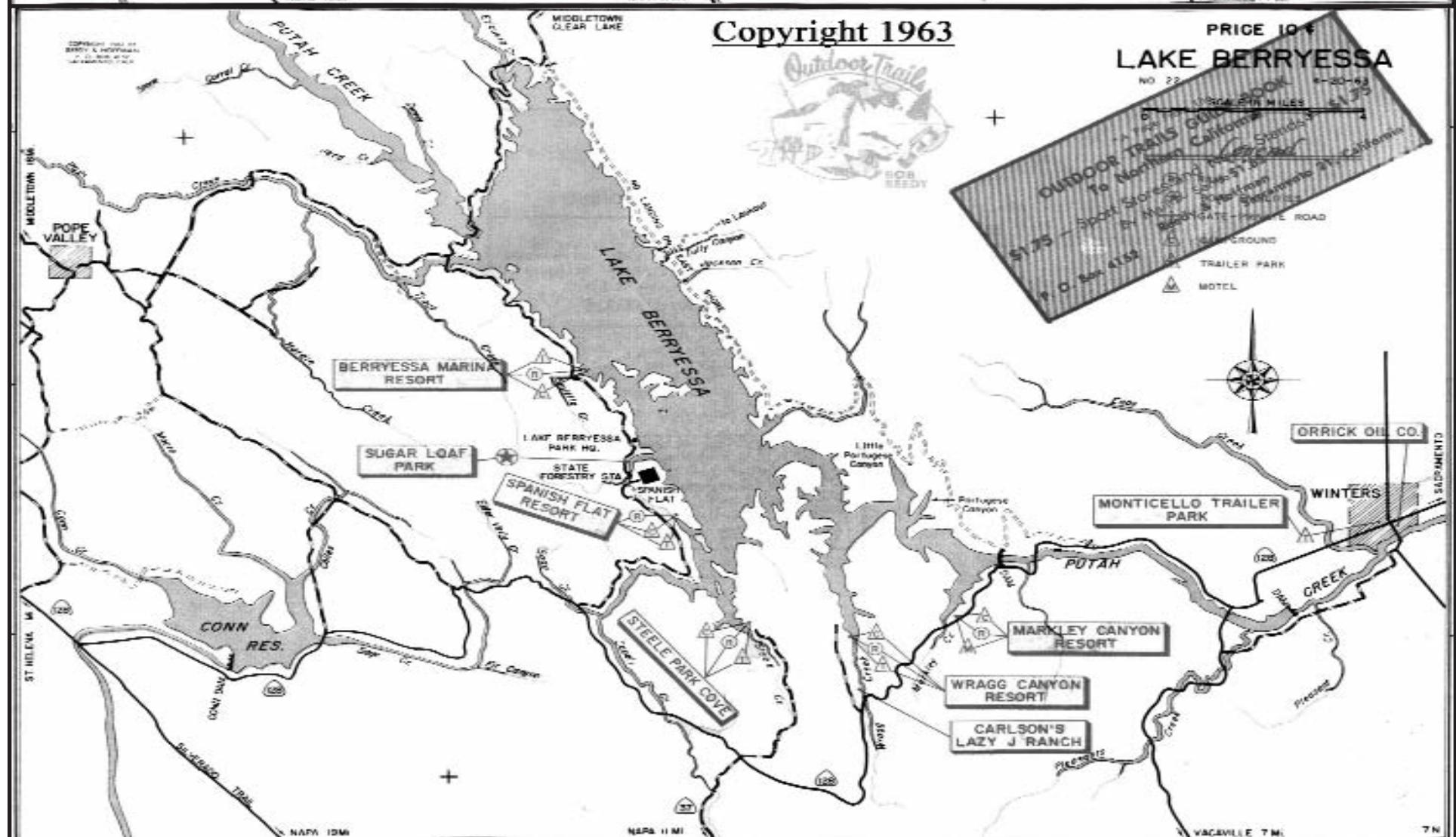
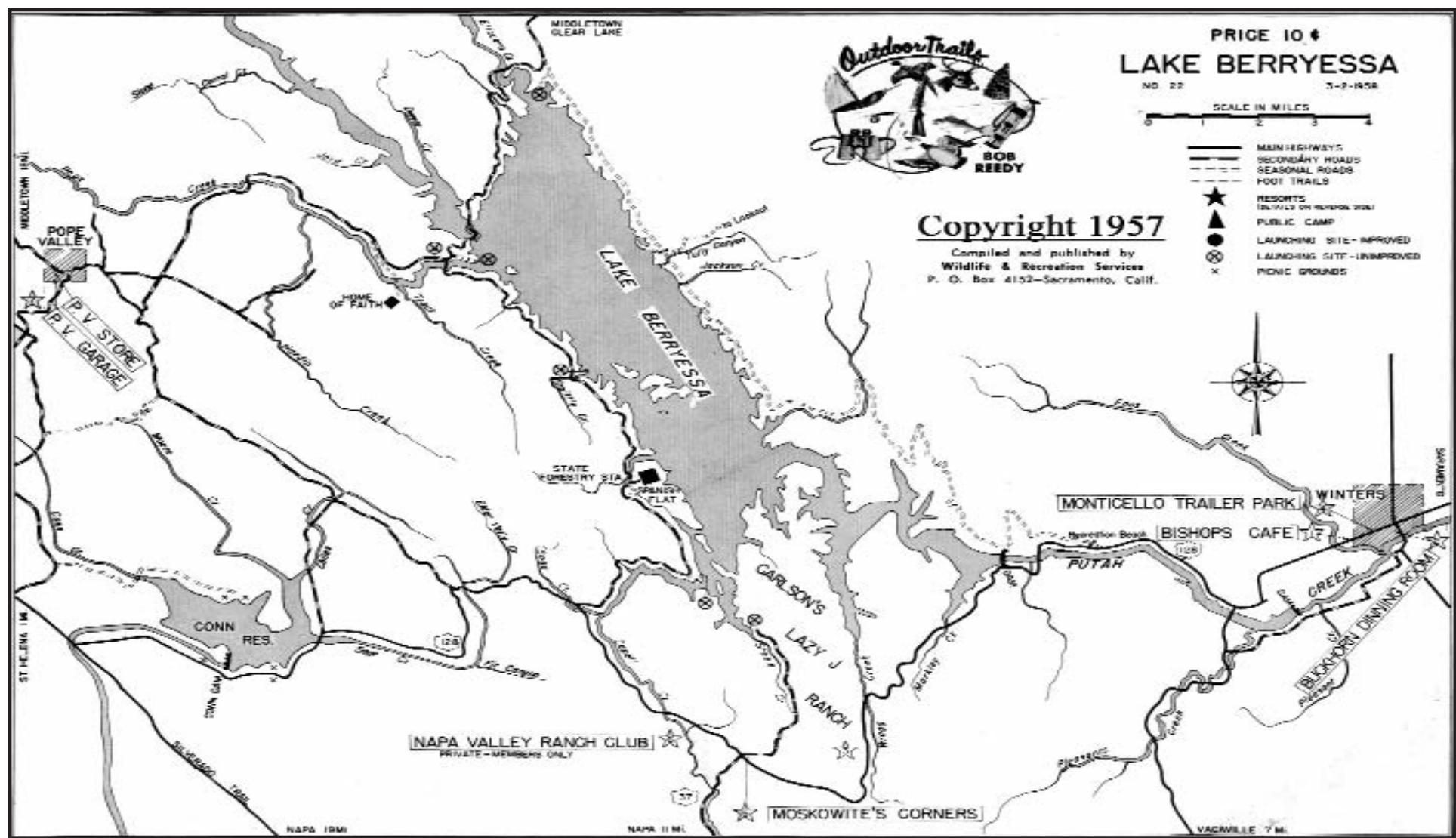
WEATHER REPORT

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12/2/79	407.27	.03	61	42	.01
12/3/79	407.27	.03	67	38	.08
12/4/79	407.26	.05	64	34	.0
12/5/79	407.26	.03	64	34	.0





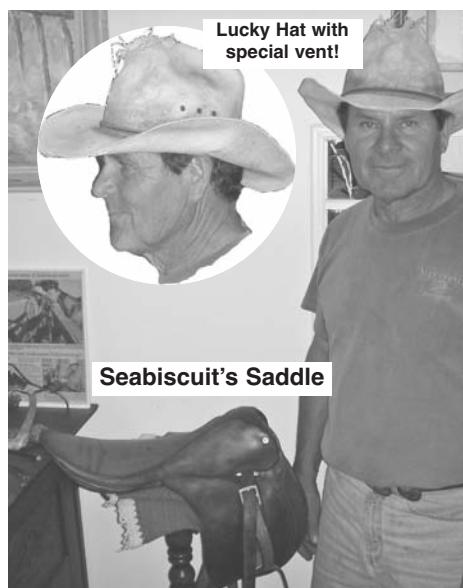
From Cartoon Fantasies to Thoroughbred Realities

As with other interesting people who ended up in Napa County, Jim Fresquez of RustRidge Ranch & Winery in Chiles Valley has had a varied career. Many of us grew up with Hanna Barbera cartoons, but he did it from the inside. In 1957, Bill Hanna & Joe Barbera developed a unique animation process that would revolutionize cartoon production. A few years later, they hired Jim Fresquez as a 16 year old jack-of-all-trades who worked his way up to Assistant Director of Photography. The title, Jim laughs, means you have to do everything.



During his 15 years with Hanna Barbera, Jim met a cowboy friend of Will Rogers who recommended Jim to Michael Landon as a horse-trainer. Jim became Michael Landon's personal horse trainer for many years. His job was to keep the horses "bullet-proof" - ready to ride any time the Landon family arrived. This gave him lots of riding experience and exercise in the outdoors - which he loved. He never went back to the Hollywood grind.

When Michael Landon decided to race horses, he asked Jim to train them, and Jim's thoroughbred horse training career began. During his 20 years as a trainer,



Jim met many famous people, one of whom was Petaluma native, M.E. "Buster" Millerick who was part of the team that trained Seabiscuit, the 1930's racing legend. Due to his relationship with Millerick, Jim now owns Seabiscuit's original saddle and other historical items. The full story is available on the RustRidge web site at www.RustRidge.com.

Jim escaped to Northern California where he met Susan Meyer. Susan's family owned Rustridge Ranch which has been a breeding and training facility for thoroughbred racehorses since the 1950's. In 1990, when Jim and Susan



took over RustRidge Ranch and Winery, they decide to display Seabiscuit's saddle and other items in their Bed and Breakfast.

Jim and Susan decided to breed their own thoroughbreds. Stacy's Ridge, RustRidge Bo and Stacy's Reserve are currently racing. The young thoroughbreds are exercised and trained in the vineyards before they run at the track. The schedule can get hectic when you may be racing three horses every three weeks. Jim's ultimate goal is to breed and race a national champion thoroughbred.

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Gambling and Religion

This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas but there are more Catholic churches there than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed.

Since they get chips from so many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in.

This is done by a chip monk.

- o If you throw a cat out a car window does it become kitty litter?
- o If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?
- o If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
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6th Annual Knoxville Double Century by Quack Cyclists

Saturday, September 17, 2005

This incredible event is in its 6th year. Can a human being ride 200 miles on a bicycle in one day from Napa to Pope Valley to Lake Berryessa up Knoxville Road to Middletown and then back down Butts Canyon Road to Pope Valley back to Napa? Although Quack Cyclists say they are a "small time" group of "only" 225 cyclists, it is probably one the healthiest herd of humans you'll ever see in one place!

The riders leave Pena Adobe Park in Napa after sunrise, hoping to return there 200 miles later at sunset. Coincidentally, the riders will be passing the Pope Creek Bridge at Lake Berryessa during the time scuba divers will be doing their underwater clean-up. The Lake Berryessa News will bring you some interesting pictures of that combination of events!

Spread out over the 200-mile course, these very experienced and considerate riders will pass thru Pope Valley twice, in groups of 1-3, so they probably won't stand out from the normal weekend cyclist traffic. But based on suggestions from the St. Helena and Pope Valley Postmasters, who kindly support this effort, about 160 postcards were mailed to affected residents along the route. All the cyclists want to be good neighbors while enjoying the beautiful scenery along the roads of the Other Napa Valleys, and hope that local residents and other drivers will understand and be patient.

As one organizer of this ride commented, "I drove the Knoxville Double Century course last weekend. Every time I travel the route I am amazed at the beauty of Northern California and how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to live here and share it with our friends & family."

The organizers distribute a final instructions document to all riders which includes subtle hints about being good citizens. They also include local promotional material in the registration packets. They realize that Napa County has many competing interests, so they sincerely try to promote the interests of the local residents while looking out for the safety and enjoyment of their riders. Approximately 50% of the participants are from Southern California, the remainder are from the Bay Area.



Fishing with Dino

Labor Day week was pretty busy at the lake. Lots of people and boats.

Fishing is slow but Catfish are still hitting. Stink baits, Crawlers, or hot dogs are great baits for Catfishing! Small mouth bass were hitting in coves on Plastics. About 15 to 20 feet of water was the depths.

Crappie are showing up slowly for anglers. Red & white jugs are the bait. Get your Jig to the bottom near docks or brush areas. Trout & Salmon are hitting at the 60 to 75 foot depths. The dam area is producing well. Apex, Needlefish & Kastmaster lures are working well!

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Fishing with Sid

Labor Day has come and gone and the weather is starting to cool off. The morning and evening bite is still the best, but we did well during the day on Monday fishing around big island. As the boat activity quiets down from the summer the bite should pick up drastically. We fished some rocky areas that the visibility was about 12 feet and landed bass on suspended baits, worms and other plastics and were able to see hundreds of baby bass from 2" to 8" swimming in the water. We were looking for the bigger guys. Catfishing was great. As the water clears, I recommend trolling a lure behind the boat that goes down about 6' to 8' anywhere from fifty feet to hundred feet behind the boat and you will catch fish. My kids caught limits trolling in from big island to Steel Park using the same system. 'til next week.....good fishing!!!!!! www.fishingconnection.net

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6th Annual Lake Berryessa Underwater Clean-Up and Barbecue

Saturday, September 17 : 8:45 AM - 1 PM.

It's California Coastal Cleanup Day but you don't have to go to the ocean to help out. Scuba divers will clean the underwater section of the Berryessa Coast under the Pope Creek Bridge. There will also be an above water coastal cleanup and trash removal along the shoreline and a nearby stretch of Knoxville Road. Call Roger at Napa Dive & Sport for details. 707-257-2822

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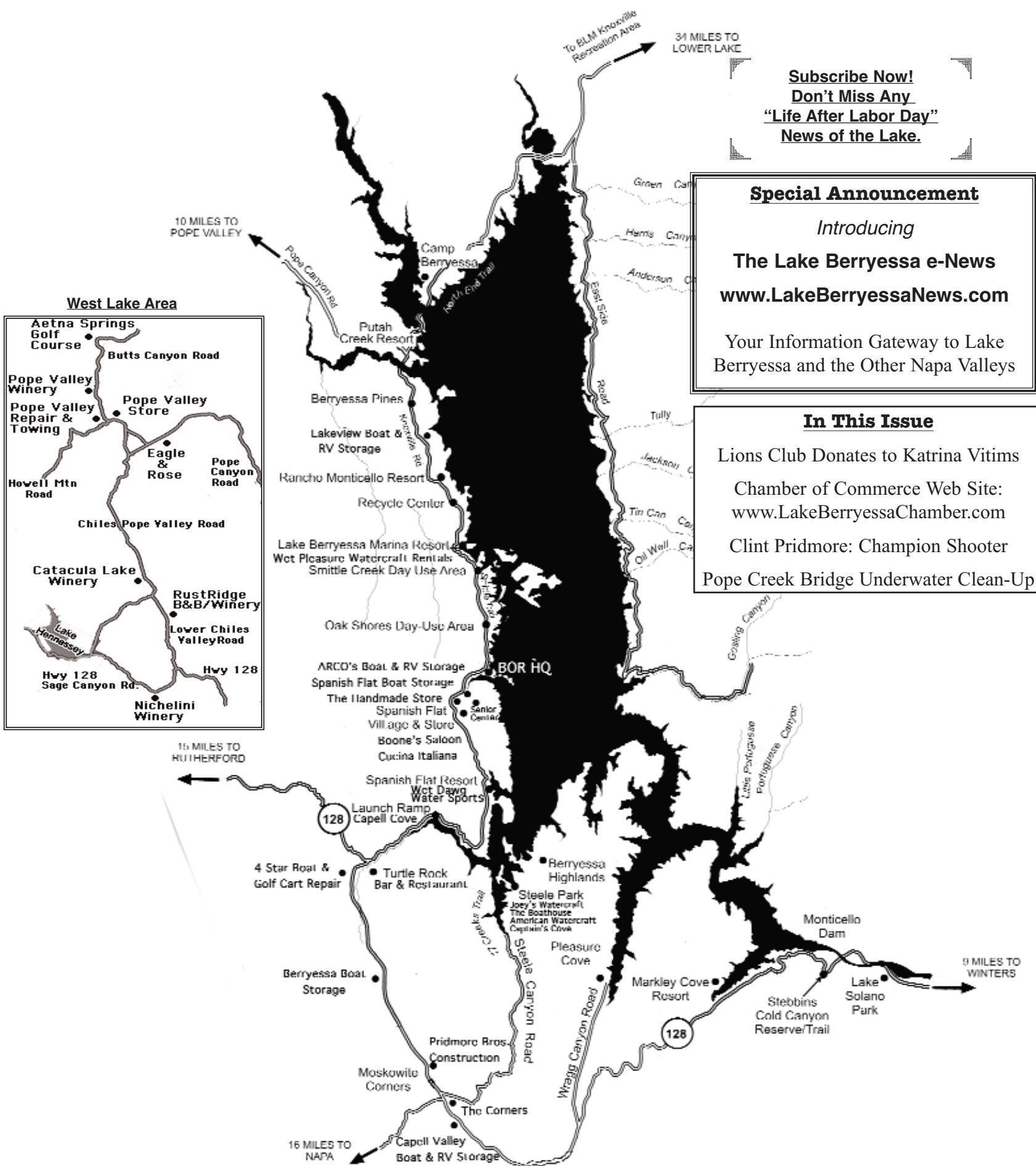


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To the Editor

Dear County Supervisors:

We formally request that you change the ballot language for the Fair Pay for Public Benefit Act to read exactly as follows: Shall Napa County Ordinance No. 05-02 be adopted? (Requires Napa County to do one of the following whenever the County Board of Supervisors adopts a new land use restriction: (1) reasonably, fairly, and promptly compensate owners of real property for any established decrease in property value resulting from the restriction; or (2) eliminate the adverse impact on property value by rescinding or permanently waiving the restriction; or (3) agree with the property owner to a compromise solution.)

