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#8 - Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"
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#7 - Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddy: "Eventually."

#6 - Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."
Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

#5 - Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddy: "It's not a watch – it's a compass."

#4 - Golfer: "How do you like my game?"
Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

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Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

#2 - Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

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2010: The Year in Review

There were several big stories at Lake Berryessa in 2010, one of the biggest being the ongoing water/sewer system problems faced by residents of the the Berressa Estates and Berryessa Highlands. The two other big stories were the Supervisor election and Pensus. In January Jeff Parady announced his intention to run for Napa County District 3 Supervisor which began a very interesting political battle. In February, Pensus won the bid for six Lake Berryessa resorts and began contract negotiations with the Bureau of Relamation. The Capell Valley School was officially slated for closure in June with a proposal to make it a Community Center. The 2010 Census created local jobs. And Economic Stimulus funds were targeted at cleaning up the closed resorts, also creating about 20 jobs. March brought a Meet the Candidates Night with Jeff Parady, Michael Haley, and Diane Dillon expounding on their views for the future of Lake Berryessa. April started off with a bang when the Lake Berryessa News April Fool's Edition actually convinced many people that a floating Native American Casino consisting of 50 houseboats linked together was coming soon. The big true story in April was that Pensus actually signed a contract with Reclamation and announced the opening of Lupin Shores (Steele Park), Chaparral Cove (Putah Creek), and Foothill Pines (Spanish Flat). In May, Lupin Shores and Chaparral Cove opened for launching, tent and RV camping, but the opening of Foothill Pines was delayed a year. The Amgen Tour of California brought Lance Armstrong to Lake Berryessa. The Monticello History Exhibit hosted a big reunion event. Pensus published its 10-year plan for resort redevelopment. The Supervisor's election heated up in June when Parady beat Haley in the primary forcing a November run-off with Dillon. Capell Valley School and Wooden Valley School closed for good. June also saw the return of Bilgee the Bilge Pad and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership to the lake. In July CBS' Eye on the Bay came to Lake Berryessa and produced a two-part show for broadcast on San Francisco's KPIX. Tragedy also came to the lake in July when local soldier, Chase Stanley, died in Afghanistan. He was honored by hundreds of people with a parade from Napa to a memorial service in Monticello Cemetery. The good news in August, especially for the Berryessa Highlands, was that the Winchell family opened the Crossroads at Lake Berryessa at the Corners which includes a store, restaurant and bar.

September was relatively quiet. Cucina Italiana threw a 7th Anniversary Party and there was the annual Earth Day underwater cleanup at the Pope Creek Bridge. In early October, CBS' Eye on the Bay finally aired the Lake Berryessa two-part show which was well received and nicely done. On October 17, the first rain of the winter came to the lake. The November election saw Parady lose to Dillon in a close race by only 247 votes out of 9,800. Pensus presented a new 10-year plan to Reclamation. By the end of December the lake had received 12.4 inches of rain, the highest early rainfall total since 2005.

January 11th: The Napa County Board of Supervisors will meet as the Board of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District at the Capell Valley Fire Station. Time to be announced (but probably around 7 PM). Check <http://berryessahighlands.info/> for details.

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To the Editor:

I have been thinking about the January 11, 2011 meeting that will be held at the Lake by the Board of Supervisors to address the Lake Berryessa Highlands issues. I wanted to offer some suggestions to the residents of the Highlands who have for so long been suffering with the uncertainties and impacts that the State, County, and their own errors and having to live with this nightmare.

Following is a list of items that the owners have to address, and then resolve. Not the Board of Supervisors, but the residents who are property owners:

1. The first thing is to fire the County. They have too many issues on their plate and are not equipped to handle the water district with all of its idiosyncrasies. When I say fire the county, this means taking over the District by forming a California Water District and either hiring a firm or staff to begin the process of recovery.

2. The residents must be willing to dedicate the hours and efforts to create the District with its Directors and consultants to begin the lengthy process of fixing the water and sewer problems and dealing with a long-term solution for both.

3. The residents need to understand that they are going to have to step up to the plate when it comes to funding. It will not be cheap, but the alternative is to either continue until the State shuts down the operations and trucking of water and sewer becomes a way of life.

4. A new water plant is required as well as a sewer upgrade. They need to address the fact that allowing gray waters to enter the lake will only cost the owners more money. If an engineered solution says that they need more land; or they need a state of the art water plant; etc., then a plan with a time table will need to be created and the residents will need to approve the plan. Not the lackadaisical vote that reminds me of an ostrich with its head buried when there is danger. They will need to bite the bullet.

5. It is going to be expensive. It could well add \$150 per month to their bill for the next 20 years, but it will fix the problem. They will be able to sell their homes, if need be; they will not have the State on their back; they will not need to rely on the Board of Supervisors to determine their fate (this scares me the most); and they will be able to improve the remaining lots when there is a need for additional housing.

6. Lake Berryessa Highlands could become a model for Districts in the future if the residents will take on the burden of running the Water District. This is the key thing that needs to happen.

7. In the event of a local vote and the voters reject a new plan, then the only solution I see is a full and total takeover by the County or State and mandated monthly rates will occur. It's important that this does not occur.

Al Colon, concerned resident
Lake Berryessa

To the Editor:

I am responding to the article in the Lake Berryessa News concerning the replacement of the Capell Creek Bridge in 2013.

Cal Trans has been in the process of replacing bridges all over the state, namely my own Pleasants Valley Road bridges. A few pointst to make:

There is 50/50 financial funding available to CalTrans IF the entire bridge is replaced, but NO monies available if the bridge is repaired, updated, or improved. This is a sad loss of beautiful bridges.

In my area, they were planning to

kill a 6' diameter, 300 year-old oak... how can you replace a tree like that? Because people went to the planning meetings, the tree was saved. The report states, "trees will be replaced onsite to the extent possible" - very vague, don't you think?

Also, the CEQA finding - no burial sites, no burrowing owls, but I wonder about the noise impact on the nesting eagles that live up in that area! And the osprey! Some have been using the same nests for years.

And one more important issue that CEQA does not address - why can't such a big outfit as CalTrans replace "like for like"? Nowhere in the CEQA finding is there referral to the loss on ANOTHER ARCHED BRIDGE, and the excuse given is..."oh, it costs more money to build one of those!"

But look at how LONG an arch lasts - there are still arches intact in the Greek and Roman ruins. The beauty and wonder of the arch is so much more magnificent than the boring, concrete and steel, railroad - type bridges that have been dumped down here in the Pleasants Valley area.

At a taxpayer cost of many millions of dollars for 2/10's of a mile of work? Let's prioritize and repair some other stretches of roadway. I LIKE that arched bridge...Gee, I wonder what it would cost to do maintenance instead? Seems like a good idea to me... what about you?

Susan Hassett, Buzzard's Roost
Pleasants Valley

Camp Berryessa Receives Seed Funding; Seeks Major Grant

The local Mead Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. The District has submitted an application for a \$1.5 million grant/loan to the State Coastal Conservancy for construction of the

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camp. Local supporters are being asked to write letters of support.

Camp Berryessa, to be located at the site of a former Boy Scout campground on Putah Creek at the north end of Lake Berryessa, will be the only public campground in Napa County focused on outdoor environmental education when completed.

A combined federal and state environmental review of the proposed camp is expected to be finished in the next few months. Once the review is complete, the park district and the Bureau of Reclamation, which owns the camp site next to Lake Berryessa, will be in position to sign a no-fee, long-term land use agreement giving the park district the right to construct and operate the camp.

The projected total cost for the initial development of the camp is \$1.7 million.

Background information including a site layout and budget are available on the Lake Berryessa News web site at: LakeBerryessaNews.com

Trinchero Family Lake Berryessa Land Donation

Bob and Evalyn Trinchero have donated nearly 3,400 acres of open space near Lake Berryessa to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. They also donated an additional 240 acres to the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID) at the Lake Berryessa Estates. The land is located along Putah Creek and in Spanish Valley, northwest of Lake Berryessa.

The 240 acres the Trincheros donated to the LBRID will help the District protect water quality by providing additional area for spray dispersal of treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant that serves the residents of Lake Berryessa Estates.

Event Calendar
January 11 - Tuesday: Capell Valley Fire House, 7:00 PM - Board of Supervisors meeting as the Board of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District debates future of the District.
January 22 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed. See Page 10 for details.
January 22 - Saturday: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa's youth group will be conducting a frozen meat drive. The church has a food pantry which serves 40 – 50 local families a week. Our supply of meats is getting very low and needs to be restocked. If you would like to participate in this effort please call the church at 252-4488 and leave your name and number. We will call and schedule a pickup time for the 22nd. If pickup is not convenient other arrangements can be made. Thank you for participating and God Bless. Pastor Bob Lee
January 22 - Saturday: The Winters Chamber is having their "Year in Review 2010" annual banquet on January 22, 2011. Tickets are \$35. Call Winters Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center: 530-795-2329 or 530-795-3202
January 29 - Saturday: Pope Valley School Crab Feed. See Page 10 for details.
Ongoing Events:
Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through the summer. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.
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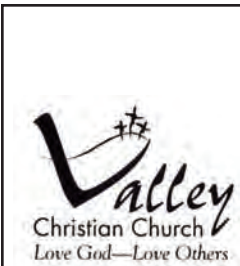
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The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 13.14 inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now 23.06 feet below the top of the spillway.						
Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain	
12/5/10	412.50	0.02	64	49	0.05	
12/6/10	412.63	0.00	56	50	1.00	
12/7/10	412.66	0.03	65	41	0.04	
12/8/10	412.69	0.01	59	45	0.16	
12/9/10	412.77	0.00	54	50	0.26	
12/10/10	412.80	0.00	62	51	0.00	
12/11/10	412.81	0.01	64	50	0.02	
12/12/10	412.83	0.00	67	49	0.00	
12/13/10	412.82	0.00	60	51	0.00	
12/14/10	412.84	0.00	58	52	0.13	
12/15/10	412.86	0.03	58	40	0.21	
12/16/10	412.86	0.02	57	35	0.00	
12/17/10	412.86	0.01	53	38	0.18	
12/18/10	412.13	0.00	55	43	0.77	
12/19/10	413.59	0.00	59	51	1.10	
12/20/10	413.98	0.00	54	43	0.96	
12/21/10	414.28	0.02	50	41	0.36	
12/22/10	414.54	0.01	54	46	0.64	
12/23/10	414.67	0.01	57	42	0.00	
12/24/10	414.77	0.01	56	38	0.00	
12/25/10	414.87	0.01	56	38	0.00	
12/26/10	415.13	0.01	52	42	0.78	
12/27/10	415.32	0.00	55	41	0.04	
12/28/10	415.55	0.01	55	43	0.01	
12/29/10	416.24	0.00	55	42	0.89	
12/30/10	416.40	0.20	54	30	0.00	
12/31/10	416.50	0.03	52	30	0.00	
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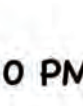
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BY BILL SCHOLER

First off, Bill, don't use dish washing liquid for laundry soap, get the guitar picks out of your pants before you throw them into the wash, cleanout the trap and while we're on the subject....

KARLA COMES HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

How to Start a Fight

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" That's how the fight started.....

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed,

"He's my old boyfriend.... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...

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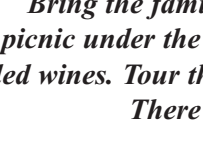
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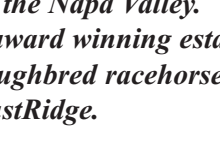




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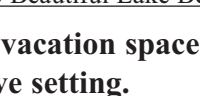
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Monticello History Exhibit News

By Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick

I wanted to tell you that there are new treasures at the exhibit. The pictures keep coming in from people who lived in the valley. You might have seen the school desk that came from the valley floor. People who once went to school there are signing it...what a treasure!



The school bell that once was Mrs. Eaton’s from the Monticello School is now on display. She took it with her when she retired from teaching. Her family donated it to the Exhibit so everyone could enjoy it.

There’s another story that goes with the bell. In 1944 near the end of World War II a young soldier was on leave in his hometown of Monticello. He knew he would soon have to return to the war. But then word came that war had ended.



The young man was so happy that he broke into the Monticello schoolhouse, grabbed the bell and climbed up into the steeple where he rang the bell joyously. And that’s how the Town of Monticello learned about the end of WWII!

And just last week the people who bought the Samuel Springs property brought in the Monticello Hotel sign. It’s very rusty but it’s the real deal.



I have a DVD of the Eye on the Bay TV show about the area and the Berryessa Valley. If you want a look at that let me know.

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Polar Bears as Political Pawns:
President Obama sides with George Bush!

By Peter Kilkus

Actually the title of this article is a bit misleading. The Obama administration is actually just sticking with a George W. Bush-era decision by the Fish and Wildlife Service to deny polar bears endangered species status. Both Obama and Bush simply support the scientific evidence that polar bears are not an endangered species. The Fish and Wildlife Service defended the previous administration’s decision to give the polar bear the less-protective “threatened” species designation, a move that will frustrate environmentalists who hoped for the stronger protection as an “endangered” species under the Endangered Species Act.

Even the present “threatened” status applied to polar bears is questionable, and not primarily based on any population data. In fact, the population of polar bears seems to be either stable overall or increasing. Their numbers are not large - around 22,000 overall — which means that their status is certainly worth watching. But the main reason for trying to place them on the threatened list was to argue about global warming, not polar bears.

Polar bears have become the poster children in the fight against global warming – even the Toyota Prius is being promoted by a scientifically-silly but heartwarming ad showing a polar bear hugging a Prius owner. He would have eaten the Prius owner!

A more reasonable analysis comes from the book “Cool It” by Bjorn Lomborg. Lomborg is considered “controversial” in the environmental community because he actually applies careful analysis

to environmental problems .

What various studies have really told us is that of the twenty distinct subpopulations of polar bears, one or possibly two were declining in Baffin Bay; more than half were known to be stable; and two subpopulations were actually increasing around the Beaufort Sea. Moreover, it is reported that the global polar-bear population has increased dramatically over the past decades, from about five thousand members in the 1960s to twenty-five thousand today, through stricter hunting regulation.

We hear vastly exaggerated and emotional claims that are simply not supported by data. Yes, it is likely that disappearing ice will make it harder for polar bears to continue their traditional foraging patterns and that they will increasingly take up a lifestyle similar to that of brown bears, from which they evolved. They may eventually decline, though dramatic declines seem unlikely.

But 49 bears from the Hudson Bay population are getting shot each year, and this we can easily do something about. Thus, if we really want a stable population of polar bears, dealing first with the 49 shot ones might be both a smarter and more viable strategy than using polar bears to try to enact radical greenhouse gas emissions.

The argument in Lomborg’s book is simple:

1. Global warming is real and man-made. It will have a serious impact on humans and the environment toward the end of this century.
2. Statements about the strong, ominous, and immediate consequences of global warming are often wildly exaggerated, and this is unlikely to result in good policy.
3. We need simpler, smarter, and more efficient

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solutions for global warming rather than excessive if well-intentioned efforts. Large and very expensive CO2 cuts made now will have only a rather small and insignificant impact far into the future.

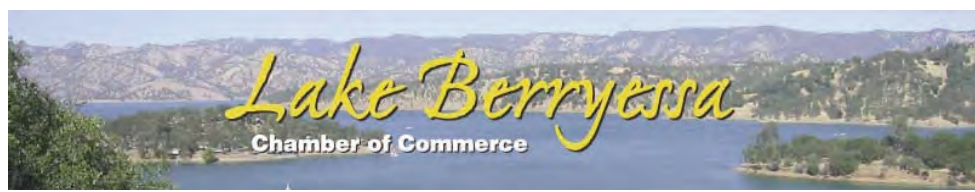
4. Many other issues are much more important than global warming. We need to get our perspective back. There are many more pressing problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, and disease. By addressing them, we can help more people, at lower cost, with a much higher chance of success than by pursuing drastic climate policies at a cost of trillions of dollars.

These four points will rile a lot of people. We have become so accustomed to the standard story: climate change is not only real but will lead to unimaginable catastrophes, while doing something about it is not only cheap but morally right. We perhaps understandably expect that anyone questioning this line of reasoning must have evil intentions. Yet Lomborg thinks-with the best of intentions-it is necessary that we at least allow ourselves to examine our logic before we embark on the biggest public investment in history.

We need to remind ourselves that our ultimate goal is not to reduce greenhouse gases or global warming per se but to improve the quality of life and the environment. We all want to leave the planet in decent shape for our kids. Radically reducing greenhouse-gas emissions is not necessarily the best way to achieve that. The data analysis in “Cool It” shows that it actually is one of the least helpful ways of serving humanity or the environment. Read a longer version of this article at:

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Season	First Rain	Total By 1/1	Last Rain	Season Total
97-98		10.77”	5/28/98	46.26”
98-99	11/10/98	7.18”	4/11/99	23.46”
99-00	10/30/99	6.5”	5/21/00	26”
00-01	10/20/00	4.54”	4/28/01	24.7”
01-02	10/29/01	15.73”	5/20/02	23.38”
02-03	11/7/02	19.34”	5/9/03	31.6”
03-04	10/31/03	12.01”	3/26/04	25.64”
04-05	10/19/04	15.55”	5/18/05	36.36”
05-06	9/26/05	17.4”	5/22/06	40.56”
06-07	10/3/06	5.36”	5/4/07	12.7”
07-08	9/19/07	4.48”	5/25/08	25.32”
08-09	10/3/08	6.6”	5/5/09	23.96”
09-10	9/13/09	6.5”	5/28/10	26.41”
10-11	10/17/10	12.39”		



2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Dear Business Owner/Community Partner,
Thank you for your interest in joining the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

2011 will be a major transition year for the Lake Berryessa community with the Pensus Group opening several more resorts for launching and camping. As part of this lake wide renewal, we are planning a tourist information program to make Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors.

We have worked with the Napa Valley Destination Council (NVDC) to promote the Lake Berryessa region as a major recreational asset to Napa Valley visitors. The result is our own web page on the new NVDC web site: www.LegendaryNapaValley.com.

In the Fall of 2010 Lake Berryessa area businesses and history were featured in a two-part Eye on the Bay presented by CBS. The shows will air again during Spring, 2011. Copies of a DVD of the show are available upon request. Lake Berryessa is featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook" which is distributed nationwide.

Ongoing benefits to our members and community partners include:

Listing on our web site: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com as well as postings about your business and local events on our Facebook page.

Regular email communication with important news about issues affecting the area.

Regular meetings and events where you can discuss the issues with fellow members.

Our local Chamber of Commerce office is located at the Spanish Flat Village Center, 4338 Berryessa Knoxville Rd. and is open 4 days per week. Lake Berryessa information packets are available which include your business fliers and brochures, which are professionally displayed in a brochure stand for visitors to browse.

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

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN/RENEW:

1. Complete an application form available at: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.
2. Send a check for \$25 payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.
3. Mail the completed form and your check to:

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Thank you,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board: Dee Cuney, Peter Kilkus, Cathy Pridmore, Jerry Rehmke, Marcia Ritz, Sharyn Simmons, James Winchell

Polar Bear Facts

Polar Bears are the most recent of the eight species of bears, probably having evolved from brown bears around 200,000 years ago. Today, 25,000 to 40,000 polar bears roam the Arctic.

Polar bears are the world's largest land predators. The largest polar bear recorded is 1,002 kg (2,210 lb). A Prius weighs 3,000 pounds. Male polar bears may grow 10 feet tall and weigh more than 1400 pounds. Females reach seven feet and weigh 650 pounds. In the wild polar bears live up to age 25.

Their maximum running speed is 40 kph (25 mph), but polar bears quickly overheat when they run, and therefore do it rarely.

Polar bears use a combination of body language and vocalizations to communicate. For example, head wagging from side to side often occurs when polar bears want to play.

In winter, polar bears clean themselves with snow instead of water. They rub their head in the snow, push forward on their stomachs, and roll on their back.

Female polar bears usually give birth to five litters during their life span. They usually only have two cubs. The babies are much smaller than human babies when they're born. They are the size of a rat and weigh little more than a pound. They can grow to full man size in a year if they have lots of food.

Despite what we think, a polar bear's fur is not white. Each hair is clear hollow tube. Polar bears look white because each hollow hair reflects the light. On sunny days, it traps the sun's infrared heat and keeps the bear warm at 98 degrees F. Polar bears are so well insulated that they have to move slowly to avoid overheating.

Polar bear fur is oily and water repellent. The hairs don't mat when wet, allowing the polar bears to easily shake free of water.



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Monticello: The History of History

by Peter Kilkus

When Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick decided to organize a Monticello History Exhibit to collect and display stories, photos, and artifacts from the old Town of Monticello and the Berryessa Valley she knew it would be a labor of love, but she may not have known how much labor it would actually take!

Due to her hard work, and that of friends and family, a fascinating view of local history has taken shape in the Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa.

And as Carol said the other day, "But I want to tell you ...every time I'm there something magical happens. I wanted to tell the story of the town and valley as it was before everyone scattered to the winds due to the dam and filling of Lake Berryessa. But now it seems as if the scattered threads of the tapestry are coming together again."

People keep coming to visit, returning pieces of history for the exhibit - whether they be stories about valley life, photos of people and events, or actual physical mementos like an old school desk from the Monticello School.

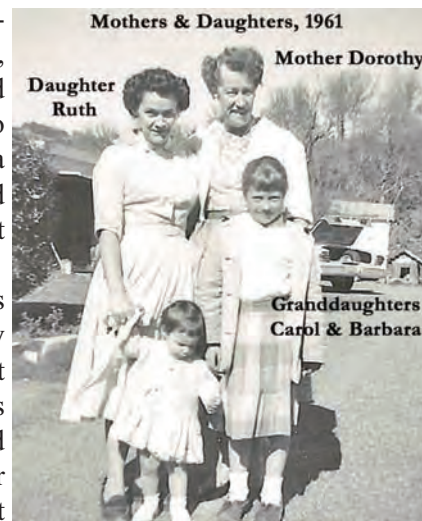
But one day a few months ago a visitor came by who was responsible for one of the most fundamental elements of Carol's life – her very existence!

A Tale of Mothers and Daughters

As Carol tells the story, it was another fascinating day at the exhibit, explaining the various historical treasures to some visitors. As usual, Carol asked them if they had ever visited the old town and did they have any stories they remembered. Betty said that her husband, Frank, had visited Monticello many times as a young man and was sitting right outside.

Frank was unable to enjoy the exhibit because he was 94 years old and could no longer see. Carol sat next to him and asked if he remembered his visits those many years ago. He was a bit brusque at the start and claimed he didn't remember much, but warmed up to Carol as she explained her mission to preserve the history of Monticello.

He then seemed to remember the past as if it were yesterday. He began to tell a story that profoundly affected Carol. As he got into the story Carol says, "I got goose bumps over my entire body. I



focused in on everything he said and the way he said it as if my life depended on it – and it did!"

Frank was 94 years old. He lived in Vacaville had been a carpenter who came to Monticello to work in the 1930's. "I worked hard at an early age, not like the young nowadays!" He had also been a cowboy and often came to the big rodeos in Monticello. One day he and some friends had come from Vacaville to lower Putah Creek down by Big Rock, the swimming hole and resort that is now under water at the mouth of the Narrows, to go swimming. It was a place that many people would come to swim and camp in those days.

He recalled that he was perched up on some rocks overlooking the river when heard people yelling and screaming. They were just pointing and waving their arms. As Frank tells the story, "I realized that I was the one who would have to try to pull her out. I jumped in off the rocks, skinning my stomach and chest on the bottom of the river. The water was murky, but I could see her hair floating around and grabbed her lifeless body and pulled her to the shore. When I put her down on her stomach she started spitting up water and crying. I was kind of mad at the people who were closer but didn't jump in – I don't know why they didn't."

As the little girl came back to life and people crowded around her, Frank thought they were family so he just swam back across to his car and headed home to Vacaville without telling anyone his name.

Meanwhile Carol had tears welling up in her eyes and started asking questions as soon as Frank paused: How old were you? "Oh, about 17." How old was the little girl? "Oh it was so long ago – maybe 11 or so." Carol's quick calculation made that 77 years go. She gently put her hand on Frank's shoulder and told him a story of her own.

Carol's mother, Ruth McGinnis, had had a profound experience as a child and often related it to her family as they were growing up. It seems that Ruth's family also went to Big Rock on Putah Creek to camp and swim. Once when Ruth was about 11 she snuck away from camp to go out to a raft in the river. The day before she had also snuck away but had been able to walk out to the raft.

This time the raft must have moved to deeper water because when she tried to put her foot down to go out farther, there was no bottom and she fell. She panicked and began screaming for help while flailing around and gulping

water. As Ruth relates the story, she would go under and come back up again, yell for help, then sink. She recalls being too tired to stay up and realized she was drowning! She remembers slowly going to the bottom and drifting down the river. Her last recollection was her head and shoulder hitting the bottom.

Then she awoke on the shore with a young man looking down at her!

The funny ending to this story, which will make us all think about what we have and haven't told our parents, is that Ruth NEVER TOLD her mother that she had almost drowned that day. Carol's mother, Ruth, had never told her mother, Dorothy Borges, (Carol's grandmother) because Ruth had snuck away from the family and didn't want to admit she had been "bad".

The sad ending to this story is that Carol was planning to have her mother meet Frank after all these years, but when she called him two months later she found out that he had just passed away.

This story is dedicated to Frank Garcia Puerta Sr., his wife Betty Puerta, and to mothers and daughters everywhere!



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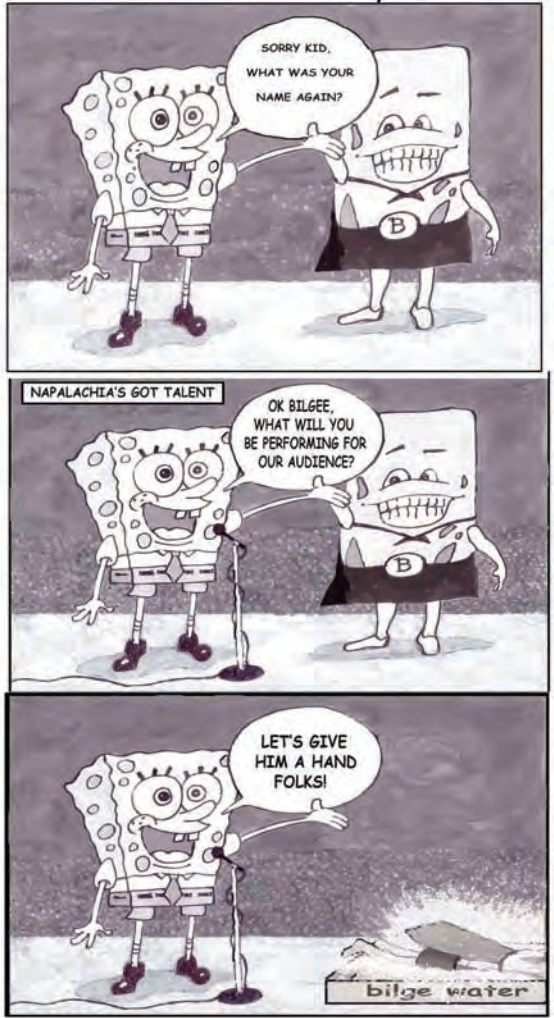
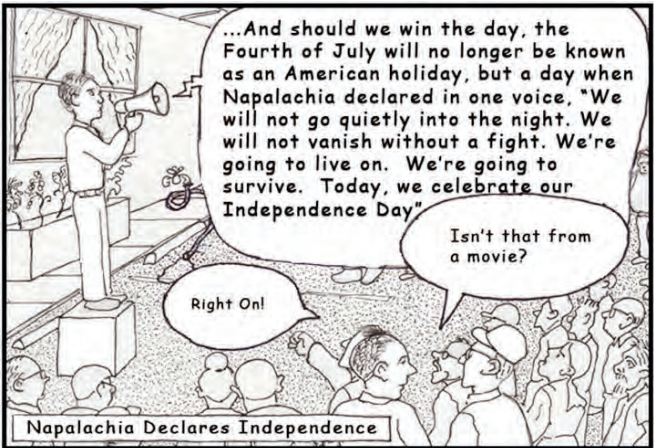
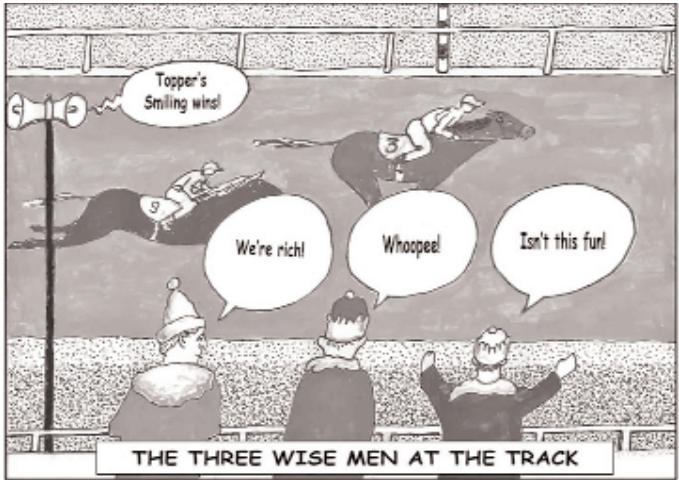
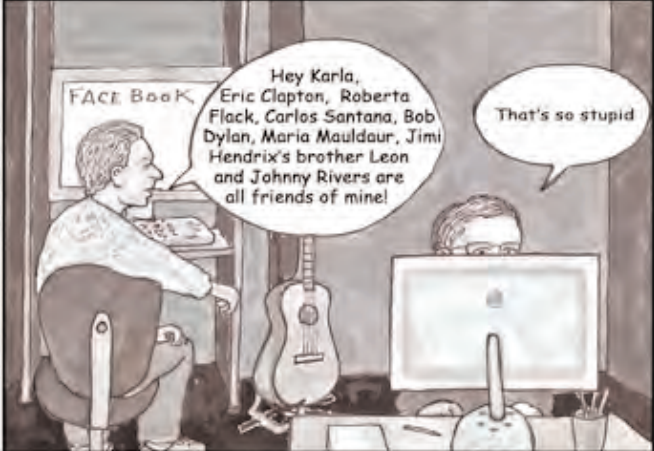
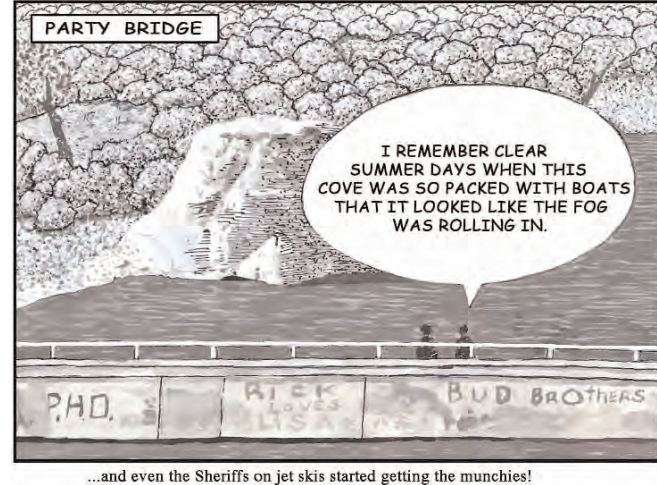
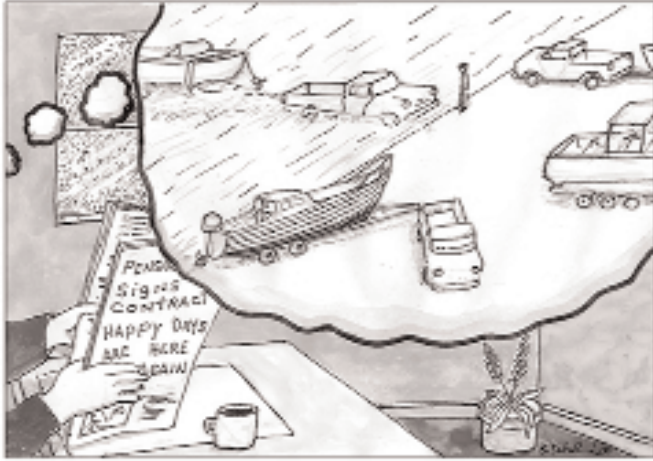
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New Year Traditions Around the World

"Auld Lang Syne" was written by Robert Burns in 1741 and literally means 'old long since,' or 'days gone by.' This song is traditionally sung in many countries at midnight on January 1st , signaling the beginning of the New Year.

First city to celebrate - Sydney, Australia, hosts the first major New Year's Eve celebration each year.

New York Times Square Celebrations - The first Ball lowering celebration atop One Times Square in the USA was held on December 31st , 1907 and is now a worldwide symbol of the turn of the New Year, seen via satellite by more than one billion people each year.

The original New Year's Eve Ball weighed 700 pounds and was 5 feet in diameter. It was made of iron and wood and was decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs.



Baby New Year Tradition - The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was started around 600 BC by the ancient Greeks, who, at the start of a year would carry a baby around in a basket. The purpose of it was to honour Dionysus, the God of Fertility and symbolize his annual rebirth. This custom is still practiced in parts of Greece.

Hogmanay - The New Year in Scotland is called Hogmanay. Some people in Scotland follow a ritual that appears quite strange, but it actually has a

great significance. One can find barrels of tar set on fire and gradually rolled down the streets in the villages of Scotland. This ritual symbolizes that the old year is burned up and New Year is going to begin.

Burning "Mr Old Year" - In Columbia, Cuba and Puerto Rico families stuff a life-size male doll with things and then they dress it up in old clothes donated from each family member. At the stroke of midnight, this "Mr Old Year" is set on fire. This is done with the simple belief that a doll thus stuffed have bad memories or sadness associated with them, and that the burning of these will help one to do away with past unhappiness and usher in happiness in life with the coming year.

Eating Noodles - Late on the evening of December 31st , people from Japan might eat a bowl of buck-wheat noodles called "toshikoshisoba" [year-crossing noodles] and listen for the sound of the Buddhist temple bells, which are rung 108 times at midnight. The sound of these bells is said to purify the listeners of the 108 sins or evil passions that 'plague every human being'.

Eating 12 Grapes - In Spain people eat 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight (one each time the clock chimes) on New Year's Eve. This peculiar ritual originated in the 20th century when freak weather conditions resulted in an unseasonable bumper harvest of grapes. Not able to decide what to do about so many grapes at Christmas time, the King of Spain and the grape growers came up with the idea of the New Year ritual.

Gifts in Shoes - In Greece children leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day, which, incidentally, is also the Festival of Saint Basil in Greece, with the hope that Saint Basil, who was famous for his kindness, will come and fill their shoes with gifts.

Carrying a Suitcase - In Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, and Mexico, those with hopes of travelling in the New Year carry a suitcase around the house at midnight. Some people may even carry it around the block to ensure travelling at greater distances.

Wearing new slippers - In China, many people wear, in the new year, a new pair of slippers that were bought before the new year, because it suggests stepping on the people who gossip about you.

New Love – Apparently, in Mexico, wearing red underwear on New Year's Eve is said to bring new love in the upcoming year.

Foods - It was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It is still held, for example, in some regions that special New Year foods are the harbingers of luck.

For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune. The hog, and its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

Black-eyed peas - Many parts of the USA celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures.



Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

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

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

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

Turkey Herding in the Berryessa Valley

I discussed Monticello history with Carol Fitzpatrick and Clint Pridmore at the Berryessa Seniors Crab Feed last month. They both told me that turkey ranchers used to drive their turkeys from Monticello to Winters, just like cattle - a big "turkey drive"!

I'm a gullible sort and they both told me this story with a straight face. When I asked my readers for any verification, I received the following letters. Any more info out there?

“The turkeys from Pope Valley were driven to Rutherford...I guess to the railroad...Rutherford was where the wheat crop of Pope and Chiles Valleys was taken by wagon to be shipped by rail...1880's...I was told when a herd of pigs was driven the pigs eyes would be sewed shut...makes some sense...pigs would be harder to herd than cats.....”

Bill Hardin, Pope Valley

“I read your article about the turkey drive which made me think about the days my Grandfather Bruno Goetze had a ranch in Wragg canyon (which is Pleasure Cove now, and where I live) and herded his sheep with 2 good dogs on foot to Dixon Auction. My dad, Ernie Goetze, said it took him 3 days to get there. So I’m saying its probably true. And I also heard of stories from another friend of mine, who lived in Vacaville, and her mother raised turkeys, and they herded them from one ranch to another.”

Lynn (Goetze) Graham

“I was born and raised in Pope Valley and can testify that they did raise turkeys. Don't know about the actual turkey drive but was told that the special breed they raised, could

weigh up to 65 lbs and had a wing span of 8 ft. Wouldn't think they could fly at that weight. I do know for a fact that you can drive turkeys.

Another little known fact is that I have known turkeys who were smarter than the individuals who drove them. Undocumented of course but the comparison was made in Pope Valley.”

Vernon Duvall

Berryessa Highlands Rate Increase
Berryessa Highlands residents will pay sharply more for basic services in the coming months, a measure intended to help put district finances back in order.

On February 1, the Napa County Board of Supervisors serving as directors of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) - unanimously approved a nearly 60 percent increase in water and sewage rates. Average monthly bills will climb from \$126 to \$214. Revenue generated by the rate increases will be used to pay for district operations through the remainder of the fiscal year, as well as pay interest on the nearly \$900,000 in loans owed to the county.

In early December, dozens of ratepayers met at the Capell Valley firehouse to discuss a potential reorganization that would gradually sever ties with the county and reestablish the district as an independent entity. The Board of Supervisors then traveled to southern Lake Berryessa in January to discuss residents concerns but their basic message was that a rate increase was necessary for the district’s survival.

A majority of Berryessa Highlands residents had blocked a previous attempt by the board to boost rates in June 2009. During the January meeting, the board pledged to work with the district during the

restructuring period, but said another protest would seriously harm the subdivision’s chances of being successful on its own.

On February 1, prior to voting on the increase, the board passed a resolution further committing themselves to a continuing partnership and outlining an interim plan for the transition of the NBRID to a Community Services District with an elected Board consisting of local residents.

The resolution asks that county supervisors remain the district’s directors until local representatives are elected and installed, and asks that negotiations take place between the county and district regarding the nearly \$900,000 in outstanding loans. The district’s reorganization efforts are expected to come before Napa’s Local Agency Formation Commission in the coming months.

Some History from LAFCO

Over the past few decades the Berryessa Highlands and the Berryessa Estates have been plagued by aging water and sewage systems, which have lead to costly rate increases, unwanted attention from state regulatory agencies and property liens that have made refinancing or selling homes an almost-impossible task for residents.

Just how these two communities - originally designed to be tourist draws anchored by one of Napa’s recreational gems - found themselves in their current state requires a look at more than four decades of troubled history.

According to a draft municipal service review issued by Napa’s Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the districts were formed in 1965 to provide a full range of municipal services to a pair of large-scale developments on the shores of Lake Berryessa.

At the lake’s north end, the Berryessa Estates — proposed by the San Francisco-based Labry Corporation — initially was planned to hold 2,000 residential units as well as various commercial and recreational accommodations.

At final build out, the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, which includes the Estates, was expected to serve a permanent population of roughly 5,000 residents and receive more than 40,000 annual visitors.

On the southern shore, the Berryessa Highlands development served by the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District was expected to be twice that size. Almost immediately, however, economic conditions stymied the ambitious plans, resulting in severely limited development at the lake.

Today, the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District has a resident population of less than 500 people, while the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District serves just under 1,000.

The immense disparity between today’s conditions and the original plans has created a “diseconomy of scale” that all but guarantees financial problems. With only a fraction of the expected ratepayers buying into the system, funding for necessary improvement and operation costs was difficult to find.

Additionally, only three years after the districts were formed, a major shift in the county’s land-use policy — which included the formation of Agricultural Preserve — created further questions about the future of the two subdivisions.

Suddenly, they were faced with trying to make a 1965 land-use plan work in slow-growth Napa County.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Lindsey		Marcia Ritz	6th
Mary Ellen Moskowite	20th	Dudley Rutherford	17th
Eugene Moreau	12th	Gloriann Rutherford	7th

Event Calendar

February 11, 12, 13: Cucina Italiana Valentine’s Weekend. Cucina Italiana will have a special Romantic Menu through the whole weekend!

February 12 - Saturday: Pope Creek Habitat Enhancement Project - planting more than 100 native trees, shrubs and grasses in the area. Volunteers needed. Contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 extension 143 or e-mail jgjordan@usbr.gov or Carol Kunze, Berryessa Trails and Conservation, at carol@berryessatrails.org

February 14 - Monday: Crossroads “Couples Menu” Night, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Prime Rib, Seafood Ravioli, Chicken Parmigiana, Appetizer, Soup or Salad, and Cheesecake Trio dessert. \$60 per couple. Call 707-255-5455.

February 26, Saturday: Cucina Italiana Open That Bottle Night - the annual event in which those special bottles are brought out to help us share our lives and celebrate the memories. Bring your bottle and your story! The best story will win a dinner for two and a terrific bottle of wine from Sharyn’s stash. It is lots of fun, call 707-254-5690 for more information or directions.

March 9, Wednesday: a Contracting Opportunities Workshop for Professional Services Consultants and Construction Contractors, 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Napa City-County Library, 580 Coombs Street. Contact Juan Arias at (707) 259-8374 or at Juan.Arias@countyofnapa.org.

March 29 - Tuesday: 6th Annual Wine Country Hospitality Symposium, 8 am - 5 pm, Napa Valley College Upper Valley Campus, 1088 College Avenue. St. Helena, \$99 - Early Registration. Visit www.nvchi.org or call the Small Business Development Center office at 707-253-3211.

Berryessa Pro Team Trail Bass Tournaments : 3/27/11 (Sixth); 4/17/11 (Seventh & Last). Any questions email dukekalani@yahoo.com or call (530)795-2659.

Ongoing Events:

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

Special Announcement

Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals will open for the 2011 boating season on March 1! (Weather Permitting)
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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 1/30/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **14.11** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **22.16** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
1/3/11	417.11	0.01	55	41	0.33
1/4/11	417.23	0.01	55	43	0.00
1/5/11	417.32	0.00	55	42	0.00
1/6/11	417.37	0.01	54	30	0.00
1/7/11	417.40	0.01	52	30	0.00
1/8/11	417.46	0.01	47	35	0.00
1/9/11	417.50	0.01	45	37	0.00
1/10/11	417.51	0.01	49	27	0.00
1/11/11	417.57	0.03	51	27	0.00
1/12/11	417.52	0.02	47	41	0.02
1/13/11	417.63	0.00	53	39	0.00
1/14/11	417.65	0.01	59	44	0.09
1/15/11	417.67	0.02	67	41	0.00
1/16/11	417.73	0.01	63	41	0.00
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1/18/11	417.76	0.02	58	36	0.00
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1/29/11	417.78	0.03	57	34	0.00
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The Napa Valley Wine Train – Not Just For Tourists!

By Peter Kilkus

If you’re like me you’ve driven Highway 29 between Napa and St. Helena hundreds of times without actually seeing the beauty of the Napa Valley. Driving takes concentration and the Valley sights go by mostly unnoticed in our peripheral vision. I’ve often seen the Wine Train while driving and wondered what that experience would be like.

On a beautiful sunny Sunday a few weeks ago I finally had my chance to find out. My son, Evan, and I rode the Napa Valley Wine Train – and it was great! I recommend it to local folks who’ve never tried it – and bring your friends. Although some may feel it’s a bit pricey, consider it a “special occasion” event. After all, cost is relative. For example, skiing at Heavenly Resort in Tahoe now costs \$90 a day!

The Wine Train tracks were originally built in the 1860s to bring guests to the hot spring resort town of Calistoga. While the track to Calistoga no longer exists, much of the rest of the route of the Napa Valley Wine Train is unchanged. I enjoyed riding on trains in the past but had not done so in decades. There is something special about riding a vintage train past the vineyards of Napa Valley.



Our Gourmet Lunch Express Experience (\$99) had two seatings. We were scheduled for the second seating so we began our adventure heading North to St. Helena with very tasty appetizers and drinks in a comfortable lounge car with cozy seats and large picture windows. The service is excellent. Friendly waiters describe the outside sights while serving great food and drink.

The view out of the west side of the train is slightly more picturesque than the east, which looks across the highway. We started out in our lounge car facing east, but when we moved from the lounge car to the dining car they did seat us on the opposite side of the train, facing west, so we got the full viewing experience.

Guests are invited to explore the train and we did - visiting the kitchen car to see our chefs in action, the wine tasting bar, and the observation deck at the rear of the train to enjoy an unobstructed view of the valley.

The Wine Train provides a relaxing three-hour, thirty-six mile round-trip with fantastic views and incredible



food. The antique train has two engines, two kitchens on board, and a collection of early 20th century rail cars that are pure Americana. The vintage 1915-1917 Pullman dining and lounge cars and the 1952 Vista Dome car have been lavishly restored.



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If you’re interested in a less expensive (\$49.50) experience during the warm season, you can ride in the wood-paneled first car - great views and you can open the windows to feel and smell the spring and summer air. This car has an a la carte snack bar rather than full dining. See full story with more photos at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.



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By Bill Scholer

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B. Scholer '11

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- My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing..
- Every time I hear the dirty word “exercise” I wash my mouth out with chocolate.
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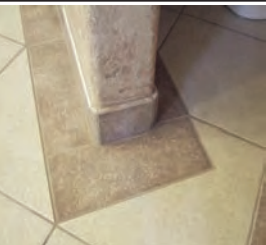
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The Scientific Basis for Astrology

by Peter Kilkus

There is none! Which makes it even more amusing to see the spate of stories that came out last month about possible changes to the Signs of the Zodiac. But relax, you don't have to learn a new sign. The ancient zodiac is not affected by Earth's wobble. Has the zodiac really changed? Is your personality different? What about your soul mate's? And what about your future?

Some horoscope readers were shocked to hear that, after a life of assuming they were romantic, easygoing Libras, they actually were practical and intelligent Virgos! But it turns out that rumors that the zodiac is off by a month are largely much ado about nothing. That's a relief for believers because adjacent astrological signs are considered to carry opposite personality traits.

The Star Tribune of Minneapolis ran a short story about how the Earth's axis has shifted enough over the past few millennia to offset which zodiac constellations go with which months. The story went viral, creating a storm of confusion. There was even talk of the rearrangement creating a 13th sign in the sky called Ophiuchus, the serpent bearer.

But astrologists said these aren't new discoveries and it doesn't change your sign. For thousands of years, astronomers have known that the axis shifts in relationship to the stars because of the gravitational pull of the sun and moon. Every few decade someone "rediscovers" the zodiac discrepancy and the 13th sign.

There are two reasons that astrologists say the wobbling of Earth doesn't change anything. First, most Americans rely on what's called the tropical zodiac. Under this tradition, what matters is when you were born in relation to the equinoxes, not the position of the stars. The constellations simply were used to label the sections of the year millennia ago.

Then there's the issue of the 13th sign, wedged in the sky between Scorpio and Sagittarius. Modern astrologists are conscious that there are countless constellations in the sky and that various traditions use various stars. But Western astrology traditionally is based on 12 signs and that's not going to change.

Meanwhile, a lot of people have been confused about their identities. About one in four Americans believes in astrology, according to a 2009 poll by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Some people even have wondered whether this changes their compatibility with their spouses. "I saw it on the Today show and was taken aback," said New Albany resident Tracy Myer. "If they added a new sign, my sign wouldn't be me. I'm a Virgo. I'm very much a Virgo."

The Lake Berryessa News Has the Best Horoscopes!

We will always try to provide the best available, and possibly accurate if not true, horoscopes to our readers. A comparison of recent horoscopes in two publications for the same week are given below. You can see that they are very traditional and probably taken from the same book of rotating horoscope descriptions you've been reading for years. But compare that to the Lake Berryessa News horoscope for that same week and you'll clearly note the difference in quality.

Publication #1: PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Keep your opinions to yourself regarding problems or decisions that don't directly involve you, even if it does affect a friend who won't fight back. You could make things worse.

Publication #2: PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You feel an expansive sense of freedom and liberation. It is a deeply spiritual time that can result in experiences of expanded awareness. Recreation and travel can also be activities that take advantage of these opportunities.

The Lake Berryessa News: PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Smooth-talking hucksters are out to fool you. Distrust messages or predictions which are vague and general enough to apply to anyone, such as those found in fortune cookies.

(See fortune cookie predictions on next page.)

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (3/21-4/19): Love is strong in your sign this week. Please be advised that, precession of the equinoxes or not, this is still your sign.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Outside influences will attempt to bedazzle you with strange mathematics and exotic rhetoric about a strange new sign in the sky, preventing you from meeting a dark-haired stranger.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Just as the ancient Babylonians were wise to restrict the telling of the future to a mere dozen signs, you would be wise to start new projects at work this week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Vast and mighty cosmic forces stemming from the 12 majestic signs of the zodiac have conspired to foresee travel in your future. That's right, 12 majestic signs, not 13.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You know what's a stupid name for a zodiac sign? Ophiuchus. It certainly doesn't sound like a sign that would warn you not to make big financial decisions until the full moon.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): This would be a good time to beware of those who would make major changes to your dearly held belief systems.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Wait, if an existing constellation has that great an effect on one's destiny, then why didn't anyone make a fuss about Eris, Sedna, and Quaoar, the planet-sized objects in the Kuiper belt?

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Saturn rising in your sign will subject you to the powerful force of Fate, which everybody knows is stronger by far than electromagnetism, gravity, or the nuclear strong and weak forces.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Just keep repeating: No matter what, you are still a Sagittarius. You are still a Sagittarius. You are still a Sagittarius.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Faith is the evidence of things not seen, which any well-rounded human being must admit is better than only trusting good hard provable evidence.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): This is a good week to spend with family, which is the kind of advice stupid old Ophiuchus would never have given you.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Learn to trust your heart. No one ever grew spiritually as a person by doing what the numbers and the science clearly indicate they should do.

Berryessa: Fishing the Northeast Side

by Rich Thiel

This article is written to help bass anglers increase their catch when fishing Lake Berryessa and the angler that has never fished Berryessa before. The northeast side of Berryessa contains many small submerged creek channels, minute compared to the many other creeks that are found throughout the lake. With their small bays, the bass use these creeks to migrate into their feeding grounds.

The bays maybe on the average from 5ft to 8ft with outside area between 12ft to 25ft, gradually tapering off into a flat area or bowl. What I have frequently observed is anglers fishing the NE area too shallow, consequently catching only 10% of the potential bass in the area. I will explain in detail how to catch a much larger percentage of the bass that are present at the time you choose to fish.

Depth Finder

When using a depth finder, look for irregularities on the bottom and grass beds. The grass beds in question are formed during low water conditions or clear water conditions when the sun can penetrate down creating a growth. This is what I call a secondary grass line. Once I have located the above described area I will parallel the main bank in 10 to 12ft of water looking for any kind of clumps of grass or a break line of 2ft.

When I come to a creek channel I always check and see what the difference in depth is between the flat area and the center or side's of the creek. Two feet is fair, three feet is good, four feet is exceptional. At 3ft, I will definitely stop and fish it, looking for clumps of grass with my Depth Finder. I will further watch the depth finder as the water becomes deeper until it turn's to a flat bottom with no sides.

Rigs

There are only four rigs needed to fish NE Lake Berryessa: (1) Texas Rig with 10lb McCoy Fishing Line (Mean Green). (2) a Gary Yamamoto five inch Hula Grub on a 3/8 to 3/4oz football head. (3) a Mojo Rig with 6lb McCoy with a swival, using a 12inch leader at the end a No. 2/0 hook (Gama EWG works well), dressed with a GY twin tail grub. (4) A suspended jerk bait for "ripp'in" like a Luckycraft Pointer SP Clown. My favorites are the Texas Rig 3/16oz brass with glass and the Mojo Rig. With these rigs you can cover all depths throughout a water column of 10-14ft and be confidently in full contact with your bait.

With the Texas Rig, I shake with a Ivino SP-20 spade tail. This tells me how active the fish are. If I find the fishing slow and I know there are more fish there, I come back with a Mojo Rig, dressed with a Black & Silver flake grub using a sweeping motion with my rod. The sweeping motion is subtle but steady, simulating a swimming shad, and then dying on the fall. Both techniques are done at a depth of ten to fourteen feet.

If I find fish in this water column I then move in to shallower water with my "rip-p'in" rod looking for feeding fish. Catching the 10% that are there, be alert for any detail such as a one foot breakline or a significant amount of grass that may hold a fish. Keep an eye on the depth of the boat compared to the depth where you had caught a fish. Positioning of the boat is often critical in shallow water conditions. Once accomplishing this, move back to 10-14ft of water and work below 14ft until you find the edge of the growth that was holding the fish, this can be as deep as 18ft.

At 12 to 18 feet, it is not unusual to be as far as 150 yards from shore. Below 14ft I use a Hula Grub "swimming" it along the edge of the grass line picking off aggressive fish that haven't committed to moving in shallower to actively feed. One of the key's to catching fish in deeper water with a 3/4oz football head is that by "swimming" it, the bottom becomes stirred up, mimicking a crawdad attempting to get away.

When to fish the NE

When to fish the NE is darn near anytime of year with the exception of when a cold front from the north comes in from Alaska. Normally from Feb 15th all the way thru November you should be able to catch a limit or two of bass there.

Wind is a key issue to observe for while fishing the NE corner of the lake. Wind, normally will blow from the North first thing in the morning causing a slow bite or movement of fish into feeding. The North wind will stop usually between 9-10am in the morning and the Northwest wind will start to come up for the rest of the day. This

is the best time to venture into this area.

Best bite is between 10am until 1pm in the afternoon. Don't ask me why, it just is and I don't question mother nature ha ha!!!! har.... Best bite is when you get that ripple on the water, thus, cutting the sunlight penetration down causing the fish to move up to feed or into feeding depending on the depth there in. There are always other fishing patterns occurring around this lake, but this pattern will hold up under MOST weather conditions.

Remember to note the depth where you have caught fish and the position of the boat at that time. Usually you will find a group of fish in a 30yd area. You can very easily run out of the zone, so pay attention. A little secret known among the fisherman that know the NE corner well, is that if you are catching small fish or legal tournament fish and they just suddenly turn off, just wait 20 minutes because the bigger fish are moving in.

Good Luck to ALL that try these techniques. Hope it helps!

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A Herd of Turtles (continued from Page 1)

Native American Artifacts

Native Americans in the Berryessa Valley lived principally along Putah Creek, not 440 feet above it. When farmers plowed the fields in the Berryessa Valley before the dam was built, they would uncover so many primitive artifacts (simple bowls and scraping tools) they would lay them along the banks of Putah Creek to prevent erosion. Examples of artifacts from Oak Shores are shown below.

Several Archeological studies were done before and after the construction of Monticello Dam. Two studies done later are referenced below.

Milling Stone Cultures in Northern California: Berryessa I (1979) from the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, contains the following statements:

“Although the study area (Oak Shores Park) is contiguous to Lake Berryessa and appears (at the present time) to be a favorable place for human occupance, prior to the construction of Monticello Dam it was a considerable distance from the principal stream draining the area (Putah Creek), and would not usually be considered a very likely place to search for or find substantial evidence of prehistoric occupation. Thus, when the Bureau of Reclamation requested the Oak Shores survey, it appeared that it would be yet another public archaeology project in which the primary value would be the exercise gained by the surveyors.

In sum, although the situation was difficult to accept in view of our general notions about resource exploitation and prehistoric space utilization, we had to face the fact that a careful survey over a substantial territory had produced no tangible evidence of occupance or utilization. It was agreed at that point that a short report was in order pointing out that the survey had been accomplished and that the planned Oak Shores Campground development would not impact any known cultural resources.”

Archaeological Investigations at Lake Berryessa, California: Berryessa II (1985) from the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology similarly found few artifacts of significant value:

“As a first step in the investigation of

the latter possibility, two additional lines of inquiry were initiated: (1) a re-examination of several critical areas above the 440-foot contour (overflow elevation of Lake Berryessa) within the Oak Shores project area; and (2) an intensive survey of a second segment (designated the "bridge sector" (Fig. 21) of the exposed shoreline and reservoir bed.

Results of the re-examination were essentially negative. Even though the drought had reduced normal grass cover, the only archaeological remains found above the 440-foot contour consisted of a small scatter of obsidian flakes at one, quite limited, locus in the Oak Shores area.

Specifically, it is hypothesized that the greater the elevation above and distance from Eticuera and Putah creeks, the more widely dispersed and apparently casual are the prehistoric artifacts. Site locations and artifact distributions in the bridge sector of Eticuera Creek were examined during the 1976-1977 drought when the surface of Lake Berryessa dropped below the 400-foot contour. The predicted location of major camps and villages in the Oak Shores area cannot, of course, be verified without a substantial lowering of the lake.

Currently, all village sites within the immediate Lake Berryessa project area lie under water. Site NAP-539, located upstream from the lake on Eticuera Creek, appears to be the only intact prehistoric village in the general vicinity.”



Fig. 9. Artifacts recovered from Oakshores survey. Pitted mamen (A, B), pitted rock (C). Scales 3 cm.

There are definitely some big bass in Lake Berryessa!



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Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Don't fry bacon in the nude.

Only listen to the fortune cookie; disregard all other fortune telling units.

The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.

The greatest danger could be your stupidity.

He who laughs at himself never runs out of things to laugh at.

He who laughs last is laughing at you.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Confucius say you have heart as big as Texas.

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We are still accepting donations and the church can be contacted for a pick up or drop off time. The phone number is 252-4488. Pastor Bob

Litigation Lottery:
Lawsuits Against Local Governments
By Peter Kilkus

The United States is clearly a lawsuit-happy country. For example, product liability lawsuits previously used the principle of “Assumption of Risk”. People who did clearly dangerous things with a product (motorcycle, jet ski, bread slicer) were presumed intelligent enough to know that they could get hurt. But some attorneys recognized that most people actually weren’t that smart and shifted the legal principle to “Strict Liability”.

This “creating new law” as it’s known in the trade, caused a surge in lawsuits when people realized that getting hurt was the same as winning the lottery if they could sue. As long as they could prove they were dumb enough to get hurt by something, they made money.

I know this is somewhat overstating the case – many companies needed this incentive to make their products safer. But it did become money-

maker.

This “I won the lottery” attitude is also present in the types of lawsuits brought against local governments: towns, cities, and counties. Whether it’s the little old lady who falls on a downtown street and blames a crack in the sidewalk or an inattentive driver who hits a curb while practicing the lost art of parallel parking and blames the town for putting the curb there, personal distress equates to winning the lottery in many people’s minds, especially when supposedly “deep-pockets” local governments are involved.

Well, government pockets are really not that deep. Every dollar spent on a frivolous lawsuit comes from somewhere in your town’s budget – maybe from the salary of a laid-off park maintenance worker. Page 7 gives a list of the lawsuits filed against Napa County during the last five years. This is public information and I have no opinion on any case.

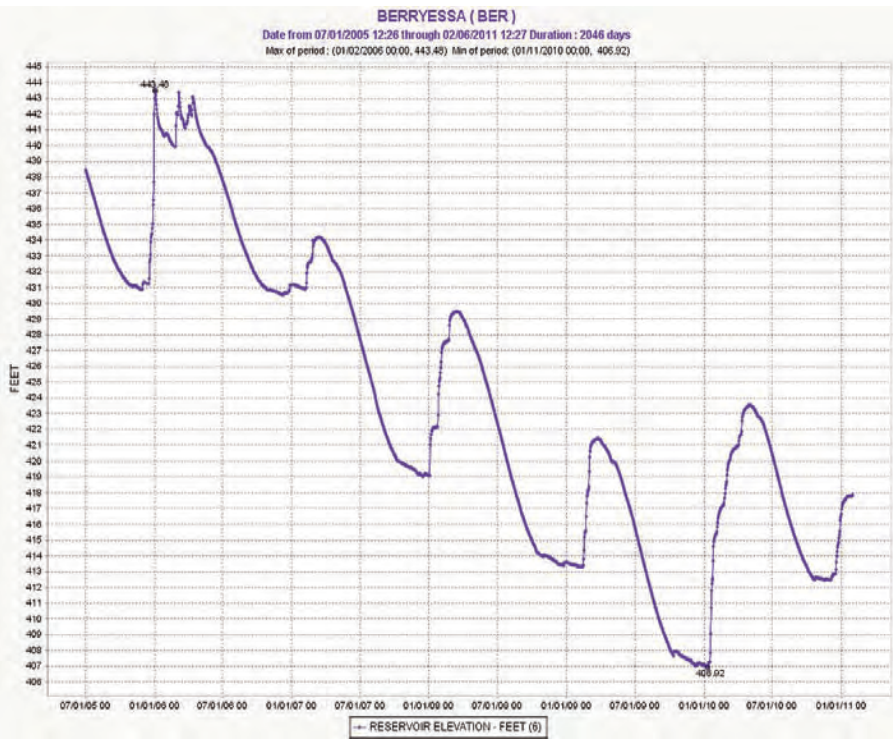
The claim causes listed are quite cryptic, and

there is a human story behind each. Without reading each case file, it is impossible to judge the merits.

Often a municipality will simply pay the claim, even if it is clearly not at fault, since it’s often cheaper to pay than to take the case to court. Notice that even in cases the County won, the legal costs are quite high.

The Claim Types are common in the insurance/claims industry. Those listed on the spreadsheet are as follows;

OPD = Other Property Damage (Other stands for any cause other than automobile related)
OBI = Other Bodily Injury (Property Damage to property v. Bodily Injury to person)
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7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park	3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
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	4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

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Claimant Name	Paid Indemnity	Paid Expenses	Paid Legal	Type	Claim Cause Description	Closed Date	Prevailing Party
FRICKE, DAVID	\$210,000	\$10,427	\$42,727	OBI	IMPROPER DESIGN OR DANGEROUS CONDITION	2/6/08	Claimant
SU, STACY	\$25,000	\$1,124	\$18,907	OBI	TRIP AND FALL	10/17/07	Claimant
PETTIGREW, DORI	\$30,000	\$1,723	\$9,496	OBI	SLIP AND FALL	8/28/08	Claimant
WEBB, GENE	\$40,000	\$8,773	\$21,670	OPD	LANDSLIDE	2/26/09	Claimant
STIVERS, JEFF	\$32,482	\$2,732	\$23,074	OPI	DISABILITY/FAILURE TO MODIFY	6/28/08	Claimant
ACCETTOLA, KIMBER-	\$565	\$0	\$0	OPD	INVEST./ARREST DMG. TO PROP.	3/27/07	Claimant
KIKEN, NORMAN PAUL	\$2,500	\$8,290	\$28,109	OBI	IMPROPER DESIGN OR DANGEROUS CONDITION	2/26/09	Claimant
KIKEN, EVELYN	\$0	\$4,711	\$22,521	OBI	IMPROPER DESIGN OR DANGEROUS CONDITION	2/26/09	Claimant
PELLINI, SIVASSE	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	ABI	COLLISION/TWO OR MORE CARS	1/11/10	Claimant
PELLINI, ROSITA	\$35,000	\$1,075	\$3,667	ABI	COLLISION/TWO OR MORE CARS	1/12/10	Claimant
PLOOF, DONALD G.	\$3,000	\$2,958	\$25,576	OPD	LOSS/DMG. PROP./NOT JAIL		Claimant
WESNER, DAVID	\$5,000	\$413	\$70,114	OPD	GENERAL LIABILITY		Claimant
WIRE, CAMELLIA	\$10,000	\$0	\$828	OPI	MEDICAL CONDITION		Claimant
SHIMEL, DALE	\$0	\$0	\$0	OBI	LACK OF CARE/SUP./JAIL	1/16/07	County
STATE OF CALIF.	\$0	\$37,477	\$23,506	OPD	UNSAFE CONDITIONS OF BODIES OF	11/23/09	County
PROGRESSIVE FOR	\$0	\$85	\$3,695	OPD	NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF VEHICLE	2/5/09	County
STEWART, RAYMOND, et	\$0	\$73,327	\$263,749	OPD	WATER DMG/FLOOD	6/30/10	County
KeranCo LLC dba Olive	\$0	\$1,746	\$11,100	OPD	OPEN DITCH OR CANAL	6/30/10	County
GOODSPEED, TONY	\$0	\$0	\$2,276	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION	1/28/10	County
QUINTANA, CARLOS	\$0	\$0	\$2,414	OPI	FALSE ARREST	8/8/07	County
HUGGINS, VICTOR	\$0	\$0	\$1,844	OPI	MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.	3/11/08	County
AYRES, TY	\$0	\$0	\$0	OPD	FAULTY CONDITION, MAINTENANCE	4/30/08	County
THOMASON, ANTHONY	\$0	\$0	\$0	OPI	WRONGFUL DEATH	10/22/08	County
PEARCE, SUMMER	\$0	\$0	\$14,996	OPI	WRONGFUL DEATH	4/23/10	County
MC CURDY, REX	\$0	\$0	\$18,300	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION	11/24/09	County
Lantz Properties	\$0	\$0	\$85,345	OPD	GENERAL LIABILITY		County
HOLSTEIN, DAVID	\$0	\$797	\$99,246	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION		County
CHRETIEN, ANA	\$0	\$0	\$19,275	OPD	INVERSE CONDEMNATION	9/29/09	County
JONES, ROBERT J.	\$0	\$0	\$6,270	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION	1/13/09	County
Chebl, Adam	\$0	\$0	\$10,110	OPI	LACK OF CARE/SUP./JAIL	6/29/10	County
O'Gorman, Debbie	\$0	\$0	\$8,825	OPD	GENERAL LIABILITY		County
MARTIN, MATTHEW	\$0	\$0	\$1,551	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION	6/18/10	County
HEUSCHOBBER, JERRY	\$0	\$0	\$49,483	OPI	DISCRIMINATION	10/4/10	County
St. Helena USD	\$0	\$1,842	\$28,293	OPD	GENERAL LIABILITY		County
Drapinski Family Trust	\$0	\$0	\$4,873	OPD	INVERSE CONDEMNATION		County
Mitchell, George M	\$0	\$0	\$0	OPI	AGE		County
Granderson, Charles	\$0	\$0	\$1,320	OBI	GENERAL LIABILITY		County
SMIAROWSKI, RICHARD	\$0	\$0	\$6,915	OPI	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION		Pending
FUENTES, MARIA	\$0	\$0	\$12,920	OPI	LAW ENFORCEMENT		Pending
HERNANDEZ, LUZ	\$0	\$0	\$27,624	OPI	FALSE ARREST		Pending
Vendrillo Lot Line Issue	\$0	\$0	\$150,237	OPD	GENERAL LIABILITY		Pending
Lindke, Gregory	\$0	\$0	\$0	OBI	SLIP & FALL		Pending
Lake Luciana Golf Course	\$0	\$0	\$160,768	OPD	ISSUANCE OF PERMITS/LICENSES/TITLE		Pending
BROCK, GAYLE	\$0	\$0	\$0	OPI	LACK OF CARE/SUP./JAIL	6/18/10	Pending
Spindel, Gerald, et al.	\$0	\$0	\$444	OBI	COLLISION INVOLVING PUBLIC TRANSIT		Pending
Shipman, James W.	\$0	\$0	\$7,866	OPD	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION		Pending

The Berryessa Highlands is Becoming Fire Wise!