1. The first requested change makes it clear to voters that the ordinance applies only to actions by the Board of supervisors and not to actions by Napa County voters. This language is taken directly from the ordinance and is therefore very appropriate for inclusion in the ballot question, as it will more clearly convey to voters the real meaning of the ordinance.

2. The second change makes it clear that the ordinance requires only reasonable and fair compensation. This language is also taken directly from the ordinance and is therefore very appropriate for inclusion in the ballot question, as it will more clearly convey to voters the real meaning of the ordinance. "Reasonably and fairly" lie at the very heart of this ordinance, and we believe that staff was remiss in excluding this critical wording from the originally proposed ballot language.

Inclusion of the "reasonably and fairly" clause is particularly important in light of the misrepresentations and mischaracterizations of the intent of the initiative that are already appearing in letters to the editor from the ordinance's primary opponents, and which will undoubtedly also be used during the campaign. For instance, contrary to the intent, letter, and spirit of the ordinance, Nancy Tamarisk, writing for the Napa Sierra Club (Napa Register Sept. 23, 2005), labels it a "treasury-looting scheme," says that it "hands over a blank check from the taxpayers to developers," and that it "would feather the nests of a few land speculators at the expense of the rest of us." Nowhere does she mention that the Act specifically states that any compensation must be reasonable and fair. Her omission is clearly intended to mislead voters, and the all-important ballot question must not be allowed to mirror that critical omission.

The "reasonably and fairly" clause is a critically important part of the Act that should definitely be included in the ballot question. A ballot question that omits it could lend credence to Ms. Tamarisk's claims and other similarly false and misleading claims. We trust that this was not the intention of staff when they chose to omit it, and that the omission was inadvertent. However, any appearance to the contrary can be eliminated by including the clause now.

3. We also formally request that you reject Supervisor Dillon's suggested change regarding adding a fourth option of filing a lawsuit. We believe this addition is unnecessary, distracting, confusing, and contrary to the actual wording of the initiative. We believe it to be an intentional misrepresentation and a fraudulent act upon the voters. We believe it is intentionally pejorative and intended primarily to sway voters away from voting for the ordinance, which is an improper objective for any ballot question.

Supervisor Dillon is widely known for her opposition to this ordinance. On this issue and others, she sometimes conveys the impression that she is more interested in maneuvering for procedural advantage than in fostering an open and honest public discussion of the issues on their merits. We suspect she may be trying to use her position as Chair of the County Board of Supervisor to improperly influence the wording of the ballot question for campaign purposes.

The ballot question is mandated to be neutral and accurately reflect the intent and wording of the ordinance. It would be highly improper for a Board that is considering writing the ballot argument against this measure to try also to manipulate the wording of the ballot question in a way calculated to sway voters against it. We urge the Board to reject this apparent corruption of the ballot preparation process, which has all the appearance of an illegal and unconscionable attempt to manipulate election results. If Supervisor Dillon wants to convince voters to vote no, we suggest that she put her comments into the ballot argument, where they belong.

Sincerely,

George Bachich

President, Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance

Lion's Club Donates to Katrina Victims

The Lake Berryessa Lion's Club voted last week to donate \$1,000 to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rather than donate to the large relief organizations such as the Red Cross, Lions Club members wanted their money to more directly reach the people in need. Their check will go to Habitat for Humanity which will immediately assist in home reconstruction.



Katrina was especially catastrophic for families in low-income housing and mobile home parks. In a disaster like this, families who were hanging on by a thread before the hurricane will sadly suffer the most in its aftermath. The Lions Club also voted to donate the remaining tee shirts from the last poker run to local Lions Clubs in the affected area.

Many local people have wondered how to help the victims of this disaster. The Lions Club suggests matching their donation and getting the money directly to the victims by sending your check to: Lake Berryessa Lions Club, PO Box 9101, Napa, CA 94558. You can be assured your donation will make a difference.

Annual Lions Club Bike Rodeo

On October 7, 2005, at 9:30 A.M. the Lake Berryessa Lions Club will sponsor a Bicycle Rodeo for about 100 children at the Pope Valley Elementary School. Kids will be able to exhibit their bike riding skills in several fun events. The lucky winners will receive one of six new bicycles, 4 donated by the Lion's Club, 1 donated by the Monticello Ski Club, and 1 donated by Jim Rains, a Lions Club member.

Previous rodeos were as much fun for the adults as the kids. If you'd like to volunteer to help out contact Jime Tschida at 966-1413 or email fluppenstoop@aol.com.

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This is an adults-only party. Dance to fabulous music, enjoy ghoulish finger foods after the 10:00 hour, and participate in the costume contest.

Sunday, October 30 - Children's Halloween Party

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Alligators in Lake Berryessa?

Although Fish and Game has not yet released the new genetically-engineered freshwater sharks into Lake Berryessa for the excitement of anglers and swimmers alike, there has been an alligator sighting! Rumor has it that someone may have released an 8 foot pet alligator at an unnamed resort during the Labor Day holiday.

Rumors expanded! There were a couple of unverified sightings by resort guests and a claim by someone that something alligator-like attacked his dog along the shore. Fish and Game was notified. Several fishing boats were out on shore patrol.

The Lake Berryessa News investigative team verified that someone saw something, but no one confirmed an alligator. More likely the culprit was a large catfish. No dog was attacked, but a woman walking a dog saw a large shadow in the water. The next day an 18 pound catfish was caught in the same area. Alligator sightings have now stopped.

Pope Valley Turkey Shoot is Coming!

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Environmental Defense (www.environmentaldefense.org), one of the most reasonable of the environmental organizations, published a short article about organic wines that will be of interest to Lake Berryessa News readers.

Behind the Label: Organic Wine Comes of Age

Actor Paul Giamatti, who plays wine connoisseur Miles Raymond in the film *Sideways*, detects a “soupçon of asparagus” and a “flutter of nutty cheese” in one wine and waves away another as “quaffable but far from transcendent.” Surprisingly for an up-to-the-minute oenophile, however, he never wonders if the wines he’s critiquing are organic.

Organic wines have come a long way. In the 1970s, many were just plain bad, but today’s offerings compete with the world’s top vintages. Organics now make up 2 to 3% of the U.S. market and production is growing a steady 20% a year, mostly in California. In Mendocino County’s winemaking region, for example, 14% of the vineyards have switched to organic production, avoiding the use of conventional pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Environmentally, this represents a major shift from conventionally grown grapes, which—contrary to wine’s “natural” image—use large amounts of pesticides.

In California, where 90 % of domestic wines are produced, grapes receive more pesticides than any other crop. But the momentum of the industry is threatened by a vexing question: How do you

define organic wine? Three years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began certifying and labeling organic products, including wines. Some winemakers say USDA standards for organic wine are too strict. The requirement not to add sulfites, they say, makes it very difficult to control fermentation. Without sulfites, “the wine is likely to turn bad before consumers can enjoy it,” says wine buyer Michel Ginoulhac.

Sulfites aren’t a problem for the great majority of wine drinkers, but they can trigger allergic reactions—including headaches and cramps—in up to 5%, and they are especially hazardous for asthmatics. Although sulfites occur naturally in wine, vintners typically add more (to a concentration between 50 and 200 parts per million) as a preservative that inhibits bacteria.

Here’s a brief guide to the universe of organic wine and tips for negotiating the labeling maze:

USDA organic. To be labeled “organic,” a wine must have 95% organic ingredients and no added sulfites.

Almost organic. To be labeled “made from organic grapes,” a wine must contain 70% organic ingredients, and sulfites must be below 100 parts per million (ppm). If sulfites are above 10 ppm, a “Contains Sulfites” label is affixed.

A “transitional” wine is produced organically, but the vineyard is in a prescribed three-year waiting period as it moves away from conventional methods.

A “sustainable agriculture” claim may or may not be true; it doesn’t have a legally defined meaning.

With imported wines, the buyer is often in the dark. Look for the label of a certifying agency. Wine labeled “organic” or “made from organic grapes” ranges from \$8 to \$75 a bottle. Not surprisingly, quality varies considerably. From an environmental point of view, though,

both of these categories are preferable to conventionally produced wine.

Guest columnist Jim Motavalli is editor of *E/The Environmental Magazine* - for subscription information: 800-967-6572 or emagazine.com.

Status of Women Commission

The Napa County Executive Office announces the existence of seven (7) general public openings on the Commission on the Status of Women due to expiring terms and vacant positions. The openings are as follows:

Six (6) Terms expire 10-01-07

One (1) Term expires 10-01-06

The Commission is composed of eleven (11) members. No professional experience is required for membership, but members are expected to support the elimination of discrimination and prejudice against women and to have shown themselves qualified in community leadership. Business, the professions, women’s organizations and low-income minority interests are to be represented, but representation is not to be limited to those areas. The Commission works to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex in the areas of housing, employment education, childcare, community services and related fields.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Health and Human Services, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, in the City of Napa.

Anyone interested in applying for appointment to the Commission should contact the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, 253-4421, to obtain an application. The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, October 14, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. Applications are also available on the County website at www.co.napa.ca.us.

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber Board of Directors meeting on September 26 was well attended with several new members signing on. Most of the discussion focused on the new web site and how to market Lake Berryessa and the Other Napa Valleys to the rest of Napa County and beyond.

The existing web site at www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com is being upgraded by volunteer web site designers Gary Howes and Susan Heyden of Heyden-Howes, residents of Berryessa Pines. The web site will contain a full directory of chamber members and their contact information, a description of the service they provide, and a link to their web site - if available.

Since so many businesses depend on the weather, there will also be a weather module on the site so that site visitors will know the real-time Lake Berryessa weather. Often the weather may be poor in Napa and Fairfield, but outrageously beautiful at the lake. The Chamber will also explore connecting a web cam to the site so potential visitors can see an actual picture of the lake on

their computer.

Many Chamber members complained that due to the lack of attention on the part of County Government and negative publicity in regional media, Lake Berryessa and the West Lake Area have not received their overdue recognition as prime recreation and visitation destinations. Therefore, a major public relations and outreach strategy will be developed.

Members said they constantly hear the same thing from their customers, "If only we had known how great this place was, we would have come sooner. We'll be back." It's easier to get repeat business for a great destination than it is to get that first time visitor. But information about the area needs to be widely available to the public and

easy to find for that potential first-time visitor.

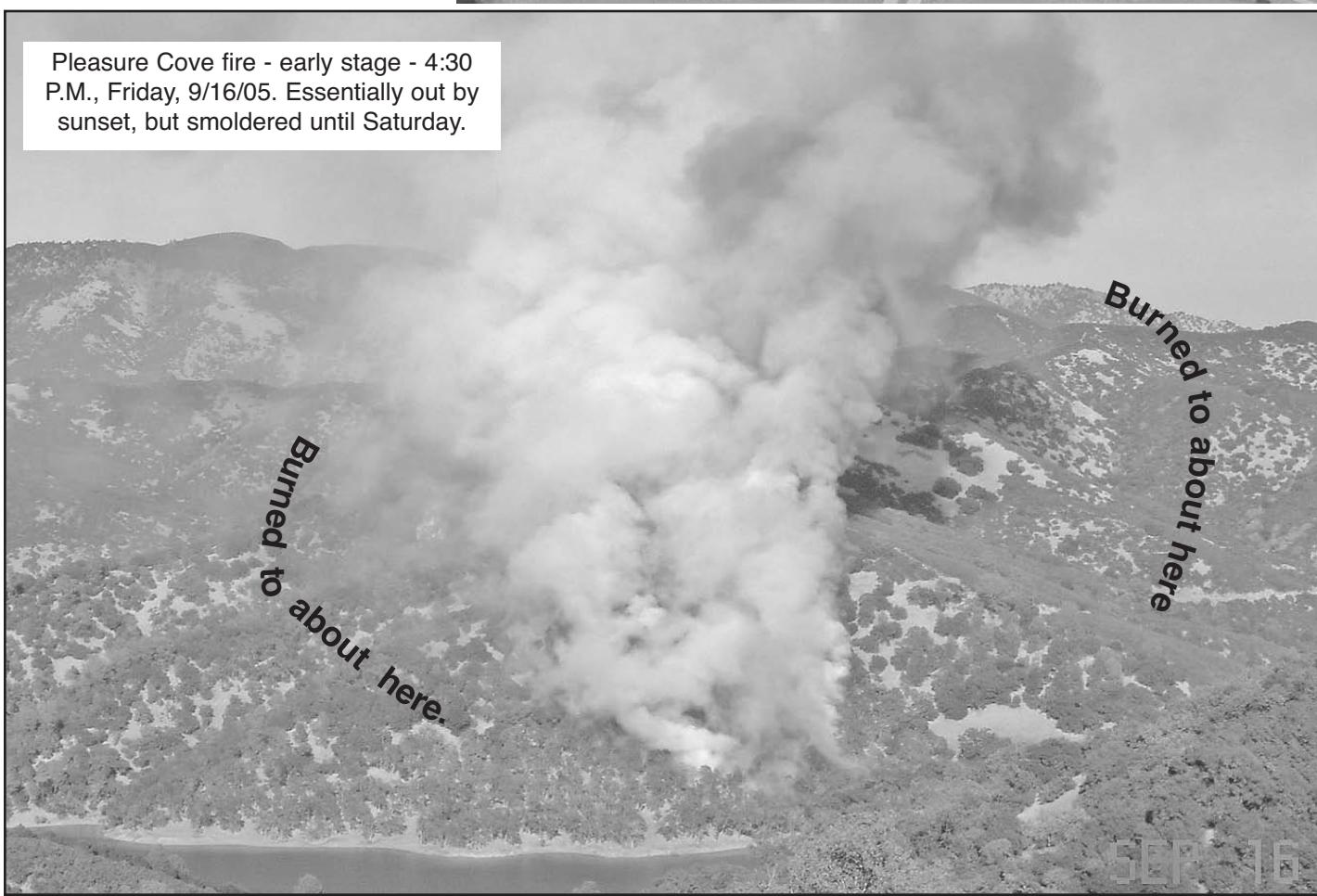
The Board also agreed to develop a strategic planning calendar for the next year with seasonal marketing goals. The "Life After Labor Day" concept was highlighted by the many members' comments about the recent beautiful weather and how so many people miss some of the best times at the lake because they just don't know about them. The Chamber vowed to change this.

The next Chamber meeting will be at 7 P.M. on Monday, November 28, 2005, at Boone's Saloon. Come early, have dinner, meet friends, and get ready for another productive status report and planning session.



Commute Blues - Single car rollover on Monticello Road before the Silverado Country Club around 8 A.M.

Pleasure Cove fire - early stage - 4:30 P.M., Friday, 9/16/05. Essentially out by sunset, but smoldered until Saturday.



Berryessa Marina Resort Homeowners Association



A group of concerned mobile home owners have just created the Lake Berryessa Marina Resort Tenants Association (www.lbmrita.org).

Board members are: Phil Constantino-President, Del Wagner -Vice President, Mike Coombs-Treasurer, Lynne Van Tilburg-Secretary, Myron Steele-Parliamentarian, Stephen Buccheri-Webmaster, Dan Garabaldi, Ken Gilmore, and Dean McAlister. There are approximately 305 boat slips and 100 trailers at the resort.

Goals of the organization include increasing communication with management and tenants, establishing a committee to meet with other resort tenant associations, and instituting a Complaint Policy in cooperation with management and permittees to deal with mobile homeowners who do not maintain their sites or who cause other problems.

The Handmade Store

The Handmade Store located in the Spanish Flat Boat Storage building at 4420 Knoxville Road is a fascinating place to poke around for gifts and mementos. Owner Christine Roussopoulos and her cadre of 16 local artists and craftspeople have the store stocked with handcrafted jewelry, soap, candles, dragons, wooden toys and whirligigs, as well as handmade jellies and oriental sauce.

Collectors can also find many gently-used items including a selection of vinyl opera records, original Calistoga Water bottles, historical photographs, and a couple of walls of Willie Nelson memorabilia. The vintage popcorn machine from the original Spanish Flat Store in the back room may not be for sale, but it sure brings back memories. Call Christine for an appointment at 707-966-0144.

Clint and the Banditos Gringos

Clint Pridmore had just tied the U.S Skeet Shooting champion in Texas the week before, but now he was working on a TV special in his backyard. Clint was hosting a Public Broadcasting System crew shooting a segment of the PBS series American Experience about the legendary Annie Oakley. But "shooting" with a camera and "shooting" with an over/under shotgun clearly take different visual skills. As the film crew adjusted their equipment, Clint calmly shattered clay pigeon after clay pigeon until the camera focus was just right.



Annie Oakley and shooting accuracy. Clint's answer as to why he thought he was so accurate was the same as Annie Oakley's answer to that same question many years ago, "I don't know - I just feel it." The conversation switched to eye coordination and cross-dominance and soon Clint had the whole crew holding up their index fingers trying to determine which was their dominant eye.

Clint claims he started shooting "when they took my diapers off" and has been shooting in heavy competition since 1978 - 1,200,000 rounds in one gun alone! He's also a member of the exclusive 1,000 rounds in one day club and has actually fired off just under 1,500 rounds

in a single day. Skeet shooters reading this may be wincing at the imagined shoulder pain, but Clint, the 60-something athlete, says it's not too bad. The shotguns use a reducer and light target loads. The stock has a shock absorber and the shooting vest has two gel pack/bubble pack shoulder inserts.