By Evan Kilkus

Napa Firewise is a fire awareness program designed to educate the residents of Napa County about the dangers wildland fires pose and the need to create “defensible space” around their homes. Defensible space is a zone where vegetation and fire fuels have been reduced to stop fire spread. The goal is to save homes and lives. Defensible space is a law as well as an approach to vegetation management.

The Berryessa Estates at the north end of Lake Berryessa formed a Fire Safe Council in 2007 as part of the Napa Firewise program. Not far behind in protecting their own community was a group of concerned residents of the Berryessa Highlands who recently formed the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council.

As many Berryessa Highlands residents have probably noticed, there has been some tree trimming and brush-clearing going on in the neighborhood over the last few weeks. This clearing is the first phase of fire hazard reduction work that is planned to take place across the Berryessa Highlands area.

The work is a joint effort including CAL FIRE, the Napa County Fire Department, the Napa Communities Firewise Council, and the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council.

Highlands Hot Spots Identified

With the help of Don Gasser, Fire Smart, Inc., who is an expert at identifying wildfire fuels and fire hazards, the council identified thirteen project areas during their initial meetings in 2010. They found areas with extremely high concentrations of fire fuels, including the clusters of eucalyptus around the sewer plant and water tank, and the dense brush to the West of Rimrock Road.

They also decided that any large clusters of brush along Steele Canyon Road should be cleared out, since Steele Canyon is the only access road serving the community.

Additionally, specific locations

were identified as in need of fire fuel reduction, including under the PG&E power towers, and around the chimneys at some homes.

Current Project Status

With the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council organized, the Napa Communities Fire Wise Foundation set aside \$10,000 of its 2010/2011 county-wide grant for use in the Berryessa Highlands.

Initially, using a fifteen man CAL FIRE Delta Camp Crew, they created a 200-300 foot perimeter of defensible space around the treatment plant.

This first project included removing all lower brush and small pine trees, and removing and/or pruning a dozen or so large and dense eucalyptus trees. There was also a large amount of brush and pine up the hill between the plant and Steele Canyon Road that was thinned out.

The second project was along Steele Canyon Road between the Lupine Shores entrance and Rimrock Road. Specifically, there were six or seven strips of land between houses where they were able to make an impact.

The third project area during this initial phase will bring the work crew up Rimrock, where they will clear the highly flammable and dense chamise brush. They will primarily work on the south sides of Poppy Lane, Manzanita Lane, and Black Oak Lane.

As we all know, it is the homeowner’s responsibility to clear within 100 feet of their home. The work crew will be concentrating on the next 100 feet beyond that, doubling the “buffer” area. Some of this brush will be hauled up the hill and



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chipped, but a majority of it will be cut, piled, and burned by the CAL FIRE crew between 10 AM and 3 PM.

Finally, towards the end of March, the work crew will clear out much of the dense brush on the north side of Steele Canyon Road, between Arroyo Lindo Court and Arroyo Grande Drive. This will ensure that the Headlands Drive area has a safe "evacuation route" along Steele Canyon Road.

Long Term Plans

The next step for the Council is to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and submit that, with a grant application, to the state in order to receive additional funding to complete the remainder of projects. The application submission and approval process

will take place over the next several months, with future projects estimated to take place as early as next Winter.

The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council wishes to personally thank Stephen Gort of the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation and Ken Pridmore of CAL FIRE for their leadership in developing this program.

The project also received the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation, the County of Napa, Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, and private land and home owners. Sincere thanks to them as well. Finally, thanks to the volunteers who have come from our community to utilize this government program to help make our community Fire Wise! Contact the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council at: highlanders@napafirewise.org.

Council Members: Susan Sedillo, Evan Kilkus, Jerry Rehmke, Jim Rubins, Dee Cuney, Wendy Wallin, Marc Pandone. Consultants: Stephen Gort, Napa Communities Fire Wise Foundation, Ken Pridmore and Mike Wilson, CAL FIRE, and Pastor Bob Lee.



March, 2011

Springtime at Lake Berryessa: Pensus in Bloom?

Now that the Bureau of Reclamation has approved the new plans for the Pensus Lake Berryessa resorts, anticipation of summer fun at the lake is growing. Although 2012 will be the year for major improvements, 2011 will see many upgrades to amenities at Lupine Shores, Chaparral Cove, and Foothill Pines (Memorial Day opening) resorts. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, and all public recreation facilities are open for business as usual.

In the longer term, David Ffinch, President of Pensus, stated that, “Pensus plans to provide a safe, high quality and varied recreation experience to satisfy the desires of all who choose to enjoy the extraordinary beauty of Lake Berryessa”

A joint Pensus - Bureau of Reclamation press release stated last month that five concession areas managed by Pensus will be open this summer. There will be a single telephone number for reservations and information: 707-966-9088.

Pensus said that a new web site (<http://lakeberryessashores.com/>) will go online soon with detailed information about the Pensus Lake Berryessa resort offerings. Until then people should use the web site: <http://berryessalake.com/>

Chaparral Cove (formerly Putah Creek) and Lupine Shores (formerly Steele Park) recreation areas are currently open for day use, boat launching, and RV and tent camping.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, Foothill Pines (formerly Spanish Flat) will be open for day use and RV and tent camping. The resorts will have new concrete picnic tables and BBQ/fire rings.

Chaparral Cove, Lupine Shores, and Foothill Pines are expected to be served this summer by restroom trailers with running water (no showers) and an RV pump out service. For this season

Pensus will have a retail trailer unit at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove. It will sell convenience items, ice and some packaged food and beverages.

Blue Oaks (formerly Berryessa Marina) and Manzanita Canyon (formerly Rancho Monticello) will be open for group camping on a reservation basis. These sites will not have the upgraded picnic tables and fire rings and will be served by porta-potties.

Daily Launch Fee is \$21 which includes six people in your boat. Additional people would pay the \$3 per person Day Use Fee.

Annual Launch Passes are now available for \$225 and are valid from March 1, 2011 – March 1, 2012. The pass is attached to the boat. Pass is good for entry of one watercraft trailer and up to six people. Additional people will be subject to the day use fee.

The annual launch pass will be honored at all Pensus resorts. For the 2011 season that will include Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove. When the remaining launch ramps are built the passes will be honored at those resorts as well.

Dry Boat Storage will be available at Chaparral Cove and Lupine Shores beginning in March and potentially at Manzanita Canyon beginning Memorial Day weekend. Dry Boat Storage Rate: \$4.20 per linear foot. This includes unlimited self-launch fee. Launch and retrieval service is available for \$40 or \$20 each way.

RV Storage Rates are the same as the Boat Storage Rates. One free weekend of camping per month will be included in the RV storage price. (Not applicable for holiday weekends)

The hours of operation for day use at Chaparral Cove, Foothill Pines and Lupine Shores will be 8 AM to 8 PM. RV and camper walk-ins and launchers who have not purchased the annual pass will need to check in between these

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hours as well. RV and campers who have made online reservations in advance will be able to access the sites at any time, as will those who purchase the annual pass.

Pensus is also finalizing signage for the concession entry locations as well as investigating billboards and radio advertising and preparing brochures.

Although wet slips are now shown in the Lupine Shores plan, Pensus cannot install wet slips until the environmental process is completed. They expect to obtain price approvals for wet slips within a few months. All things going well they will start construction of slips in late 2011 for 2012 season occupancy.

Employment opportunities will be available. All applications should be submitted on the Pensus website. Each submission is acknowledged immediately. However, they caution applicants that they are inundated

with job requests in all areas of operation and it is impossible to respond to or interview all applicants.

New Lake Berryessa Park Manager Appointed

One year after the resignation (February 8, 2010) of Janet Rogers as Park Manager, her position has now been filled.

Reclamation has appointed Lynn Pilgrim-Little to the position. Lynn was introduced to the local community at the February 28 Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce meeting.

New management at the local Bureau of Reclamation headquarters combined with the Pensus renovation of the resorts promises to have a continuing positive influence on the future of the lake and local businesses and residents.

On Thursday, February 24, members of the Capell Community Center group met with the Napa Valley Unified School District to further discuss the possibility of obtaining the closed Capell Elementary School site for a Community Center. The group, including Dee Cuney, Bob Lee and Amber Payne, were informed the School Board is willing to proceed with the idea, and we are beginning to work on a written proposal.

Two requirements would be that we are a recognizable group such as a non-profit, which can be insured and that we pay a basic fee to cover our utility usage. We are exploring options regarding the insurance and will need help with initial funding to get the Center off the ground.

Insurance costs are unknown at this time, but utilities would be in the \$100 a month area.

If there are parties interested in donating please contact Bob Lee at TerriBob@lakeberryessa.net or Dee Cuney at deecuney@aol.com. We would not collect anything at this time but would wait until the process is finalized.

Highlands Dog Poisonings

After talking with more neighbors about the dog poisonings on Rimrock Drive in the Berryessa Highlands, Vic Venuta discovered another three dogs and a cat were poisoned and killed by someone.

So the totals now are 6 dogs and one cat poisoned resulting in four dead dogs, two recovered, one dead cat.

Reward is now \$1,000. Call Napa County Sheriff, Kieth Walmsley, 707-253-4509 or Victor Venuta, 707-738-7844

Pope Valley/Berryessa Musings

I spend considerable time thinking about the early days of Pope Valley. Most of those settlers arrived

exhausted, too late to plant, and everything they had was in the back of a 20 ft. wagon. But they had little quit in them and within 20 years, they had farms, schools, churches, and an inexhaustible supply of alcohol. They never had much with respect to material goods, but they and millions like them built this country.

Even with the strings they had hanging off them, they were good people at the core. I knew their children and never realized how classy they were until I lived in a wider world.

At 17 yrs and as smart as I was ever going to be, I landed a job with a Nevada fence company who was building the fence around Lake Berryessa. The lake was filling, and driving the rattlesnakes up into the surrounding hills - which already boasted about 5 rattlers/acre. It was the toughest job I ever tried (drove about 150 T-posts/day) but I was young, stupid and immensely qualified.

I had never been beat arm-wrestling so when my buddy said he had arranged a wrestling contest with the Nevada company's representative, I said, "No problem." They brought in this giant who easily went 6' 9" and about 240lbs (He was right out of James Bond). I did beat this guy, which was no surprise because I had always won. Then they brought up this guy who was about my weight (180) but kinda thick through the shoulders. I should have known! He slammed my hand to the table so hard I still have the bruises.

Being a few brain cells shy, I figured he just got the jump, but after several more examples, I paid him the money and left a bit wiser. He must have broken my spirit because that was just the start of a long list of losing. The last time was to a student who couldn't have gone more than

150 lbs soaking wet.

So if that was the apex of my legendary strength, it was also for my IQ, which continues to drop. Is Berryessa still the western center for rattlesnakes?

Vern Duvall

Monticello History Exhibit News

Hi, Recently Wayne and Dot Little came to the exhibit. Wayne's Grandfather ran the Peacock Hotel when the town was just forming..Wow....

Also Dustin Dorman will be helping at the exhibit in the up coming months. He is going to put together a web site and organize the photos. He is studying History in college. Dustin is also a descendant of the pioneers of Monticello.

His grandfather is Larry Gardner. Larry also has photos that he will be sharing soon. Marie Rossi came to the exhibit. She and her brother Bill and Micheal Cox are the ones that brought the sign in form the Monticello Hotel"Thanks so Much"

I will be sharing a big surprise...soon..something has been found from the valley and it is wonderful. It will be displayed in the exhibit for the old timers picnic at the cemetery on Memorial Day week end..Carol

Larry Chance - 1946-2011

Larry passed away on Feb. 28, 2011. He was born Oct. 15, 1946, in Vallejo and spent his early childhood in Benicia and Vallejo. He attended schools in Vallejo, Napa and Fairfield, graduating from Armijo High School in 1965. He served his country through military service in the Navy.

Larry married his soulmate and the light of his life, Diane, on Oct. 1, 1968. They moved to Lake Berryessa, where they spent their married life.

Larry wore many hats in his life. He worked in the automobile business

for a number of years, eventually operating his own used car dealership, State Motors. During this time he began pursuing his lifelong dream of becoming a cowboy, a profession he loved and continued throughout his life.

While working at Basalt Rock, Larry was on the crew that repaired the Bay Bridge following the 1989 earthquake. He also worked for Pridmore Brothers Construction. After Diane retired, Larry said that he was retired as well. He remained, however, a full-time cattle rancher.

Larry was a compassionate man. He opened his home to many people and animals alike. There was always room for one more at dinner, always a place to sleep and an ear to listen.

He had a knack for telling a story, filling the room with a humorous tale and sometimes inserting a little life lesson. Family, friends, neighbors and the occasional stranger were all recipients of Larry's great generosity and hospitality.

Helping Local Business

From Supervisor Diane Dillon

I'm pleased to announce that the County recently adopted an enhanced local vendor preference policy. We have had a policy in place for several years related to the purchase of vehicles, which has brought business to our local auto dealers, but the revised version goes further.

The new policy does the following: (1) extends a similar 5% price preference for all local vendors, (2) provides for additional outreach to encourage local vendors to bid; (3) encourages the use of local subcontractors, when they can be used; (4) ensures insurance requirements are not unnecessarily strict; and (5) includes various tracking and reporting mechanisms so we can evaluate the effectiveness of the policy in the future.

Event Calendar

March 12 - Saturday: Berryessa Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Party at Turtle Rock, 5:30 PM, 707-966-2246.

March 16 - Wednesday: Napa County Wildflowers – A Spring Primer, 7-9 PM, Skyline Park Social Hall, 2201 Imola Ave, 707-253-2665, California Native Plant Society, info at www.napavalleycnp.org

March 19 - Saturday: Seniors St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:30 pm., 707-966-0206

March 19 - Saturday: Art Stroll in Winters, 4 PM, Celebrating Youth Art Month, participating merchants will display the work of Winters High School art students. 530-795-2329

March 26 - Saturday: Putah Creek Trout, a local nonprofit working to protect and improve the Wild Trout fishing below Monticello Dam, is celebrating Spring by sponsoring a fly tying and fly casting event from 12 Noon-3 PM at the new Lake Solano Nature Center in the Lake Solano Park. If you have wanted to learn more about fly fishing, fly casting, or making your own flies, this is the event for you. All ages welcome - come join us for some great fun, raffles, contests.

Berryessa Pro Team Trail Bass Tournaments : 3/27/11 (Sixth); 4/17/11 (Seventh & Last). Any questions email dukekalani@yahoo.com or call (530)795-2659.

April 2&3 - Sat./Sun.: Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale, 10 AM-4 PM, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, 707-253-2665, California Native Plant Society, info at www.napavalleycnp.org

Ongoing Events:

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

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

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



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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/7/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440 feet** (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **21.91** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **16.85** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
2/7/11	417.83	0.17	77	39	0.00
2/8/11	417.84	0.12	71	41	0.00
2/9/11	417.84	0.18	59	40	0.00
2/10/11	417.83	0.13	61	34	0.00
2/11/11	417.84	0.11	65	34	0.00
2/12/11	417.83	0.06	67	34	0.00
2/13/11	417.85	0.06	67	33	0.00
2/14/11	417.85	0.02	69	31	0.08
2/15/11	418.08	0.01	55	46	0.46
2/16/11	419.07	0.00	60	42	1.63
2/17/11	19.93	0.01	51	37	0.60
2/18/11	420.45	0.00	47	31	1.35
2/19/11	420.84	0.00	43	33	0.83
2/20/11	421.05	0.04	46	30	0.02
2/21/11	421.21	0.02	53	33	0.00
2/22/11	421.32	0.04	52	30	0.00
2/23/11	421.43	0.05	61	29	0.00
2/24/11	421.53	0.06	60	32	0.00
2/25/11	421.86	0.00	51	42	1.55
2/26/11	422.04	0.06	52	27	0.02
2/27/11	422.15	0.07	52	27	0.00
2/28/11	422.24	0.07	59	27	0.00
3/1/11	422.24	0.08	60	31	0.00
3/2/11	422.55	0.08	62	36	0.48
3/3/11	422.73	0.01	57	42	0.23
3/4/11	422.84	0.02	67	35	0.00
3/5/11	422.93	0.08	64	37	0.00
3/6/11	423.15	0.01	67	40	0.52

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Nichelini Winery Renovation Uncovers History – Literally!

By Doug Patterson

May 4, 1939. Fred Nichelini is on his hands and knees. He is in the process of removing a floorboard in the old Nichelini house in Chiles Valley built by his father in 1895. You know, the one built on top of the old stone winery cellar. His father had died two years earlier. His brother Bill and he would often come up from Oakland to do handyman work for his mother, who still lived there. Besides, after 44 years it was time to lay down some modern linoleum on top of the well-worn wood floor. Over the years his 11 brothers and sisters had literally beaten a path in the doorway between the living room and dining room.

The floor had to be flat with no bumps or depressions when the linoleum was laid. In order to get it that way he had to use a shim under the board. So he went out to his car to get a newspaper he had brought with him, tightly folded it up and tucked it neatly under the board. It worked.

Last week, Ken Wainright, a fourth generation Nichelini, along with his cousins Phil Sunseri, his wife, Leslie, their son, Josh, and Marvin Asher, were doing some repair work on the floor. They noticed a particular area was a slightly “soft”. It sort of gave way a little. Investigating this further, Ken removed the board and there was Fred’s newspaper. It had not seen the light of day in 72 years. Yet it was as good as new.

He carefully unfolded it. The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1939. Three big headlines caught his eye. History was to prove that all three were to ring hollow as predic-

tions. “Japan Split with German Axis Hinted”, read one. The second read, “Germany Offers Guarantees to Balkan Nations”. And the last one was, “Poland Will Say ‘No’ To Hitler In Danzig. Warsaw is Calm Over New Crises”. Four months later, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and a new term in warfare was created, the blitzkrieg.

“It was like going back in time”, said Ken Wainright, “World War II was only four months away and nobody knew it. Of course, when you are on a piece of land that has been home for the same family since 1884, not too much surprises you. What’s fun is that the next surprise never seems to be too far away.”

“My father, Fred Nichelini, was a real handyman”, said Carol Nichelini Madigan. “We don’t know for certain that it was he that did that specific floor repair but, at that time, between his brother Bill, who was the family’s second-generation winemaker, and he, most of the needed repairs got done. Also, my father was working as a ship building inspector at Mare Island in 1939, so he would have been keenly interested in the German situation”. In fact, in that same newspaper on the front page was another article, “Navy Asks for More Warships”, a request to the U.S. House of Representatives that was, in fact, for a record peacetime appropriation for naval vessels.

First it was the four beehives we found in the old barn walls (story previously printed in the Lake Berryessa News). Now a perfectly preserved 1939 newspaper under the floorboards. The next “renovation surprise” could come any day!

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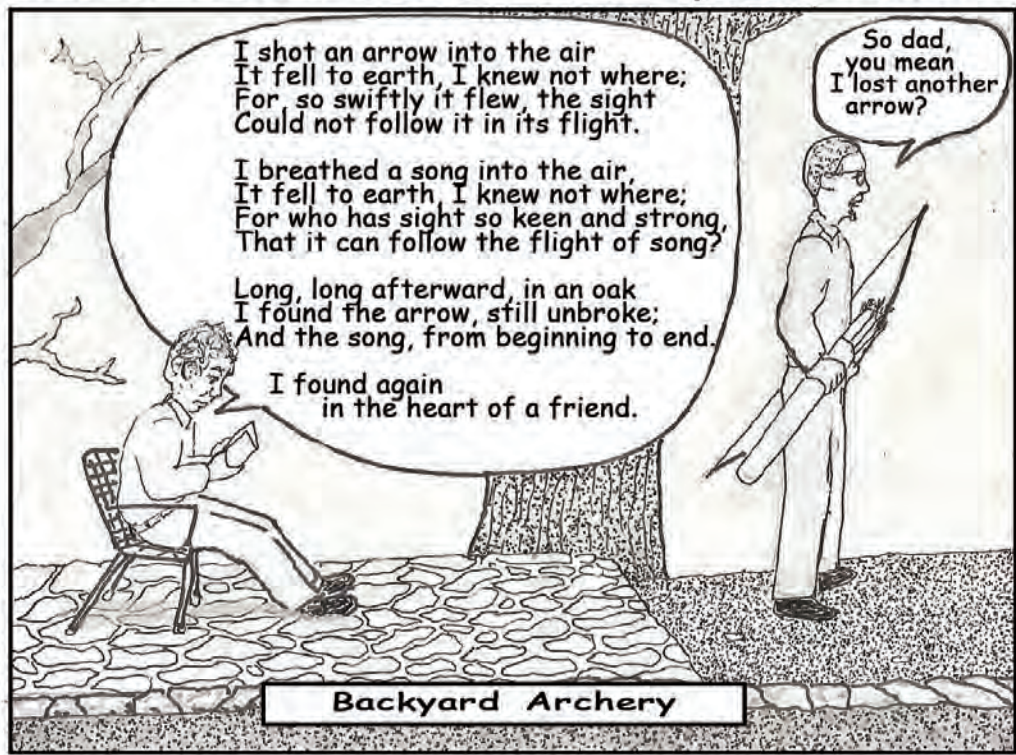
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NAPALACHIA

By Bill Scholer



A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. “What do you think you're doing?” asks the wife.

“They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans” he replies. “Put them back, we can't afford them” demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping.

A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

“What do you think you're doing?” asks the husband. “It’s my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,” replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: “So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price.” He never knew what hit him.

The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face.



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The Lake County Sheriff’s Office is seeking public comment on a grant application it is submitting to create an off-highway vehicle response team for the Knoxville OHV Area north of Lake Berryessa. The project also will provide for effective responses and abatement efforts relating to OHV trespass problems on private undeveloped lands and encourage the use of authorized, well managed, OHV recreational areas through public education. A 30-day public comment period for the grant application begins March 7 and ends April 4. The public may provide comment on the proposed project to the Lake County Sheriff’s Office by contacting them at jwb@co.lake.ca.us

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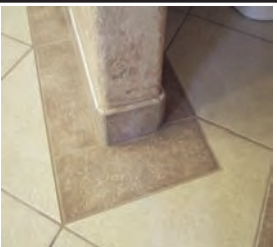




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**Triploid Trout Stocking Begins
in Lake Berryessa**
By Peter Kilkus

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has not stocked rainbow trout in Lake Berryessa since April, 2010. This has changed since 3,400 pounds (6,800 fish) of catchable triploid trout were planted in Lake Berryesss on February 15, 2011 according to Mike Ficele, Fish Hatchery Manager, Silverado Fisheries Base, at the Yountville DFG office.



A lawsuit filed in 2006 by the Pacific Rivers Council and the Center for Biological Diversity against DFG claimed that DFG's fish stocking operation did not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DFG had to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that considers species and habitats affected by hatchery-raised rainbow trout. One of the conditions of the EIR is that each water planted throughout California must go through a Pre-Stocking Evaluation (PSE) Protocol.

DFG recently completed a PSE for Lake Berryessa and the lake was approved as a “triploid waters” for the stocking of sterile triploid trout.

According to Ficele, more trout are being raised at Darrah Springs Hatchery near Redding and are almost ready for release. The release standard is two trout per pound, They are now at the 3 trout per pound stage. Future releases should take place during March. The target is to release 40,000 pounds of trout (80,000 fish). “It looks like we may



actually hit the target goal of 40,000 lbs, and stockings should really get going in March,” according to Ficele.

Through the mandated environmental impact studies done on California’s trout stocking program, it was found that the steelhead, a federally threatened species, could interbreed with the non-native strains of hatchery trout that could escape over the dam. So in order to protect the genetic integrity of the native steelhead, only the sterile triploids are allowed to be stocked in Lake Berryessa.

The “triploid” trout are normal rainbows that have been modified to be sterile, but are otherwise identical to other rainbow trout. They look, fight, and taste just the same. With no ability to reproduce, triploids focus all of their energy on eating and growing

large — sometimes to exaggerated proportions. But the largest of them, 20 pounds and above, are found in the lakes of Washington and Idaho.

But they are not actually “genetically-modified” in the sense that their genes have not actually been “changed” and thus don’t deserve the negative description as “frankenfish”. They are rare but natural phenomena in the wild. But to create thousands of them at a time took scientific experimentation. The science behind creating these fish happens during the incubation of the trout eggs.

When trout spawn, the female’s eggs possess two sets of chromosomes and the male’s sperm possess one set. After the eggs are fertilized, the chromosomes recombine and each egg inherits one set of chromosomes from the female and another set from the male — similar to humans. The third set is then kicked out of the egg. Rarely in the wild, an egg will “forget” to kick out the third set and the fish becomes what is known as a triploid (possessing three sets of chromosomes). Triploid fish look, swim, jump, and taste like normal fish, except for one important difference— they never develop normal eggs or sperm and are unable to reproduce (i.e., they are sterile).

Through experimentation with this natural process, researchers found that they could create triploid trout both by exposing trout eggs to pressure and by placing trout eggs in a warm water bath shortly after fertilization. Both processes inhibit a trout egg’s ability to kick out that third set of chromosomes and a triploid fish is born. California’s DFG is currently using the pressure method for the production of their triploids.

The DFG plants catchable rainbows after they grow to a half-pound as part of a “put & catch” fishery that is designed for anglers to have at them for a short time. Survivability and growth are not a goal of the program. Sterile trout will be raised to the same half-pound before being released. There will not be an attempt to engineer monster-size trout.

These “put & catch” fish are meant specifically for anglers to catch. A rule of thumb is that there is a 50% catch rate by anglers during the first 6 months to a year of fishing. All rainbow trout have the potential for large growth spurts if they find a healthy spot, but it is unknown whether a triploid will grow any larger than a fertile fish.

Trout feed on small insects, minnows, crustaceans and worms. Aquatic and terrestrial insects are the main sources of natural food for trout. The triploids are not expected to have a negative effect on the number of other game fish in the lake. There may be specific factors about Lake Berryesss that would cause some especially large trout to grow from those that were planted. But we won’t know that for several years.



A lazy person like me would probably rather catch two ten-pound trout than ten two-pounders that I’d have to clean. Besides fishing is for the fun of the catch, so real anglers would rather catch more small fish than a few bigger ones (right?).

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (3/21-4/19): God will sincerely apologize to the rest of the hemisphere this week, explaining the snowstorms were the only way to prevent you from wearing those awful sandals.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Okay, the stars realize that last week's prediction of increasingly lower temperatures may not have been that impressive, but this week's alien zombie invasion should make up for it.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You're not the kind of person who likes to ask for help, but for Christ's sake, that's an overturned city bus you're trapped under.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're getting better at figuring out what your dreams really mean. However, all that stuff that happens when you're awake is still pretty baffling.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Although it's true that violence never solves anything, it turns out it's just fine for a quick temporary fix in many situations.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): They say that it's not how well the bear dances that's impressive, but that the bear can dance at all, which is kind of insulting considering the number of hours you spent teaching it.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll soon provide proof that a small, dedicated group of people can change the world by accidentally driving a rented moving truck into a petroleum storage facility.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Your biggest mistake wasn't assuming there was some kind of secret to life. It was assuming that it was the kind of secret that would make your life better.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): While it's true that only God can judge you, it also won't take Him more than a couple seconds.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): In the end, you won't wish you'd done anything differently; you'll just wish you hadn't had to do anything.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Mercury rising in your sign indicates that things are getting hotter, as the mercury has expanded, causing it to rise up the thermometer.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You thought there was nothing in life that the music of Al Green couldn't fix, but then you found out about reactor meltdowns, crop failure, and cardiac embolisms.

HOW TO START A FIGHT

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started.....

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house...

I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

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“Life’s tough...It’s even tougher when you’re stupid.” John Wayne

The young man came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

Green River Fishing

By Jordan Romney

"Pick up a flat rock, skip it across Green River." Who knows where exactly John Fogerty was skipping rocks across Putah Creek way back when. Creedence Clearwater Revival's song "Green River" was about Putah Creek where John Fogerty used to spend summers as a kid. One thing is for certain, "Green River" would face her share of challenges flowing down stream.

Having grown up a few blocks from Putah Creek there was hardly a hole that I had not swum in, a riffle I had not fished, a fish that I had not met. Things were so much different back then in regards to regulations, methods, and fishing conditions.

An angler could have his limit in a couple of hours in those days of planted rainbows. Those days, are long gone. In 2008 Putah was added to the Department of Fish and Games no plant list. The put and take system that so many visitors had been used to was now eliminated. The creek might never be the same.

When the ruling went into effect that there would no longer be fish stocked in Putah Creek changes in the regulations did not immediately follow, leaving the wild fish that were left subject to the 5 fish catch limit. In 2007 a group of anglers: Greg Bonovich, Dr. Garrick Chang, Chris

Yama, Gordon Chappell, and others had noticed the drastic decline in the fishing and decided that something needed to be done. Putah Creek Trout, the organization, was born.

Their goal was clear, protect the wild fish that were left, preserve their habitat and they will re populate the future. In 2009, they began working with DFG's wild trout program specifically on changing regulations for fishing the creek.

In order to protect the wild fish, a zero take limit was put in place year round. No longer would it be common to see stringers full of fish leaving the creek. To help with releasing the fish safely only artificial flies or lures with barbless hooks may be used. The no bait regulation is by far the most unpopular.

The reason behind it is that when a trout eats bait it swallows it along with the hook. It is very hard to retrieve a hook from a fish once it has been swallowed thus harmfully affecting the survival rate of the fish that is released. When a fish takes a fly or slams a lure it immediately recognizes it as a non-food item and tries to spit it out. The hook gets caught in the lip, it is easily removed and fish is gently released. For more information on Putah Creek Trout visit our website <http://www.putahcreektrout.org/>.

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Sam Boucher sent in this photo
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Monticello Dam: Tear it down - build it bigger!

by Peter Kilkus

The rumor of raising Monticello Dam has been around for decades. Where did this rumor start and why does it pop up every now and again? According to David Okita, general manager of the Solano County Water Agency, CalFed, a collaboration among 25 state and federal agencies, did a "brainstorming" survey many years go of every potential future water project in northern California.

Although raising Monticello Dam made the original list of possible projects, after practical criteria such as cost, safety, flooding adjacent property, were applied to screen the list down to real opportunities, raising the dam was dropped from the list. It has never been discussed seriously since then. It is NOT in any plan and never will be.

But there is another potential source to this rumor, and it was a much more ambitious project than just raising the dam.

According to "The Solano Water Story" published by the Solano Irrigation District, banner headlines in California's newspapers in September, 1963 announced Governor Edmund G. Brown's startling new state water plan in which Berryessa would have a major role.

The \$3.7 billion plan included 35 dams, 70 miles of tunnels, 10 pumping plants, and 15 powerplants. The time-table called for start-up in 1976

and completion about 2020.

According to the plan, the still-young, 304-foot high Monticello Dam would be removed, rather than letting it remain as an underwater barrier. It would be replaced with a 650-foot high earth and rockfill dam a mile downstream from the concrete arch dam. The new reservoir would be three times larger than Lake Berryessa, with 10 times its capacity or 16 million acre-feet (compared with Shasta's 4.5 million acre-feet).

The enlarged lake would extend into Pope Valley almost as far as Aetna Springs in Napa County and into Capell Valley, taking nearly 18,000 acres of agricultural and grazing land out of production.

Estimated cost of the Greater Berryessa Project, as it was called, was put at \$360 million by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR). The timetable for this part of the project indicated a start-up in about 1990.

In essence, the idea was to integrate the Greater Berryessa Project with the \$280 million Clear Lake Diversion Project. The latter included three dams on the Middle Fork of the Eel River, with tunnels to the Main Eel River, Russian River, and Clear Lake to Putah Creek, then through two more dams and Lake Berryessa to the Sacramento River.

From Clear Lake, the water would be diverted by a two-mile tunnel to Soda Creek in the Upper Putah Creek basin, developing 400 feet of power-

head that would be harnessed with the construction of two dams on Soda Creek. According to the DWR, discharges from the power facilities would be released into an enlarged Lake Berryessa capable of meeting the export demands of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and those of the Solano Project.

Even the Bureau of Reclamation, which had never been accused of thinking small, was impressed by the scope of Governor Brown's plan, describing the overall project as "staggering but physically possible and since the Greater Berryessa Project would not be built for at least another 30 years, the present Monticello Dam by that time will have served its useful life."

Brown's master plan for the state's water problems never caught on with the public or the legislature. His grand plans are collecting dust at the DWR.

Spelling Test: What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one? Hint: starts with an s and ends with a g. See answer on Page 8.

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

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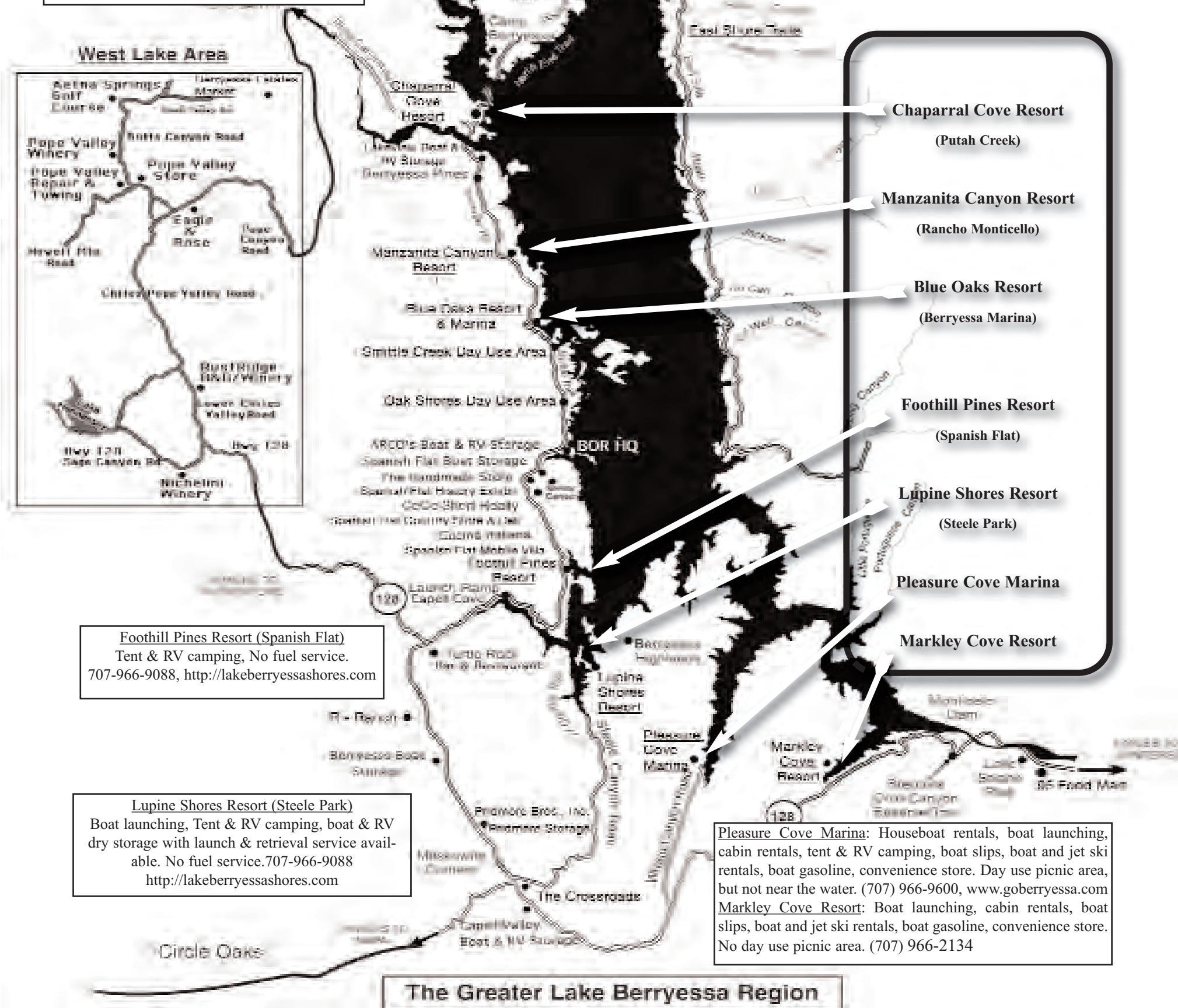
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Fly Fishing the Green River

By Jordan Romney

The key to being a successful angler on Putah Creek is to keep at it and change your style regularly. It is important when fishing Putah Creek to set your expectations correctly. I tell my clients flat out, this is a tough place to catch fish. There are so many challenges when fishing Putah I don't know where to start.

I guess first is that dry flies will not produce a lot of fish. If you want to catch fish here you need to know how to nymph with weight and an indicator. This is a river where you need to know how to roll cast and you need to know how to roll cast well. With all of the trees, bushes, branches, and rocks working against you it is not uncommon to go a whole day without ever making a single back cast.

The rainbows here are all big, wild, and in great shape. There are a lot of fish 20 inches with some close to 30. Expect most fish to be in the 12-15 inch range.

March is one of the best months to fish on Putah Creek. The weather starts to get warmer meaning more bugs are activity. The fish are done with their spawn and ready to get fat again. The water levels will be in your favor at least until April 1st. When fishing here I recommend a standard 9'

5WT fly rod with a floating line. Use light leaders and tippet, either 5X or 6X. Some anglers here like to as light as 7X which is fine when fighting the smaller fish but if you hook a "Putah Pig" on 7X you will get worked.

In March the caddis will start to hatch, use your favorite pupae patterns both green and cream. There are always good mayfly hatches and midges. March is a good time to strip streamers. The creek is full of sculpins and sticklebacks; if nymphing isn't working try stripping a big sculpzilla or black bunny leach.

Presentation with your flies is the most important skill to have here. Smaller size flies in the 18-24 range will get more grabs then the bigger stuff. Also, make sure to change flies often, I can confidently make the argument that these fish see more flies than any other tail water in California.

Jordan Romney is a professional fly fishing guide who fine-tuned his craft at the Guide School at the Clearwater Lodge in California. His services apply to beginners and veterans alike, and he offer full day and half day trips, as well as casting instruction. He supplies rods, reels, tackle, lunch, instruction, waders, and boots with limited sizes. In the summer when the water levels become too high

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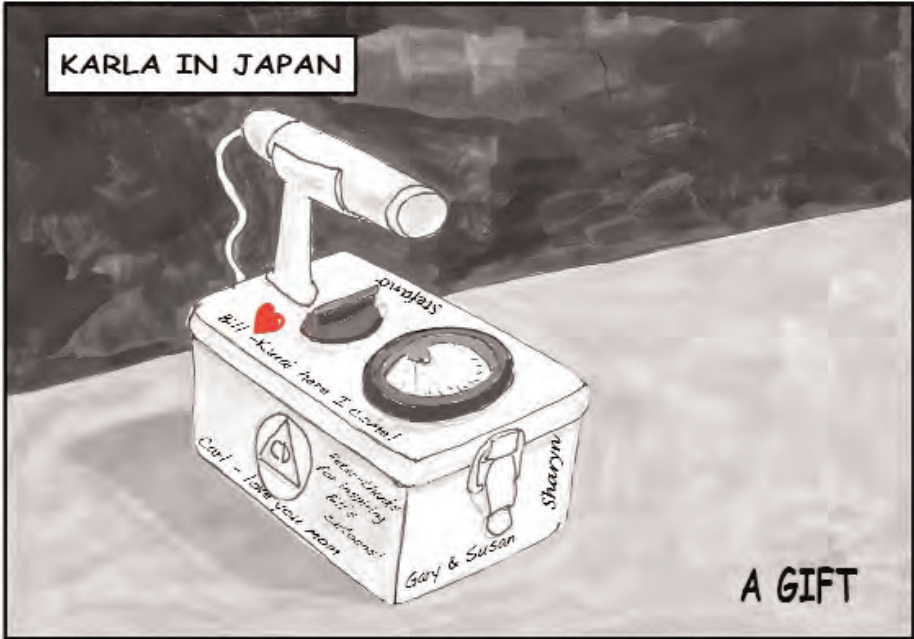
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WARNING: No auto gas available between Winters and Napa or at Lake Berryessa!

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

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

Lake Berryessa Snowfall Sparks Pensus Imagination

by Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

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

New Technology Transmits More Than Just Inane Nonsense!

By Peter Kilkus

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

humans and animals sick. What's even more worrying - they can spread these illnesses through the new technology we all take for granted – from iPhones, iPads, satellite TV - to humans. Although the California Secretary of Health and Human Services avoided calls from the Lake Berryessa

News, Prof. Pilar Lofe Lemonjello of the University of Lake Berryessa has exclusively told the Lake Berryessa News that the research carried out at a secret laboratory inside Goat Island has proven that the virus has mutated to an advanced state.

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



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

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



Editor's Disclaimer: All stories in this issue have been checked to the best of our ability on the Internet, the standard for truth!



Plans Canceled for Floating Native American Casino !

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

Camp Berryessa Wins \$1.5 M Grant

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

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

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

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

Governor Brown Eliminates “S.W.A.G.”

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

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

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

S.W.A.G Expenditures 2007 -2010

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

County Issues RFP for Berryessa Highlands System Operator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toyota Announces Non-Hybrid Prius

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

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

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

Starbucks Introduces Micra and Plenta

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

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

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



Event Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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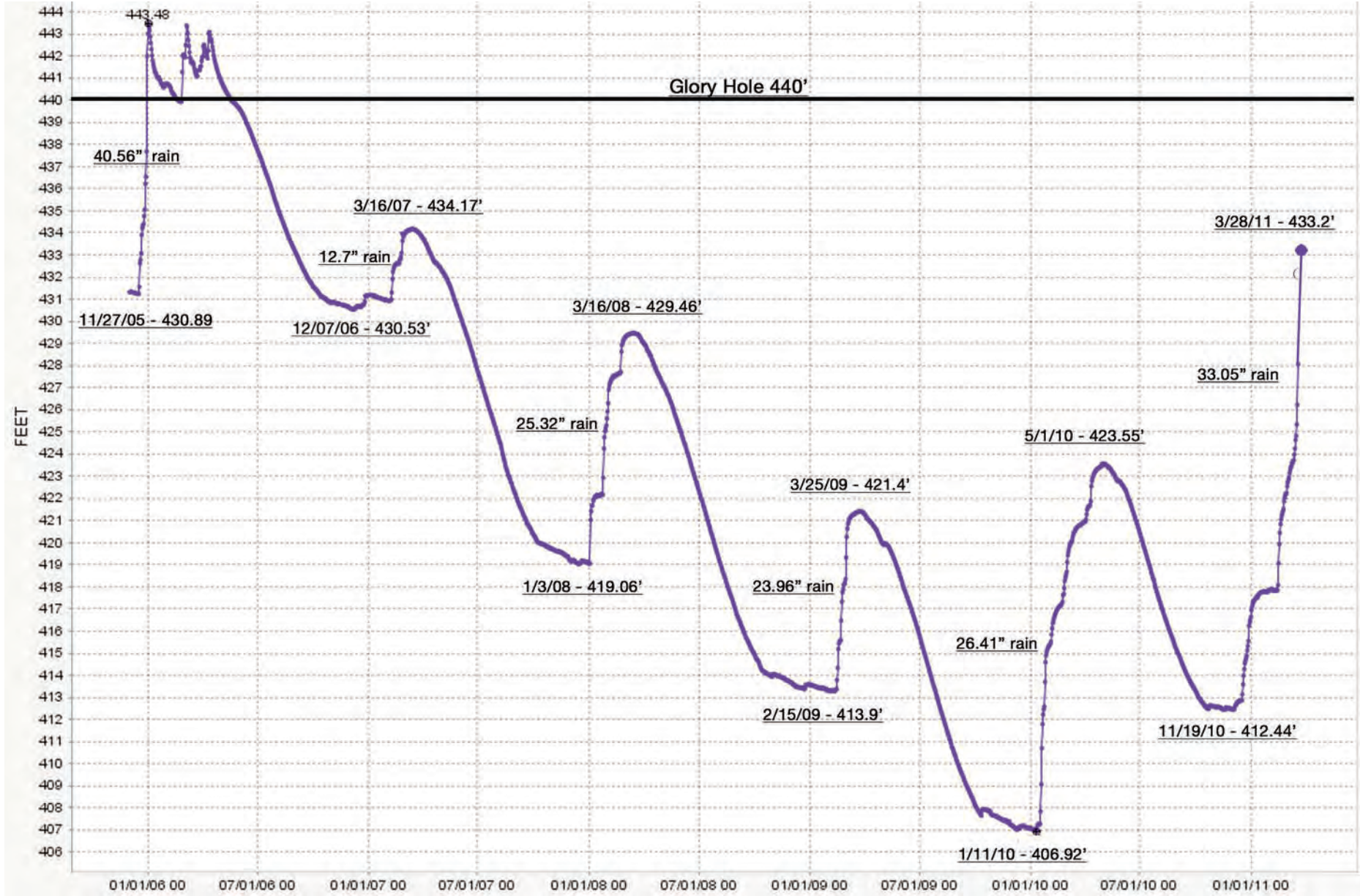
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Lake Level as of 3/28/11
The new lake level is 433.2’ – only 6.8’ below Glory Hole – a 5.14’ rise in one week. Rainfall this week was 4.6” for a 13.4” rise per inch of rain! The last time the lake was this full was in May, 2007. We only have 2’ to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

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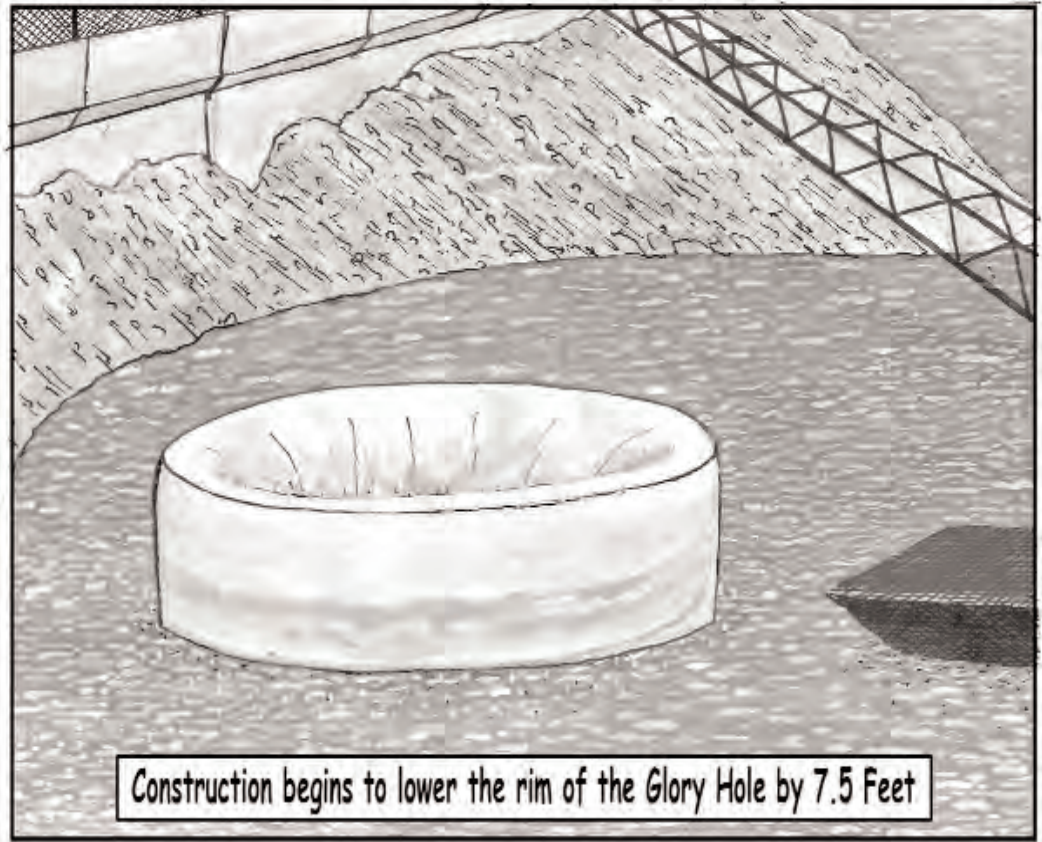


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Flood Waters Roared Over the Unfinished Dam in 1955

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



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

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



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Cucina Italiana Again Celebrates the April 1 Holiday with Imagination!

Chef Stefano Gusberti will add some new items to his popular April 1 Italian/Mexican/Chinese fusion menu which last year fea-tured such immediate favorites as his Sweet and Sour Ravioli Nachos and Gnocchi Mole Pesto Poblano. This year he will add his new Italian Sushi rolls - a combination of raw salmon sur-rounded with a spicy rissoto wrapped in a skin of thin sliced pro-ciutto. Try them out on Friday, April 1, and laugh along with us.

Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

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



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Living in the Country

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

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

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



Center. No April fooling!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Center.

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

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

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

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

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**The Lake Berryessa News Launches
Revolutionary Globule Social Network**

By Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

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

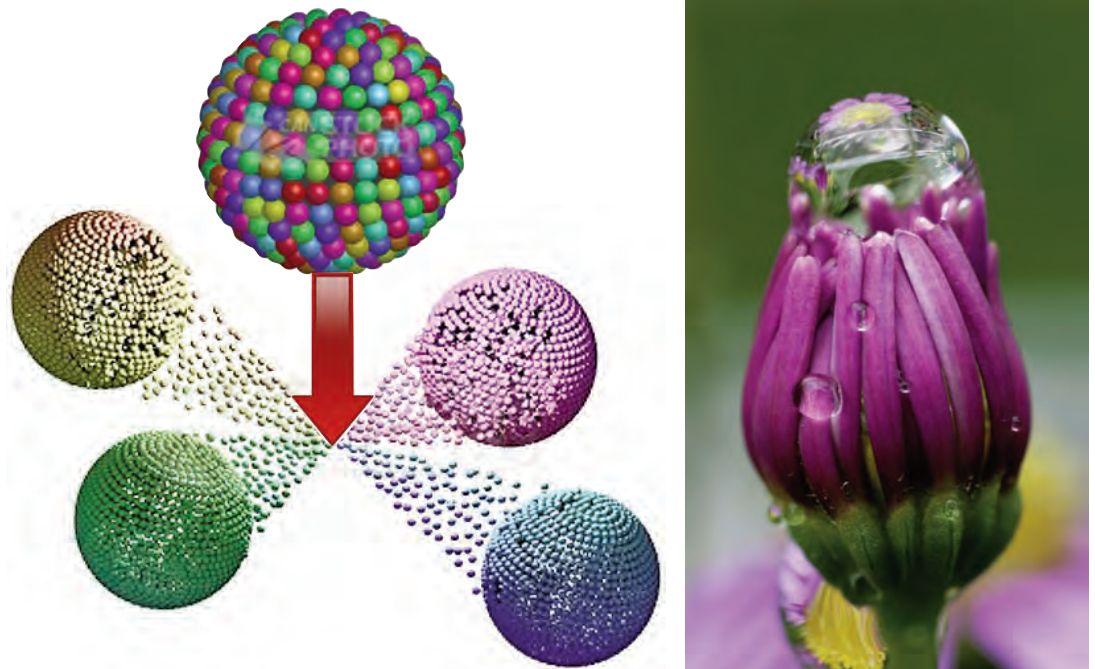
physical locations with GlobphoneGPS installed on your smart phone, Globule will automatically tweet everyone on Twitter, not just your Followers, with your latest status. It will also update your Facebook page, and send photos from your wearable Globcam.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Husband Down

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

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

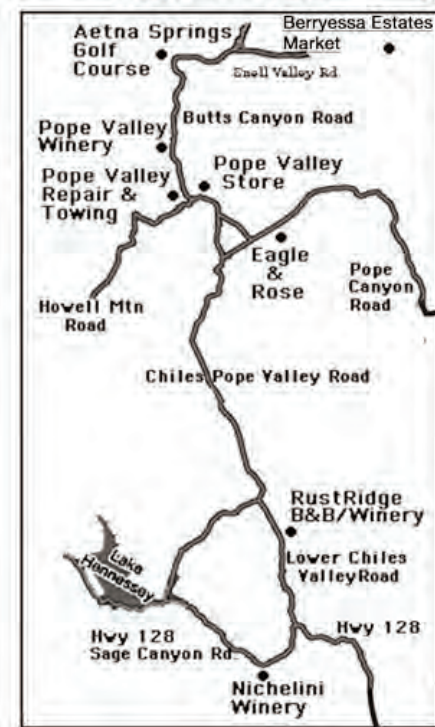
“It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,” replies the wife. Her husband retorts: “So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price.” He never knew what hit him.

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The Greater Lake Berryessa Region

Lake Berryessa News Introduces New Weather Radar & Fish Finder

By Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

All reasoning has a purpose.

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

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

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

All reasoning is based on assumptions.

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

All reasoning is done from some point of view.

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

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

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

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

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

All reasoning contains inferences by which we draw conclusions.

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

All reasoning leads somewhere, has implications and consequences.

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

Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

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

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

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

D-Q: A Ghost Town University?

For many years I’ve driven past a set of institutional buildings standing out in the middle of a farm field on Hwy 128 between Winters and Davis. I’ve always wondered about them – and maybe you have too. Friends in Winters had told me it was an old Native American school, but I was surprised to find out more about it’s long history – and that of the site itself.

D–Q University was a two-year college located on Road 31. The school closed due to loss of accreditation, declining enrollment, and alleged financial mismanagement.

The full name of the school is Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University. According to Iroquois leaders, use of the spelled-out name of the university can be offensive because the first part of the name should be used only in an appropriate spiritual context. Therefore, it is usually referred to as D–Q University to avoid offense. Iroquois tribal members, in certain circumstances, may use the full name.

The purpose of D–Q University was to provide alternative ideas and methods of education to Native American people. Among its goals were the preservation and re-institutionalization of traditional Native American values, the perpetuation and exercise of Native American religion and beliefs, the establishment of a Native American Research Institute, the development of field-based educational delivery systems to Native Americans who could not attend the school itself, and the maintenance of social and personal support systems for D-Q students and staff.

Founded in 1971, D-Q was the only all-Native American college in California and faced severe financial and accreditation issues. The school was one of the first six tribal colleges in the United States, all of which were founded between 1968 and 1972. Those six colleges created the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in 1972. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes 34 tribal colleges, the majority of which are two-year institutions.

The site of D-Q was previously

used as a United States Army communications facility, known at various times as the Sacramento Valley Radio Transmitting Station; West Coast Relay and Transmitter Station; U.S. Army West Coast Relay and Radio Transmitting Station; and the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command - CONUS, Davis California, Facility. The site was also used at one time by the Department of the Army, Signal Corps, to support the Signal Corps Radio Station WVY.

After the federal government decommissioned the site, the organizers of the school applied to use it, based on a law which required surplus federal land to be returned to Native Americans. The application was initially denied, but after a series of protests, the University of California withdrew its application to use the site for its Native American Studies program and a primate lab, and D–Q University was conditionally granted the land in 1970.

The school opened in 1971, and obtained accreditation in 1977, but lost it in 2005, after which it closed. However, disputes among the board of trustees were settled in a lawsuit, which resulted in the re-opening of D–Q University later that year. Declining enrollment and lack of funds led the board to dismiss the president in June 2006.

While formal classes are not currently being held, elders and teachers have occupied the University grounds despite Board and police pressures to vacate the land. During several instances in 2008, students and supporters were arrested for occupying the grounds.

The school's community continues in hosting community events, such as powwows, as recently as April 2009, including presenting an indigenous permaculture course and other cultural classes.

D–Q University in September 2010, in conjunction with the Regenerative Design Institute hosted a Permaculture Design Course, during which time Native Americans and non-Natives collaborated on site development proposals.

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Strange Southern Phrases

- Well that just dills my pickle!
- That’s about as useful as a trap door on a canoe!
- I’m finer than frog hair split four ways.
- If you don’t stop I’ll knock you in the head and tell God you died.
- He couldn’t carry a tune in a bucket.
- She was so tall if she fell down she would be halfway home.
- He was as mad as a mule chewing on bumblebees!
- You’re lyin’ like a no-legged dog!
- Hell, she could even depress the devil.
- You could start an argument in an empty house.
- You look as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine.
- He’d gripe with a ham under each arm.
- Each one of his sermons is better than the next!
- He’s so windy he could blow up an onion sack!
- She’s resting in peace in the marble orchard.
- He’s about as handy as a back pocket on a shirt.
- She’s so clumsy she could trip over a cordless phone!
- He’s about as useful as a pogo stick in quicksand.
- Well tie me to a pig and role me in the mud!
- Well tie me to an anthill and fill my ears with jam!
- The engine’s runnin’ but nobody’s driving.
- If his brains were dynamite, he couldn’t blow his nose
- He’s so dumb, he could throw himself on the ground and miss.
- He’s acting crazier than a sprayed roach!
- You’ve got champagne taste with a beer pocketbook.
- It’s so dry the trees are bribing the dogs.
- He is so ugly that my mother had to tie pork chops to his ears so the dog would play with him.



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Happy Easter: Spirits Rise as Lake Berryessa Fills!

A WILD STORY of Easter in the Berryessa Highlands

As experienced by Ruth Spiteri (co-founder of the Berryessa Senior Center). Written by Jane Dahl in collaboration with Ruth Spiteri (circa 1980s). Edited by Bette Maron (2011)

How it all began

It began on an Easter Sunday. As had been the habit of these three guys, John who lived up the hill on Poppy Lane and Bob who lived just below Rimrock on Steele Canyon, each emerged from their homes to meet at the house of another of the friends, also named John, on Steele Canyon for their morning coffee – or whatever. However, before Bob got far he thought he saw a dead jackrabbit lying in his yard that his dog must’ve killed. He figured he’d clean it up later after he got back from the guys.

In fact, when he did return, he found that what he had seen was a newborn fawn. No mother had come to retrieve what now appeared to be an orphan.

Bob knew that if it were to survive, someone would have to step in. That’s when he brought it to his friends Ruth and Charlie who lived up on Rimrock. Ruth, unable to take her eyes off the shivering but beautiful little creature in his arms asked, “But what about its mother?”

Bob said, "Something must have happened to her. I searched all around but there was no doe in sight." Ruth replied, "I'll call Fish and Game. They'll know what to do."

Meanwhile, she shooed Molly, her Siamese, from her bed and tucked the fawn into the still warm impression. And then she and Charlie carried the basket down the hall to the quiet seclusion of a spare bedroom.

Babe, their wired haired retriever, rubbed her shaggy body against Ruth’s leg. She then reached her nose into the basket and sniffed. Back snapped her head like a recoiling rifle! She was no stranger to the scent of deer, often crisscrossing their trails on her runs across the hillsides. But she had never before come across that scent inside her own home.

After a quick recovery, Babe reached out a wet, warm tongue and licked the fawn's face and for the remainder of the day Babe stayed at the fawn's side. Not even the aroma of roast lamb sizzling in the oven for Easter dinner could entice her away.

Babe becomes a mother

Fish and Game told them they would need powdered goat's milk and a livestock nursing nipple. They tried to feed the fawn some water, but it refused to drink. She only seemed to welcome an occasional damp lick from Babe. After their company left that evening, they stood gazing down at the pathetic looking little orphan – fragile, tiny and lifeless.

Charlie said, “I don't think it's going to make it, Ruth.” "We'll just have to wait and see," she answered, but she was afraid he was right.

The next morning they came downstairs dreading what might await them. But there stood the fawn in Molly's basket looking every bit like a porcelain statue! They had silently worried about possible injury, but its body appeared to be perfect.

Charlie kept watch on the menagerie. Ruth hurried to the feed store in Napa and purchased the supplies needed to feed the new arrival. As soon as she returned she prepared a formula of powdered goat's milk and warm water, poured two ounces each into six soft drink bottles, and fastened

a two inch black livestock nipple to one. Then she wrapped the fawn in a soft blanket, sat down in my chair with it cuddled in her arms, and held the nipple to its mouth. It refused to eat! "Nothing is ever easy."

They took it outside, feeling it would feel more at ease in its natural habitat. They set the fawn down and stood back to admire it. It looked like a soft, stuffed toy. Its coat was golden beige with white spots and dark brown markings. Its legs were no bigger around than Charlie's thumb. All at once Babe stepped forward and began to lick the bony hindquarters. After several minutes of licking, the fawn's bodily functions began to operate.

Ruth was so encouraged that she offered it the bottle again. This time it almost sucked it out of her hand! If it hadn’t been for Babe, the fawn never would have survived. The humans never would have thought to massage it. The licking stimulated its circulation. Babe had instinctively known what to do, even though the fawn was of a different species.

Raising the fawn named Easter

During the next several days they were as busy as any household with a newborn baby, except that there were no relatives or neighbors to lend an experienced hand. Instead, they called the Animal Control Shelter, the Humane Society, and the Agricultural Department at the University of California at Davis. But even they could not give any substantial help or advice. Certainly none of them offered to take the fawn off their hands.

They did, however, lecture them against taking a wild animal from the wild. Although they saw the wisdom in what they said, they knew in their hearts that if they hadn't taken the fawn into their home, it most certainly



Actual photo of Babe & Easter

would have died -- either from exposure or from some other animal.

They determined that the fawn was a little doe and decided to name her Easter, since she probably had been born that Easter Sunday morning she was brought to them.

Just as new parents wonder how they ever got along without their new baby, they, too, were soon captivated by this little two and a half pound bundle of liveliness, inquisitiveness, and affection. Not having been with her own mother long enough to form a bond, she quickly chose Babe to fill that role. Babe, who had been a spinster, delighted in finally becoming a mother, and she was protective to a fault.

Babe had always been friendly to neighbors and their pets, but now she stationed herself on the driveway whenever Easter was outside. She would not allow another animal to come on the property. She would have taken on a bobcat or bear to protect her "baby." Molly, the Siamese cat, on the other hand, suffered from a bad case of "nose-out-of joint,” and reacted by completely ignoring Easter. They gave Molly back her bed, but it was awhile before she condescended to sleep in it again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

vegetables and fruit, and a local bakery donated bread.

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

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

Mother and child: that is dog and fawn

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

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

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

People taken by surprise

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Color Blackbirds Gone Missing in Pope Valley?

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

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

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

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

Napa’s Ag Revenues Down in 2010

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

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

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

Event Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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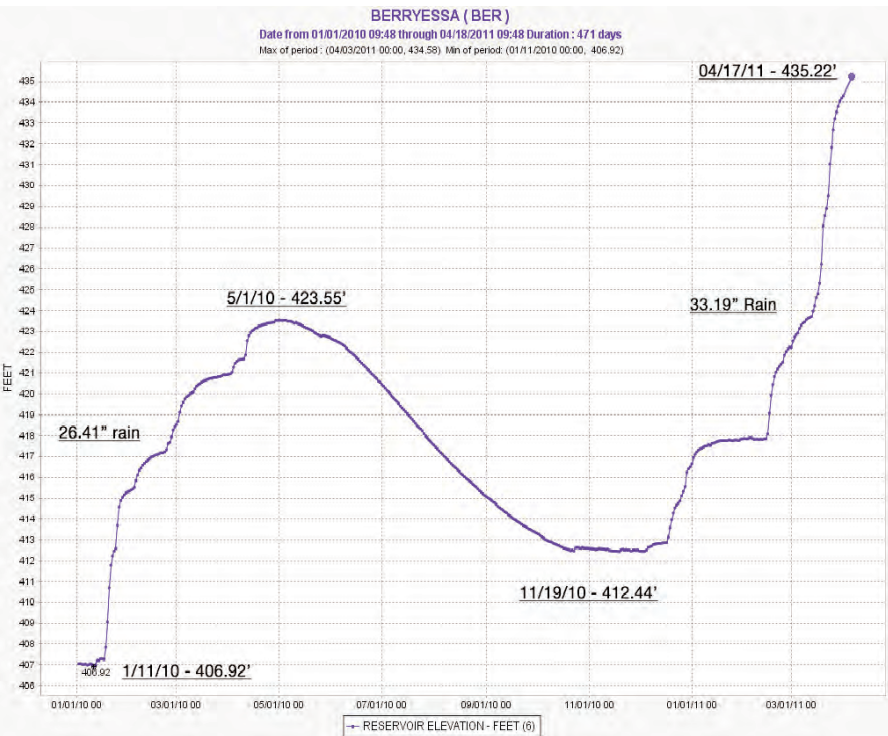


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Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/28/11	433.54	0.01	54	36	0.03
3/29/11	433.82	0.04	65	37	0.00
3/30/11	434.05	0.10	71	42	0.00
3/31/11	434.19	0.16	82	47	0.00
4/1/11	434.31	0.16	82	45	0.00
4/2/11	434.46	0.13	79	49	0.00
4/3/11	434.58	0.17	75	39	0.00
4/4/11	434.66	0.21	69	39	0.00
4/5/11	434.75	0.15	75	39	0.00
4/6/11	434.84	0.15	75	43	0.00
4/7/11	434.87	0.20	74	42	0.00
4/8/11	434.92	0.04	58	31	0.11
4/9/11	434.99	0.10	58	32	0.00
4/10/11	435.03	0.12	67	34	0.00
4/11/11	435.08	0.17	69	38	0.00
4/12/11	435.11	0.17	68	38	0.00
4/13/11	435.13	0.11	70	39	0.00
4/14/11	435.14	0.17	65	36	0.00
4/15/11	435.17	0.10	64	38	0.00
4/16/11	435.18	0.12	74	46	0.00
4/17/11	435.22	0.12	81	49	0.00



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2nd Annual Helping Hands Event

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

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

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

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

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

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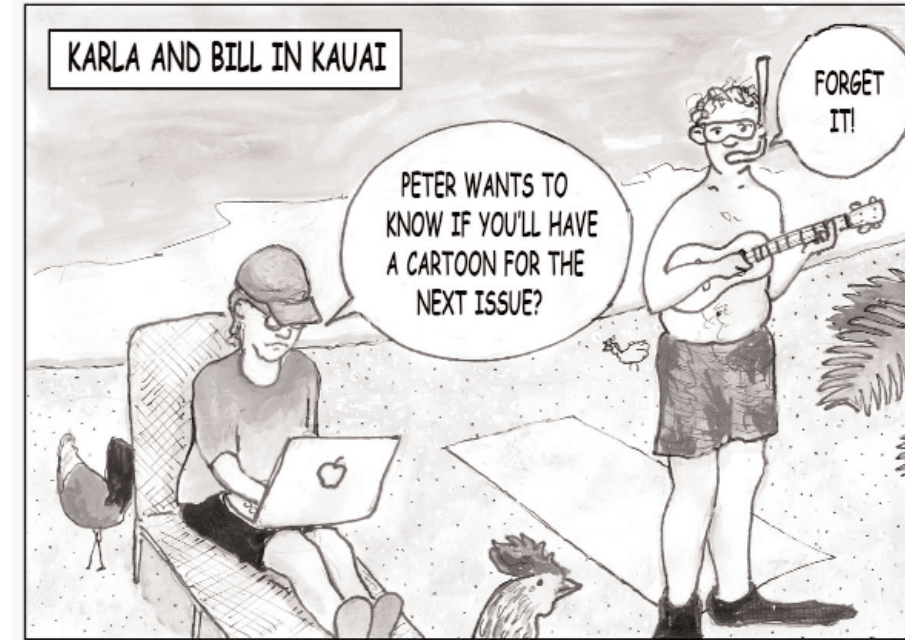
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April Birthdays

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

Cucina Italiana Celebrates the Envirosports Triathlon!