Clint enjoys competitive shooting because he's good at it (multiple championships) and because of the camaraderie with other shooters. But he also loves the fact that it's a multi-generational family affair for him. The Pridmore family

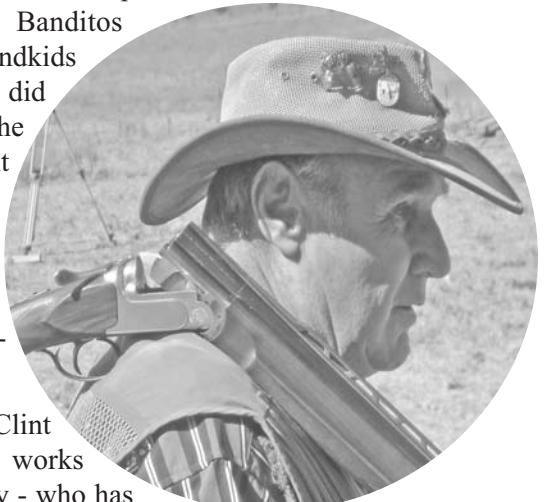
Pull, bang, poof! Watching the targets disintegrate brought to mind the official government definition of explosion: rapid mechanical disassembly.

During a lunch break, Clint and the producer, Riva Freifeld of New York, discussed



headed to Spain for an international competition where they were billed as the Banditos Gringos. Clint and teenage grandkids Austin, Clinton, and Whitney all did well, with Austin winning all the Junior classes and 4 out of 5 adult classes against 520 adult shooters. Granddaughter Whitney placed third in the Women's class. Back home, Austin also plays high school football while Clinton concentrates on baseball.

As with any modern sports star, Clint has an agent and manager who works behind the scenes - his wife Nancy - who has



always encouraged him and helped organize the family adventure to Spain.

The Pope Valley Turkey Shoot is only a couple of weeks away. Hopefully people will get a chance to see Clint and other great shooters in action there.



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now stretches back six generations to the 1800s in Napa County. His children were good shooters and now his grandkids, who started at 9 years old, are champions too. A couple of years ago three generations of Pridmores jour-

The Pope Creek Bridge Party: Before and After

Many people take their first-time lake visitor friends, with cameras, to see the holiday weekend parties at the Pope Creek Bridge. It's a cultural experience! A huge group of party people with hundreds of \$50,000 and up wakeboard and hot boats pulsing together to heavy bass music. Free-flowing beer and boobs (not the female kind), Mardi Gras beads and boobs (the female kind), warm water, friends and sun combine for an almost surreal scene. The sheriff's deputies on jet skis probably would like to see less of it, but the American public is free to use public facilities and law enforcement, and its cost, is part of that equation.

Most people are there to relax and have a good time after a hard week at work -



Before

sort of a mild "Take this job and shove it" routine. Hopefully continued consistent enforcement of the rules of good behavior will keep it a fun place for everyone. Also a few mooring buoys would be helpful.

Americans form a bell-shaped curve ranging from the clueless to the responsible. On September 17 Napa Dive and Sport spearheaded the latter group in a clean up at the Pope Creek Bridge. Scuba divers performed an underwater trash pickup as part of California Coastal Cleanup Day. Dozens of bags of trash were collected - mostly



After

beer bottles and cans and the ubiquitous Mardi Gras beads. The good news is that organizers thought the amount of trash had decreased from previous years. A modest education program and some bins on shore to toss the empties might have an even bigger impact next year.



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Fishing with Sid

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This week I would like to talk about sqaw fish also known as sacramento pike. Apparently they are increasing in numbers rapidly and they cause havoc to the survival of all other species of fish in the lake. I have been told by Fish & Game that if I catch one it should be destroyed and thrown on the shore for the birds.

With the cooling water the bass bite is increasing and the trout are coming closer to the surface. With summer winding down and less boat traffic the fishing should improve week by week. If you have any questions or stories to share regarding fishing, call me at 650-583-3333...til next week.....good fishing!!!!!! www.fishingconnection.net

Fishing with Dino

Crappie are on at the lake! Early morning hours using Jigs or Minnows....get your bait to the bottom near docks or brush areas. Cappell Cove is a great area. Cats are still hitting on dip bait or hot dogs. Any shoreline for cats will work. Throw plastics on rocky shoreline in 20 feet of water and you will do OK on small mouth bass. A Large mouth has come in now and then. The Trout and Salmon are down at the 45 to 65 Foot depths. The Narrows or Skiers Cove Shoreline are good areas this week. Apex Lures or Needlefish will work great. Anglers have not been using flashers. The water temperature is 68 degrees 8 ft from the surface. - Dino Righetti, Spanish Flat Marina, 707-966-7708



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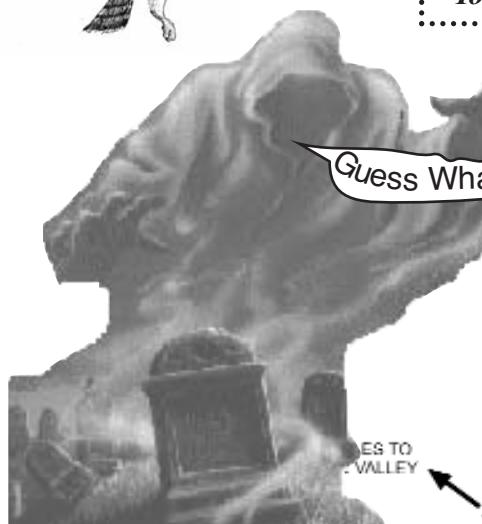
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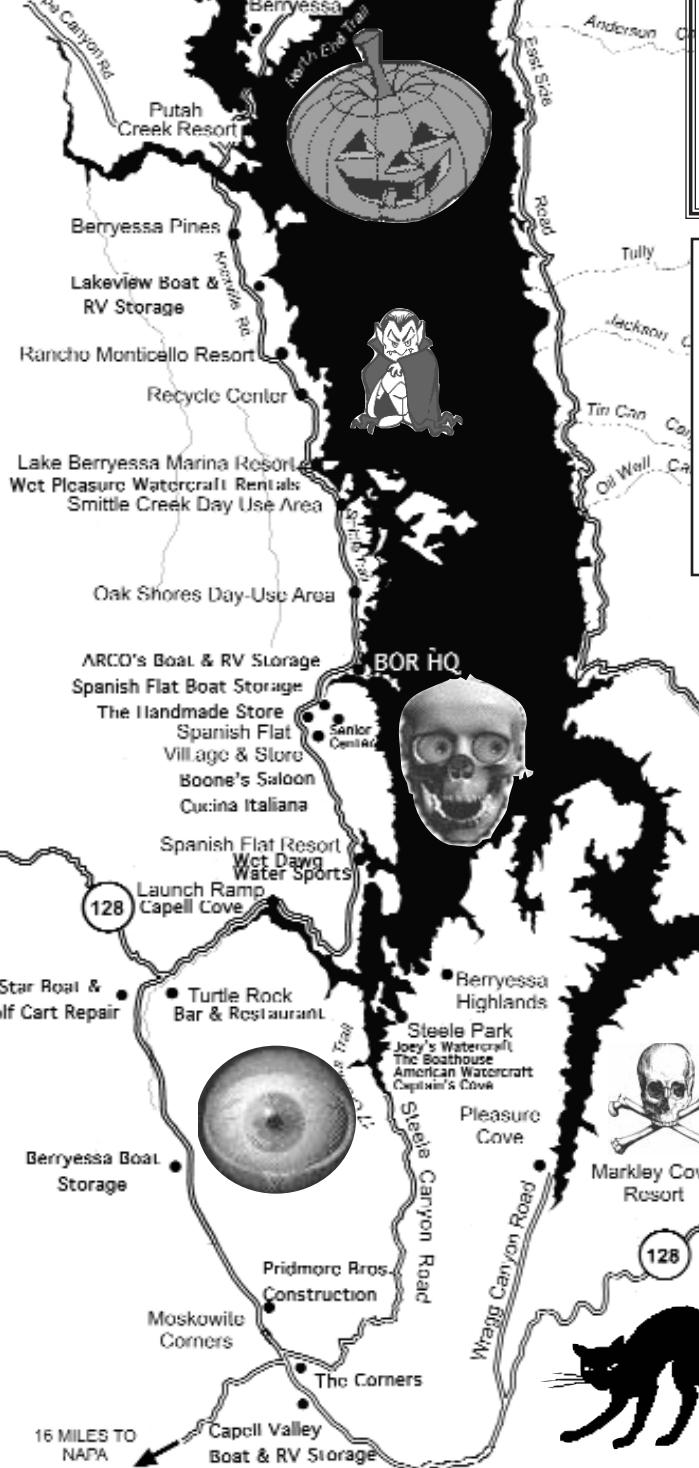
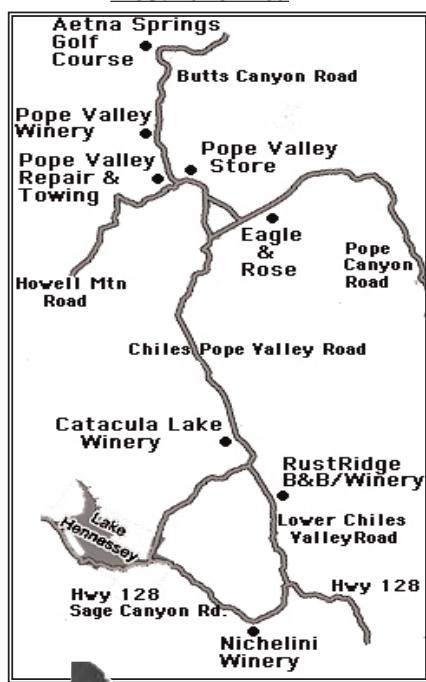


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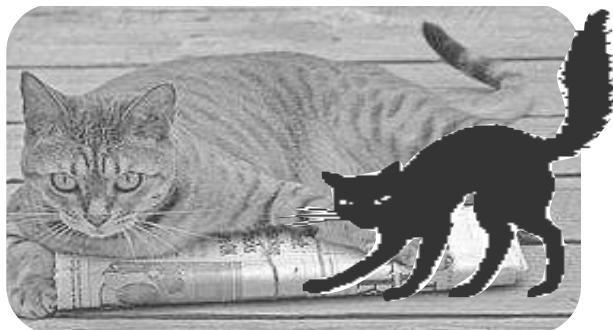
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From the Editor

The following story is reprinted from Marin County's Point Reyes Light. After reading the first line, you might think it was something that could only happen in Napa County. Point Reyes was my home town for a couple of years and I was fairly involved in Marin environmental issues as a board member and trainer for the Environmental Forum of Marin. I'm familiar with all the players in the mini-drama described below and most are quite reasonable. But there are always the radical nutzoids who can hijack the legal system and wreak havoc on their fellow citizens. This is a cautionary tale for Napa County where groups like the one causing trouble in Marin have a strong base and have negatively affected Lake Berryessa already. Reasonable people need to stand up to these groups and individuals. Read it and see what you think. Is 5 acres of new wetlands near hundreds of acres of existing wetlands worth destroying 5 acres of one of the oldest, most productive local organic farms?

Environmentalist Harassed by "Environmentalists"

A group of environmental activists are mounting a legal attack on state and county government and in doing so are threatening the survival of the oldest organic farm in California. The Tomales Bay Association in Marin County claims county government and the Coastal Commission did not require enough environmental studies before allowing the farmer to make environmental improvements to five acres of his land in Bolinas.

"This piece of land has a history of growing some very nice crops over the years," Warren Weber, one of the most respected organic farmers in Marin County, said. Today, he added, produce grown on the five acres makes up roughly 12 percent of his business.

But Weber can no longer take that 12 percent for granted. The Tomales Bay-Association has gone to court, claiming the County of Marin and the California Coastal Commission failed to require enough environmental studies before issuing permits for irrigation pipes underneath the road and altering his dikes to suit the Army Corps of Engineers.

Those old dikes, Weber says, date from the nineteenth century - protecting farmland from lagoon waters at high tide. When he sought permits for the work from county government, however, members of the Tomales Bay Association went before the county Planning Commission to oppose him - to the bafflement of some planning commissioners.

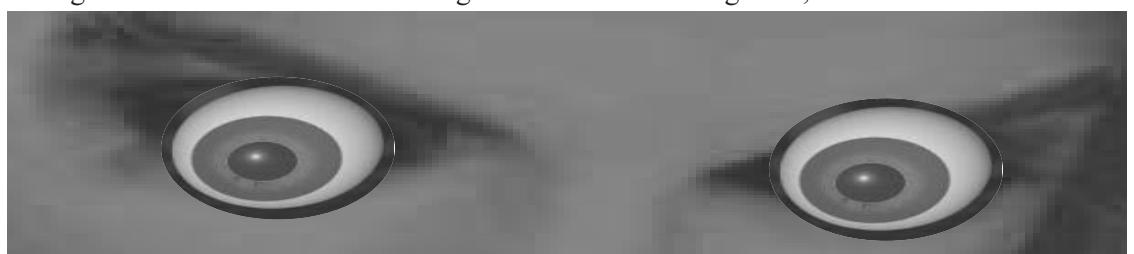
In 2004, the Tomales Bay Association announced that it was suing both agencies, and as a result of that lawsuit, the planned wetland restoration had to be postponed. "This is such a waste of taxpayers' money and time," Weber said. "The only object they have seem to have in mind is to prevent me from using the property in any way."

Weber's operation, Star Route Farms, is the oldest certified organic farm in the state. The farm totals 100 acres, of which 11 are protected by the dikes. Of the 11, only five are actually farmed. The six acres bordering Bolinas Lagoon lie fallow, though Weber mows the fields to provide habitat for small shorebirds,

Weber said that the association's real goal is to end all farming in his fields on the lagoon side of Olema-Bolinas Road. To this the Tomales Bay Association responded that the land would be "most productive" as a wetland than a farm. Weber disagrees. In the late 1990s, he said, soil scientists from the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service concluded that the five acres of the field he cultivates are "prime ag soil."

Tomales Bay Association's litigation has drawn confusion and criticism from some elected officials and fellow environmentalists. "It's absolutely incomprehensible to me," said Phyllis Faber, a wetlands biologist, former coastal commissioner, and co-founder of Marin Agricultural Land Trust. "I think it's counterproductive. To pick away at Warren Weber, who really is a great steward of the land, and not look at the big picture, is disappointing."

"We don't want to try to restore habitat at the expense of an endangered part of our economic and cultural tradition in West Marin," Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey said. "Managers of the ecological resources at the Bolinas Lagoon should take a long view, and not a short view."



Lions Club
Bike Rodeo Winners

The Annual Lions Club Bike Rodeo took place at Pope Valley Elementary School on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005.

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Yesenia Montanez (Kindergarten)

“Thanks so much for everything. The Berryessa Lions and they're support group have meant the world to us in our bike rodeo and our vision screening program. Any of you are welcome to come by and visit our school anytime!”

Thanks,

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The parade is free and open to children of all ages. Dress up in your Halloween costume and join others at the corner of Main and Pearl Street in Downtown Napa. The parade will begin at 4 PM and end in the Napa Town Center. Children of all ages are invited and parents can march with the young ones.

Immediately following the parade, trick or treat at stores displaying black and orange balloons. The parade is free and no registration is required. For more info, visit the calendar of events at www.napadowntown.com. Happy Halloween!



Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

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Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527.

Weekly Berryessa Youth Meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM at the Vol. Fire Station. For more information call Gina Hamilton, 966.2816

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Absentee voters and voters without a polling place in their precinct (mail-out) will use optical scan (paper) ballots on November 8. There are approximately 15,500 Permanent Absentee Voters and approximately 3,300 mail-out voters who will receive their optical scan ballots the week of October 10.

Early touchscreen voting begins at the elections office on Monday, October 10, 2005 and continues weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM and Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Early voting will also be available from Monday October 31 through Monday November 7 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM including Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6 at the following locations:

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Tickets are now on sale at all resorts and most roadside businesses for the big Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Annual Steak Barbecue, to be held at Putah Creek Park Restaurant and Lounge on Saturday, August 16th, starting at 5 P.M. Price of the tickets is \$7.50 each, just \$15.00 per couple, for the complete dinner.

Besides enjoying a delicious barbecue with friends you may not get to see very often, your ticket stub entitles you to be eligible for some really great Door Prizes, and there will be live music continuously for your dancing or listening pleasure.

It makes it so much easier to plan things if there is some idea of how many people to plan on, so it would be most appreciated if you plan to attend if you would purchase your tickets IN ADVANCE, although, they will be sold at the door

TAKE THE BUS !!

Lake Berryessa residents have been very fortunate to have been offered the services of the TRI CITY BUS SERVICE since the 11th of June - but are they taking advantage of the \$2.00 round trip fare to Napa each Wednesday every week?

While we haven't noted many, there have been a few who have tried it - and they really liked it! Some said it was just like having a private chauffeur or a private taxi at their disposal. How about you? Have you tried

CRIME DOES PAY . . . SOMETIMES - ACCORDING TO U.S. SENATOR S. I. HAYAKAWA

We've all seen a late night gangster movie that ended with the detective putting handcuffs on the crook, and with a cold, callous demeanor saying, "You'd better learn Bugs, crime doesn't pay." Sorry Inspector, in some cases it can pay quite well. According to the Social Security Act a convicted criminal can receive up to \$500 a month from the Social Security Administration while in prison.

David Berkowitz, better known as "Son of Sam," is receiving \$300 a month while serving his 315-year sentence in Attica Prison. One man serving four life sentences in Soledad Prison for killing four people, two of whom were police officers, is receiving \$195 a month. He filed for the money on the grounds that slaughering four people is evidence enough of his unstable mental condition and therefore he's disabled. The Social Security Administration agreed, and now he receives his check in the mail every

Daylight Savings Time Changes October 30th

At 2 a.m. on October 30, groggy Americans will turn their clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST). Until 2006 DST will be from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October as it has been since 1986. In Aug. 2005, Congress passed an energy bill that included extending Daylight Saving Time by about a month. Beginning in 2007, DST will start the second Sunday of March and end on the first Sunday of November.