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Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dirk and Pastor Bob have been training for many weeks. They would love to have you cheering them as they cross the finish line at Oak Shores. We hope to see you there!



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fishing With Sid

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

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Pope Valley: Now and Then

by Jeff Warren

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pope Valley Round Table History

by Norman Blanchard, from the 1981 Pope Valley News

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

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

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

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

Town Meeting From the Pope Valley News, 1981

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Program at Farm Center -
Decorations: Sam Hardin
Joan Aragon
Marj Jenssen
Bev Hole
Sue Paddy
Refreshments: Debbie Werle
Jennifer Harrington
Donna Bigley

Play: Mary Rubio
Sue Paddy
Joan Aragon
Marj Jenssen
Jan Gaffney
Bob Harper
Judy Wilson
Treas: Jennifer Harrington
School Singing: Bob Harper
Patti Edwards
Sue Eakle

Programs: Caroline Thompson
Stockings: Helen Blavins
Bercy Wilms
Bev Hole
Judy Wilson
Gifts for the Handicapped: Mary Rubio
Joan Aragon
Sue Paddy
Clean-up: Everyone we can get!
Pope Valley News Reporter: Scott Williams

Fire Prevention - Poison - Home Safety -
Elgie Kirkpatrick
Sam Hardin

Valentine's Day - (School)
Jean Varner
Debbie Diehl

Spring Fest - (Farm Center)
Refreshments: Debbie Werle
Judy Wilson
Bev Hole
Jan Gaffney
Decorations: Sue Eakle
Program: Anna Hie
Joan Aragon
Bob Harper
Patty Edwards
Sam Hardin

Pope Valley News Reporter: Michelle Gaffney

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

Cinco de Mayo - (School)
Pinata: Joan Aragon
Food: Cookers & Servers
Joan Ybarra - Mary Rubio
Debbie Werle - Sue Paddy
Marj Jenssen - Helen Blavins
Joan Aragon - Bob Harper

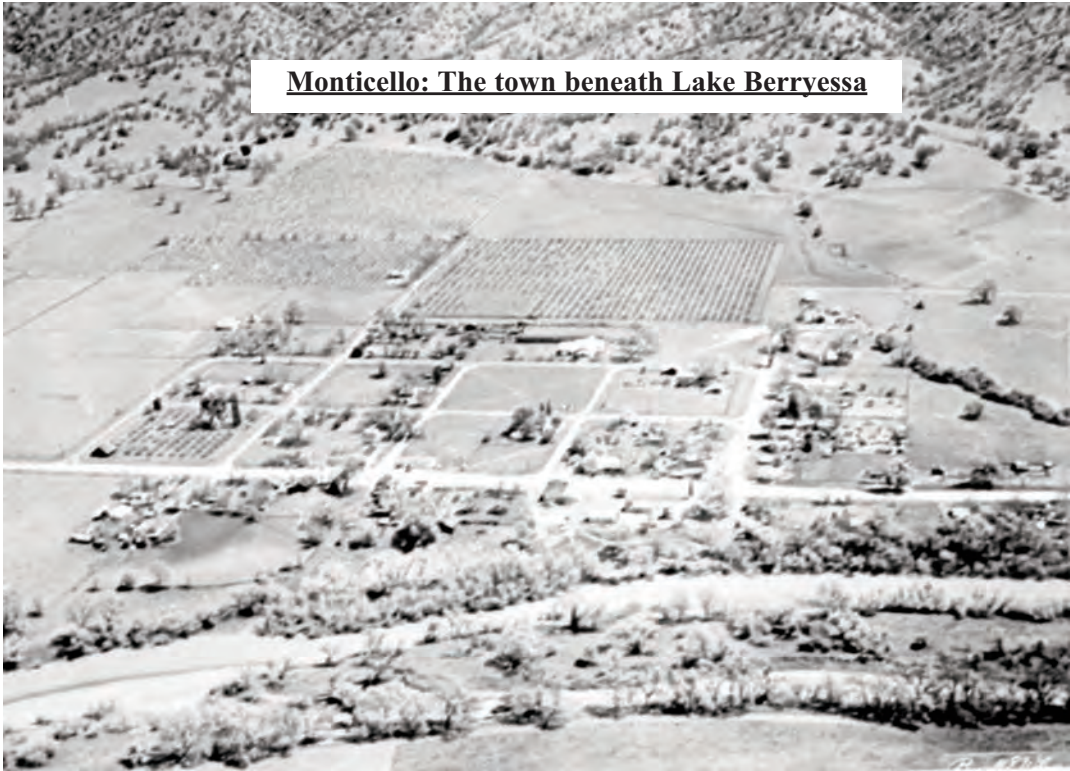
Welcome to Cleavage Creek, a winery that’s passionate about celebrating life and fine wine.

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

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



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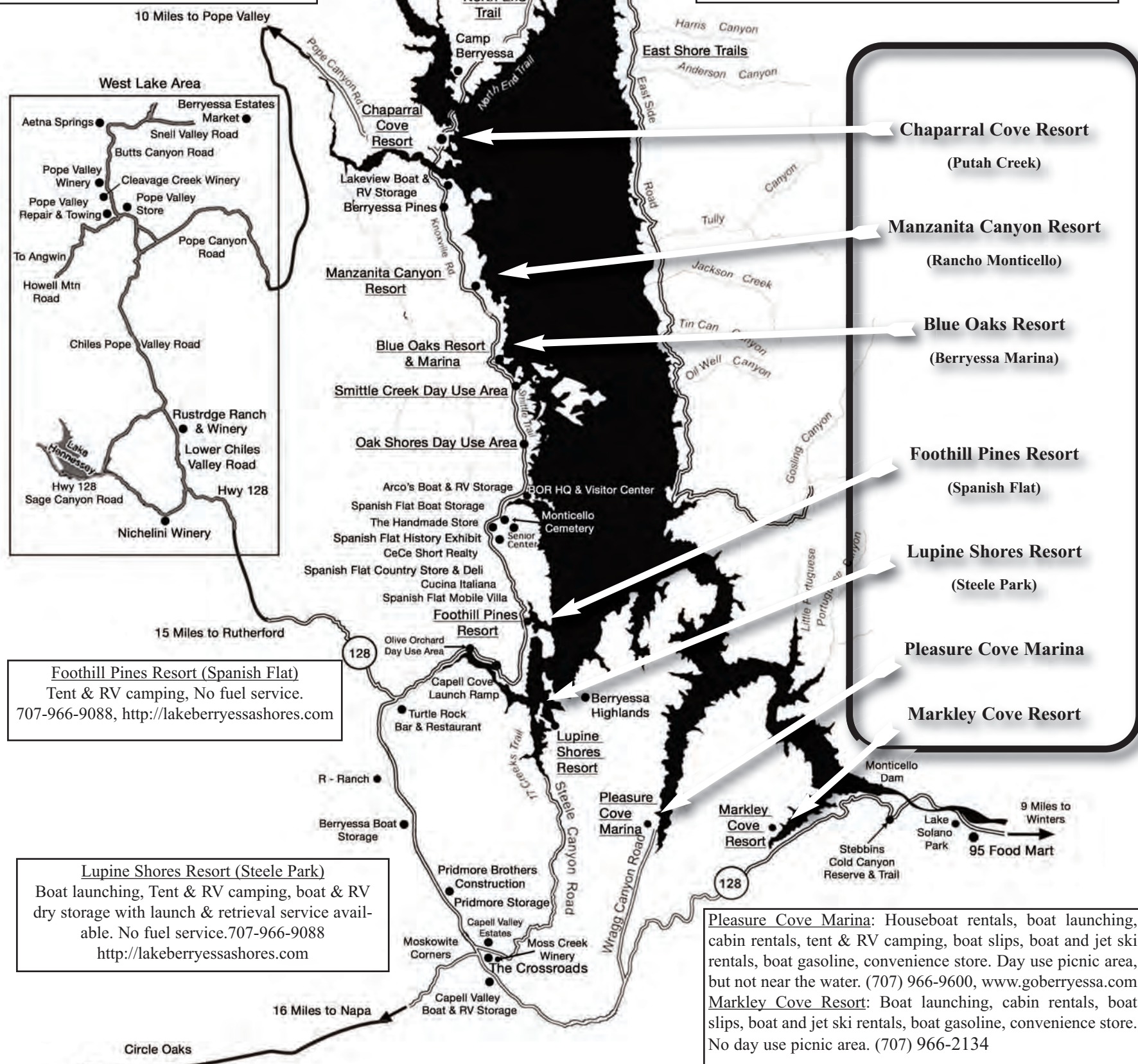
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Berryessa Estates: Putah Creek is Back!

By Katie Gonzalez

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

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

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

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

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

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

The neighbors are all starting to come out of



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

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

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

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

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

great to wade through.

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

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

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



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3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

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Lake Berryessa is our Lovemark!

I just traded in my old cracked iPhone3 for the new HTC Inspire 4G. I tried out the new iPhone4, but the HTC turned out to have a slightly larger screen and the apps were easier for me to use. It was no small emotional task for a dedicated Apple user to betray his first techie love.

At the recent Napa Valley College Hospitality Symposium a vice-president of Saatchi & Saatchi, a marketing consulting firm, said they had looked closely at the question: What makes some brands inspirational, while others struggle?

Their conclusion was that brands have run out of juice. More and more people in the world have

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That's one reason the response was so vociferous and visceral to the Bureau of Reclamation's (unfortunately ultimately successful) plan to destroy a recreational culture at Lake Berryessa. It's also the reason that so many people are willing to return to resorts that provide only port-potties and no power, running water or showers.

I've been coming to the lake for 15 years - a full-time resident for the last six. I was lucky enough to have a place at Steele Park. I experienced the joy of watching

my kids and those of my friends grow up at the lake, on the water and on the land.

The same emotional bond to Lake Berryessa was created in many thousands of families over the decades. There's nothing like floating in the middle of beautiful Lake Berryessa^{LM} on a hot summer day.

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Don't tickle a tick, drown it with soap, or BBQ it with a match – it will just barf on you (or in you)!

By Peter Kilkus

Tick season is here and it's one of the fun things about living in the country with a dog. There are many stories in folklore about how to remove ticks. One version I received in an email recently, claims that if you apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball, cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds, the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

Although this particular e-mail began circulating in May, 2006, the advice it attempts to impart is far older. According to Snopes.com, this is a very old old wives tale. Other long-lived suggestions include touching a lit match or hot needle to the tick's rear or tickling its underside. However, those who know about tick removal warn against these home remedies. They don't always work and even if they do seemingly work, they may also make matters worse by stimulating the creatures to release additional saliva or regurgitate their gut contents into the host increasing the chances of infection.

Veterinarians and other medical experts report that removing a tick from your cat or dog is easy if you just follow these simple steps:

To remove an attached tick, use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or special tick removal instruments. These special devices allow one to remove the tick without squeezing the tick body. This is important as you do not want to crush the tick and force harmful bacteria to leave the tick and enter your pet's bloodstream.

Grab the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. Do not grasp the tick by the body.

Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick as you are pulling.

Using methods such as applying petroleum jelly, a hot match, or alcohol will NOT cause the tick to 'back out.' In fact, these irritants may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound.

After removing the tick, place it in a jar of alcohol to kill it. Ticks are NOT killed by flushing them down the toilet.

Clean the bite wound with a disinfectant. If you want to, apply a small amount of a triple antibiotic ointment.

Wash your hands thoroughly.

Please do not use your fingers to remove or dispose of the tick. We do not want you in contact with a potentially disease-carrying tick. Do NOT squash the tick with your fingers. The contents of the tick

can transmit disease.

Once an embedded tick is manually removed, it is not uncommon for a welt and skin reaction to occur. A little hydrocortisone spray will help alleviate the irritation, but it may take a week or more for healing to take place.

In some cases, the tick bite may permanently scar leaving a hairless area. This skin irritation is due to a reaction to tick saliva. Do not be worried about the tick head staying in; it rarely happens.

Three old ladies were discussing the trials and tribulations of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in with, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, ladies, I'm glad I don't have that problem, knock on wood."

Then she rapped her knuckles on the table and said, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

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“Smartyphone” Techie Fun Stuff

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Although PacBell never did (nor ever will) replace their old copper cables to Napa, cellphone service providers like AT&T, as well as internet service providers like PNC Valley Internet, have replaced the need for landlines and satellite internet service.

As I mentioned in my front page article, I now have an HTC Inspire “smartyphone” as a tech-adverse friend calls it. A toy of many diversions, a necessity for almost nothing. But it does have a cute feature - a code reader. Using the camera and the AT&T Code Scanner application I can now read any bar code on any object. I can also read QR codes.

A QR code (short for Quick Response) is a specific matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code), readable by dedicated QR barcode readers and camera phones. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be text, URL or other data.

Common in Japan, where it was created by Toyota subsidiary Denso-Wave in 1994, the QR code is one of the most popular types of two-dimensional barcodes. QR is the abbreviation for Quick Response, as the creator intended the code to allow its contents to be decoded at high speed.

Although initially used for tracking parts in vehicle manufacturing, QR codes are now used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications aimed at mobile phone users (termed mobile tagging).

QR codes can be used to display text to the user, to add a vCard contact to the user's device, to open a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) or to compose an email or text message. Users can also generate and print their own QR codes for others to scan and use by visiting one of several free QR

code generating sites.

QR codes storing addresses and Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) may appear in magazines, on signs, buses, business cards, or almost any object about which users might need information.

Users with a camera phone equipped with the correct reader application can scan the image of the QR code to display text, contact information, connect to a wireless network, or open a web page in the phone's browser. This act of linking from physical world objects is termed hardlinking or object hyperlinking.

To show the outside world that Lake Berryessa has kept up with the modern world of insipid (mostly) social networking and relatively useless applications of high tech software, I have created QR codes for the Lake Berryessa News and a few other advertisers and web sites. (See bottom of this page and map on Pg. 6)

I scanned a bottle of my favorite wine at Cucina Italiana last week and found out what the best price offer was as well as 20 other places I could buy it at what price! Of course I'll still only buy that wine from my friends at Cucina.

This app is fun for awhile - sort of like the first time you use Photoshop and put your kid's head on top of the body of each member the whole school soccer team. Not sure how valuable it is to any normal person, but if you have a smartyphone try it out.

You can actually put a lot of text into the code. See if you can decode the one below.



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Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhana Series Begins!

By Lynn Jenkins

Pope Valley Ropers and Riders (PVRR) sponsors three gymkhanas every summer. The PVRR is a non-profit club (501C3), and although we have plenty of horse-related events, these gymkhanas are so much fun and are open to a large range of riders, starting from toddlers in lead line.

Besides the fun of competing in them, they are so much fun to watch – especially for the kids. Of course audience attendance is free and the bleachers are under a HUGE tree so it is very comfortable.

It is a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Starts at 9 AM and usually goes to about 3 PM. Our local vet, Sally Kimsey, heads the group that grills and sells hamburgers and hotdogs, really good! It's a fun day. You can stay all day or just drop by.

It really is a wonderful group with regulars who attend every year and, of course, new people. Just so much fun to watch (and eat). Hope to see you there!

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Event Calendar

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

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

May 22 - Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhana Series begins. Sign-ups at 8 AM. Mary Burton at 707 965-2476 or Marge Hill 707 965-2225. Flier on Pg. 2.

May 27 - May 30: Memorial Day Weekend! See you at the lake.

May 29 - Sunday: Monticello History Celebration, Spanish Flat Village Center. Afternoon Open House 2 PM. Come see the new finds from Monticello. Raffle Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit and more. Sale of next years looking back calendar.

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

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

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The water is now **5.23** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
4/18/11	435.24	0.23	80	54	0.00
4/19/11	435.23	0.11	64	52	0.00
4/20/11	435.21	0.14	74	50	0.00
4/21/11	435.24	0.12	65	44	0.16
4/22/11	435.24	0.11	70	43	0.00
4/23/11	435.24	0.13	68	43	0.00
4/24/11	435.23	0.11	64	46	0.01
4/25/11	435.22	0.17	72	52	0.00
4/26/11	435.19	0.11	68	39	0.00
4/27/11	435.20	0.16	69	39	0.00
4/28/11	435.17	0.12	75	43	0.00
4/29/11	435.12	0.21	71	39	0.00
4/30/11	435.07	0.27	66	40	0.00
5/1/11	435.06	0.27	73	39	0.00
5/2/11	435.06	0.18	82	39	0.00
5/3/11	434.99	0.28	83	43	0.00
5/4/11	434.95	0.21	78	44	0.00
5/5/11	434.93	0.29	89	46	0.00
5/6/11	434.87	0.27	94	48	0.00
5/7/11	434.82	0.30	84	47	0.00
5/8/11	434.77	0.23	74	51	0.00

Below is the daily outflow in Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) from Lake Berryessa in 2010. The maximum summer daily outflow was 701 CFS or 1,400 Acre-Feet (AF) per day. Each foot of lake level drop at the 435' level is equal to 18,000 AF. This equates to a 1' drop every 12 days during summer.



Fishing With Sid

Went fishing at Lake Berryessa this past Saturday (5/07) expecting nice calm water and warm weather. Instead it was very windy and the main part of the lake was all white caps! John, Albert and I left from Lupine Shores (Steele Park) and we were as excited as kids going into a toy store. John told me he had not caught a fish in eight years and my mission was to change that.

My game plan was to start by the Ranch House and end up at the Vineyards. Of course that meant cutting through all the white caps. Sitting in the front was not easy with all the waves and bouncing. We went into a cove where there was some shelter from the wind with no success. I was looking for spawning fish but was not able to see any.

I decided to troll towards the Vineyards. The second cove was behind the Ranch house and pretty calm. We could see at least ten feet down - but no fish. Continuing on to the Vineyards I didn't stop till we got there. It took about four times longer than normal, but we finally reached the first barbed wire fence and then trolled slowly to the second one with no success.

I told them we should change to brass and glass and use senco worms and our luck changed. John's first fish spit out the bait just as it got within reach of the boat, but we were so excited to finally hit fish that he didn't feel that bad. His line was old and he lost a few setups because it snapped. My recommendation is to put new line on at the beginning of the season so you won't be disappointed when you hit that big one.

John changed to a weightless senco with a wide gap hook and landed a nice size bass that weighed almost three pounds (see photo). Next fish was caught by Albert using almost the same method.

It was a rough day because of the whitecaps. I feel that if the water would have been calmer we would have had a limit for everyone. The fish were there, it was just hard to keep the boat in place for any period of time. The water temperature was ideal from 61 to 65 degrees so the only factor working against us all day was the wind. Hopefully the weather will be better next weekend 'til then...good fishing!!! www.fishingconnection.net

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A WILD STORY of Easter in the Berryessa Highlands

(Continued from previous issue)
Easter is missing

That first year, they had many funny and some not so funny experiences with Easter. One happened one rainy afternoon when she was about seven months old. Ruth was in the kitchen preparing lunch when she realized that she hadn't seen Easter for some time. They no longer kept her confined and she often roamed the neighborhood and hillsides with Babe. Since she had never seen rain before, Ruth was concerned that it might frighten or confuse her.

First Ruth checked under the front porch where Easter liked to nap, but she wasn't there. She asked Charlie if he'd seen Easter. He answered. "Not since this morning. She was with Babe out front."

Her uneasiness persisted, so she called a couple of neighbors, but they hadn't seen her, either.

Charlie and Ruth both hiked up and down the street calling her name. Several neighbors offered to help, one in a pick-up, the rest on foot. For the next hour and a half they covered the hillsides.

As time passed and there was no sign of her, they became convinced that the inevitable had happened -- Easter had joined the wild deer population. While they knew this day would come, they were heartsick. Would she never lie on the couch with her head nestled in Ruth's lap again?

When she hiked down the hill to the mailbox, would she not tag along behind Babe and Molly? Would she never stand in the kitchen door waiting for a treat, head raised, and nose sniffing at the steaming pots on the stove?

By the time they called off the search and returned home, Ruth felt like she had been to a funeral. She kicked off her mud caked shoes at the backdoor. "I'm going upstairs to rest," she told Charlie. She didn't want him to see her cry.

When she stepped through the doorway into her bedroom, there lay Easter and Babe in the middle of the bed, enjoying a long afternoon nap! As relieved as she was, she was tempted to lift a couple of tails and do what

countless other frantic moms have done in similar situations.

Growing up and getting social

Although Easter allowed Charlie and Ruth to pet and hug her at will, she was never that affectionate with anyone else, not even family members or neighbors she saw often. Easter would shy away, often retreating to her sanctuary under the front porch.

That changed one day when a friend drove up the driveway, and Babe rushed to greet her. "Hi, old girl," the friend said, ruffling the hair on Babe's shaggy head. Easter stood watching from under a nearby fruitless mulberry tree. The friend couldn't resist an attempt to pet her, too, and reached out her hand. Easter sniffed. As she caught Babe's scent, she stepped closer and closer until finally a shy nose and an eager hand met.

They then knew that when family or friends wanted to pet Easter, they had to pet Babe first. Once Babe's scent was on their hand, Easter would usually allow them to pet her.

When Easter was two years old, a handsome buck came into the yard one morning. Although there were other does present, he had eyes only for her. He took a few steps toward her. She moved gracefully away, then paused and glanced back over her shoulder, big brown eyes staring into his. He was obviously intrigued. This courting went on for several days.

The romance and motherhood

Although she began spending more and more time away from home, she always returned at night to curl up beside Babe on the rug. Then for three days and nights she remained away from home. Ruth was certain she had delivered and was tending to her baby. Somewhere across the street and over the side of the hill, where Ruth had often seen her go, she had prepared a hidden burrow.

Was this it, then? Would she ever come home again? If she did, would she bring her baby? How would Babe, who was the closest living being to Easter, react to what might lie ahead?

Then one morning she once again stood on the deck outside the sliding glass door. Charlie opened the slider, and she strolled in like always. She

was no longer with child. Ruth and Charlie quickly looked outside, but there was no fawn in sight. Easter sniffed the air for food aromas and then walked to the kitchen door for her expected treat. Ruth gave her a slice of bread. When she had eaten, she stretched out on the floor beside Babe, and Babe rose and licked the stickers from her coat. Both acted as if nothing unusual had happened.

For a few hours Easter rested, ate, and wandered around the yard with Babe. Then she disappeared over the side of the hill -- her routine for the next several days.

One afternoon, Charlie called, "Ruth, come quick!" Ruth stepped out onto the porch in time to see Easter sailing up the driveway with a tiny spotted replica in tow. They were ecstatic! However, they were wrong if they thought they had another little Easter to hug and pet. This little creature was of the wild. She could be admired, but from a distance. She never came into the house or even onto the porch.

The new routine

Surprisingly Easter continued to spend time with her foster family. She would leave her baby back in the bur-

row, and for several hours it would be like old times -- she and Babe sharing lunch, each other, napping together. Then she would disappear.

As the weeks passed, Easter brought her baby along more and more, leaving it outside in the yard while she came inside to visit. This seemed very brave of this tiny fawn, so they named her Spunky.

The following spring Easter again gave birth, this time to twins. She was following Nature's design of an initial birth of a single fawn, with subsequent births of usually twins. Now when she strolled into the yard she was followed by Spunky and the twins.

They named them both Lizzie since they couldn't tell them apart. However, they later changed their names to Leonard when twin knots, the beginning of antlers, appeared on their heads. Again they could look but not touch. And the same routine Easter had adopted with Spunky, she followed with the twins as well.

Then suddenly one of the Leonards stopped coming. We never found out what happened to him, but undoubtedly some tragedy was involved.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): The so-called Tenth Crusade will end almost as soon as it begins next week when armies of religious warriors have no trouble whatsoever conquering and subjugating you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You have evidently failed to learn the lessons of history, as you will attempt to find the Northwest Passage, unite Britain and Ireland, and get your family to stop exchanging Christmas gifts.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Only one major thing will happen to you this week. After that, however, it won't really be possible for anything ever to happen to you again.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll be bitten by a vampire and become one of the Immortal Sanguinary Children of the Night just when the whole fad is about over.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Though you are aware that Hawaii has the best unemployment benefits among the 50 states, you will be surprised and shocked to discover that Mississippi has the fewest dentists.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You refuse to buy into society's petty, narrow-minded definitions of good and evil, or at least that's what you tell people when they notice you're a lousy tipper.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): When all's said and done, you've loved and been loved in return, and no one can take that away from you. However, they can make sure you don't get paid for it.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): During May, Sagittarius should strive to avoid 16-ounce sirloin steaks cooked medium-rare, marinated in herb butter and served with side orders of sauteed mushrooms and baked potato with sour cream. Also, avoid apple pie with ice cream.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): No matter how hard you try to follow the advice given in your horoscope, you will fail. Try to avoid breathing anyway.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Smooth-talking hucksters are out to fool you. Distrust messages or predictions which are vague and general enough to apply to anyone, such as those found in fortune cookies.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): A host of angels appears, but, much to your surprise, they climb aboard their starships and head for the skies.

An old woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked what she had taken. The lady replied, "A can of peaches." The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store." The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "Nine." The judge said, "Well then, I'm going to give you nine days in jail—one day for each peach." As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes, what do you have to add?" The husband said, "Your honor, she also stole a can of peas."

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Mussel Man on a Mission

An interview with aquatic biologist Ken Davis by Laurie Banks

It was easy to find aquatic biologist Ken Davis. He was standing on a launch ramp at Lake Berryessa. His bright yellow shirt with black writing made him look like a giant bumble bee. He was throwing a five-foot net into the water and slowly drawing it back. It looked like he was trying to catch minnows, but the writing on the back on his shirt “Zebra Mussel Survey” told the real story.

Banks: You seem to be trying to net fish, but I’m guessing you’re looking for mussels.

Davis: I’m actually catching samples of plankton. That’s algae and other microorganisms that live in the lake. By looking at it under a special microscope I can see if there are microscopic mussel larvae called “veligers.”

Banks: What problems do mussels cause?

Davis: Because they have no natural predators in North American waters they can grow prolifically. Water agencies are concerned because they can plug and damage equipment such as pipes, pumps and trash racks. Boat owners need to be concerned because mussels clog cooling systems causing motors damage. Mussels also cause problems for the fish because they filter water and eat the all the plankton. This upsets the base of the food web. Plankton is the food for small fish. If they can’t survive, the big fish won’t either.

Banks: Why are these mussels in some lakes and not others?

Davis: To survive mussels require a significant amount of calcium to produce the shells, copious amounts of plankton to eat, the right temperature range and a high pH. Lake Berryessa has the conditions that could support a significant infestation.

Banks: Do you think they are in Lake Berryessa?

Davis: No, I think I would have found evidence. For example, the low water conditions prior to this year allowed me to inspect much of the existing structure in the lake including the docks at the old marina before they were removed. They would have mussels on them if we had an infestation prior to 2007. The majority of my collection efforts are concentrated at launch ramps and docks where I’ve been getting plankton samples for the last three years. This also allows me to talk about mussels with boaters, anglers and marina staff. I’m amazed at how many people read my shirt and stop to ask questions about the mussels. That’s a big part of the education program.

Banks: Who else is involved in this program with you?

I work closely with the Bureau of Reclamation staff and regional biologists. The Solano County Water Agency funds my program. Later this month, I’ll be training new Bureau of Reclamation rangers, volunteers, and marina staff. I’ll also be working with the bilge mat volunteers in May.

Banks: What can boat owners and anglers do to help?

Davis: Boat owners need to be sure to thoroughly clean their boats. Information about cleaning boats is on my website www.creekman.com. Anglers should clean off mud and aquatic plants from their boots and equipment then sun dry everything that’s wet. All of the aquatic invaders including mussels, mudsnails and didymo (“rock snot” algae) have a microscopic phase in their life cycle. Just because you can’t see them doesn’t mean they aren’t there. Remember what mussels look like and report anything you find that’s unusual to Fish and Game. With everyone’s help, hopefully we can keep these invasive mussels out of this beautiful lake.





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Baby sitters

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The months passed and another spring approached. Again Easter produced a set of twins. But for some reason they couldn't understand at the time, she did not follow the routine she had adopted with Spunky and the Leonards.

One afternoon, Ruth looked up to see Easter standing at the slider. Ruth opened it and in she strolled. Ruth was both stunned and delighted when this time the new babies followed their mother right into the house!

She led her little ones into the dining room and bedded them down in a corner behind a dining room chair. They peeked out from between the rungs. They were adorable!

Ruth turned to congratulate the new mother just in time to see her leaving through the open slider. Leaving? Leaving! Then it hit her. Easter was leaving her babies for them to baby-sit! They were flabbergasted.

The fawns remained motionless in the corner behind the chair. After several hours, Easter finally returned, and the twins rushed to either side butting their little heads into her stomach to encourage the milk to flow, right there in the middle of the dining room.

Relieved to see Easter, Ruth didn't mind the babies were being fed on her wall to wall carpet. But relief proved only temporary. After she had nursed her youngsters, Easter nudged them back into "their" corner, and before Ruth could stop her, slipped out through the slider and was gone.

Now Ruth really began to worry, “What if this was some new routine she had adopted: we care for them and she drop by occasionally to nurse them?” Well, Ruth wasn't going to agree to that. So in the back of her mind a plan began to form.

It wasn't until nine thirty the next morning that Easter showed up again. The babies popped out from behind the chair. Again they nursed there in the dining room. As they finished, Ruth casually rolled the vacuum cleaner from the closet and stuck the plug into an outlet. Easter hated the racket the vacuum made and always retreated to the deck or under the porch, so her hopes were high as she switched it on.

Not wanting to frighten the babies any more than she had to, she started vacuuming at the opposite end of the living room, and kept her back to them, humming as she worked. After a few minutes she peeked over her shoulder to see how her uninvited guests were reacting. The dining room was empty!

Ruth quickly closed the slider, feeling quite superior that she’d outfoxed the fawn and Easter. When she finished vacuuming -- the carpet needed several passes to get all of the bits of leaves, twigs, and dirt that the twins had deposited -- she rolled the vacuum back into the closet. She glanced around. It was good to have her house back in control again.

With babysitting responsibilities behind, Ruth felt free to go into town to shop. She hurried upstairs to the bedroom, kicked off her shoes, and started toward the closet, only to gasp. The twins cuddled together in a corner, right where their mother had stashed them before sneaking off for the day!

The story of Easter draws to a close

More seasons came and went, and the story of Easter drew to a close. She had been absent for a while. Babe whimpered out front by the opening under the front porch. Charlie crawled through the opening on his knees looking for Easter. Once inside, the flashlight beam swung back and forth. Then it stopped, followed by a moan. Then, "It's Easter, Ruth." He sounded odd. "Well, is she all right?" she asked. After a long pause, he answered, "No."

It took a great deal of effort to pull her lifeless body from under the porch. And what an emotional scene it was -- the fawns crying, Spunky cowering in the background, and poor Babe circling, circling her dear companion, touching her with her nose, pushing at her as if to encourage her to get up.

"Babe, stay away from Easter! Go on, get away." But as obedient as Babe has always been, this time she refused to do as ordered. Charlie had to pull her into the house.

Then they dug a grave nearby and laid their dear Easter to rest. A year and a half later, Spunky, the first borne, and the remaining twin from the third year still came often. And when the bucks and the other does with their fawns would arrive, Babe would sit alone on the front porch, watching. Ruth and Charlie believed she still missed Easter and waited for her companion to return.

They took a risk that Easter Sunday morning when they opened their hearts to a tiny motherless fawn. But, oh, what joy that risk had brought! Though they hurt now, and would for many weeks, the experience -- the indescribable wonder of it was their priceless reward.

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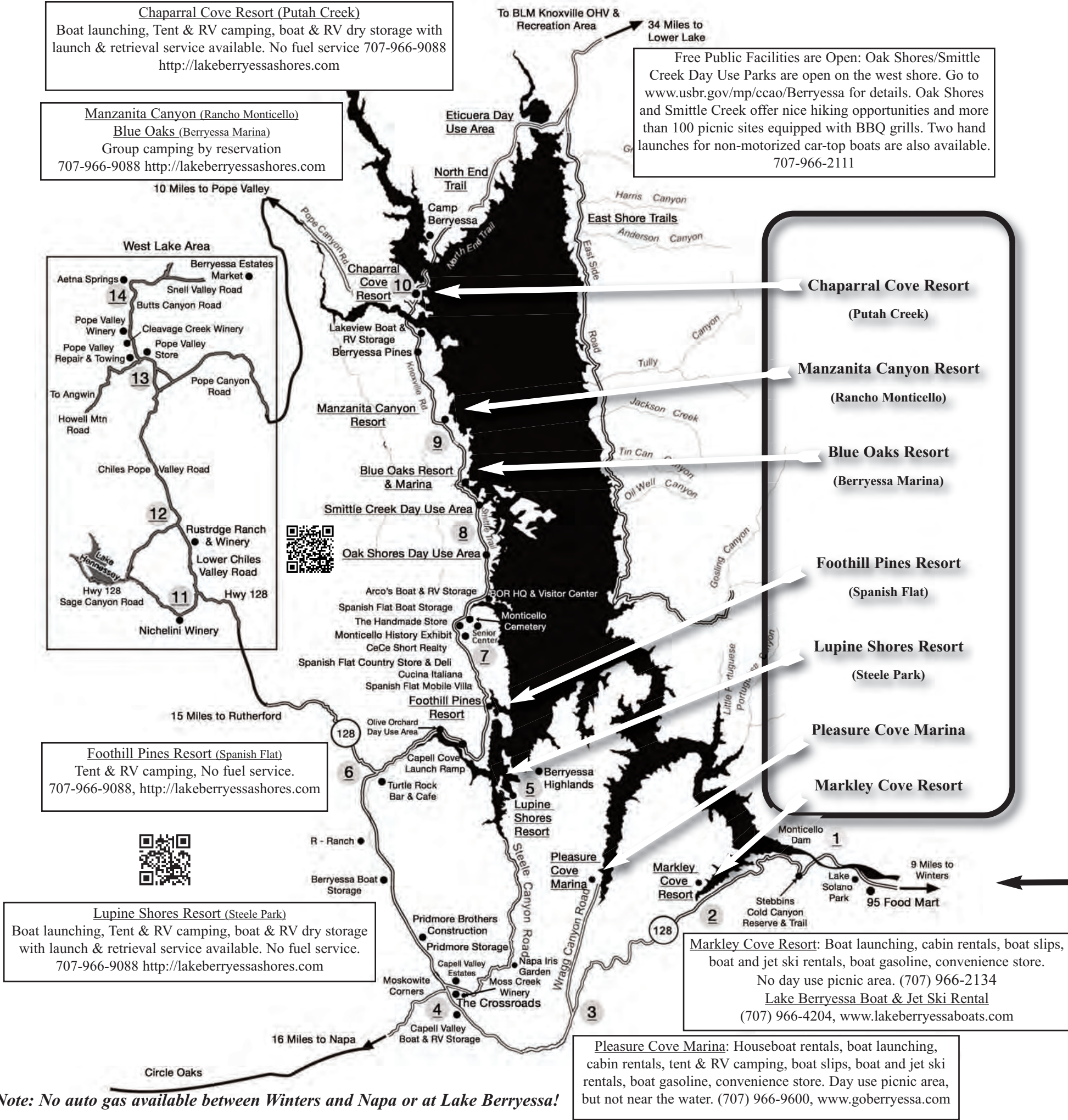
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Berryessa Fishing Memories Never Die!

by George Parrish

Every kid should have a chance to go fishing with their dad or mom. When they are successful they will remember the first time forever.

I grew up on a river farm. The French Broad river. It runs out of the Fontana dam in North Carolina down through DouglasDam that adjoins are land to the Tennessee river above Knoxville Tennessee. We had no purchased fishing poles, only cane poles, long lines with fifty hooks and nets. I sold fish for fifteen cents per pound to workers who worked building the dam.

In 1943 I was drafted on my 18 the birthday for WWII, discharged at Treasure Island in 1946. I chose not to be a farmer. Worked for the Navy in Guam and Alameda for my first jobs. I inquired about places to fish. I tried Moss Landing, Timber Cove, Fort Ross, mountain streams. Then someone told me about catfish and black bass in Putah Creek at Big Rock above where the Lake Berryessa dam is now located. I camped there at Mr. Martin’s for a dollar each night with my family and took my small boy fishing for his first time. I had no pole for him so I made a throw line with sinker and hook and night crawler for bait. His first fish was a great fish - I still haven’t caught a bass that large yet.

After the dam was built I started fishing the docks, the north side of the lake for bass, trolling for trout and catfish in flat areas along the north shore. I have owned several boats here over the years; however, the boat that I loved and used for the last few years I can’t get into any more. It’s an old 16 foot aluminum boat that I built in a wooden floor so I wouldn’t fall in.

I purchased it for \$100 from Marty of Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental who’s now at Markey Cove. Two old 40-horse Johnson rental motors were gifts-from the guys at Spanish Flat Marina. I used these old motors and boat for several years with my bimba top and 2 umbrellas.

The Spanish Flat Marina guys had a board with pictures of all types of fish that my fishing buddies

caught over the years. They called it George’s board. I used the board to make a memorial for the wife of one of my fishing buddies who passed on.

One fishing trip I will never forget was at Timber cove near Fort Ross, the Old Russian Fort. I took my oldest son and a friend of his fishing in a thirteen-man navy surplus rubber raft using oars! The man who operated the business put the boats out beyond the waves with a lift. We were fishing for ling cod, and I had a plastic tub to protect the rubber raft from being punctured from the fish spines. But unfortunately I didn’t think about other ways to puncture a hole in the boat. The neighbor boy hooked a star fish and couldn’t get it off of his hook so he laid the star fish in the gunnels and POW he hit it with the sharp gaff. You guessed it - no emergency patches available! He panicked about what to do. I told him to put his finger in the hole and I rowed in as fast as I could. We were lucky the raft had three compartments.

I think Lake Berryessa is the best fishing in the world for families with kids. All you need to do is learn each day where the fish are, look for the shad minnows. Learn what time the fish feed - at night when the moon is bright. How deep they are. When using a boat, what speed to troll. Fish around brush in the water if you can find some, make a habitat if you can. I fished on the docks where I kept my boat at Spanish Flat.

Several years ago I was fishing on that dock and Fish and Game planted trophy trout in the lake. Some got to 6 to 8 pounds. A little boy came down to ask me if I had a hook. I gave him one and when he came back later he asked for a sinker and minnow. I gave him a sinker and I picked the largest minnow I could find. I thought that will keep him busy. In about 20 minutes came a scream, “Mister do you have a net?” He had the largest trout I ever seen in this lake. His father took him for a picture and a memory he will never forget. I still have never caught one that big.

Another time I was visiting with the guys at the marina gas dock and they were throwing dead min-

nnows to the large bass, carp and Sacramento pike under the dock. A lady came down with her son and saw the big fish and said, “I wish my son could catch one of those.” I got a pole out of the store, put a piece of bread on it and handed the pole to the small boy and told him where to drop then bait.

Pow, a very large Sacramento pike grabbed that bread and jumped about 4 feet into the air and Mike Keen had the net and caught that fish in the net, in the air! That was one excited young man who went home with a picture and unforgettable memories.

My son Jon grew up here at Lake Benyessa and we did lots of fishing together before he went away to college. One trip and picture we will always remember. We were fishing for crappie on the gas dock at Berryessa Marina and using pink crappie jigs. He wasn’t doing too well and came over where I was fishing to ask me where he should throw his lure. I suggested an area in front of a patio boat. About 10 minutes later he yelled, “Bring the net.”

I took the net and looked in the water and thought I saw a large carp so I let him have some fun and play the fish. Finally, when he tired the fish out we were both surprised he had such a large bass on a crappie jig. We took the fish up to the store and the owner, Dave, took a picture of Jon holding the fish and crappie jig and displayed the picture over the store door for years.



When the Bureau closed the Berryessa Marina Dave gave Jon the picture. It hangs on my wall - Jon has a memory forever.

Jon and I joined some wonderful fishing derbies with the employees at Spanish Flat Resort - mostly for catfish. We are hoping to have another fishing derby this summer with folks who moved away.

But when you are fishing at Lake Berryessa, be careful of hanging your fish in the water. The creek otters have stolen my fish many times - even while I was fishing. One timeat Rancho Monticello I pulled my stringer of crappie up with an otter holding on to a fish until he finally got it. Mike Keen and I took some pictures at Spanish Flat of these animals. They were in the creek when the dam was built. I worked ten summers at the Bureau of Reclamation and volunteered five winters since I retired. Each summer I joined the group of employees and local people to support the kids fishing day. This summer if you can find the time - do that...If you are a fisherman - support them. Give them a memory!

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1.	Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
2.	Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10.	Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
12.	Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
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Memorial Weekend 2011 at Lake Berryessa: Remembering the Past, Anticipating the Future

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there were seven resorts at Lake Berryessa. Each resort was essentially a mom & pop-type small family business. As with all small businesses, some were managed better than others.

The combined gross revenue of the seven resorts was \$12.5 M per year with Putah Creek and Markley Cove at the low end of \$1M per year and Rancho Monticello (due to its 500 mobile homes) at a high of \$3.4M. That's not bad for a small company but not a lot of money by big business standards.

The Bureau of Reclamation only got a 3% franchise fee from the concessions - about \$375,000 per year.

The reason that the resorts were modestly profitable was due to the mobile home owners who were paying month rent. This rental revenue amounted to 30-40% of the gross revenue of some of the resorts. And this revenue had no cost of sales - it was almost pure profit!

The resorts profited from the mobile homes, who paid rent all year round, rain or shine, and helped subsidize the facilities for the day users. That was why mobile homes were encouraged at the resorts decades ago when the original concession owners realized they could not run a profitable enterprise without them.

A vibrant family recreational culture developed based on this balance of long-term and short-term use. Unfortunately the government decided that American

citizens should not be allowed to use federal land on a long-term basis (now no more than 14 consecutive days in a one-month period) for personal benefit - unless you are a major corporation, that is - of course.

The result is that there is only one of the original seven resorts left, still a small family business - Markley Cove - owned by John and Linda Frazier.

But for now readers should understand that Markley Cove Resort IS STILL Markley Cove Resort! Markley Cove Resort IS OPEN - it was never closed. Markley Cove IS NOT Mahogany Bay. Markley Cove IS NOT a Pensus Resort. It is the last of its generation.

Pleasure Cove Marina, owned by Forever Resorts, is also in operation with a full range of services. Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove are also the only two resorts to provide gasoline at the lake.

After several years with most resorts closed, 2011 will see all seven resorts open for business (sort of). The Pensus Group is making slow progress in redeveloping the resorts and acquiring permits to rebuild infrastructure.

Markely Cove and Pleasure Cove have cabins, convenience stores, boat rentals and other services, but the Pensus resort are for the most part campsites and RV sites with no electricity or sewer service.

But Pensus promises to ramp up their development during the next few years, adding camp-

sites, RV sites, cottages, restaurants, hotels, spa, conference center and other amenities.

Their plans are quite striking, but they will have to reach out to the Bay Area and Sacramento to rebuild and dramatically increase their customer base. And create partnerships with Napa Valley resorts and wineries. A few billboards have already popped up, but it will take considerable effort to bring visitors back in the numbers needed to be profitable without the revenue from the original mobile homes.

As of Memorial Day weekend, Chaparral Cove Resort (Putah Creek) and Lupine Shores Resort (Steele Park) are open with boat launching, tent & RV camping, boat & RV dry storage with launch & retrieval service available, and new concrete picnic tables and BBQ/fire rings. (See photo at right and on Pg. 3.)

Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) is open for RV and tent camping but has no launch ramp. Blue Oaks (Berryessa Marina) and Manzanita Canyon (Rancho Monticello) are open for group camping of 50 or more on a reservation basis.

Free public facilities at Oak Shores and Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open. They offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available at Oak Shores.

See details of available recreational opportunities and contact information on Page 6.

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Memorial Day, 2011
Monticello Memories

By Peter Kilkus

On Sunday, May 29th, Carol Fitzpatrick, the founder and continuously firing spark plug of the Monticello History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center, has organized another community event memorializing the old Town of Monticello.

She invites you to see the new finds from Monticello. The 300 pound bell from the old school will be on display, and more pictures. Also old timers and families from Monticello will have a pot luck picnic at the cemetery starting at 11 AM. Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit! The local 4-H Club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. You can play a “chicken poker game” too. What more can you want?

Of course, Murray Clark will be there to relate more of his stories. He’s given me many amazing ones and I’ll use them in the Lake Berryessa News from time to time. Here’s a short one about Murray’s dad before tractors were in use. Reminds me of the run-away horse scenes from the old cowboy movies when I was a kid. Also points out that it is a matter of luck that we are all still alive.

“He was in the south field with a team of horses hooked four abreast pulling a drag harrow. One of the horses rubbed his head against another of the team and got the lines caught on something. Dad stopped the team to untangle the reins. Something spooked them and away they went. Of course Dad was in front of them. He grabbed the chinstrap of the horses on either side of him and hung on. He knew if he went under the harrow he was dead. He said he was ready to let go. The horses had drug and trampled him so bad he was ready to give up. Just then his brother, Clifford Clark, came galloping up on a saddle horse and got the team stopped.”

Coincidentally, a special history exhibition opened Friday, May 20th: Memory Bank: A Discovery of Old Hands, Old Faces and the Way It Was: Fifteen amazing Old Timers from Pope Valley, Napa, American Canyon, Lake Berryessa, Rutherford,

Carneros, Yountville and Calistoga.

The exhibit, organized by Preservation Napa Valley, captures the valley’s transformation as experienced by 14 locals who lived it. They deliver a perspective from the eyes of former farmers, teachers, fruit truck drivers, dairy men, naturalists, homemakers and hay-makers who are now in their 70s, 80s and 90s.

The Memory Bank exhibit is open until June 30, at 1400 First Street. Thursday – Saturday, 3-7 pm, Sundays 11-3pm.

The Monticello History Exhibit is open on weekends at the Spanish Flat Village Center or by appointment on weekdays. Check in at the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli or call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

Sunday’s Gymkhana Was Cancelled

Dr. Salley Kimsey cancelled the May 22nd Gynkhana (announcement on right) due to an outbreak of EHV-1 myeloencephalopathy in horses. The outbreak originated at a cutting horse show in Utah. The number of positive EHV-1 cases in California rose to 17 with the report of an additional confirmed case on May 22. A statement released by the California Department of Food and Agriculture indicated that 15 of the horses with confirmed cases competed at the NCHA show in Utah.

The positive confirmed cases are located in the following 11 counties: Amador(1), Glenn(2), Kern(2), Los Angeles(1), Marin(1), Napa(1), Placer (3), Plumas(1), Shasta(1), Stanislaus(3), Ventura(1).

Equine herpesvirus-1 is highly contagious and can cause a variety of ailments in horses, including rhinopneumonitis (a respiratory disease usually found in young horses), abortion in broodmares, and myeloencephalopathy (the neurologic form). The virus is not transmissible to humans.

The general recommendation is to limit horse movement at this time until more is known about the extent and severity of the outbreak.

The last reported case of equine herpes virus in California was in 2008.

Congratulations to Berryessa Highlands resident and Vintage High School Senior Jonathan Rossi. He is the recipient of the Chase Stanley Memorial Scholarship named for our local Lake Berryessa hero who died in Afghanistan last summer.

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

at Lake Berryessa

June 5, 2011

Day starts: 9:30 am

Group Lake Clean up: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Picnic lunch at Markley Cove Resort: 12:00 pm

Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, bring work gloves and be ready to jump in the lake when you're done.
Everyone who pre-registers by May 22 will get a free World Environment Day shirt:
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A 1972 United Nations initiative to create positive action for the planet, World Environment Day builds global awareness of the environment, encourages political attention and supports individual and community projects.



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Event Calendar

May 29 - Sunday: Monticello History Celebration, Spanish Flat Village Center. Afternoon Open House 2 PM. Come see the new finds from Monticello. Raffle Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit and more. Sale of next years looking back calendar.

The 300 pound bell from the school will be on display and more pictures. The local 4-H club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. Come support your local youth. We will also be having a chicken poker game. Buy a card for 5 dollars and if your the lucky one to have the chicken do her dot on your card you win the loot...and a dime toss, a raffle, and more.

Also a reminder to old timers and families from Monticello. Pot luck picnic at the cemetery starts at 11 AM. Bring your chair, drinks, and a favorite dish...any questions call 707- 287- 3708 or email Carol at Pumpkinridge@ymail.com

June 5 – Sunday: World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa. Markley Cove Resort. The event begins 9:30am. The group clean up begins at 10:00am and will go until 12:00pm. A picnic lunch for participants will follow at Markely Cove Resort overlooking the lake. (See flier on Pg. 2)

June 13 - Monday: Winters Chamber of Commerce will be having their June Mixer at Canyon Creek Resorts from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite the Lake Berryessa Chamber members and the people of the lake area to this mixer.

June 16 - Thursday: Fly Fishing Putah Creek (CreekSpeak), 7 PM, Winters Public Library, 708 Railroad Ave. Join expert fisherman and Putah Creek guide, Jordan Romney, for a look into the secret underwater world of Putah Creek's trout. These fish can grow to salmon-sized proportions in Putah Creek, but they're not easy to catch. All CreekSpeak talks are free and open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested, but not required, from people who are not active members of Putah Creek Council.

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

Ongoing Events:

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

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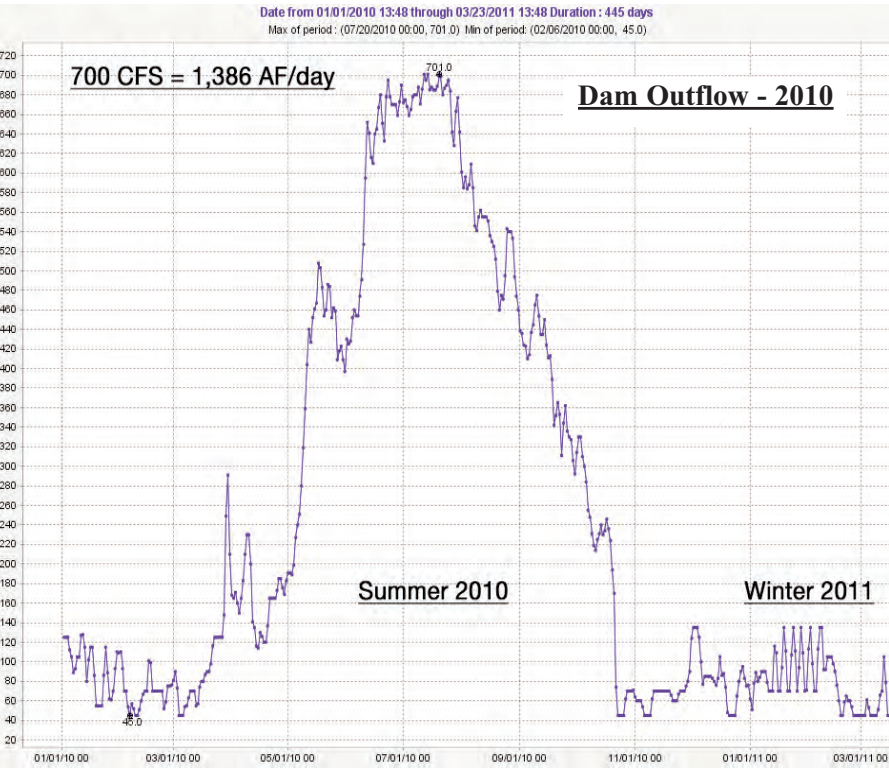
Dam Level Update as of Monday, 5/16/11

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

Lake Berryessa has had **35.05** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.

The water is now **5.63** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
5/9/11	434.72	0.18	67	44	0.00
5/10/11	434.66	0.22	69	45	0.00
5/11/11	434.62	0.23	82	44	0.00
5/12/11	434.57	0.23	77	45	0.00
5/13/11	434.52	0.24	80	43	0.00
5/14/11	434.45	0.25	80	48	0.00
5/15/11	434.44	0.15	59	43	0.23
5/16/11	434.43	0.05	56	39	0.31
5/17/11	434.44	0.05	60	43	0.38
5/18/11	434.44	0.04	60	48	0.75
5/19/11	434.43	0.04	68	45	0.00
5/20/11	434.41	0.21	80	45	0.00
5/21/11	434.39	0.24	83	48	0.00
5/22/11	434.37	0.24	81	48	0.00



Woman's Ass Size Study

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses.... The results were pretty interesting.

30% of women think their ass is too fat. 10% of women think their ass is too skinny. The remaining 60% say they don't care, they love him, he's a good man and wouldn't trade him for the world.

The Hummingbirds Are Back!
Did you ever wonder what one tastes like?

By Peter Kilkus

Human beings have evolved as omnivores and have learned to eat almost everything, including insects and other creepy-crawlies. I’ve eaten some odd things while traveling internationally. But I couldn’t find any hummingbird recipes on the internets. Hummingbirds may be too full of sugar to be safe for human consumption!

Actually, I’ve been feeding hummingbirds for years, as many of you have. With two feeders I’ve had more than a dozen flitting around me at one time. Watching them brings home how tough and mean they can be. Though we tend to think of hummingbirds as cute, dainty little things, in reality they make bold and fierce competitors. They don’t let their guard down for a moment while defending their territories.

I’ve often had a single hummingbird take possession of one feeder and fight every other hummingbird off for relatively long periods - making that little chit-chit-chit war cry while zooming around like a tiny fighter jet. They fly so close I’m worried one will hit me and stick like a dart!

Although I brought my feeders in for the winter when I saw no more hummers on my deck for several weeks back in November, I was amazed to see a couple buzzing around the feeder holders during a rainstorm in March. They seemed as if they knew what they were looking for – probably a couple of my old friends who had migrated to and from Mexico during the winter. There’s not a lot of data to work with, but most experts think the average lifespan of a hummer is 3 or 4 years.

When I first started feeding hummingbirds I bought that hummingbird “food” at the store because I thought it had some additional nutrition. Read the label – it’s pure sugar only. So I now use granulated sugar. White granulated sugar is the best sweetener to use in hummingbird feeders. A ratio of 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water is a common recipe. Boiling and then cooling this mixture before use has been recommended to help deter the growth of bacteria and yeasts.

As lazy as I am, I don’t do that. My feeders are drained every day or so during the summer without the time for anything to grow in them. I spend so much time refilling the feeders that sometimes feel like an overworked cook at a kids summer camp.

I wrongly thought that flower nectar might provide the missing nutrients my bird feeder did not. I always wondered what else they ate. It turns out that hummingbirds need to eat bugs for protein. Nectar is a poor source of nutrients, so hummingbirds meet their needs for protein, amino acids, vitamins, and minerals by preying on insects and spiders. They are great little hunters and are very resourceful. They have even been known to steal little bugs out of a spider’s web, eat the spider, and then steal the web to build their own nest.

With the exception of insects, hummingbirds while in flight have the highest metabolism of all animals, a necessity in order to support the rapid beating of their wings. They consume more than their own weight in nectar each day, and to do so they must visit hundreds of flowers daily. Hummingbirds are continuously hours away from starving to death, and are able to store just enough energy to survive overnight.

My flock seems to live in a couple of big oaks around my house. I can watch them fly back and forth and sit on the branches. Hummingbird feeders make it a lot easier for the birds to get the energy to survive while they hunt the other food they need to thrive. And they make my deck a fun place to sit and observe them in action.



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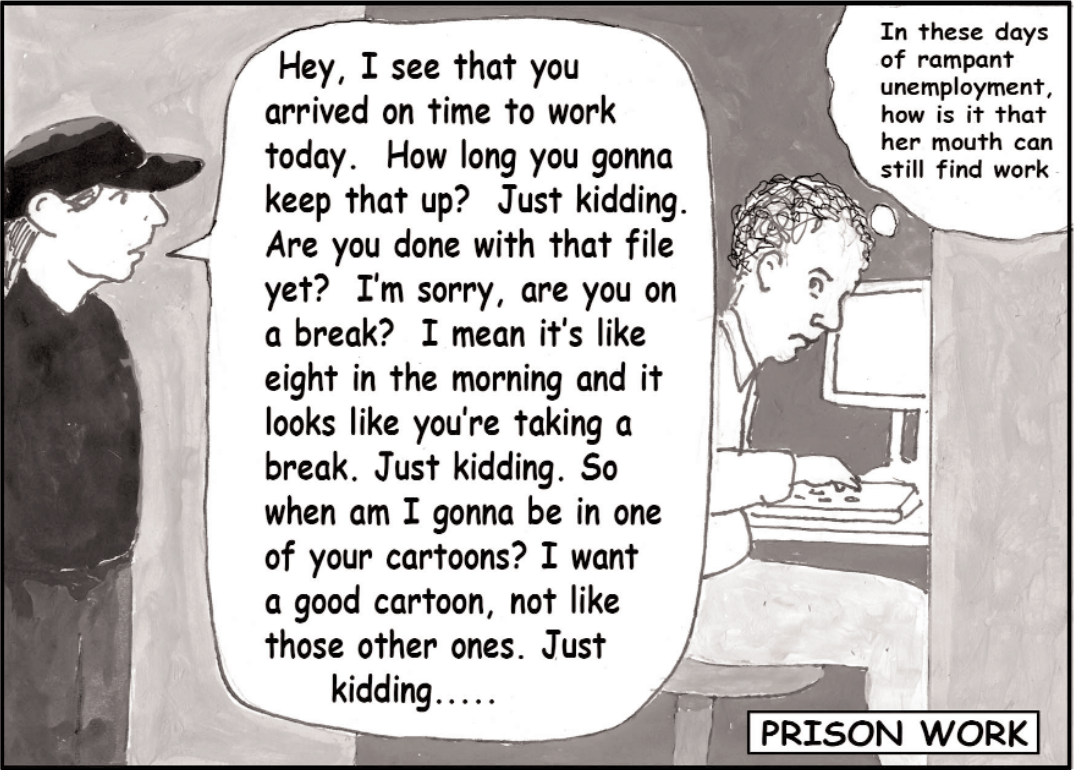
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Getting Involved in Pope Valley

By Katie Gonzalez

On May 15th, I attended the Berryessa Estates annual Property Owners Association meeting. This meeting is held once a year to let the residents that don’t attend the regular board meetings know what the board has been doing for the past year. It’s a time for the people living in the community to hear about upcoming changes, raise questions about board decisions, learn about issues that have come up throughout the year and start to plan for the next year.

A good portion of the meeting focused on our water issues. There was a lot of discussion about what still needs to be done, who’s to blame for what hasn’t been done, and why everything is not getting done faster. They announced the ribbon cutting for the new Water Treatment plant. People brought up concerns about dogs that neighbors have let roam the streets unattended. And the land that was donated to the park system and LBRID was talked about. Throughout the meeting there was a subtle topic that kept creeping into all the different discussions...more people need to get involved in our community!

I have lived in various cities around the country: Toledo, OH, Chattanooga, TN, Columbus, OH, Greenville, SC, Nokomis, FL and San Jose, CA. Some of the cities were bigger than others, but they all left me with a similar sense of living in the middle of some much bigger machine of which I had no control. It wasn’t until I moved to Pope Valley four and half years ago that I felt like I was living in a community that I could become a part of and really enjoy.

After our meeting, I began to think about how the same names kept coming up as the people that were doing the work, not just standing by watching all the work being done. There are so many ways for people to get involved, and many of them really won’t take up a lot of your time.

Believe me; I know from experience how busy life can be! I have a full-time job, and a family to care for, but both my husband and I have both found ways to get involved in the community that also fit within our time budgets. I am a trustee on the Pope Valley Elementary School Board, and Saul is a volunteer with the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

These “extra-curricular activities” have allowed us to meet and get to know many of our neighbors. They also give us a sense of actively participating in our community. It’s a great feeling knowing that you are helping children in their education, or knowing that someone is alive because you were there to give him or her CPR.

As a trustee of the school board, I need to attend a monthly meeting to go over budget, school repairs, teacher negotiations, upcoming events and any number of items that come up along the way. One thing that is disheartening about these meetings, however, is the lack of parent and community participation. At a typical meeting, we will have one or two people sitting in the chairs in front of us...and usually one of those people is a teacher. I know how hard it is to go sit in a meeting after working all day, but it would be wonderful to see more people at these monthly meetings!

The Pope Valley Elementary School is a great little school with a family-friendly atmosphere! If sitting through a board meeting is too boring or too long, there is a Parent’s group that is always looking for moms and dads that can help organize fundraisers and school events. It would really help the parents that are currently participating to have additional hands and heads to get these activities organized. They meet monthly and work throughout the rest of the month to finalize plans and arrangements.

Meetings and planning committees may not be quite what you are looking for. (Paperwork and finances are not for everyone.) Maybe you could consider joining the Fire Department! These people are dedicated to the community like few others can be. They spend several nights a month in training and are on call 24 hours a day to help when and where they are needed. They are willing to put themselves aside and help total strangers at the drop of a hat...or in their case, the beep of a pager!

The Pope Valley FD also plans two annual fundraisers / community events. The firefighters and their families work many hours to put these events together. So, even if you don’t have the time to become a firefighter, the department can always use more hands to help organize or man these events.

These are just a few ways you can get involved in the Pope Valley community. There is also an active 4-H Club, Ropers –n –Riders, The Farm Center, The Berryessa Estates POA, and don’t forget about the simplest way to get involved...go meet your neighbors! I’m always surprised how few of us actually know each other.

It really is important to give back and help make a difference in the community in which you live. Busy lives tend to drive us farther apart. Taking time to show those around you that you care for them as individuals and as a part of our community has a reward like nothing else you can do.

The Native Sons of the Golden West Support State Parks and AB 42

The Native Sons of the Golden West passed a unanimous resolution at our statewide convention held May 15 through May 19, 2011 in South Lake Tahoe to oppose the proposed closure of 70 state parks.

On behalf of the Native Sons I would like to urge your readers to contact State Senator Noreen Evans and urge her to support Assembly Bill 42 when it comes to the State Senate floor for a vote.

This bill will allow the director of the State Park system to enter into agreements with non-profit Organizations like the Native Sons to provide maintenance and other services to help keep the parks from closing.

State Senator Evans can be reached through her website at <http://sd02.senate.ca.gov/contact> or at 916-651-4002.

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Budge Brown, Dale Brown, Cleavage Creek Winery, Airplanes, and Jet Ski Racing:

A Non-Traditional Eulogy

By Peter Kilkus

I never met Budge Brown. I almost met Budge Brown – three times. I was invited to a public relations event several months ago at the newly opened tasting room at Cleavage Creek Winery in Pope Valley. Several weeks later I was invited to a “locals” night event at the winery. Unfortunately I was obsessed with skiing at the time and missed both events. I had scored my first senior (65+) season pass good at Northstar and Heavenly. I ended up skiing 22 times this season. I became part of a subculture of “mature skiers”. I skied with “seniors” and “super seniors” – 65, 70, 75, and even 80 years old!

The reason I mention this is that Budge Brown was a “super senior” in more ways than one. At 78 he never slowed down. Everyone I talked to in Pope Valley or around Lake Berryessa who had met him had only the best things to say about him. By all reports in the media surrounding this tragedy, he was an exceptional person.

I never met Budge Brown. But I had some strange connections to him. Interesting how coincidences, some sad, seem to occur every now and then.

Cleavage Creek Winery had just become a new advertiser in the Lake Berryessa News. When I had visited beautiful Cleavage Creek a few weeks ago to meet with Jean Varner, Director of Winery Operations, she said that Budge was around the winery somewhere, but again I didn’t get a chance to meet him. Another missed opportunity.

Last week I read Dale Brown’s latest thriller, which has many fascinating details about Civil Air Patrol activities in Nevada, including how they perform search and rescue operations. In the acknowledgments I saw the name Brad Spires, who was listed as Dale Brown’s CAP mentor in becoming mission-pilot qualified in Minden, Nevada.

Brad is an old jet ski racing friend, as well as a Squadron Commander in the Civil Air Patrol. Brad’s son, Blaine, and my son, Evan, had been jet ski racers together. I called Brad last Wednesday to congratulate him on appearing in a famous writer’s novel and catch up. The next day I read about the tragedy of Budge Brown's plane going down after leaving the Minden airport for Tracy. It seems he took off at 3:30 PM - just before I called Brad Spires at 5 PM.

From news reports of the search I learned that Budge was the founder of the Manteca Water Park. Coincidentally, Evan had visited that water park when he was a jet ski racing promoter as a possible jet ski racing venue.

Reports mentioned that the Civil Air Patrol was taking the lead in search and rescue so I emailed Brad who told me that the California Wing was running the search.

A story appeared later that day about Budge and Brad in which Brad describes Budge as one of his closest friends. He credited Brown with renewing his interest in flying in 2000.

“If you were a friend of Budge, there is nothing he would not do for you. He is just really a good man. He was finishing the winery at Cleavage Creek. The grand opening was two months ago. It was kind of the pinnacle of what he's been working on,” Spires said.