Daylight Saving Time has been around for most of this century and even earlier. Benjamin Franklin, while a minister to France in 1784, first suggested the idea. British Summer Time was introduced by an Act of Parliament in 1916. England recognized that the nation could save energy and changed their clocks during the first World War.

In 1918, in order to conserve resources for the war effort, the U.S. Congress placed the country on Daylight Saving Time for the remainder of WW I. When America went to war again, Congress reinstated Daylight Saving Time on February 9, 1942. It remained advanced one hour forward year-round until September 30, 1945. From 1945 to 1966, there was no U.S. law about Daylight Saving Time. So, states and localities were free to observe Daylight Saving Time or not.

This, however, caused confusion -- especially for the broadcasting industry, and for trains and buses. Because of the different local customs and laws, radio and TV stations and the transportation companies had to publish new schedules every time a state or town began or ended Daylight Saving Time. By 1966, some 100 million Americans were observing Daylight Saving Time through their own local laws and customs. Congress decided to step in and end the confusion and establish one pattern

across the country. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 created Daylight Saving Time to begin on the last Sunday of April and to end on the last Sunday of October. The law was amended in 1986 to begin Daylight Saving Time on the first Sunday in April.

Following the 1973 Arab Oil Embargo, Congress put most of the nation on extended Daylight Saving Time for two years in hopes of saving additional energy. This experiment worked, but Congress did not continue the experiment in 1975 because of opposition -mostly from the farming states.

DST saves energy. Based on consumption figures for 1974 and 1975, the Department of Transportation says observing DST in March and April saved the equivalent in energy of 10,000 barrels of oil each day -- a total of 600,000 barrels in each of those two years.

Daylight Saving Time saves lives and prevents traffic injuries. The earlier Daylight Saving Time allowed more people to travel home from work and school in daylight, which is much safer than darkness. And except for the months of November through February, DST does not increase the morning hazard for those going to school and work.

Daylight Saving Time prevents crime. Because people get home from work and school and complete more errands and chores in daylight, Daylight Saving Time also seems to reduce people's exposure to various crimes, which are more common in darkness than in light.

When year-round daylight time was tried in 1973, one reason it was repealed was because of an increased number of school bus accidents in the morning. Observers attribute the huge spike in other accidents on the first Monday of DST to the sudden change in the amount of light during driving times.

The Glory Hole

The Glory hole is a non- regulated spillway, which is located about 200 feet behind the dam. The outside diameter of the Glory hole is 72 feet. The hole in the center tapers down to no less than 28 feet.

The distance from the crest (top edge), to the exit point which is situated in the south side of the canyon, is about 700 feet. The crest of the Glory hole, sits 16 feet lower than the crest of the dam. When and if the water level of the lake rises to 15 1/2 feet over the top of the Glory hole (its maximum design), it will release 48,400 cubic feet per second, or in layman's terms, 362,000 gallons every 1 second !



The Asteroids are Coming

According to Wired Magazine thousands of asteroids are heading towards Earth, but, fortunately, their aim stinks. Most will miss us by millions of miles. In fact, the speeding chunk of rock that'll come closest to our plane in the near future has only a 1-in-5,882 chance of a bulls-eye. You're more likely to die of the flu.

Still, a collision with even a modest-size asteroid - say, a quarter-mile in diameter - could devastate an urban area or small country. The good news is that it will be 2068 before the most dangerous near-Earth object becomes a threat. Hoping to save future generations, NASA is funding a program to identify 90% of potentially hazardous flying objects. Thanks to their efforts, 15 times as many asteroids (about 16 per day) were discovered in 2004 as in 1995. But that's not enough. The ultimate goal: finding the one with our name on it!

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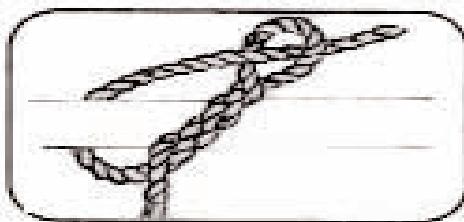
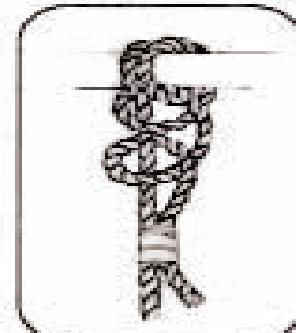
In a Darwinian twist of fate, scientists believe fish are downsizing.

Driven by years of excessive fishing of larger and more highly prized fish, the average body sizes of many species have dropped dramatically. The trend, say scientists, is genetically based and signals dire consequences for marine fisheries.

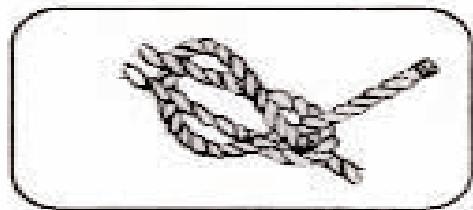
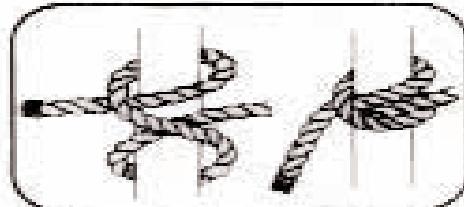
By selecting the largest fish for harvest, you're preventing long reproductive life spans. In leaving the smallest to be the parents of the next generation, smaller size is evolving in populations. Smaller fish grow more slowly but mature faster, producing fewer, less hardy eggs than older, larger fish. Such a genetic shift in reproductive capability reduces a population's chance for recovery after being decimated by fishing.

One way to counter the problem is to harvest mid-sized fish. Releasing both the largest and smallest ones would favor those that grow fastest to protected size, while increasing the number of big, more fertile fish. And establishing a network of marine protected areas would not only sustain natural genetic variation in fish populations, but also allow them to replenish depleted areas.

Fisherman's Bend:
An important knot because of its strength and simplicity and is more secure when end is seized as shown.



Clove Hitch:
Also known as Builder's Hitch because of its wide use by builders in fastening staging to upright posts.



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.

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers

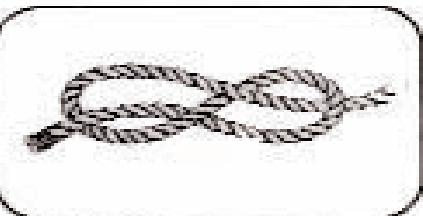
A ton of grapes makes about 720 bottles of wine, or 60 cases. Each bottle of wine contains about 2.8 pounds of grapes which means it takes about half a pound of grapes to produce a 5 ounce glass of wine.

18 - Average number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes - those with winds of at least 131 mph - since 1990, up from an average of 10 per year in the 1970s.

1 - Increase in degrees fahrenheit of tropical sea surface temperatures since 1970, fueling speculation that global warming is making storms stronger.

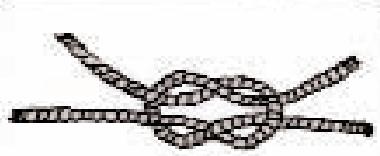
Figure Eight Knot:

The figure eight knot is used at the end of a rope to temporarily prevent the strands from unlaying



Reef Knot: (Square Knot)

If tied with two ends of unequal size, or if one end is slicker or more slippery than the other, it is bound to spill. Under no circumstances should it be used as a bend. (A bend is tying two ropes together). There have probably been more lives lost as a result of using a SQUARE KNOT as a bend.



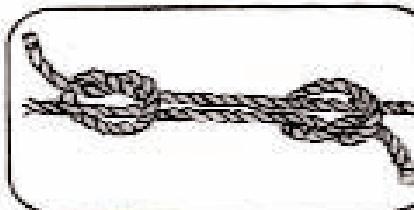
Surgeon's Knot:

This knot is usually tied with twine. The surgeon's knot is a modified form of the reef knot and the extra turn taken in the first tie prevents slipping before the knot is completed.



Fisherman's Knot:

The fisherman's knot is probably the strongest known method of joining fine lines, such as fishing line.



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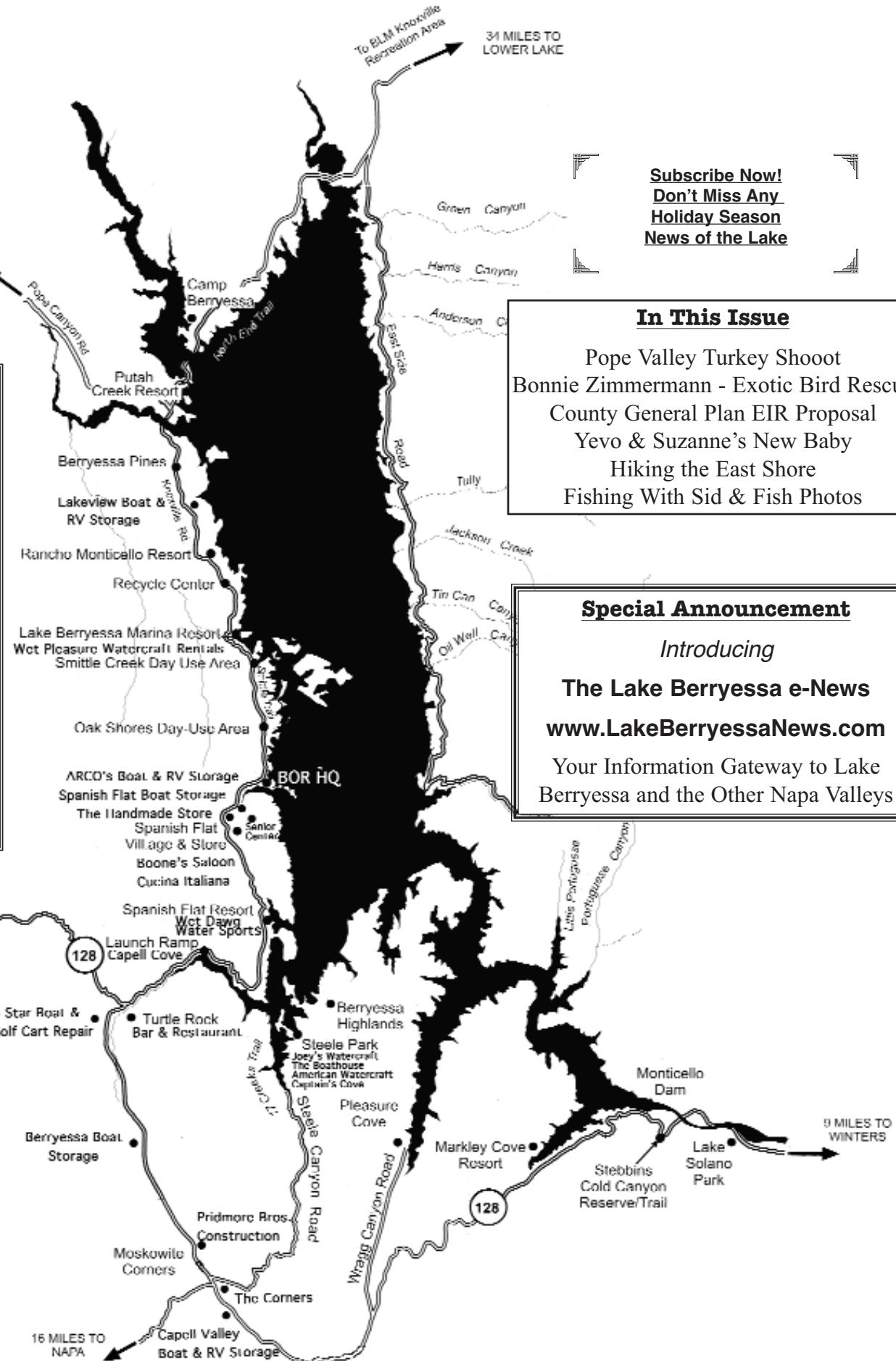
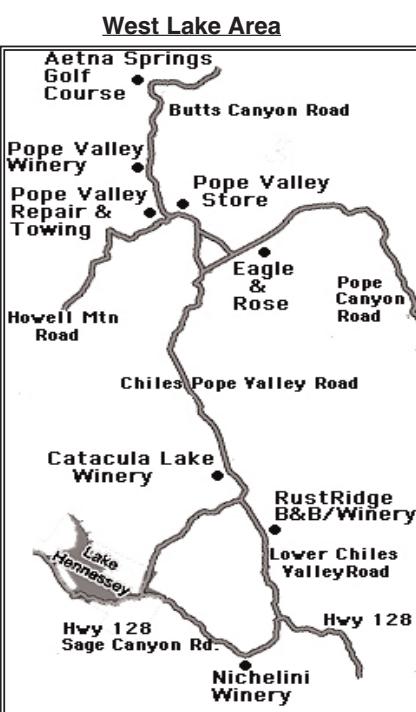
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From the Editor

There is an announcement from the County at the top of the next page requesting comments by Dec. 12 regarding proposed alternatives to be studied in an environmental impact report to be prepared for the County General Plan. This report will be incredibly important to the future of the Lake Berryessa region and everyone needs to understand the issues and make comments. We didn't have room to print the whole announcement but here's a tidbit from one alternative: "would also include enhanced economic development activities such as policies and zoning to support sustainable commercial "nodes" in Oakville, Rutherford, Pope Valley, Angwin, and Lake Berryessa." There will be much more to come on this in our next issue and on our web site: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.

To the Editor

Dear Congressman Pombo,

It is our understanding that as Chairman of the House Resources Committee, you have jurisdiction over the policies of all agencies under the U.S. Department of the Interior and more specifically over policy decisions of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The Bureau of Reclamation is currently in the process of developing new policy for Lake Berryessa. The City of Winters is known as the Gateway to the Monticello Dam and to Lake Berryessa. Many of our businesses greatly benefit from lake visitors who travel through and stop to buy food, gas, sporting goods, etc. On weekends up to 6,000 people pass through our community on the way to lake activities. Many of our constituents use the lake on a regular basis and our youth work in the many businesses which operate there. Finally, throughout the region, there are boat sales and service, sporting goods retailers and a variety of other businesses that depend on Lake Berryessa for a sizable share of their income.

Our concern is simple..... The Lake Berryessa Re-Use Plan represents the economic equivalent to a military base closure to our community.

The Winters City Council is concerned about the economic stability of Lake Berryessa. From a practical sense, the re-use plan under consideration presents a real threat to the overall economic stability of our community. Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

- The significant reduction in the number of users is of a major concern of our City. Non-motorized uses (kayaks, sailboats, etc) would change the Lake immensely. Fewer visitors to the Berryessa means fewer visitors to Winters.
- The plan calls for a significant departure from the current motorized use of the Lake. Markley Cove, the closest proximity to our community, would change to a less dense use, switching from motorized boats to houseboats.
- Markley Cove is a very important Winters business. The operators are superior members of our community and are a wonderful employer to many of our residents.
- The plan fails to recognize that Lake Berryessa as a spring/summer lake, not year round as projected in the economic reports.

We feel this economic stability could very well be created or destroyed by the policies the Bureau of Reclamation chooses and your committee authorizes in the coming months. We respectfully request a town hall meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation staff and our community so that we may voice our concerns and ideas regarding the current policy alternatives under consideration by the Bureau of Reclamation.

We are specifically concerned with the following:

- The potential reduction of long-term use at Lake Berryessa.
- These users are being treated as the "bad guys" when in fact they have provided economic stability at the lake for years. We feel this use should be given consideration as a viable "multiple use" just as convention hotels or boating or cattle grazing are given consideration as uses on federal land.
- The "zoning" of the lake to drastically restrict motorized watercraft uses.
- The upcoming "Concession Bid Process."

We are aware that all the concession agreements will go out to bid. This is a part of doing business on a government property. However, we hope the federal government will handle this transaction in a fair and equitable manner. The worst economic nightmare imaginable would be.

Please contact John W. Donlevy, Jr., City Manager at 530-795-4910 Ext. 110 to schedule this meeting.

Sincerely,

Dan Martinez, Mayor, City of Winters

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Napa County is undertaking the first comprehensive update of the Napa County General Plan since 1983, and will be the lead agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the General Plan Update. We need to know your views regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. See: www.napacountygeneralplan.com/library/files/NOP.pdf

Written comments can be submitted at any time during the notice period which begins October 21 and ends at 4:45 PM on December 12, 2005. Letters should be directed to: Napa County General Plan Update, Attn: Patrick Lowe, EIR Task Manager 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559 (or e-mail to info@napacountygeneralplan.com)

In addition, oral comments will be accepted at the following meetings:

Northern Napa County: 6:30 PM on November 9, 2005 at St. Helena Fire Station, 1500 Main Street, St. Helena.

Daytime Meeting: 1:00 PM on November 10, 2005 Napa City-County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa. (Targeted for Public Agency Staff)

Southern Napa County: 6:30 PM on November 10, 2005 at Napa Valley Unified School District (Education Center) Board Room, 2425 Jefferson Street, Napa.

New Arrival at Boone's Saloon!

Chamber of Commerce Board member Yevo Jeworowski & Suzanne have a new bundle of joy. See party announcement below. Come on down to help them celebrate.



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Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month - Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday - Bingo - 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck - Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck - Every 3rd Friday Night - bring a dish.

Senior Center - Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527. Weekly Berryessa Youth Meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM at the Vol. Fire Station. For more information call Gina Hamilton, 966.2816

Sufi Center ~ Meditation & Healing Circle - Pope Valley

Every Thursday - 7pm ~ Every Sunday - 6pm

1st Sunday of every month - Pot Luck - 4pm to 6pm

Info - Call 707-965-0700, 2950 Pope Valley Canyon Rd.

Get your event on the calendar by calling 966-3806 or 287-6240

Email shirllake@myexcel.com or pkilkus@aol.com.

Pope Valley Turkey Shoot

Thousands of clay pigeons met their end flying through the air! Hundreds of turkeys were won. Many pounds of barbecued tri-tip sandwiches were consumed. And the weather was great. Supervisor Diane Dillon, Sheriff's candidate Doug Koford, former supervisorial candidate Brad Kirkpatrick, the official Boss Turkey (see photo), and many other active community members were there.