Budge had the will and stamina to jump through the Napa County bureaucratic hoops to get Cleavage Creek Winery built. He was dedicated to making exceptional wines and to fighting breast cancer. The Cleavage Creek butterfly is a symbol of hope and metamorphosis. It represents the transformation made when those with breast cancer survive their struggles and go on to lead healthy lives.

“He's a very caring family man who had a small circle of very close friends. It's very special. If Budge shook your hand and looked you in the eye, that was the end of the discussion,” Spires said.

I also just learned that my friends, Jim Fresquez and Susan Meyer, owners of Rustridge Ranch and Winery were also close friends of Budge for years. Jim had actually flown with Budge and landed in Minden with him in bad weather! Jim and Susan attest to his excellence as a person, as well as a pilot. Pilots who knew him suspect he had a medical emergency since none of them question his skill as a pilot nor the quality of his aircraft.

Budge’s son, Jeff, knows his father died doing something he loved. "He was happy up there. He loved that little airplane, it was challenging, it was fast, you had to be on top of your game and he flew it real well.”

I never met Budge Brown. I almost met Budge Brown. I wish I had met Budge Brown. To me he is a classic “super senior” hero. We should all emulate his example and passion: **Live to Love Life!**

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Fishing with Sid

This past weekend I went fishing with Albert and Jory. What a difference a week makes - the lake was calm and clear. I decided to retrace our pattern from last week. We started out by the Ranch House and the water was crystal clear. We could see the bass 12 feet down, but they would not bite. I guess if we could see them they could see us.

Decided to head straight to the Vineyard. The first fish was caught on brass and glass - so were the next few. Albert had set up his rod with a weight that was too heavy so I suggested he make it lighter. He decided to use only the glass bead and, boy, he was raking them in.

His first fish (which he lost) must have weighed almost 8 pounds, but every fish he brought in was a good size. Of course Jory and I switched to using the same setup, and it worked for us as well. I believe that part of the formula was using the Procure crawdad scent on the worm and the other part was using a very light weight.

Albert had to go home early so after leaving him off Jory and I went to my favorite cove and I threw a six inch watermelon red senco on top of a submerged tree and "POW" a five pound bass hit it on the way down. That was a nice catch!!! Jory's largest fish did not make it into the boat because he got so excited he lifted it out of the water to early and the fish spit out the hook and waved goodbye. Jory did catch some nice bass that he did land using a rattle trap.

The top water bite is not happening yet at least not for me, and trust me I tried very hard. The water temperature was close to 68 degrees, which was a huge difference from last weekend. All in all it was a great weekend for fishing. 'til next weekend.....good fishing!!! www.fishingconnection.net, bestguide@hotmail.com, 650-583-3333.



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): While "To thine own self be true" is wise advice, it was intended for someone whose own self didn't sit on the couch eating beef jerky and watching car-auction shows.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll experience a slight setback when events beyond your control force you to repeat age 8 all over again, which actually isn't half bad.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You've always detested clichés, tired old jokes, and easy irony, which are three more reasons why you're going to hate being killed by a falling safe.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Authorities acknowledge that yes, technically you went on a tristate killing spree, but since you did it in the Four Corners region of the Southwest, it actually makes you look lazy.

Leo (July 23-August 22): When the stars told you this was a good time to start new projects at work, they certainly didn't expect you to put Vaseline on the stairs and then pull the fire alarm.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The rest of the year will seem to fly right by, along with a few hundred others, after you're frozen in a giant block of ice.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You're not usually the kind of person who cries at weddings, but this one's of a former lover, you're at a strange place in your life, and soot gets in your eyes when the whole church burns down with everyone inside.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): It's sad to think that when they tell the story of your life, you'll only be remembered as one of two guys whose most notable achievement was to walk into a bar.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): After your 17th time around as an underpaid office worker in the late-20th-to-early-21st centuries, you're really starting to become disenchanted with the whole reincarnation thing.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Sometimes you actually hate yourself for going out and drinking until five in the morning, but usually that's just what you tell people.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You firmly believe that everything has a soul, which explains why you think your tape dispenser is a bad person.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): The reality turns out to be okay, but when you heard the phrase "taco truck," you pictured a giant taco that was also a truck.



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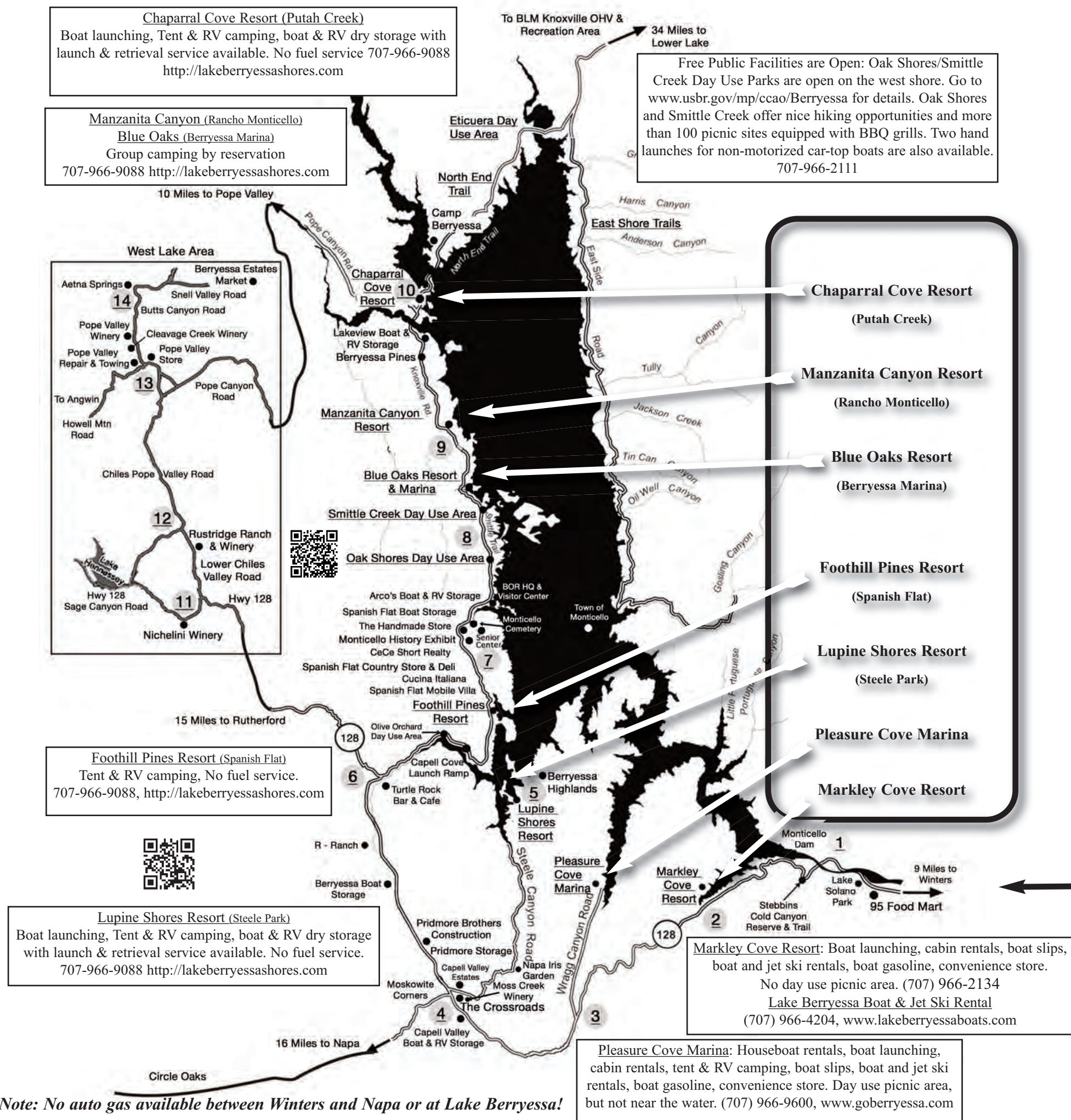
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The Ins and Outs & Ups and Downs of Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

In & Up

Most of us have heard of the rule of thumb that Lake Berryessa rises 1 foot for every 1 inch of rain. As with most rules of thumb, this is not accurate. Lake level rise depends on many variables like the actual lake level when it rains and how saturated is the ground.

It usually takes about 3 inches of rain on dry hills before there is any appreciable runoff into the lake. That's why the 3-week dry period in January slowed this year's rise and it took an inch or more to start the runoff again.

Also the lake is roughly like a V-shaped bowl, so the higher the level to start, the more rain it takes to make the lake rise even further.

A look at the actual data during the last few years shows that the average increase in 2009 was 3.4" rise per inch of rain. In 2010 the number was 7.5" rise per inch of rain. In 2011, that figure (seven day average) went from 3 inches rise per inch of rainfall in early February to 11 inches per inch in early March to a peak of 13 inches per inch during the wettest part of late March.

The lake did go up 61 feet in one year in 94-95, but that was due to an unusually wet season with two significant storms - a January flood event and a March flood event. The March storms produced a new record stage on the Salinas River near Spreckles and exceeded the 1986 peak on the Napa River by 0.3 feet.

This Old House was doing a Napa restoration and described the weather on their web site: "And then the skies

opened. The rain came down 22 days in a row that February; 52 inches fell in one month; the nearby Napa River leapt its banks. Contractor Nolan and crew persevered...scene after scene was shot with cast and crew increasingly sodden..."

Out & Down

During this 2011 unusually wet season, conspiracy theory rumors still circulated. One was that the lake would have risen faster if the Solano Irrigation District (SID) and the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) were not letting out water so fast.

Several years ago some people claimed that the dam managers were letting out water faster than necessary because electricity prices were so high that they were trying to make a profit from the power generated by Lake Berryessa.

In reality, Lake Berryessa output is controlled by the water allocations established when the dam was built, as well as certain Bureau of Reclamation flow specifications. SID cannot exceed specific annual allocations and water is not simply flushed for power generation exclusively. Power is an added bonus as water is sent to consumers.

During February and March of 2011, the power plant was shut down completely for it's annual maintenance. There was zero power generation for that period. What can be a little misleading is that if someone looks over the edge of the dam they will typically see the very visible release spouting out through the outlet pipe which is not water passing through the powerhouse. The total power generated remains relatively constant from year to

year...peaking during the summer months when agriculture demands also peak.

Winter (Oct 15 through mid March...depending on temperatures) is the time for filling Lake Berryessa - except for a base amount of release required to maintain stream flows and dam safety. The Bureau of Reclamation requires a minimum of 45 cubic feet per second (CFS) to be released through Monticello Dam at all times. This supports the Lower Putah Creek fishery and keeps Lake Solano "charged".

Let's start with some simple arithmetic. 1 Cubic Foot per Second equals 1.98 Acre-Feet per day. 1 AF of water equals 1 foot of water on 1 acre. The required minimum output of 45 CFS equates to 89.1 AF per day. Lake Berryessa has a surface level of about 19,500 acres when full. At the minimum output it would take 219 days for the lake to drop 1 foot when full.

The maximum outflow obviously occurs during the summer. (See chart on Pg. 11) The dam was originally built to supply irrigation water to Solano County. That is still its main purpose, although it also provides drinking water to about 500,000 people in Solano County. The Budweiser brewery in Fairfield has a contract that requires the use of Lake Berryessa water only because of its high quality. Thus the old joke we've heard so many times...

The majority of Lake Berryessa water is released during May-September - the growing season. Peak outflow is about 700 cfs or 1,400 AF/day. Total outflow in 2010 was 202,825 AF. Total outflow from May 1

- Sept. 30 was 156,588 AF. Only about 46,000 AF were released during the winter. To put that in perspective, evaporation in 2010 total was 4.7 feet. From May to September it was 3.06 feet.

A 3.06 foot decrease when the lake is nearly full equates to about 56,600 AF. As incredible as it may seem, more Lake Berryessa water is lost to evaporation during the summer than is actually released from the lake during the winter. Evaporation is measured in inches (see data on Pg. 11) using an actual evaporation pan, 48" in diameter 10" deep, located at Markley Cove.

Actual 2010 figures show the lake dropped from 423.55' on 5/1 to 413.38' on 9/30 - a 10.17' decrease

At the 423 foot level the lake has a surface area of about 17,050 AF so the 2010 loss was 173,399 AF (10.17' x 17,050 AF/foot). And evaporation accounted for an actual loss of approximately 52,173 AF (3.06' x 17,050).

At 700 cfs (1,400 AF/day) summer outflow with a surface area of 17,050 AF at the 430 foot level the lake experiences a one-foot drop every 12 days - which matches observation.

Once again remember that rumors are only rumors and all conspiracy theories about Lake Berryessa water are false. Numbers don't lie, but do take some thought to unravel.

A longer version of this article with photos and charts is at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com

1 Cubic foot of water equals 7.48 Gallons
1 AF of water equals 325,851 Gallons
1 AF of water equals 43,560 Cubic feet
1 CFS equals 448.8 GPM
1 GPM equals 1,440 Gallons per 24 hour day
1 GPM equals 1.61 AF per year

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8=>9	2.4 miles
9=>10	2.8 miles
10=>13	10.2 miles
6=>11	3.0 miles
11=>12	3.2 miles
12=>13	8.5 miles
13=>14	3.7 miles

Some fun facts about water use from the Montana Department of Natural Resources:

1 human family (up to 5 people) uses 1 AF/Yr
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Record Setting Bad Weather Hits Lake Berryessa in Juneuary

People often complain about the weather, especially when it ruins a few plans - as happened this last Memorial Weekend (and the first weekend of June!). It was one of the worst Memorial Day weekend and early June weather periods that many can remember. One forecaster referred to this month as Juneuary!

Not that Memorial Day is guaranteed to be nice in California.

A few years of history confirm that this May has been one of the worst in years. Unfortunately some 2007 and 2008 data are missing, but they

May	Rain	High Temperatures	Last Rain of Season
2005	3.2"	8 days – 80+	5/18 6/7 & 6/17 - .5" ea
2006	.7"	10 days – 80+; 7 days - 90+	5/22
2007	0.18"	19 days – 80+; 10 days - unknown but warm	5/4 7/18 - .02"
2008	.31"	2 days – 80+; 3 days - 90+; 2 days - 100+ 24 days unknown	5/25
2009	.76"	14 days – 80+; 7 days - 90+; 1 day - 100+	5/5
2010	1.26"	10 days – 80+	5/28
2011	2.23"	11 days – 80+	6/6?

were warm months. If you remember, the Mays between 2005 and 2009 appear to have been quite nice.

The last year the lake was full was 2005 – a wet year with floods – and it rained in June that year. Prior to that there had only been a

light rain in June of 1998. 2011 is in the weather record books with 1.62" of rain in June as of 6/6. What will Summer bring?

Now! Another installment in our celebrated soggy series, "How to Swim Safely and Live to Lie About It." Here is today's timely warning:

1. Never swim alone. No matter how exciting you are, drowning alone can be very boring.
2. Before diving off the high board, always take the time to ask yourself, "Is there water in the pool?"
3. Never dive into very cold water. Cold water causes both goose bumps and constricting blood vessels. And nobody can swim with a bunch of geese bumping his tiny vessels.
4. If you are not an expert swimmer, never float into deep water on a raft, an inner tube, or a duck.
5. Always get out of the water during an electrical storm. It is also a good idea to get out of the water before blow-drying your hair.
6. If you do not know how to swim at all, filling your pool with Jell-O won't help.
7. Never engage in horseplay while swimming in a public pool. Just think how bad you would feel if there was an accident and the horse drowned.
8. Never swim right after a meal because the blood will rush to your gastro-intestinal tract and, if you think about it, you might throw up in the pool.

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Bank of America's 2009 pre-tax income: \$4.4 billion
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I may not know what I'm talking about, but as I always say, "I'd rather be wrong than quiet."

A friend said his boss is all heart. He promised that if there's anything my friend needs just let him know and he'll show him how to get along without it.

On Sunday, May 29, history combined with reasonably nice weather to provide some family fun at the Spanish Flat Village Center which houses the Monticello History Exhibit.

Thanks to ever-firing spark plug, Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick and friends, many folks who actually lived the old Town of Monticello before it was inundated by Lake Berryessa were able to share memories and stories.

A 300 pound bell from the old school was on display along with many other photos and artifacts.

Story-teller Murray Clark acted like a human time-machine explaining the history of the artifacts, maps, and photos to visitors. As I said in the last issue, I have many of Murray’s stories so it’s time to print a couple more.

Why Six-Shooters End Up in the Mud

At the time this story unfolded my grandfather owned a 600-acre farm in the Berryessa Valley. This ranch had originally been part of my great-grandfather Abraham Clark’s large tract of land. In 1887 he owned more land than any one in Napa County, a total of 10,500 acres.

In those days it required a lot of people to farm that much land. It was all done with horses and mules. Each different ranch had a bunkhouse for the hired help. Even when I was a small boy in the early 40's many of the ranches still maintained a bunkhouse.

One time when my dad was a young man he



The Ladies of Spanish Flat Village Center
Christine, Carol, Marcia and Donna

found this old 6-shooter. It had been laying out in the weather for a long time and was in bad shape. So in the winter, when it was raining too hard to work outside, he would sit around the bunkhouse with the hired hands and clean the old pistol. I don't remember what make it was, but it broke open in the middle to load.

After several days he had it working pretty well. So he decided it was ready to test fire. He put some bullets in it stepped out the back door of the bunkhouse, aimed at an oak tree, and fired it. Upon firing it broke open and the spent shell casing flew out of the chamber - hit by Dad on the



bridge of the nose, skinned his nose and forehead. He said, “Now I know why the damn thing was laying in the mud.”

All Stories Don’t Have Happy Endings

I have to put in a little history about my mother. Her name was Martha Ethel Washabaugh-Clark. She always went by Ethel. She was born in Lindsay, Tulare County, California in 1897. Her father was Charles Amos Washabaugh and her mother was Sarah Elmira Barron-Washabaugh. Her father, my grandfather Washabaugh, had a freight line between Winters and Monticello.

One day he had too much to drink in Winters before he started home. My uncle, Elwin Scott,



Three generations: Murray Clark
with sons & grandson

was with Grandpa. Elwin was a young boy of 12 years old at the time. Grandpa dropped the lines used to drive the team down on to the double trees. When he leaned over to pick the lines up he fell forward between the double trees and the horses back foot. The horses spooked and ran away dragging and kicking him to death. He was 58 years old at the time.

The horses finally ran into a fence and stopped. Uncle Elwin unhooked the team and rode them about 13 miles home to tell Grandma. My mother was 10 years old at the time of Grandpa's death.

Your Father Probably Never Did This!

My mother had gone to work at a very early age for my great-grandfather Abraham at his mansion as a maid. I think this is where my Mom and Dad met. They were married October 31, 1915. Mom was 18 years old at the time. My Dad was 28.

My father was a real horseman. In his early years his job was to break the riding and driving stock for the ranch. The ranch house set a mile west of the Monticello-Knoxville Rd. One day Dad saddled up this colt for the first ride.

He led the horse from the barn out the lane to the middle field, which was 200 acres and one mile long. Mom was watching from the front porch. Dad got on the pulled the blindfold off and the rodeo began. The horse would buck until he would give out, rest and do it all over again, Dad rode the horse 2 miles, like that and the horse bucked all the way. It never bucked Dad off but Mom said his nose was bleeding when he got back to the house.

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Event Calendar

June 10 - Friday: Napa County Taxpayers Association is sponsoring the first in a series of Taxpayer Forums this coming Friday night in St. Helena at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall. The public is invited and attendance is free. They will be discussing current issues important to taxpayers. The public is invited to discuss and speak out about tax issues.

June 11 - Saturday: Suscol InterTribal Council Free Morning MOVIE!!!, 10am-12pm, Napa County Library, Down Town Napa. Everyone welcome! Join us to view a child’s life on a Native American Reservation through his eyes and his tribe’s dream, visions, hopes, history and heartaches, the roots of the tree of life. “I am the 7th son of a 7th son and I am 7 years old and I am the dream of my ancestors!”

June 13 - Monday: Winters Chamber of Commerce will be having their June Mixer at Canyon Creek Resorts from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite the Lake Berryessa Chamber members and the people of the lake area to this mixer.

June 15 - Wednesday: Berryessa Seniors River Rock Casino Bus Trip. Bus pick up on the Jordan St. entrance side of Walmart in Napa at 8:10am. Call 800-254-3423 for reservations. Cost is \$11 and you get \$25 back in free play. An excellent Breakfast Buffet is available at the casino.

June 16 - Thursday: Fly Fishing Putah Creek (CreekSpeak), 7 PM, Winters Public Library, 708 Railroad Ave. Join expert fisherman and Putah Creek guide, Jordan Romney, for a look into the secret underwater world of Putah Creek's trout. These fish can grow to salmon-sized proportions in Putah Creek, but they're not easy to catch. All CreekSpeak talks are free and open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested, but not required, from people who are not active members of Putah Creek Council.

June 18 - Saturday: Casino Night & Free Pasta Dinner & Big Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 5:30 P.M. - 10 P.M. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729. This is a major fundraiser for the Center. Please try to come and bring your friends!

June 18 - Saturday: Putah Creek Trout's Annual Wine Tasting and Fundraiser, 1:00-4:00 PM, Lake Solano Nature Center, 8685 Pleasant Valley Rd., west of Winters.

Putah Creek Trout is the only regional nonprofit conservation organization focused entirely on improving the cold water fishery from Monticello Dam to Lake Solano. The Nature Center is a new regional educational facility, focused on the aquatic life of the Putah Creek region.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 6/6/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **37.13** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.
The water is now **5.94** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
5/23/11	434.35	0.22	75	47	0.00
5/24/11	434.31	0.23	74	44	0.00
5/25/11	434.31	0.23	76	45	0.00
5/26/11	434.26	0.07	64	42	0.20
5/27/11	434.22	0.17	70	49	0.00
5/28/11	434.18	0.21	72	46	0.00
5/29/11	434.14	0.04	65	41	0.26
5/30/11	434.10	0.19	72	41	0.00
5/31/11	434.06	0.17	65	42	0.02
6/1/11	434.04	0.06	61	42	0.04
6/2/11	434.02	0.05	62	43	0.25
6/3/11	434.00	0.10	65	42	0.00
6/4/11	434.00	0.03	63	46	0.33
6/5/11	434.06	0.02	60	52	1.00

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- There is no age restriction for operating a sailboat under 30ft. long (with wind as the main source of propulsion) or a dinghy used between a moored vessel and shore or between two moored vessels.

It is illegal to permit a person under the age of 16 to operate a vessel powered by a motor of 15 horsepower or more, including personal watercraft, without onboard supervision by a person 18 years of age or older.

Students who pass the Boat California online course will be issued a boating safety education certificate approved by the California Department of Boating & Waterways.

Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT)

Free Class to be scheduled in the Lake Berryessa area sometime in January, 2012. Twenty-five participants are needed to conduct this class. The class schedule will most likely be a include several weekday evenings and an eight hour Saturday and Sunday session. Dates and class location are still to be determined.

Dee Cuney is collecting names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for those interested in signing up. Contact Dee at 707-966-3706 or email your contact information to DEECUNEY@aol.com

SENIOR HUMOR!

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection, and the light was red again. They went right though it.

This time, the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red and was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, the light was definitely red, and sure enough, they went right through again.

She turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh my, am I driving?"

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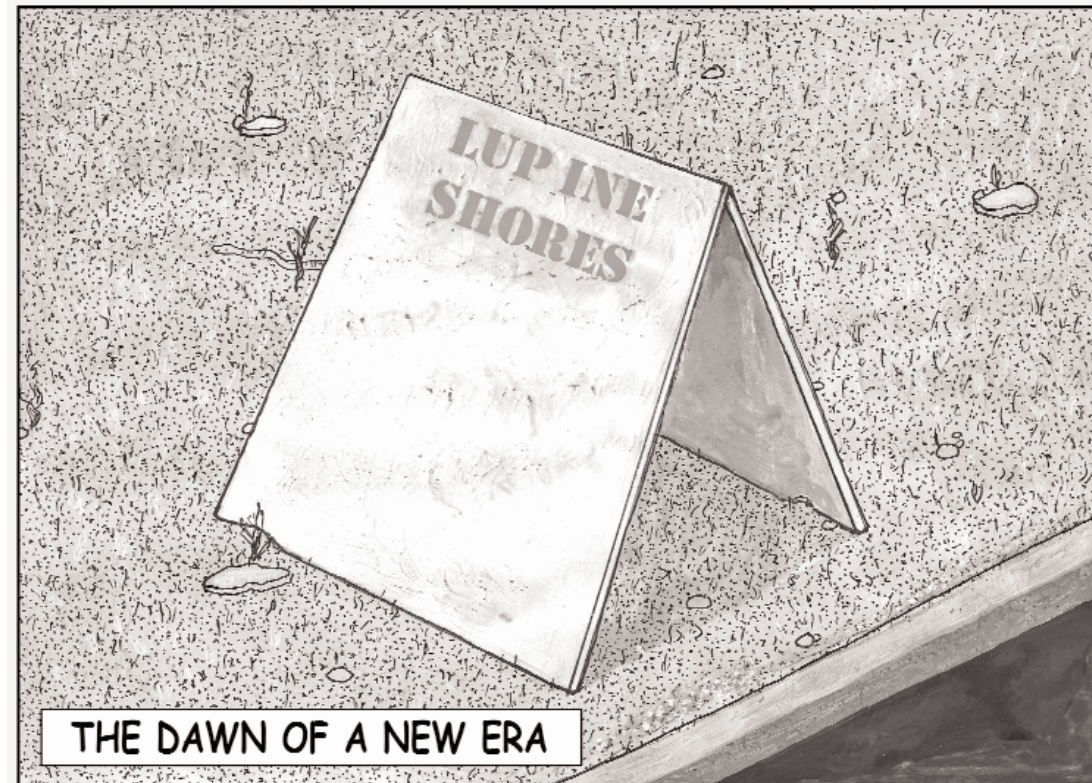
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Making an Appetizing Meal Out of Unappetizing Ingredients

Just because a menu item sounds a little odd doesn't mean it isn't delicious. Ask chef Chris Cosentino, co-owner of San Francisco's Incanto restaurant. He's famous for serving up every part of an animal—even the bits that might make you say ick. "It's about not being afraid of your food," Cosentino says.

With his favorite dish, Chris' Last Supper, he takes some unconventional ingredients—blood sausage, trotter stock, duck eggs—and makes you want to inhale them. Here's how it works.

Sanguinaccio (northern Italian blood sausage): Blood sausage scares some people—but it's delightful for those brave enough to eat it. In Cosentino's, the blood thickens a mixture of pork heart, onions, buckwheat groats, and spices. The flavor is rich, nutty, and creamy—like chocolate, but savory. Plus, before it hits the plate, the sausage is seared in butter. Mmmm. Butter.

Pig trotter stock: Trotters—that's feet to you—are full of collagen, which adds richness and body. Before the stock goes into the dish, it's finished with more butter.

Duck eggs: Fried in more butter ("This is my deathbed meal. Why would I hold back?"), the eggs are cooked sunny-side up so the viscous yolk can mingle with the other liquids on the plate.

Oysters: They're poached in trotter stock and butter but not cooked all the way through, in order to preserve an alluring, creamy mouthfeel.

Buckwheat sprouts, chives, and chive flowers: A visual representation of ingredients inside the blood sausage, the flowers add a sense of whimsy and fun—and who's not charmed by flowers?

Crusty bread: Grilled multigrain bread adds a bit of familiarity to the plate and a crunchy contrast to the other ingredients.

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Another Tragedy Strikes Pope Valley.

Sometimes we get too used to medical miracles, but they don't always happen. Jim Jenkins died June 4th. Jim had been sick for a little more than a week. Turned out to be a recurrence of his heart problem from 2002 when he underwent successful surgery to repair an aortic dissection. But last week the doctors were not able to repair it in time.

Jim and Lynn, who built the ranch of their dreams in the foothills southeast of Pope Valley, have been married 25 years. Both have been active in Pope Valley where Lynn is a member of the Pope Valley Ropers and Riders. She had been keeping me up to date on their gymkhanas and the equine virus scare that cancelled the first event.

I met Jim and Lynn several years ago at Cucina Italiana and see them there regularly. It's always fun to swap stories with folks who have had as interesting lives as theirs. The last time I met them with Bryant Morris at Cucina was only a few weeks ago. There was much laughter as they reminisced about the three of them running a water theme park many years ago in Southern California.

One thing I'll remember about Jim is that he had the nicest, gentle voice – and he looked good in a cowboy hat!



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Pensus Progress

On Wednesday, June 1, Pensus released the following statement:

“We are taking all your comments into consideration and doing our best to provide enjoyable camping experiences. I wanted to clear up some of the rumors surrounding The Bureau and Pensus's activities. The Pensus Group signed the Concession Contract on April 28 2010. We made a huge 3 week push to get some of the sites open for RV and camping for Memorial Day Weekend 2010.

For the past year Reclamation and Pensus have been continuing the clean up of the sites, which is a massive undertaking given all the debris that was left. We are currently doing the Environmental Assessment which we have to do under Federal Law before we disturb anything. That means we cannot trench to lay infrastructure or disturb any dirt to build anything. So unfortunately we were very limited in the facilities we were able to provide for this year.

However, starting in 2012 you will see things happening more quickly and facilities improving. We know that conditions are not optimal at this time but we are doing our best given what we have to work with. We will be adding more porta potties for the coming weekends and will be cleaning them more often. Although the facilities are primitive the lake is full and beautiful!”

Pensus has also expanded their Lake Berryessa project staff by adding a new Project Manager, David Mattson. Per Pensus: “David Mattson will be overseeing all permitting, continuing development, design and construction. Operations on-site are handled by David Peet. For off-site operational issues Georgi Ffinch would be the person to contact.”

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Fuel and Your Boat

How much do you need?

How much fuel you need to carry depends on the design of yourboat and the intended use. In a sailing vessel, for instance, a 50 gallon tank of diesel feeding a 25 hp auxiliary engine cursing at 80% of top speed could propel a 33 foot sailboat 300 miles at 7 knots in calm weather. That same amount of fuel would take a twin engine 40 foot sport-fisher only about 33 miles at 40 knots. This boat would need 450 gallons to cover 300 miles at that speed.

Planing hulls need much more power than displacement hulls anduse more fuel per mile. However their ability to carry fuel is limited because their planing ability is affected by weight. Many naval architects build in as little tankage as possible taking into consideration the design of the boat, reasonable usage and the distance between refueling stops in and around its normal area of operation.

How much does it weigh?

Gasoline weighs about 6.1 pounds per gallon. Diesel weighs about 7.1 pounds per gallon. Both gasoline and diesel engines use about 0.6 pounds of fuel per horsepower per hour. On average, diesel fuel contains about 140,000 BTUs per gallon or 10 percent more energy than the same volume of gasoline.

Where does it go when it is consumed?

Your engine uses the fuel you purchase in several ways.

- 35 percent is given up to the atmosphere in heat
- 25 percent is given up in heat and vibration absorbed by surrounding water
- 10 percent is given up to overcome wave resistance
- 6 percent to overcome wave formation and prop wash against the hull
- 7 percent to overcome skin friction
- 2 percent is wasted in friction at the propeller shaft
- 1 percent to overcome air resistance

This leaves about 13-14 percent of the original energy to turn the propeller.

How much do gasoline anddiesel engines consume?

Diesel engines consume about 1 gallon per hour for every 18 hp used. You can estimate the number of gallons consumed per hour by multiplying horsepower used by 0.055. Note: An engine at cruising speed usually uses only about two-thirds of its maximum available horsepower. Most marine engines are designed to run continuously at between 60 and 75% of maximum speed. Diesels tend to be more toward the top of the range.

Gasoline four stroke inboard engines need about 1 gallon per hour for every 10 hp used. The number of gallons consumed per hour can be estimated by multiplying horsepower used by 0.100. (See note above) Outboards might use considerably more since two stroke motors seem to have a greater thirst than four stroke motors.

What about fuel economy?

Any attempt to force a displacement hull beyond its maximum theoretical hull speed brings exponentially higher fuel consumption for minimal gain in speed. On the other hand, slowing down a little almost always is rewarded by gains in economy, and thus range. This same principle applies to high-speed planing hulls as well, but only up to the point at which they start to come off plane. Once off plane they tend to lose efficiency.

How about fuel reserves?

Use the old rule of thumb: Use one-third of the fuel in your tank to get there, one-third to get back and save the last third as an emergency backup.

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Bilgee is Baaaack!

On Memorial Day weekend, the new Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership interns, Jesse Hewson (below right) and Sabrina Larsen (below left), started the 2011 summer season. Even though the weather was chilly and cloudy the interns still had quite a successful turn out. Jesse and Sabrina spoke with 120 boaters at the Capell Cove launch ramp and 149 visitors at Oak Shores Day Use Park. They provided invasive species education and conducted boater surveys.



Sabrina Larsen Bio: Hi everyone! I'm Sabrina and I can't wait to see you all around Lake Berryessa this summer! I just finished my third year at UC Davis and will be graduating in the fall with a degree in environmental policy, analysis and planning with an emphasis in water quality (I know - a mouthful). When I'm not at the lake or in school, I spend my time serving as the president of the professional agricultural sorority at Davis and working as a tutor/substitute coordinator at an afterschool program in Woodland. On the off chance that I get a day off, I enjoy spending time deep sea fishing and attempting to complete puzzles, usually ones with pictures of sea creatures on them! I hope to use my experience this summer to work in water and fisheries outreach in the Northern United States.