The Pope Valley contest is one of the largest benefit turkey shoots around and supports the Pope Valley Fire Department and local Pope Valley school. It deserves major recognition by the National Rifle Association. Next year the Lake Berryessa News staff will field a team - once we (at least one of us) learns how to hit more than 1 out of 50 clay pigeons! With more than 2,000 shooters, family, and friends, it was a unique social event and very enjoyable tradition.

We would like to thank the following for their donations:

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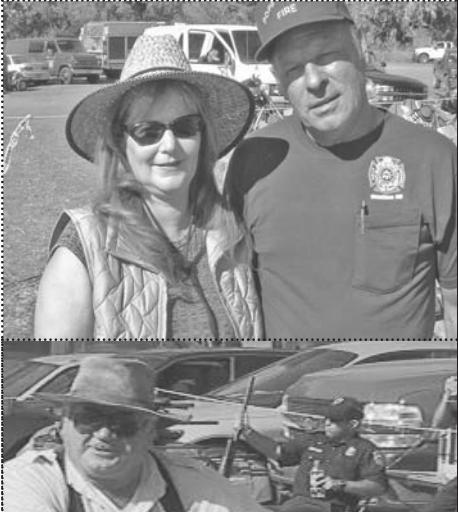
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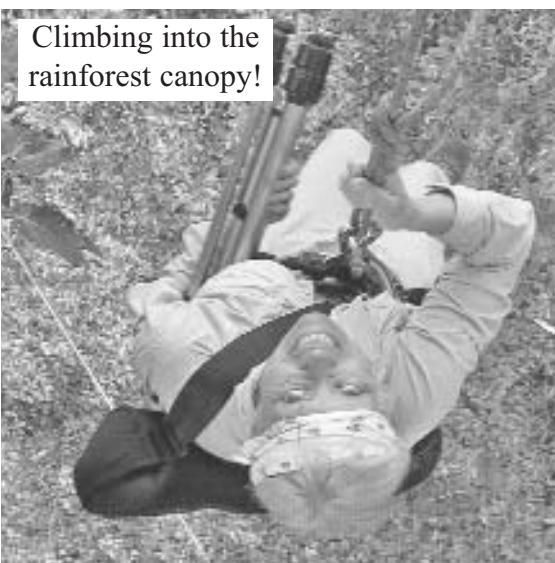


Lions Club Bicycle Rodeo Winners at the Pope Valley School: Yesenia Montanez (Kindergarten), Justin Portue (1st grade), Chrisofer Martinez (2nd grade), Cathlina Ramirez (4th grade), Mariana Maldonado (5th grade), Courtney Brown (7th grade), Morgan Stipanovic (8th grade).

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A Human Link Between Exotic Wines and Exotic Birds



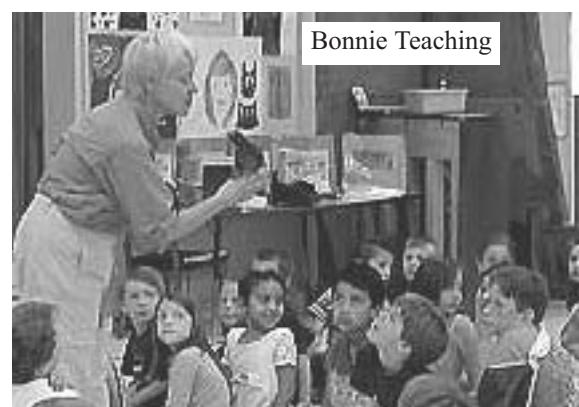
When Bonnie Zimmermann, manager of the Pope Valley Winery, drove up to Northern California from Hollywood juggling three cell phones and two pagers while organizing a big-name philanthropic event for the Gorbachev Foundation in San Francisco, she knew her stress levels were peaking. Being a television line producer for commercials, documentaries, and TV shows like *Murder She Wrote* had given her the experience to branch out into producing rock band tours like the

Who's *Quadrophenia*. But now evolving into the producer of high-profile, high-pressure socio-political gatherings, she had one of those "Northern California Moments" so common among Napa County residents. She fell in love with the area, abandoned her killer schedule, and moved to Calistoga to get into the wine business.

But killer schedules didn't seem to disappear for long. Like others who decide it's time to give back to the planet, Bonnie got involved in the protection of exotic birds. She founded The Wild Connection (www.thewildconnection.org) whose main goals are: 1) the survival of parrot species in the wild; 2) Enhancing the health and welfare of companion birds everywhere; and 3) protection of tropical habitats and their indigenous communities. She is also the Associate Director of Project Bird Watch (www.indonesian-parrot-project.org).



Bonnie loves her work at the Pope Valley Winery which is why she can put in the long hours and 7 day weeks there. But she also loves research projects in places like the Peruvian Amazon where in 2002 she was a Guacamayero or Macaw Cowboy! Because of her vast knowledge of exotic birds, especially parrots, she received a request to assist in a



Bonnie Teaching

project in Indonesia. After an intense month in the Indonesian jungle, the project directors were so impressed with her survival abilities that they prevailed upon her to start leading ecotours!

As Bonnie became more and more involved in the Indonesian Parrot Project she got deeper into the management of it. A research and ecotourism facility was built. The goal is to work with the indigenous people, including identified trappers and smugglers,

to change the economy of the area to one based on ecotourism rather than the smuggling of birds and primates. Bonnie says that the project is having success as documented through undercover monitoring of the known trappers and smugglers and the measured increase in the bird populations.

Bonnie leads two ecotours per year to Indonesia and travels there twice more per year in her Director's capacity. But the rest of the year she is focused on producing some outstanding exotic wines at the Pope Valley Winery. Coincidentally, those of you who have used the excellent Lonely

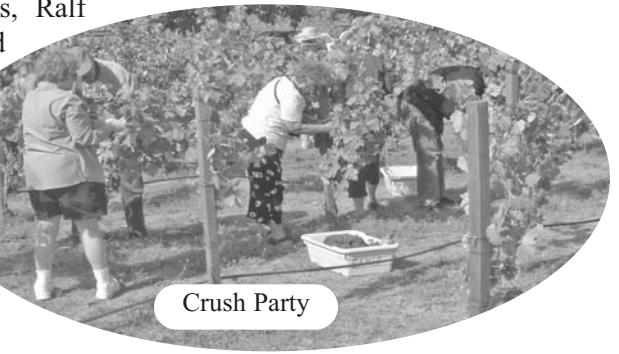
Planet Guides in your travels will be pleasantly surprised to know that the Pope Valley Winery is actually listed in the Lonely Planet Guide to the Napa and Sonoma Wine Country!

The winery's web site - www.PopeValleyWinery.com - has much local history to enjoy. The winery was constructed in 1897 from massive timbers moved down from the Oat Hill Quicksilver Mine. It was a three story gravitational flow winery, with hand dug cave. The cave took over 9 years to dig, and the winery was bonded in 1909.

After almost a century of mixed fortunes, long time Pope Valley residents Jim, Sam & Henry Eakles, Ralf Gerdes, Manny Gomes and Rodney Young joined together to purchase this historical winery in 1998 and bring new life back into it. Bonnie Zimmermann is helping do that in some exotic ways.



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East Shore Wildlife Area Hiking

The east shore of Lake Berryessa is an undeveloped wildlife area backed by cattle ranches. The well maintained gravel East Shore Ranch and Fire Access Road allows public access for almost six miles of the shoreline starting from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and extending south to a turn-around loop. The area between the road and the water is the East Shore Wildlife Area. The road provides public access to the Wildlife Area as well as ranch and fire access. The Wildlife Area extends south from the end of the gravel road to the dam and is accessible by foot.

There are two pedestrian access gates through the fence that runs on the lake side of the road. The first gate (labeled E1) is 0.2 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the northern end of the Wildlife Area. Parking is available across the gravel road and a short distance to the north of the gate. The second gate (labeled E14) is 5.5 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the middle of the Wildlife Area. Short trails lead from each gate to the shore. A large variety of raptors and water fowl may be viewed from the trails including White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles, Western Grebes, Cormorants and many species of ducks.

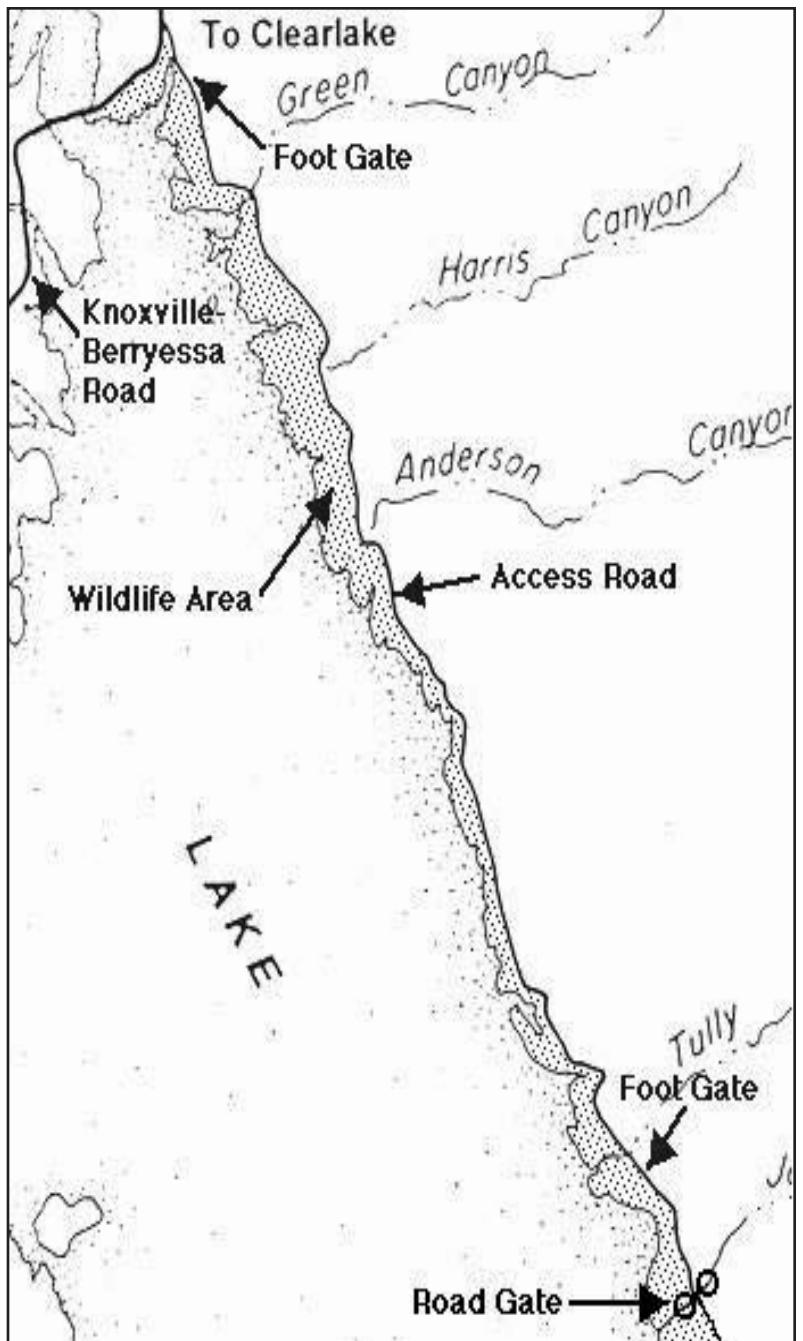
Note: the north pedestrian access gate was damaged by the Rumsey fire in October, 2005. Subsequently, someone sealed the damaged entrance with barbed wire. Until the foot entrance is repaired and the barbed wire removed, hikers and paddlers may climb over the metal gate next to the foot entrance to gain access to the lake.

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.

Another fire popped up on the east side of the lake north of the Narrows on Thursday, Oct. 20th about 2 P.M. but only lasted about 3 hours before it went out.
See color photos at: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com



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Fishing with Sid

Fishing at Lake Berryessa was grrrrreat this past weekend!!! The weather was perfect, the water was calm and clear and the fish were co-operating. My wife and I went to the vineyards on Friday and wormed for bass in shallow water. We had a very successful time.

Saturday we decided to troll for awhile towards the ranch house. We hit two large salmon and a couple of trout on the surface. Then my wife landed a 6+ lb bass. Saturday evening I took out Kevin and Steve to show them how to catch bass trolling. In twenty minutes they caught four bass so we headed back in before it got to dark.

Sunday morning I met them and we went out for an early bite. Once again trolling was successful. Fish are breaking all over the lake. Sunday early afternoon I took my wife out and we caught a few bass and salmon. Then my wife got a huge hit and landed what we first thought was a catfish but turned out to be a monster squawfish - also known as Sacramento pike. This weighed in at 12 lbs and she used 6 lb P-line. It gave her quite a fight.

At least there is one less squawfish in the lake now. Whenever you catch a squawfish you should destroy it and leave it on shore for the birds or take it home. Just never put it back in the water because it is a predator and feeds on the other fish. All in all this was a perfect fishing weekend.....til next week.....good fishing!!!! www.fishingconnection.net. If you want to email me with any fishing stories.... bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333



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In summer, the main anglers are fishing from the bank, using marshmallows and worms for bait, for hatchery fish planted by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). These fish are domesticated animals conditioned to taking pellets of food from the surface. They are likely to die of starvation and predation if not caught in a couple of weeks. The fishery is very popular, especially with kids, because catching is easy.

Alien fish do, however, dominate Lake Berryessa, an alien habitat. They are symbolized by the large common carp, native to Europe, which you can often see if you peer through the fence down into the water near the dam. They will be cruising about or browsing on the bottom with their fleshy lips. One of the main fisheries in the reservoir is for warm-water panfish: various kinds of bass, sunfish, and catfish that readily take baited hooks or lures. There is also a fishery for rainbow trout. Hatchery rainbows find life in the lake easy compared to life in the stream below, and they quickly learn to feed on abundant forage fish, mainly threadfin shad, a small herring.

In recent years, CDFG has been planting surplus juvenile chinook salmon which can also feed on shad and grow rapidly. These fish are unlikely to reproduce in the reservoir although steelhead-like rainbow trout do spawn every year in Putah Creek and other tributaries to the lake. These fish may be descendants of steelhead that got trapped above the dam and learned to complete their life cycle without going to sea.

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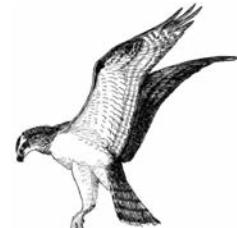


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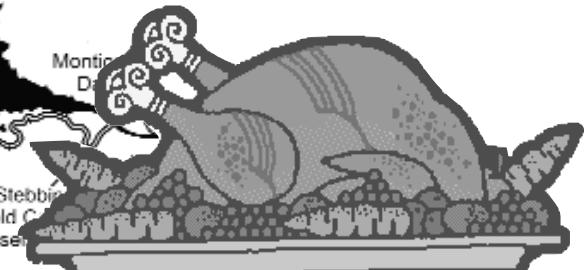
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From the Editor

There are some issues of extreme importance to the Lake Berryessa community that need to be closely followed by Lake Berryessa and West Lake area residents. The most critical, of course, is the BOR's newly released FEIS for the Visitor Services Plan. It was a big disappointment to supporters of a rational, inclusive plan for the lake. There is more about this in the following pages.

Even the meetings on Saturday, Nov. 12, the BOR sponsored at resorts around the lake, to introduce the FEIS were disappointing to the attendees. In meetings at which they believed they would be given some actual facts determining their fate and the fate of their property, all they got was "we did our job, now it's up to the people above us to make the decision, so we really don't know what to tell you". That may not be all bad since clearly someone with a bit more pragmatic common sense needs to get involved at the Department of the Interior and in Congress. This is what the Town Hall Meeting in Winters on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1 P.M. at the high school gym is all about.

For those who did not attend, the BOR rolled out the big guns; Mike Finnegan - Mid-Pacific manager at Folsom, Rick Johnson - Folsom coordinator, Pete Lucero - Lake Manager, and Jeff McCracken - Public Relations officer, accompanied by four Sheriff's Deputies (no comment)! They tried their best to answer all the inquiries, but were frequently unable to explain how they will go forward from here. Comments from those who did attend indicated the meeting was frustrating and basically a waste of time.

But the other ongoing process we all need to be involved in is the Napa County General Plan. The County has commissioned an Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan and is seeking comments about alternatives to be investigated. The alternatives are discussed in a story in this issue. One alternative "would also include enhanced economic development activities such as policies and zoning to support sustainable commercial "nodes" in Oakville, Rutherford, Pope Valley, Angwin, and Lake Berryessa." This should be of great interest to residents, and especially the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Please read the alternatives and make your comments by Dec. 12 to the County.

To the Editor

I am disturbed that Lake Berryessa is not well known in Congress and the Department of the Interior regarding the "reshaping" of the area. I have sent Secretary Norton an email over two months ago and have yet to receive a response. I am aware that many officials receive numerous emails, however, I wanted to get the message quickly to her office and was afraid the delay of US mail scrutiny (because of the anthrax issues) would take too long.

With over 17,000 petitions signed and sent to Congress and Bureau of Reclamation decision-makers, an Economic Study (paid for by the Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa) and numerous telephone calls, I am quite surprised that little is known within the Department of the Interior and Congress regarding the take over by the Bureau.

The Bureau's continual posture of "don't confuse us with the facts, our minds are made up" discredits the government process. I am a government employee for over 30 years and am appalled of the attitude exhibited by Bureau employees and representatives.

The Bureau's plan eliminates a tried and true revenue stream, takes away usage of some of the best coves and areas of the lake for water skiing, wakeboarding, fishing or just beaching a pontoon boat and eating lunch and excludes all motorized craft from some coves. I may be totally off base but excuse me...a lake with over 165 miles of shoreline has room for ALL lake users not just a few kayakers and canoe boaters (I have a canoe myself and do not see a problem with living in harmony with my other lake users).

I urged Secretary Norton to attend (or staff person) a meeting called by the City of Winters and attended by staff from Congressman Richard Pombo and many stakeholders on November 19, 2005 in Winter's High School at 1:00 PM to get unbiased information first hand.

Please do not let government fail us.

Sincerely,

Philip Constantino, President
Lake Berryessa Marina Resort Tenant's Association

To All Lake Berryessa Supporters:
Stop the Bureau of Reclamation's Destructive Plan for Lake Berryessa! Attend the Town Hall Meeting in Winters!

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The City of Winters, which will be drastically affected by the BOR proposal, has received the support of Congressman Richard Pombo, Chair of the House Resources Committee, for a Congressional Town Hall Meeting to address the concerns of Winters and the Lake Berryessa community regarding the shortcomings of the plan and the flawed process that created it. Congressional staff representatives will be there to hear you. This will be your last chance to affect the outcome.

It is of vital importance that an ENORMOUS number of Winters and Lake Berryessa supporters - businesses, residents, and permittees - turn out for this meeting. In no other way can you effectively demonstrate to the congressional representatives how important this issue is for you - and how necessary it is for them to hear the WHOLE story. While the FEIS is unyielding in its determination to remove all long term sites and radically change the lake community, only the Record of Decision will define the final plan - and it has not yet been written!

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1. Alternative 1 (Status Quo) This alternative would modify the existing General Plan and implementing ordinances to prohibit new parcel splits (probably by increasing minimum parcel sizes) and preserve existing land uses within unincorporated Napa County. Little new development would occur and major infrastructure improvements would not be feasible. There would be no change to the amount of land designated for industrial or agricultural use, although the present Agriculture, Watershed & Open Space (AWOS) district would be split into an AOS district and a WOS district, with the latter including areas where preservation of natural habitats would be prioritized. (This would be subject to a countywide vote under the terms of the County's "Measure J" referendum process.) The minimum parcel size for new wineries would increase from 10 to 40 acres, and additional forest protections would be included in the County's Conservation Regulations. No new sites would be made available for affordable or workforce housing.

2. Alternative 2 (Extension of Existing Plan) This alternative would update the existing General Plan without substantive policy changes, except that planned expansions in highway capacity would not occur. Slow housing and employment growth would continue principally w/in existing urban areas, no changes to agricultural or industrial areas would occur, and there would be no change to the amount of land designated for agricultural use. No changes to the Winery Definition Ordinance or the Conservation Regulations would occur, and no new sites would be made available for affordable or workforce housing.

3. Alternative 3 (Plan Update) This alternative would modify the existing General Plan and implementing ordinances by re-designating existing industrial lands for residential use (at the Dillingham & Pacific Coast sites) and commercial mixed use (at the Napa Pipe site). Slow housing and employment growth would occur w/in these areas in addition to existing urban areas, with the goal of maintaining a reasonable jobs-housing balance within the County. Incentives would be offered for on-site farmworker housing, and consistent with the City of Napa's General Plan, the County would support increased residential density within downtown Napa and encourage consideration of publicly owned sites

within the City for mixed use (including housing). Infrastructure improvements would include widening of Jamieson Canyon Road (State Hwy 12), extension of Flosden/Newell to Green Island Road, and provision of recycled water to the Coombsville and Carneros areas. Increased emphasis would be placed on alternative modes of transportation, with potential increases in trails, transit, and paratransit (i.e. van and taxi service). Re-designation of the Hess vineyard north of American Canyon from "Industrial" to "Agriculture, Watershed & Open Space" would increase the amount of land designated for agricultural use and policy changes would expand the "right to farm" to include a "right to process" (i.e. at wineries) and allow food-wine pairing at wineries. Changes to the Conservation Regulations would make erosion control plans (for vineyards) ministerial (i.e. a simpler approval process) with inclusion of effective Best Management Practices (BMPs). Affordable housing would be included as a percentage of new housing developed on industrial and publicly owned sites. No Measure J vote would be required.

4. Alternative 4 (Plan Update w/Enhanced Affordable Housing & Historic Preservation Focus) This alternative would include all the same changes as Alternative 3, but would also include General Plan and zoning changes required to re-designate some land adjacent to the cities of Napa and/or American Canyon for housing, as well as incentives for the reuse of historic buildings in agricultural areas such as Pope Valley, and the adjustment of urban boundaries to match zoning and uses in Angwin. (These changes would require a Measure J vote – however there would be no net change to the amount of land designated for agricultural use.) Second units would be permitted in the Agricultural Preserve (AP) zoning district similar to the Agricultural Watershed (AW) zoning district and small wineries (less than 20,000 gallons) would no longer require a use permit if they exclusively process grapes grown on site. Vineyard management companies would be permitted to locate in agricultural areas.

5. Alternative 5 (Plan Update w/Enhanced Transportation Focus) This alternative would include all the same changes as Alternative 3, but would also include enhanced transportation improvements including redesignating Hwy 29 around St. Helena and Calistoga (e.g. using Zinfandel Lane and Silverado Trail), extension of Napa Flosden/Newell to So. Kelly Road, ferry & light rail service between Vallejo and Napa (including Napa Pipe) & potentially between Fairfield and Napa if feasible. Policies would emphasize energy conservation and seek to increase alternative sources of energy.

6. Alternative 6 (Plan Update w/Enhanced Economic Development Focus) This alternative would include all the same changes as Alternative 3, but would also include enhanced economic development activities such as policies and zoning to support sustainable commercial "nodes" in Oakville, Rutherford, Pope

Valley, Angwin, and Lake Berryessa. (A Measure J vote may be required.) This alternative would also include an emphasis on economic and agricultural diversity (incl. sustainable timber harvest), a growth in service-sector employment, and policies regarding enhanced childcare services. Residential mixed-use could be considered for the Napa Pipe site. Vineyard management companies would be permitted to locate in agricultural areas and all new wineries using grapes grown on site would be exempt from use permit requirements.

7. Alternative 7 (Plan Update w/Additional Hillside Parcels) This alternative would modify the existing General Plan and implementing ordinances to preserve the agricultural character of the Napa Valley (including agricultural land within City boundaries) by permitting increased residential development in hillside areas. A Measure J vote would be required. Potential policy changes could include smaller minimum parcel sizes for wineries and residences and expansions of sewer and water infrastructure. Policies would emphasize energy conservation and seek to increase alternative sources of energy, including possible development of a cogeneration facility in the Knoxville area. Vineyards would be permitted on slopes of up to 35% (instead of 30% currently). All alternatives assume successful completion of the General Plan Update and assume that land use designations for vast sections of the County would remain unchanged.

Two priests died at the same time and met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You'll have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. What'll it be?"

The first priest says, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains." "So be it," says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest.

The second priest mulls this over for a moment and asks, "Will any of this week 'count', St. Peter?"

"No, I told you the computer's down. There's no way we can keep track of what you're doing."

"In that case," says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud." "So be it," says St. Peter, and the second priest disappears.

A week goes by, the computer is fixed, and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks.

"The first one should be easy," says St. Peter. "He's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles. But the second one could prove to be more difficult."

"Why?" asketh the Lord.

"He's on a snow tire, somewhere in North Dakota."

Bureau of Reclamation Ignores Public Comments and Pushes Destructive Plan for Lake Berryessa.

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The only slight modification to the original was a statement that mobile homes may be phased-out over a period of time or moved to other locations within a resort on an interim basis as the resort is remodeled in the BOR image. The full summary from the FEIS is included at the end of this article.

Another disappointment was the response of local Congressional representative, Mike Thompson. Mr. Thompson has consistently supported the BOR and ignored pleas from his local constituents, including the people of the Lake Berryessa region and the people and City Council of Winters. Other local congressional representatives who were asked to assist did not do so. They apparently felt they fulfilled their obligation to their constituents by simply sending a staff member to the Bureau of Reclamation to inquire about the issue. They were given misleading information and apparently accepted it.

But there is a ray of hope for rational planning in this black cloud of government abuse of its citizens. Lake Berryessa supporters' latest calls, e-mails, and letters, when combined with a formal yet impassioned request from the City Council of the City of Winters to Congressman Richard Pombo, Chair of the House Resources Committee which oversees the BOR, has resulted in Mr. Pombo's agreeing to the City Council's request for a Town Hall Meeting in Winters on November 19, 2005 at 1 P.M. at the Winters High School Gymnasium. The Mayor of Winters will chair the meeting which may include a panel of stakeholders asking pointed questions of the BOR, followed by a period for members of the public to ask questions or make statements. Chairman Pombo's staff members will attend this meeting. They will also make a visit to the lake prior to the meeting, in order to be more knowledgeable about the various issues.

The only hope of influencing the final outcome of the Record of Decision is to have Congress intercede. They must determine whether the purpose and needs of the Lake Berryessa project, under the

National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), have been met. Is Reclamation's plan even rational, considering all the data and economic analyses that showed the DEIS to be fundamentally flawed? Why should the government spend millions of dollars on a faulty plan of its own when a detailed alternative, the Resort Operators Plan (ROP), provides all the improvements to the lake, and more, than the government plan - but at no cost to the taxpayers?

And the only way they will know the truth is to send staff representatives to the Winters meeting. Supporters of a rational planning process for the lake believe their congressional representatives owe them at least this much. They urge everyone to call their congressman's offices (both local and in Washington, D.C.) again and demand a staff representative be present for the meeting.

The BOR held informational meetings Saturday, Nov. 12 at resorts around the lake. These meetings were for the BOR to explain their plans to the public. According to the BOR, per NEPA, the minimum 30 day period between release of the FEIS and the final Record of Decision is meant to be a "cooling off" period where all parties may review the final document to make sure it contains no substantive errors. Berryessa supporters believe there are many substantive problems with the document. The NEPA process says that all deliberations are now internal to the BOR as they make a final decision. Although Reclamation states that comments will neither modify the process nor outcome, they will be attached to the final document as public information.

From the FEIS: Description of Alternative B

The focus at Lake Berryessa would be the development of new facilities and programs to better serve the short-term visitor. This alternative would permanently remove all private long-term exclusive-use trailer sites and provide increased and improved short-term use opportunities. However, potential mitigation measures could include a phase out period that could involve relocation or consolidation of trailers on an interim basis to a less intrusive, fully developed site; actions that could require additional environmental analysis. Lakeshore areas at the resorts would be restored to a more natural setting and public access to those areas would be improved. Reclamation would maintain existing day-use areas and upgrade two vehicle pullouts to improve parking and trailhead access to the reservoir.

As a general framework, additional campsites, picnic areas, and recreational vehicle (RV) sites would be provided, along with customary lodging, houseboat rentals, and food, retail and marina services. A concessionaire would manage the Capell Cove launch ramp and the Camp Berryessa group campground under a fee-for-use system. Reclamation would develop a shoreline trail system and initiate a no-impact boat-in camping program.

Under the proposed action, Reclamation would

adopt a reservoir-wide zoning classification system, the Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (WROS) to designate appropriate types of recreational uses and use levels for various lake and shoreline areas.

The WROS does not impose numerical restrictions on any particular type of motorized or non-motorized watercraft. The WROS process incorporates adaptive management, therefore monitoring of the land and water use classifications (zones) designated for Lake Berryessa and adapting for appropriate or necessary change will be an ongoing process.

This document amends Lake Berryessa's 1992 RAMP, which presently still guides recreation management at the lake. The proposed action is needed to remedy over four decades of management practice under which prime shoreline areas have been reserved for exclusive long-term trailer site permittees, to the exclusion of the majority of visitors to Lake Berryessa.

A company with expertise in the commercial recreation hospitality industry was contracted to provide an economic feasibility analysis of the business potential as outlined in Alternative B. Based upon an analysis of initial "phase I" development, Dornbusch determined that Alternative B is economically feasible and provides a reasonable opportunity for a concessionaire to realize a profit. The economic analysis adopted a conservative approach because Alternative B introduces such significant transitional changes from current operations. Typically, when calculating business feasibility for the next term of a concession authorization, a major component of the work is projecting the current business. However, the current business will no longer be applicable as all exclusive long-term trailer use will eventually be eliminated and replaced with new facilities and programs that focus on traditional short-term recreation users.

Reclamation will rely on the competitive contracting process to develop and propose business models for recreation management that conform with the framework for concession operations in the VSP EIS preferred alternative and the final Record of Decision (ROD), and produce a fair and reasonable profit for the successful concession contractor.

Reclamation estimates approximately 12 - 20 instances lake-wide where retired elderly people have taken up permanent residence at various resorts. Such residency conflicts entirely with terms and conditions of existing concession contracts and existing use permits. Nevertheless, removal of these individuals from their place of residence, in most cases, could impose a significant hardship on them and/or their primary caretakers. Accordingly, as a potential mitigation measure, Reclamation may accommodate these individuals within Alternative B or any other alternative that requires re-location and/or removal of long-term exclusive use trailers.

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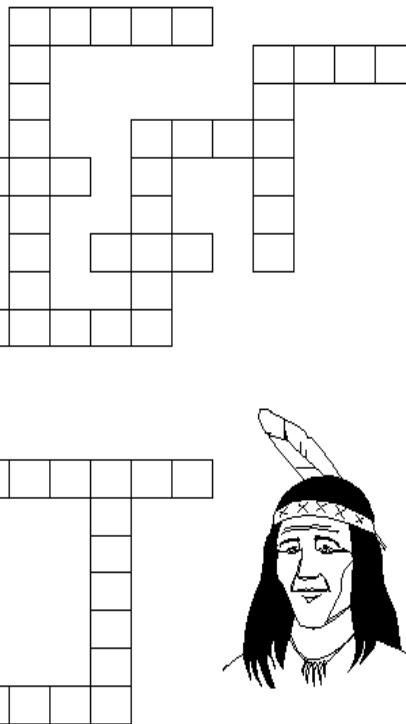
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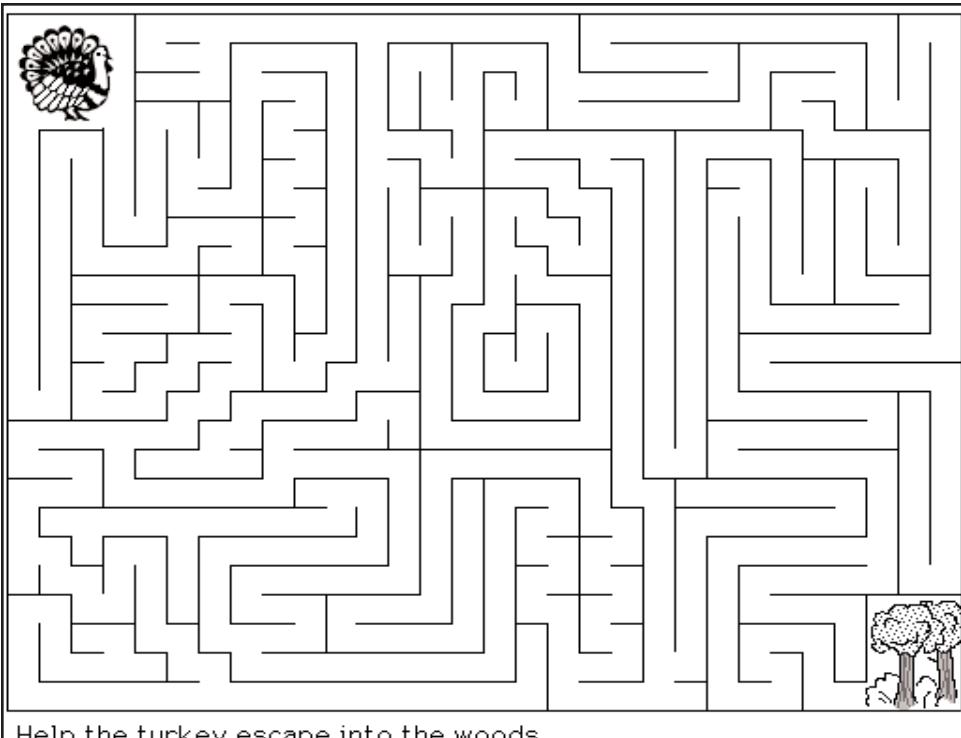


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Home Wine-Making

Time Magazine recently had a story that should be of interest around the lake. Just remember, making wine at home may be fun, but not a replacement for buying it from one of our many fine local wineries!

For Wine connoisseurs, the phrase homemade wine conjures up images of the dense, sweet plonk made in some grandfather's basement. Like bathtub gin, amateur vino is long on tradition and alcohol but generally short on finesse and taste. But taking their cues from the microbrew-beer hobbyists of the 1990s, an increasing number of oenophiles are making their own vintages that are not only refined but often also award winning.

After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, the Federal Government changed the rules to permit every household with two adults in residence to make 200 gallons of wine or beer a year. While that sanctioned the work of immigrant winemakers - often Italians and Greeks trying to maintain a liquid connection to the land and traditions they left behind - the amateur vintners usually relied on rustic equipment and grapes they grew in their backyards. Today's garagistes (French for the home enthusiasts who make vintages where they used to park their cars) have gone upscale, using modern equipment, better grapes and juices and prepackaged kits to make their Cabernets, Sauvignon Blancs and do-it- yourself champagnes.

Creating your own winery doesn't require a great deal of expertise or expense. A starter kit that makes five gallons costs about \$100, or \$4 a finished bottle. The kits come with basic equipment, yeasts, and juice or concentrate from fruit grown in the same places - in California, France, Italy and other wine regions - that professional wineries use. Just follow the directions, and in four to six weeks you can be uncorking wine from your own château or apartment.

To move beyond kits to get the whole grape-stomping experience, you have to spend at least an additional \$400 to buy the basics: grape crusher, strainer, press and barrel. If you prefer wine-making in a more communal atmosphere, you can sign up for one of the increasingly popular community wineries, such as San Francisco's Crushpad, or franchised clubs like Vintner's Cellar, Wine Not International, and Carafe Winemakers.

Elvis is King of Top-Earning Dead Celebrities

Forbes.com has released its annual list of the top-earning dead celebrities. For the fifth year in a row, the most grateful dead celebrity hauling in piles of cold cash is Elvis Presley.

The Top 13 DEAD Earners: Elvis Presley, Charles M. Schulz, John Lennon, Andy Warhol, Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, J.R.R. Tolkien, George Harrison, Johnny Cash, Irving Berlin, Bob Marley, Ray Charles

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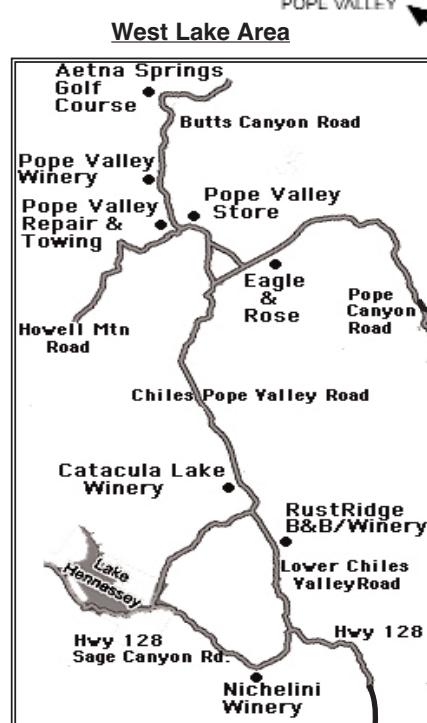
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From the Editor

The Bureau of Reclamation's plan for Lake Berryessa continues to grow in unpopularity. They have little or no support at any of the meetings they attend. This was dramatically proven at the Winters Town Hall meeting on Nov. 19 where about 900 people, many not trailer owners, and the Winters City Council were highly critical of Reclamation's plan. The Oakland Tribune titled their article "Residents unleash scorn on Lake Berryessa revamp". An article in the Winters Express titled "Hundreds protest lake plan" reports the Winters meeting in extensive detail - none of it favorable to the BOR or their three or four environmental mouthpieces who attended. Follow this up with the Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting on Nov. 22 which the Vacaville Reporter headline characterized as "Supes hit at plan for Berryessa" and Reclamation officials must be feeling the heat. Kirk Rodgers, BOR Regional Director, who will sign the final Record of Decision, was in the Winters audience. Does the fact that his plan is being repudiated by most members of the local community make a difference to him or will he just try to ram this unpopular plan through as quickly as possible?

Berryessa residents and businesses, not just mobile home owners, were well-represented in Winters. The Chamber's 56 business members are nearly unanimous in opposing Reclamation's plan for Lake Berryessa. I travel a 100 mile paper route every two weeks (thank goodness my Prius gets 47 mpg) through Fairfield, Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, Angwin, Pope Valley and all around Lake Berryessa. The hundreds of people I've talked to - local residents and businesses - once again not just mobile home owners - are also nearly unanimous in opposing the BOR plan. When people finally understand what the government is trying to do, they are incredulous and wonder what is wrong with the BOR. The City of Winters agrees. This is absolutely not a "trailers-only" issue! How can the government force a plan like this down the throats of an unwilling local community when excellent lower-cost alternatives exist?

Conspicuous by his absence in Winters was Congressman Mike Thompson. Lake Berryessa and Winters are in his district but his constituents cannot depend on him for the most minimal of support. Also conspicuously missing was Lake Berryessa Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon. However, Napa Supervisor Harold Moskowitz was there to defend Lake Berryessa and oppose the BOR plan with a rousing statement about the true economics of owning a resort and a rebuttal to allegations about the cost of the lake to Napa County.

But where is Congressman Thompson? After ignoring hundreds and hundreds of letters, emails, and phone calls, he finally popped up in a Napa Register Letter to the Editor last week in response to a single over-the-top letter from a disgruntled trailer owner. He piously wants us to believe he really cares about an open process, but immediately starts talking partisan politics. This is another example of Mr. Thompson's policy of "pretend that I care and hope to God no one notices I'm not really listening". And after the "revolt of the constituents" at Winters, he is reported to have immediately sent in his aide to buy off the City Council, implying he'd get any changes they want into the BOR plan. Not only has this process not been open or transparent, it has been invisible!

This is not a partisan issue. It is about bad planning and bad faith on the part of the government. It's about not listening to real people. Republicans and Democrats alike should, And Do, oppose the BOR. It is not an environmental issue either. Although some supporters of the BOR plan continue to lie about it, there are no sewage or health and safety problems at the lake. Mike Finnegan of the BOR confirmed this in Winters last week when he stated that there were no problems at the resorts as far as the BOR is concerned.

I have a kayak and a jet ski, a mountain bike and a boat, hiking shoes and an ATV. My family and I use them all regularly. Supporters of a reasonable plan for the lake are trying to be inclusive without destroying the best parts of what exists. There is room for everyone.

Sheriff Gary Simpson is considering running for Napa County Supervisor against Harold Moskowitz. In commenting on Lake Berryessa, where busy summer weekends require extra enforcement due to the many short-term visitors, Simpson said he has been working with Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon on improving the Department's response. He noted that on busy weekends he has 18 deputies patrolling in the area, and that at some point it would make sense to have a station near the lake. This is something all Lake Berryessa residents would support.

I was visiting with Bernice Talbott, owner of the Stagecoach Market in Berryessa Estates, our northernmost member of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and she mentioned that some people out there think they pay a special property tax to support the resorts at Lake Berryessa. This is not true! See the explanation on Page 5 of this issue.

**Residents Unleash Scorn on Lake Berryessa Revamp:
More Than 700 Oppose Efforts to Uproot Shore's Mobile Homes**

More than 700 people with a stake in Lake Berryessa's future packed the Winters High School gym to the rafters Saturday afternoon to denounce the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's effort to revamp the popular boating hot spot. They booed the sole "environmental wacko" on the panel and heckled the government guy trying to explain it all. And they had reason to.



Because the first choice in the government's list of ways to remake the 20,000-acre reservoir is scrape the place clear of their long-term "exclusive use" mobile homes now dotting the lake's shores and open the place up to more campers, canoers, hikers, RVs and the so-called "short-term user."

Those at the lake now deride the plan as a fantasy effort to remake the lake into something it never has been — namely, a wilderness recreation area. What will happen, they fear, is that the Bureau of Reclamation will destroy a community that has called the lake home for 50 years.

"I've been here 18 years, and I haven't had one person come in and ask me to build a trail up over that forsaken hillside so they can go out and hug a tree," said John Frazier, owner of Markley Cove Resort on the lake's southeastern end, to a standing ovation.

The government plan, released in final form late last month, remains essentially unchanged from earlier drafts. It suggests the Bureau "permanently remove" all of the mobile homes and trailers that now dominate the few level spots on the reservoir's steep and wooded shoreline.

Lakeshore areas at the seven resorts serving the lake would be restored to "a more natural setting" with improved public access. Those with the exclusive leases to the reservoir would be gone, their spots turned over to campsites, picnic areas, RV sites, rental cabins. Instead of paying a concessionaire \$400 or so a month to rent the land underneath their vacation home, they would have to reserve a cabin or campsite like everyone else.

Even the current resorts would look different. Today, the lake is fringed with seven resorts, each run by a different operator. Those leases all expire by 2009, with no ability to renew under law. The bureau would like to see each one remade — possibly by a single operator — into different recreation areas: Markley Cove would become the houseboat center; Spanish Flat a mix of camping and "rustic lodging;" Steele Park a "major contemporary overnight lodging area."

"I just wouldn't come," said Mark Randazzo of San Jose, who has such a spot in Steele Park Resort and whose father owned one before him. "(We've) established a community that's about to be destroyed. Randazzo isn't alone. Winters, perhaps the closest town to the lake, has labeled the plan "the economic equivalent of a military base closure to our community," and various business owners spoke Saturday of the devastation such a dramatic overhaul might trigger.

Indeed, Saturday's discussion — technically a Winters City Council meeting — came three weeks after Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy and chairman of the powerful House Resources Committee, asked Interior Secretary Gale Norton to hold a town meeting.

"We've been contacted by hundreds of constituents," said Kiel Weaver, a Pombo aide who flew in from Washington, D.C.

The bureau hasn't made a final decision, and other options — including staying with the status quo — remain on the table. "Take my word for it, or someone you trust," said Mike Finnegan, the bureau's regional manager. "Not you," came a catcall from the crowd.

Plan proponents see tremendous opportunity to open up the largest lake 90 minutes from the Bay Area to the larger public. California faces growing demand for outdoor recreation areas. Lake Berryessa, they say, is underused — a "private lake."



"The economic area around the lake is in sad shape. It's not what you would call an economic success," said Carol Kunze, the lone environmentalist on the panel. The bureau's plan "would convert Lake Berryessa into a vacation destination. It's going to become a recreational asset too for the

9 million people in the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento area. Public response to the bureau's efforts has run two-to-one in favor of less trailers and more short-term use. But a visitor would never guess that based on Saturday's turnout.

Nine out of 10 people sported yellow stickers and armbands of orange survey tape in support of the resorts.

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Lake Users Will Lose Out If Bureau's Plan Is Chosen

by Robert White, Rancho Monticello Resort

Lake Berryessa resort owners, city of Winters council members, Bureau of Reclamation and citizens were part of a town hall meeting, held in Winters on Saturday, to discuss the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) which is directing the fate of Lake Berryessa. The meeting was prompted by Congressman Richard Pombo, who was represented at the meeting by Kurt Christensen and Kiel Weaver of the Water Resources Committee.

The FEIS has four alternatives, and Alternative B is Reclamation's preferred alternative. This "Preferred Alternative" bulldozes the structure and economy of the lake that has taken more than 40 years to develop. It demolishes the resorts, eliminates all long term sites, reduces short-term sites and heavily restricts water use. Despite 4,000 comments, critical financial feasibility studies, proven use and public demand -- BOR was marching forward with "their" Preferred Action. Stakeholders packed the meeting and voiced objections against the plan clearly, not for the people -- nor is it the choice of the people who use Lake Berryessa.

Alternative B is an elusive framework with dramatically fewer facilities and diminished services. Camping will be the common accommodation, with a few other types that are either extremely limited or priced out of the average families range. The result of Alternative B would be devastating to the user public, many of whom have invested in very expensive boats -- the economics spiral from there to the boat dealer, boat builder, etc. -- not to mention the enormous recreational and family/social benefits that would be lost. Reclamation's Dornbusch Financial Analysis states, "The analysis indicated that Alternative B would not represent a viable business opportunity if the underlying concession contract(s) stipulated that the concessionaire(s) would have to fund all of the associated capital investment requirements."

Another premise of Alternative B is Reclamation's attempt to hide their responsibility to develop public lands outside the resorts with facilities and services that were mandated under the Public Use Plan and Reservoir Area Management Plan. Reclamation has unequivocal control of the best shoreline at Lake Berryessa, the public has access to a small percentage (5.4 miles out of 135 miles) on which the facilities are limited, and services nearly

non-existent, those developments are Smittle Creek, Oak Shores Park and Capell Cove Free Launch Ramp. Alternative B conveniently eliminates nearly all development of Reclamation public lands.

Serving millions of visitors each year, seven resorts have been developed around the lake, according to contracts and all guiding documents. The resorts have been responsive to public use and demand. As stated in the RAMP, "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."

The location of Lake Berryessa has been a major factor in how the resorts have developed and what the public demands. The winding road accesses have prohibited any dependable day or short term use. Long term sites have been the stable force that has supported the resorts, enabling them to develop and maintain facilities, while making the short term use affordable. There is a window of seasonal use -- Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Rarely, except on these "big weekends" are any of the accommodations or uses at capacity. Throughout the years the users have proved to be the working public, most of which are families that come to the lake together. This rare magnet that holds the families together is the love of water recreation. The Bureau of Reclamation, with its new plan for the lake, wants to take that away.

The resorts joined together to create the Resort Owners Plan (ROP) which developed future plans for each resort in the context of the greater master plan of the entire lake, including Reclamation managed public lands outside the resorts. ROP proposes a sensible approach that is fiscally and environmentally responsible meeting the recreational needs and demands at Lake Berryessa of the current and future public users.

The new contracts are the pivotal point for the next level of development at Lake Berryessa. The ROP is that plan that will bring greater economic growth for Napa County and build a solid recreational future for Lake Berryessa and the American Public.

Private Property Owners Do Not Pay Property Taxes to Support the Resorts

Several years ago a resident of the Berryessa Highlands who is given to misrepresenting the facts started a rumor that homeowners paid a special tax to support the resorts. This is not true. But due to the rumor several people in the Highlands developed a misunderstanding that they pay a special tax for Steele Park and should then have free entry to the resort.

A call to the Napa County Assessor's Office (253-4466) confirmed that property owners around Lake Berryessa do not pay any property tax to support the resorts. The County Auditor's Office (253-4577) also said there is no property tax paid by anyone at Lake Berryessa for the resorts. But they said there had been two bond issues which property owners had been paying off. The last was called the Napa Berryessa Resort tax and the final payment on that bond series was made in 2000.

The Auditor's Office said that the name of the bond issue was unfortunate because the bonds did not have anything to do with the seven resorts themselves. Apparently all the homeowners lucky enough to live in the Lake Berryessa area are considered part of a "resort area".

There are two entities managed by the County to run the water and sewer systems at Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates. Although "Resort" is used in their name, they have nothing to do with the resorts themselves. Resort Improvement District is just a reference to a method to finance infrastructure for private developments in "resort areas".

Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (Berryessa Estates)

The LBRID provides water and sewer services for the 351 lots within its boundaries. The mission is to provide these services within the guidelines/directives of the appropriate Federal, State and Local Agencies without exceeding the financial constraints of the public served.

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Who's a Senior, What's a Senior?

One of my favorite sayings is: You don't stop playing because you get old, you get old because you stop playing!

While insurance adjusters, health care planners, and social security analysts note with trepidation our lengthening life expectancy, and leisure industries scramble to cater to bored retirees, many of us realize that there is still important, but different, work for "elders" to do.

What is old age for? Anthropological studies conclude that old age is humanity's greatest invention! According to a geriatrician, Dr. William Thomas, on a deeper level old age invented us. It propelled the development of culture, language, and society. A million years ago on the plains of Africa, the first grandmother helped her daughter and grandchildren survive. The deliberate enlistment of grandparents into the work of rearing the young stands as a defining characteristic of human beings.

Substantial advantages accrue to offspring who can be cared for by two generations of adults. An African proverb says, "The death of an old person is like the loss of a library". Thomas believes our growing number of elders represents an unprecedented windfall to society. Elders have always made important contributions to the young of their families and communities.

For those of you who remember the trauma of turning 30 during the "don't trust anyone over 30" days of the 60s, the turning 60 birthday in the 21st century may feel even worse. But almost no one I know says they feel like a "senior" even though they may be well over 60. Although our bodies may give us unwelcome hints that we are aging, the modern world gives us plenty of opportunities to keep from "being old".

How do we keep from "growing old inside"? Surely only in community. According to Robert McAfee Brown, the only way to make friends with time is to stay friends with people. Taking community seriously not only gives us the companionship we need, it also relieves us of the notion that we are indispensable.

So how can we translate philosophy into action at Lake Berryessa? Through the Lake Berryessa Senior Center - a key community resource that offers a broad range of social activities and support services. And this energetic group of Berryessa residents is redefining the definition of senior, not only because you only have to be 50 to join, but because of their positive attitude towards community action. For example, 54 free flu shots were administered at the center on Nov. 18 by Napa County. As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join the more active things there'll be to do.

Maybe there should be a contest to see what new word can be used to replace "senior" in describing us (since I am a new member). At the last Board meeting I mentioned that I just don't feel like a "senior" and Betty Pedersen, 83, a co-founder of the Center 25 years ago, jumped right in with "Neither do I!"

The Center's great facility is available to rent for special occasions. There is a minimal charge and a cleaning deposit. There is a large kitchen for preparation and storage of food. Call for details at 966-0206.

A "Give & Take" library with shelves full of books is open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. on Mondays. Many games are available to play and scrapbooks full of history can be viewed. Friday Night Cards occur twice a month too.

Bingo is on Mondays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Potluck Bingo starts at noon on the first Monday of the month. Everyone brings their favorite dish.

Pirate Bingo on Monday, Dec. 5, is a special fun day. If you want to participate, bring a dish, and a new gift with a value of at least \$5.00. We guarantee you will have a great time!!

The Annual Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006. Tickets will be available the middle of December, and you can reserve tickets by calling 966-2127 or 966-0206. The charge is \$30.00, and the feed includes salad, pasta,

bread, crab and wine. No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed. There will be a bar available to purchase refreshments.

And see the next page for a special offer to the Lake Berryessa community to experience the Senior Center and its friendly people at the Christmas Potluck!

The Senior Center Board members are: President: Paul Quarneri, Vice-President: Cathy Parrish, Secretary: Rose Stubbs, Treasurer: Leroy Sayas. Membership: Betty Pedersen, Ways & Means: Georgia Craddock, Maintenance: Mike Quecke, Activities: Rosemary Wilson House Director: Pat Turnpaw. (Pat and Rosemary not shown in photo)



This may not be so far-fetched (We hope)!

Three elderly gentlemen were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now.

"I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was successful in business,'" declared the first man.

"Fifty years from now," said the second, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man!'"

Turning to the third gent, the first gent asked, "So what do you want them to say about you in fifty years?"

"Me?" the third man replied. "I want them all to say, 'He certainly looks good for his age!'"

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The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with a Social Happy Hour, and dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. The Center provides the ham, and everyone brings a dish to feed 8 people. Please call 966-0206 to let us know you're coming so we can "plan the ham".

Following dinner enjoy "The Polite Brothers' Holiday Comedy & Sing-Along". There will be a gift exchange after the entertainment. If you wish to participate, please bring a new gift worth at least \$10.00, marked "Man" or "Woman".

You don't have to be a "senior" to join our organization, unless you believe "50" is being a senior. If you have a good time at the potluck, please join us for real. Dues are just \$20 a year. See you there!

7 Ways to Keep Your Marbles

The general wisdom was, until recently, "If you want to live a long, healthy life, choose your grandparents wisely." While of course one can't, just 30 percent of physical aging is genetically predetermined, according to an eight-year study of 1,000 well-functioning seniors, by MacArthur "genius" grant recipients John Rowe and Robert Kahn. And, keep in mind, genetics isn't fate. While problems such as Alzheimer's and heart disease do have a genetic component, lifestyle trumps genes. Physical aging is shaped by lifestyle choices in physical exercise, diet, attitude, and social support.

Exercise

Brain and body are connected; what is healthy for one promotes fitness in the other. What constitutes a minimum of exercise? The Lifetime Fitness Program, a research-based program, guides participants through 20 minutes of aerobic activity, 20 minutes of upper- and lower-body weight training, and a 10-minute stretch-and-flex routine three times a week. Older participants lose weight, feel better, have fewer falls and fractures, and experience social benefits.

Friendship, not necessarily family

Evidence suggests that whether it's praying or putting, hiking or poker, the getting together is what enhances wellbeing, not the activity. People who see other people on a regular basis are sick less and live longer. A recent study found that folks with close friends and confidants lived longer than those who don't, while tight family relationships made no difference in mortality. In fact, avoiding negative family members may enhance health and longevity.

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Have a positive attitude

What lifestyles, then, do prevent age-related declines? A fascinating body of research by David Snowdon on the aging brain, known as the Nun Study (<http://web1.mccs.uky.edu/nunnet/>) gives enticing clues. An analysis of handwritten autobiographies from 180 of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the average age of 22 found that positive emotional content was strongly associated with health and longevity six decades later. Feeling bad about getting old may be bad for you; studies by Becca Levy of Yale University show that holding negative aging stereotypes may not only result in a decline in memory and self-efficacy, but may shorten your life by almost eight years.

Be intellectually stimulated early

A computer analysis of the sisters' essays in the Nun Study found that greater idea density and verbal complexity predicted a lower risk of Alzheimer's. When one researcher was asked what this meant, she replied, "Read to your children." Perhaps a lively and well-educated brain is more resistant to disease.

Stay intellectually engaged

Whether the activity is bridge or crossword puzzles, mental exercise may be as key to keeping the mind supple as physical activity is to the body's functioning. A seven-year study of 1,772 subjects suggests possible benefits.

Eat a healthy diet

Most of us know that a healthy diet means moderation in meat, sugar, and fat and plenty of vegetables and fruit, but we might not know just how those fruits and veggies benefit the brain. Studies at Tufts University's Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging suggest that the capacity of fruits and vegetables to absorb damaging free radicals cuts the risk of dementia, while the same anti-oxidant-rich foods also prevent some loss of learning and memory function. And don't forget hydration—most of us need more water than we drink. Dehydration causes cognitive malfunctions.

Curb nasty habits

Don't smoke. Smoking constricts blood vessels and may decrease cognitive capacity. A moderate glass or two of wine, though, may be beneficial.

It's a no-brainer: An engaging social environment, combined with good nutrition and daily exercise, helps keep the brain healthy. Older people who are involved with friends, physical activities, and lifelong learning profess joy at being alive. Wholehearted participation in these pursuits gives meaning to old age and helps elevate the quality of life for those years.

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

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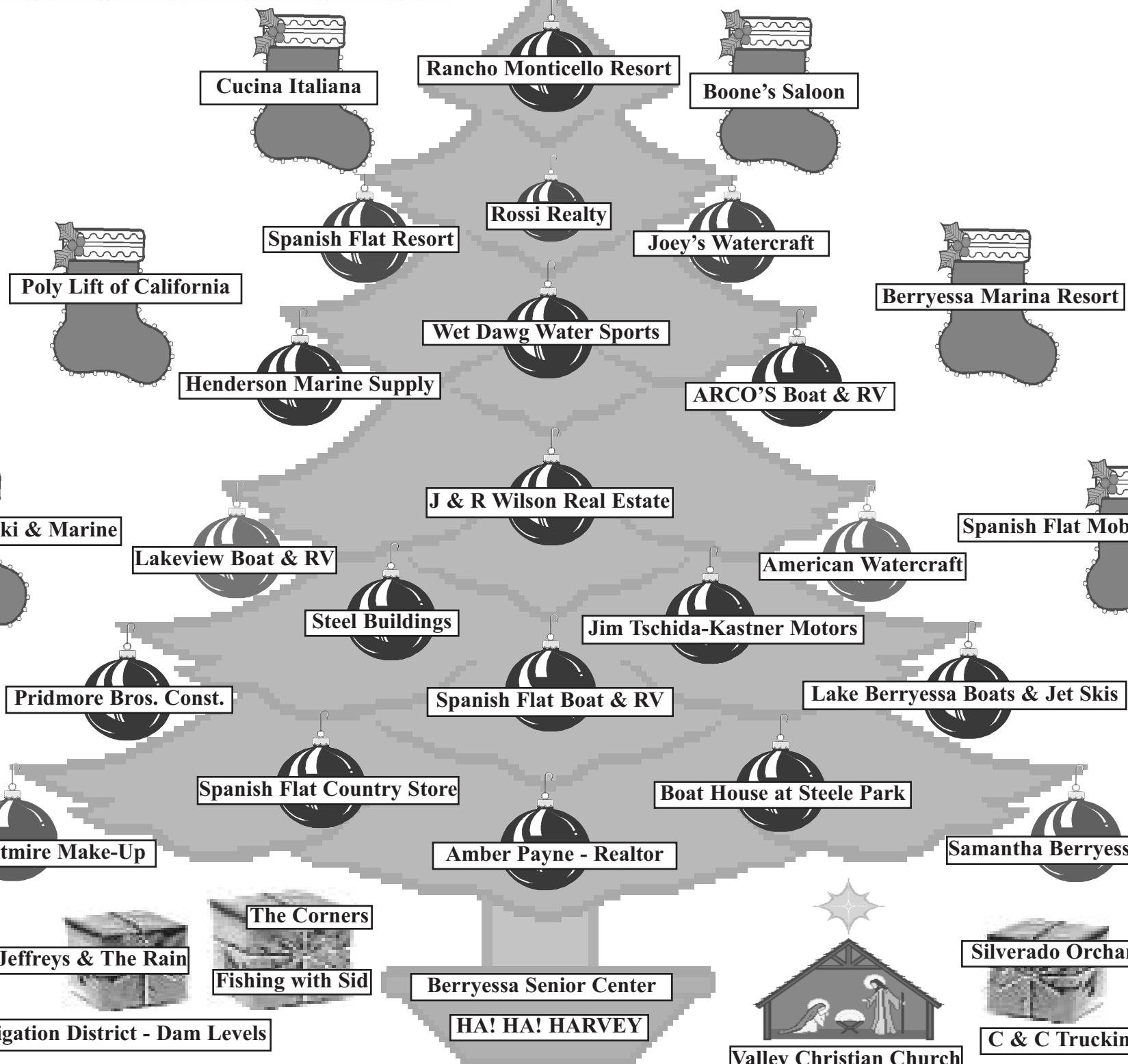
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From the Editor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our subscribers, readers, and advertisers. Look at the names on our front page Christmas tree. These are our primary advertisers and contributors - use their services whenever you get a chance. This issue also includes a tear out page (3&4) with useful phone numbers and a full directory of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Just carefully cut out the page and fold it over. You now have a handy reference of phone numbers on the front, businesses in the middle, and a map of the lake on the back. Keep it handy near your telephone or inside the front of your telephone book. You'll be hearing much more about the Chamber of Commerce in the coming months.

To the Editor

In reading the Bureau of Reclamation's plan and thinking about the proposed boating zones on the lake, one thought keeps coming back to me. I have seen kayakers and canoers on the lake many times, especially in Capell Cove. I have also seen and experienced rude and thoughtless power boaters even more often.

I have been trolling many times off of Skier's Cove with other boats and have had jet skiers or large power boats roar through the assemblage at full throttle, creating huge wakes that disturb everyone. This is why the Greenies want to create zones to limit the number of power boats.

Once my daughter talked me into going kayaking with her on the Sacramento River. After capsizing twice in the darn thing, I grant a note of respect to people in them. There needs to be some way to tame down rude power boaters. Perhaps signs at all of the marinas pointing out that just because you have a powerful boat, it's not always prudent to show it off in traffic.

My own 16 foot Crestliner is powered by a 40 hp Honda, and is capable of generating an 18 inch high wake. I always brake plane when approaching a kayaker, and I have never even drawn a dirty look from them.

Berryessa is a huge body of water, and there should be room for all. A little common courtesy would also help us in our cause.

Gary Schaad

Do Numbers Count?

Thirty-four to thirty-six million Christmas trees are produced each year and 95 percent are shipped or sold directly from Christmas tree farms.

More than one million acres of land have been planted in Christmas trees. The industry employs over 100,000 people.

Christmas trees take an average of 7-10 years to mature.

An acre of Christmas trees provides for the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.

In 1856 Franklin Pierce, the 14th President of the United States, was the first President to place a Christmas tree in the White House.

President Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923.

Average minutes children six and under spend using TV, video, DVD or computers per day: 118
Minutes reading or being read to: 39

Increase in hours the average middle-income married couple with children worked in 2004 compared to 1979: 500

Number of TV commercials viewed by American children every year: 40,000

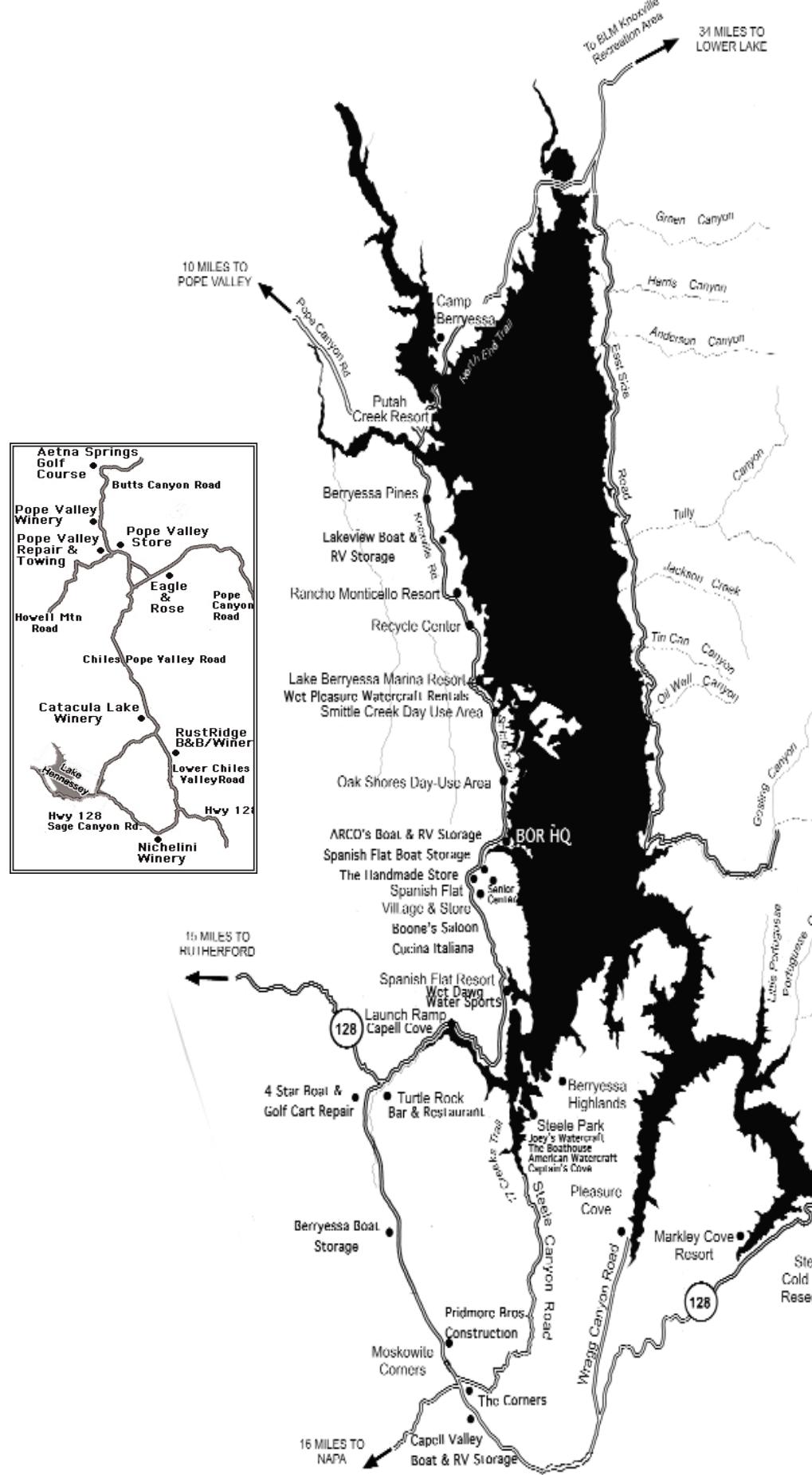
Age by which a child can develop brand loyalty: 2

Percentage of Harvard students who received average grades of B+ or better in 1950: 15%
Percentage in 2004: nearly 70%

Average American CEO pay in 2005: \$11.8 million

Average ratio of American CEO salaries to production worker pay in 2004: 431-to-1
Ratio in 1982: 42-to-1

Lowest min. wage today if the min. wage had risen as fast as CEO pay since 1990: \$23.03 an hour
Actual lowest minimum wage today: \$5.15 an hour.



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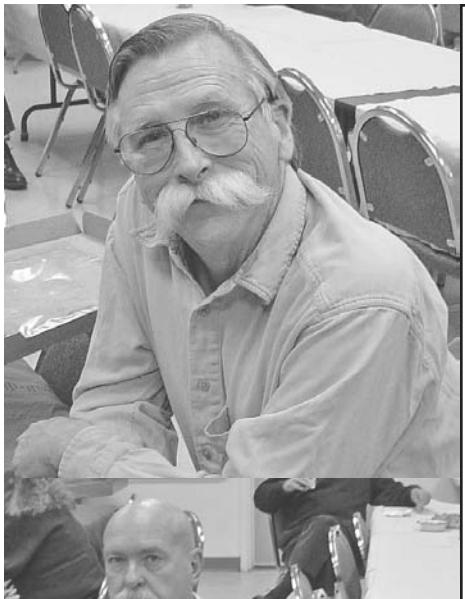
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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer

Chamber of Commerce members traveled from Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, and all around the lake to share some holiday cheer and exchange business experiences at the fabulous Lake Berryessa Senior Center (a Chamber member). Thanks to Pope Valley Winery, Catacula Lake Winery, and Rustridge B&B/Winery for providing a wide range of their vintages. Cucina Italiana whipped up some of their fantastic bruschetta. Boone's saloon donated the place settings which members used to sample each other's delicious home-made recipes.

"An Aerial Tour of Lake Berryessa", a new movie produced by Thalia Pearce of Rancho Monticello, was shown on the big screen. It's a beautiful video of the lake shot from ultra-light aircraft. The Chamber will make copies available as part of their new public relations program which kicks off at the end of January, 2006.

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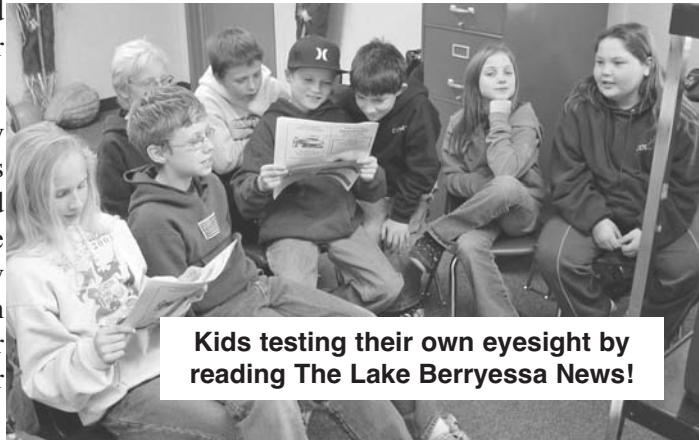
The Lake Berryessa Lions Club donated \$800 to sponsor free eye exams for the



kids at Capell Valley Elementary School and the Pope Valley Union School on November 28 & 29. Dr. Tonya Watson, O.D., from UC Berkeley, a specialist in pediatric vision, examined 53 students. Fourteen were referred for glasses which will be paid for by the Berryessa Lions Club if economic need is determined. To join call Jim Tschida at 966-1413.

Berryessa Lions volunteers helped Dr. Watson register each child while other volunteers kept the waiting students entertained. Thanks to non-Lions volunteers Maxine Eddings and Dee Johnston for their help.

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A complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief was filed on September 19, 2005 in Braun v. Norton et al (BOR), Case No. C05-03777 MJJ, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco. The case has been assigned to Hon. Martin J. Jenkins, U.S. District Court Judge. The court has scheduled a case management conference on Feb. 7, 2006.

Despite this action, Pleasure Cove Marina permittees received a new letter in mid-November from the BOR asserting that all permittees had to be out of Pleasure Cove by December 15, 2005.

In addition to the original plaintiffs, Oscar & Andrea Braun, more than 50 long-term permittees at Pleasure Cove Marina have now requested and consented to be added as named plaintiffs in the pending litigation (complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief) against BOR.

The first Christmas Tree in America can be traced to the German Moravian Church's Communal settlement in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Christmas day in 1747 from New York, who were mostly from Holland, in singing songs from their old countries, as they huddled around fires trying to be warm. When the New England colony's soldiers returned to their homes, after the Revolutionary War was won, they told their family and friends about the Christmas Tree and Christmas celebration at Valley Forge. Soon the Christmas Tree tradition spread through out all the 13 colonies and adjoining territories.

Two fishermen were out on the lake when one of them dropped his wallet. As they watched the wallet float down to the depths of the lake, a carp came along and snatched up the wallet. Soon came another carp who stole it away and then a third joined in. Remarked one of the fisherman, "That's the first time I've ever seen carp-to-carp walleting."

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