Jesse Hewson Bio: Hello, my name is Jesse and I will be spending pretty much every weekend this summer here at Lake Berryessa! I am currently finishing up at the Santa Rosa Junior College, where I will be earning my A.S. in Environmental Conservation, with an emphasis on Watershed Management. I'm truly excited to find such an amazing internship program, especially in such a gorgeous setting. I feel right at home out here. If I wasn't working I would be out camping, boating, fishing, or hiking anyway. It's not often that you're able to find a job that combines the majority of your passions all into one. I'm hoping to use this experience as a stepping stone towards a future in watershed restoration. I feel truly blessed to be here, and I look forward to seeing you all this summer!

World Environment Day Clean-up at Markley Cove: A Success Story in the Rain!

Wet weather did not deter the World Environment Day cleanup Sunday, June 5th, at Markley Cove. Thanks to the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership, Budweiser, Markley Cove Resort, Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals, and all the volunteers for their efforts.



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't worry: There is nothing wrong with you that emergency brain surgery and a quadruple bypass within the next 90 minutes won't solve.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): While it's true that someone in Baltimore loves you, this is less a reason for a jaunty T-shirt than a cause for genuine concern.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It's probably best if you just put your head down and keep sharpening pencils for the next few years.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're not the kind of person who can wear those stylish strap-py heels, mostly because you're too stupid to figure out how shoes go on.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Love, wisdom, and luck are all strong in your zodiac sign this week, providing further proof that you are not your zodiac sign.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You'll become embroiled in a vicious conflict between those who feel Queens of the Stone Age are overrated and those who want control of the cocaine trade on the Eastern Seaboard.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The stars have nothing to say to you this week, as they're trying to work on their own future for once, if you don't mind.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You'll have strange dreams in which a bearded hip-pie in a long robe urges you to cast off your burdens and join him at the right hand of his father, but it's probably nothing.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Next week will be a joyful whirlwind of magic, laughter, and romance, so it's too bad you're going to miss the whole thing.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You'll be saddened when it turns out that all those people who only like you for your money turn out not to be very good friends.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): It's important, as Kipling said, to treat triumph and disaster both the same, but it seems all you ever get are mild satisfaction and vague disappointment.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will soon be judged by a jury of your peers, which is a good thing, as people who aren't also self-centered drunken jerks would probably want you dead.

Tragedy in Washington today as an escaped rodeo bull reportedly ate a congressman. It's the first known instance of a bull being full of politician.

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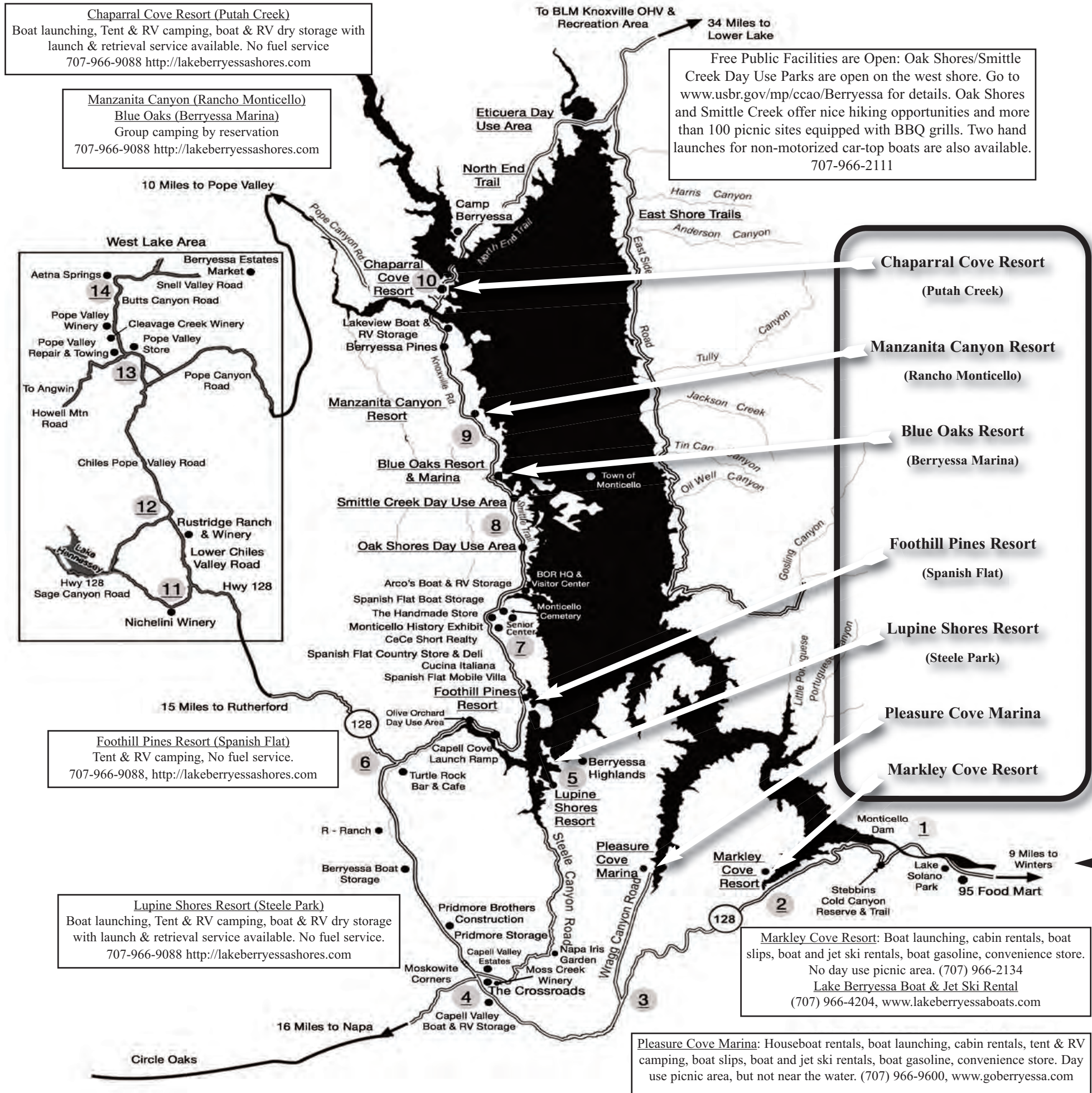
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Seeing Underwater at Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

In the Spring of 2007 the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) performed a survey of the underwater landscape of Lake Berryessa. They wanted to accurately determine the capacity of the lake using the latest technology. Siltation from a lake's shoreline is often a factor in lowering the total water-carrying capacity of reservoirs. SCWA wanted to investigate the sedimentation rate and establish a baseline as well as create accurate bathymetric maps.

The data used to make bathymetric maps today typically comes from an echosounder (sonar) mounted beneath or over the side of a boat, "pinging" a beam of sound downward at the lake bottom. The amount of time it takes for the sound or light to travel through the water, bounce off the lake bottom, and return to the sounder tells the equipment the depth at that location.

Of course, doing this from a moving boat requires a lot of calibration and measurement. The SCWA system used a motion reference unit, a gyrocompass, and attitude sensor for dynamic corrections for vessel movement. Deep water surveys can produce a large variation of sound velocity values due to thermal changes. Sound velocity casts were performed hourly to account for sound velocity changes through thermoclines.

A "cast" is the process of slowly lowering a sensor through the water until it reaches the bottom. Then it is hoisted back to the surface. As the instrument runs through the water column, the sensor obtains conductivity, temperature, and pressure data.

For you techies out there the list of survey equipment is fascinating:

- 26 ft. Research Vessel Sounder with Multibeam Sonar (300 kHz Dual-Head, Vertical Accuracy 1cm)
- 17 ft. Survey Skiff with Singlebeam Sonar (200 kHz Single Head, Vertical Accuracy 1cm)
- Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) GPS

Travel Distances

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| 1. | Monticello Dam |
| 2. | Markley Cove Resort |
| 3. | Wragg Canyon Road |
| 4. | Moskowite Corners |
| 5. | Lupine Shores Resort |
| 6. | Turtle Rock |
| 7. | Spanish Flat Village Center |
| 8. | Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center |
| 9. | Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts |
| 10. | Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort |
| 11. | Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road |
| 12. | Pope Valley Road |
| 13. | Pope Valley |
| 14. | Aetna Springs |

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| 3=>4 | 3.0 miles |
| 4=>5 | 5.0 miles |
| 4=>6 | 4.7 miles |
| 6=>7 | 5.0 miles |
| 7=>8 | 2.4 miles |
| 8=>9 | 2.4 miles |
| 9=>10 | 2.8 miles |
| 10=>13 | 10.2 miles |
| 6=>11 | 3.0 miles |
| 11=>12 | 3.2 miles |
| 12=>13 | 8.5 miles |
| 13=>14 | 3.7 miles |

and Napa or at Lake Berryessa!

-DMS Motion Reference Unit and SG Gyrocompass

-Odom Sound Velocimeter

The Dual Head System has 125 beams per head with an across-track beam width of 1.5 deg. The system provides an approximately 200 degree swath coverage, or ten times depth. Maximum survey speed is 5 knots with sonar pings rate of 15 pings/sec.

The MultiBeam system was used for measurements in areas with depths greater than 10 ft. The SingleBeam system was used in shallow areas from 3 to 15 ft depths. MultiBeam and SingleBeam depth resolution was an amazing 1cm (0.4 in.) Each dual beam (set at 40 degrees) has 125 transducers and in ideal conditions provide a swath width that is 10 times the depth.

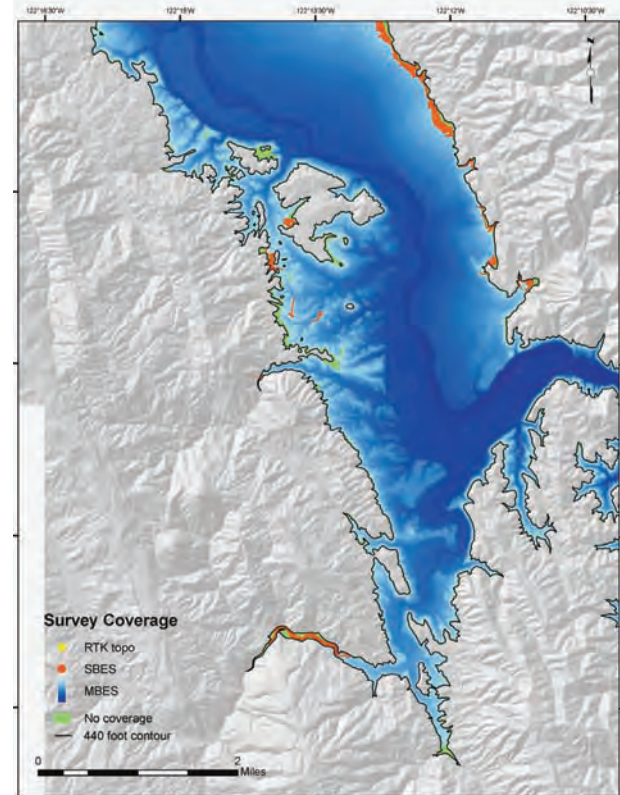
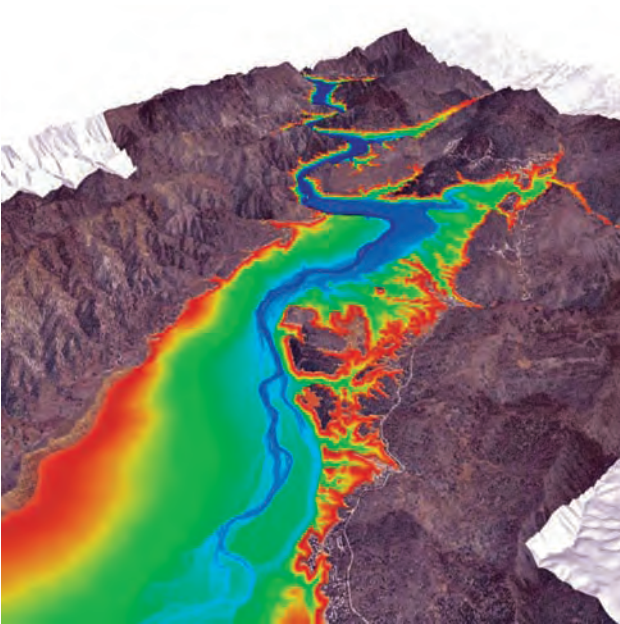
The Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) Global Positioning System survey data was used to merge the bathymetric data with the existing Napa County Digital Terrain Model (DTM) resulting in some astonishing visuals. Depth data is shown as color variations rather than contour lines.

A SCWA engineer said that you can see the old roads if you look closely at some of the images. I had hoped that the old Town of Monticello streets might stand out, or the Putah Creek Stone Bridge. Although there is a lot of detail visible, the images don't seem to show the old town.

You can download the high resolution images I've posted on the Lake Berryessa News web site and look for yourselves. The old Town of Monticello was just northeast of the Big Island on the east side of Putah Creek. A map of Monticello is included below so you can make your own comparisons.

The survey results confirmed that Lake Berryessa retains its full capacity – which is now more accurately known. Siltation has not been a factor in reducing the total volume of water behind Monticello Dam.

The pictures don't show up well in black & white. Striking color illustrations are available on the Lake Berryessa News web site. Old maps (below right) can be seen at the Monticello History Exhibit.



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A Note From Koda, the Wonder Dog, Lake Berryessa Mascot

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Dr. Katy Wilson and the Silverado Veterinary Hospital for saving my life two weeks ago. I had just finished helping the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership with their World Environment Day clean-up. It was great fun. But when my boy, Evan, and I got home I started feeling poorly. Within a couple of hours I was in such pain I couldn't move!

I was actually unable to perform one of my primary duties, which was to encourage my boy's father, Peter, to go for his afternoon hike.

By the next day Evan and Peter were so worried they decided to take me to the hospital. Although I could hardly move, I knew that Peter would not be able to carry his 90 pound grand-dog (me) down to the car by himself so I struggled to my feet and hobbled down the stairs myself.

My friends at the Silverado Veterinary Hospital were happy to see

me but sad about my condition. Dr. Wilson examined me and decided to have a specialized ultra-sound test done which tickled but discovered a problem with my liver.

An emergency operation found that I had developed a "liver lobe torsion" - one lobe of my liver had actually twisted around inside me cutting off its blood flow and had started to die. This is a very rare condition usually diagnosed upon autopsy! I'm sure glad I had people who cared about me.

I'm feeling fine now. The only embarassing part of the whole affair is that they had to shave my tummy and sides. No one ever knew this, but I'm actually pink with a lot of polka-dot freckles all over! I caught Evan and Peter talking about shaving me completely, taking photos, and entering me in a "Strangest-Looking Dog in the World" contest (but they didn't).

So thank you again to Dr. Katy Wilson and the staff of the Silerado Veterinary Hospital. I'll be back.

Koda Kilkus

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Summer Is Officially Here - Finally! 4th of July Is Time To Celebrate

How long ago was it that we were complaining about the cold wet weather? This week may be the first time Lake Berryessa has hit 100 degrees since September 30, 2010 when we hit 104°F. The table below was a typical summer week at the lake last year.

6/27/10	96
6/28/10	101
6/29/10	103
6/30/10	99
7/1/10	90
7/2/10	89
7/3/10	89
7/4/10	95
7/5/10	98
7/6/10	98
7/7/10	88

The Lake Berryessa News discovered an internal Pensus memo which described the real reason that the Phoenix, Arizona-based company bid on the Lake Berryessa resorts. They may be planning to move their whole operation here because:

It's so hot in Arizona that...

- the birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- the potatoes cook underground, and all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.
- the cows are giving evaporated milk.
- the trees are whistling for the dogs.
- you learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
- the temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.
- you would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.
- you can attend any function wearing shorts and a tank top.

- The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!
- you discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car.
- hot water now comes out of both taps.
- it's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets.
- you actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- you break a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.
- your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

A sad Arizonan once prayed, "I wish it would rain - not so much for me, cuz I've seen it -- but for my 7-year-old."

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Happy July Birthday to Becky Litwin, July 25. She's doubly famous since her birthday is the same as mine.

Also born on July 25th: Walter Payton, Walter Brennan, Eric Hoffer, and in 1978 - Louise Joy Brown, Oldham England, world's 1st "test tube baby".

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107°F

Memorial Day Weather

In response to our lead article in the last issue, I received this note:

In the 20 years I spent at Lake Berryessa it probably rained 6 or 7 times during the Memorial weekend. I can remember going to B point at Berryessa Marina and watching people slide in the mud into the lake, not a planned event.

When the lake was low the resort owners tried to capitalize on it on busy weekends by renting space below the high water mark. People trying to set up camp in the rain-caused mud were having their stuff slide into the lake.

Pretty funny stuff, but Memorial Day Weekends were always interesting and entertaining.

Being entertained by other folks misery was probably bad, but entertaining nonetheless. Karma struck a few years later while I was driving through Putah Creek Park during jet ski races. I was ogling a young lady in an orange thong bikini and drove my vehicle right into the mud and got stuck myself. It took a tow truck to get me out not to mention the embarrassment.

The Capell Valley Community Center is still moving forward. The volunteer coordinators are beginning the process to become recognized as an insurable entity and working out the final agreement with the Napa School District. Some funding has been secured but more is needed until the center is up and running and able to raise its own funds. Thanks to those who are supporting this effort.

I have a friend who can offer lots of advice. Good advice. Advice that's been passed down from generation to generation and never been used.

County recommends new budget

No cost of living increases as State budget uncertainty looms large. The budget generally holds the line on staffing, includes no employee cost of living increases, and reflects a slight revenue increase from several sources, including secured property tax, sales and use tax and Transient Occupancy Tax, realignment and Proposition 172, which funds public safety and justice programs.

The Board will begin hearings on the recommended budget on Monday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m., and is scheduled to adopt a final budget on June 21.

The recommended All Funds budget is \$334,426,688, a 1.7 percent increase over the FY2010/11 final budget. The major reasons for the increase include:

- \$6 million increase in the Affordable Housing Fund budget, reflecting the inclusion of funding for a number of housing loan projects or potential projects;
- salary and benefit cost increases for existing employees (primarily step increases and increases in retirement, health insurance and Workers' Compensation costs);
- an increase in Other Post-Employment Benefit (retiree health insurance) costs; and
- a net increase of \$3 million in the various Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets.

The recommended General Fund budget is \$227,344,602, a 1.0 percent decrease from the FY2010/11 final budget. The main reason for the decrease is a \$9.2 million reduction in the amount transferred to the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund, which includes money set aside for future capital projects.

Dillon the Detective: Kitty Action and Feline Humor!

Makenzie Payne (right) and Faith Berger (left), third graders from the Berryessa Highlands, have written a new children's book. Follow the adventures of an intrepid kitty determined to solve the most challenging crimes.

They will be at a book signing at Copperfield's in Napa on Saturday, July 9. The book was generated from an after-school program that they took at Vichy and was inspired by their very own pets.

You can buy the book or download it by going to www.lulu.com and searching for Dillon the Detective. It's well done and I could envision them smiling while they wrote it. Below is an excerpt.

My name is Dillon. I am a black and white, twelve year old cat. My home is at the very, very top of the Empire State Building. I live in a large apartment on the top floor with my People Family. I know that I can be much more than just a handsome good cat. I can also be a detective!

Three days after I opened Kitty Cat Investigations, I received a call to help solve one of the city's biggest mysteries. A mystery the city had been experiencing for some years. There was an evil villain in the sky that has been causing much harm and loss to the city's restaurant industry. The villain was GUNNER!

Gunner has metal wings, which makes him look very scary. If you took away his wings and sharp claws, Gunner would look like a regular friendly dog. Until he smiles, his four front eyeteeth were as sharp as razor blades. He was fast on foot and those giant metal wings made him fast in the air and hard to catch.

We had to capture Gunner and send him to Mars to live alone with the Martians, before he destroyed the world.



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Event Calendar

June 24 - Friday: Canyon Creek Resort right below Monticello Dam will sponsor a Grand Opening Benefit for the Winters Fireworks Fund, at the brand new CREEK-SIDE MARKET AND CAFÉ at the Resort, 5:30 PM. Although the resort itself is a members-only club (with some openings for new, local memberships,) the brand new Creekside Market & Café is open to the public!

June 25 - Saturday: Crossroads presents the FBR Band from 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM. The FBR Band is a Country & Southern Rock band made up of local former bronc riders!

June 25 - Saturday: The Berryessa Lions Club is having their Cowboy Steak Night at The Turtle Rock. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

June 26 - Sunday: Jim Jenkins Memorial, 11 AM, Pope Valley Farm Center

July 7 - Thursday: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will host a second marriage workshop showing the "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" series starting at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy some solid material to improve your marriage and laugh (a lot) while you learn. Workshops will run for 2 hours on July 7 & 21 and August 18 & 25. Married or not you are welcome. Please call 252-4488 so we can plan on the number of attendees. Arrangements can be made for childcare.

July 9 - Saturday: Book signing by Makenzie Payne and Faith Berger of the Berryessa Highlands at Copperfield's in Napa for their new children's book Dillon the Detective: Follow the adventures of an intrepid kitty determined to solve the most challenging crimes.

July 9 - Saturday: Benefit for Japan featuring Bill Scholer's band, Waiting for Bruce. John Natsoulas Galleery, 521 1st Street, Davis, 7-10 PM, \$5, 530-756-3938

July 10 and Aug 7th: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhanas.

July 16 - Saturday: Wine, Food, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. Berryessa Senior Center, 4-7 PM. \$5. 707-966-0206

August 5, 6 - Friday, Saturday: 18th Annual Pow-Wow, Honoring the Ancestors. Yountville Veteran's Home Picnic Grounds. 11 AM - Dusk.

Ongoing Events:

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

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 6/20/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **37.13** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.
The water is now **6.37** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/6/11	434.08	0.04	64	52	0.00
6/7/11	434.09	0.02	61	49	0.00
6/8/11	434.09	0.18	78	50	0.00
6/9/11	434.08	0.24	82	52	0.00
6/10/11	434.06	0.17	87	52	0.00
6/11/11	434.03	0.24	84	51	0.00
6/12/11	434.00	0.22	78	51	0.00
6/13/11	433.97	0.22	85	54	0.00
6/14/11	433.92	0.20	88	57	0.00
6/15/11	433.89	0.26	94	59	0.00
6/16/11	433.83	0.27	94	58	0.00
6/17/11	433.77	0.30	88	54	0.00
6/18/11	433.70	0.28	88	53	0.00
6/19/11	433.63	0.22	88	58	0.00

Bureau of Reclamation Summer Activities

Stargazing, Saturday, July 30, 8:00-9:30 p.m. Oak Shores Day Use Area, Acorn Beach Parking Lot

Come enjoy Lake Berryessa after dark during this leisurely exploration of the night sky. See the sky as the ancients did as Ranger Victoria shares mythology and astronomy facts. Participants will learn about stars, planets and constellations as they look through telescopes at the wonders above.

Various Ongoing Activities, Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Oak Shores Day Use Area and the Water Education Station

Keep an eye out for the Park Rangers at Oak Shores on summer weekends. Throughout the day, they will share games and fun presentations on water safety and the natural history of Lake Berryessa. Visit the Water Education Station in Oak Shores to learn more about the lake and borrow life jackets at no charge. Kids 'caught' wearing life jackets in or near the water can win prizes! The Water Education Station at Oak Shores is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Displays and Exhibits, Weekends from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Weekdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Lake Berryessa Visitor Center

The Lake Berryessa Visitor Center offers displays and exhibits on the history and wildlife of Lake Berryessa. Park Rangers are available to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge. Families or groups who reserve a shade shelter in the Oak Shores Day Use Area for birthday parties or special events may want to schedule a Park Ranger to join them, bringing fun activities and interesting information. To reserve a shade shelter – and schedule a Ranger, if desired – please contact the Lake Berryessa Outdoor Recreation Planner, Jason Jordan, at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or e-mail jjordan@usbr.gov.

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Thanks to reader Fred Mahannah who identified the car in the old photo in a previous issue of a hydroplane being launched at Steele Park as a 1959 Chevrolet. Fred and his family had been mobile home owners in the Outback at Peasure Cove Marina since 1967 when it was South Shore Resort.

The Ethics of Spot Saving

By Sabrina Larsen, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership

Have you ever pulled into a parking lot only to realize that there aren't any spots left? That was exactly the scenario that unfolded at Capell Cove last weekend. The traditionally warm and sunny weather that we have all grown accustomed to expecting during the months of May and June finally decided to make its debut, bringing with it a swarm of boaters and fisherman.

Upon entering the queue at the launch for Quagga Mussel inspections one father decided to send his tween-aged daughters on a special mission: that of the parking spot saver. What originally seemed like an efficient time and stress saving strategy soon boiled over into a battle of survival of the fittest. The girls ran back to their father while he was answering the survey questions about clean boating practices out of breath and looking dumbfounded.

After their father got past the bewilderment of seeing his daughters NOT saving his beloved parking spot, he came around to inquiring what exactly they were doing. The girls proceeded into a story of epic proportions as to why they were no longer saving their father's parking spot. Another boater had approached the girls in order to share his wisdom as to why saving parking spots is not only wrong, but not allowed at Capell; only to later give the girls the ultimatum between moving from the area and getting run over by his truck.

After an exchange of quizzical expressions we and the father orally proclaimed our new understanding of the "Spot Saving Code". Spot saving is not only a violation of this code but is punishable by, well, death by large truck. Having acquired this new vital information, we were surprised when the girls squealed "Dad that's him!" pointing at an approaching boater. This bearer of profound intelligence felt the strong urge to bring this life's lesson one step further.

Upon interrupting our boater survey, the Code's activist interjected with a forceful statement to the effect of: spot saving equals unethical boater conduct. What may be the most valuable lesson from the event though was not that spot saving is bad and that threatening to run over children is acceptable, but the response given by the violator in question. He simply smiled at this stranger, and told him to have a nice day at the lake.

Is saving a parking spot on a busy day such a terrible action, or is it one of those things that irks your nerves but is not worth fighting over? One thing I can declare without uncertainty is that next time I roll my eyes out of frustration at the full lot, saving a spot for later will not be at the top of my options.

Don't forget to send your donation to the Lake Berryessa Philharmonic Orchestra. They need new strings for the string section, new brass for the brass section, and new pickles for the piccolos.

I have a friend who went to a ballet once. He didn't like it. He couldn't even tell who won. He's also probably the only guy in town who ever got his finger caught in a screwdriver.

You can tell he's old enough that his foundation is settling since he thinks "Grecian Formula" is Greek baby food. He once tried to enter an ugly contest. But they said "Sorry, no professionals."



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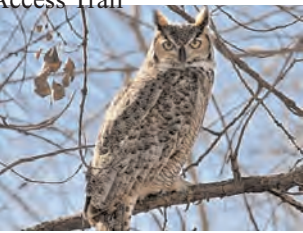
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Untreated Lake Berryessa water generally meets primary and secondary public health drinking water standards. This means the water is clean and safe, which is a very good thing for all the lake visitors and permanent residents who rely on Lake Berryessa's clean water for drinking and household uses, as well as the people and ecosystems that rely on the Sacramento Delta, where the water eventually ends up.

Who Shrinks the Shrinks?

A group of psychiatrists were attending a convention. Four of them decided to leave, and walked out together. One said to the other three, "People are always coming to us with their guilt and fears, but we have no one that we can go to when we have problems." The others agreed.

Then one said, "Since we are all professionals, why don't we take some time right now to hear each other out?" The other three agreed.

The first then confessed, "I have an uncontrollable desire to kill my patients."

The second psychiatrist said, "I love expensive things and so I find ways to cheat my patients out of their money whenever I can so I can buy the things I want."

The third followed with, "I'm involved with selling drugs and often get my patients to sell them for me."

The fourth psychiatrist then confessed, "I know I'm not supposed to, but no matter how hard I try, I can't keep a secret...."

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Pope Valley School - A Wonder of the (Hard Work) World by Katie Gonzalez

There are many Wonders of the World... the Great Pyramids of Egypt, the Great Wall of China, Stonehenge, the Mayan Temples, and many, many more. We usually stare in awe and state how amazing these structures are. But all too often, we forget about the one thing they all have in common...the people that built them. Slaves or people that were dedicated to some cause built these amazing accomplishments; they didn't just sprout up over night for the world to enjoy! Hard working people spent years and years working on the same project to make sure it was exactly what they wanted it to be.

We in Pope Valley don't have to look far in our rural area to see that we also have our own Wonder nestled among our vineyards and farmland: The Pope Valley Elementary School. Yep, I said it! Our little school is just as amazing as the Great Pyramids of Egypt! Think about it for a minute. Which would you consider to be more important, your own child or some gigantic structure on the other side of the world?

Everyone's heard the old saying "It takes a village to raise a child." In Pope Valley, we take that saying quite literally. Mrs. Eaton, Pope Valley Elementary School's Superintendent, Principal, and 7th and 8th grade teacher, begins her graduation speech each year by asking all the people involved in raising the graduating class to stand. She starts with the family and friends, teachers and staff, board members past and present, etc. By the time she is done with her list of people that need to take credit for helping guide the graduating class, there are very few people left in their seats.

I asked the teachers and staff to tell me what they thought about working at Pope Valley's little school. I was amazed to hear over and over that many of them thought of the school as their family.

Susan Eakle, the K-5, 1st and 2nd grade teacher, has been with the school for 35 years. She came to the school with the thought of staying until a "real" job opened up somewhere else. Today, she couldn't imagine teaching at another school. She enjoys the family feel of the school and loves working with the students in the afterschool sessions teaching music and drama.

Ashley Cooper is the newest edition to PVES's family, and the 3rd and 4th grade teacher. She attended Wooden Valley Elementary School as a child and feels right at home at Pope Valley. She loves the small school because she is able to have a personal relationship with each of her students. If she were teaching at a larger school, this would probably not be possible.



The Class of 2011: Nicholas Saul Gonzalez, Timothy John Lanphear, Guadalupe Martinez Gonzalez, Rafael Medina, Cathlina Ramirez, and Rosa Saraith Rodriguez

Not just the teachers appreciate the small, family feel of Pope Valley Elementary School. Several of the students also mentioned how much they appreciated and enjoyed the environment at the school. It's always great to visit the school and see the kids working together on projects, helping younger children with their work or just hanging out with each other regardless of age, race, or social status.

The Pope Valley Elementary School recognizes the importance of keeping up in our technological world, so the school provides all students in grades 2 through 8 with laptop computers, and is now looking into upgrading the 7th and 8th grade classroom with a SmartBoard. Mrs. Eaton and the teachers are very grateful to the board for allowing regular technology upgrades to be considered and purchased for the kids and teachers. Our kids need to know how to function in the modern world, and PVES is doing a great job building a firm foundation for them.

With so many small schools being shut down, it has been wonderful to see PVES holding its own through the economic downturn. It was a shame to see Wooden Valley and Capell Valley lose their schools last year. We know that without careful planning and a close eye on our budget, we could face the same fate. So we spend frugally, and make sound decisions that are in the best interest of the children.

As your child walks out your front door to enter kindergarten, keep in mind that he or she will spend the next 9 years in the protection and care of the teachers and staff at your local school. Those teachers will work tire-

lessly to build your child's knowledge base and prepare him or her for high school. I feel incredibly lucky to have such a great little school for my kids to attend and such hard working teachers to teach them.

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The Community Church of Lake Berryessa wishes to thank those who made our Tri'ing For Scholarships fund raiser a success. Pastor Bob and Board Member Dirk Werning both completed the April 30th Triathlon here at a windswept Lake Berryessa.

We were able to add over \$1,000 to the scholarship fund this year due to your contributions. As a result the church was able to provide five scholarships to local graduating High School students headed off to college. One \$500 and four \$200 scholarships were awarded. The photo comes from the Vintage High graduation ceremony this May in which Donald Copeland, Travis James and Jack Gililand were awarded their scholarships.

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Lake Berryessa Swim nets \$2,400 for Putah Creek Council!



In the early hours of Monday, May 23, 2011, swimmers from Davis, Oakland, Sacramento, and Irvine began what was to be an all-day swim down the length of Lake Berryessa. The lake is sixteen miles long, nearly the length of the English Channel at Dover.

Most swimmers were part of relay teams of two, three, and six people, but a few swam the entire way solo. Each swimmer was accompanied by a boat carrying a tow-rope, snacks and water. Swimmers took breaks about every 30 minutes to eat and drink.

Mother Nature smiled on the event, providing ideal conditions for the swimmers who appreciated the flat water, the 68 degree water temperature, the wind at their backs, and very little boater traffic.

They came for the challenge, the peace of nature, the company of good friends, the fun, and also to support Putah Creek Council.

Months of independent training in Lake Berryessa acclimated the swimmers to the unique conditions. An organizer quipped, “There’s a high level of insanity that goes along with this.”

The weary and wet athletes emerged to a cheering audience, glowing with sincere admiration for the swimmers. Although as you’ll notice from the t-shirt above that they knew Lake Berryessa was cerified shark-free (for now). www.putahcreekcouncil.org

Fire Season is Here!

The 2011 fire season startedy June 20 according to CalFire’s Sonoma-Lake-Napa unit. Staffing will gradually increase at CalFire stations in the Sonoma-Lake-Napa unit. CalFire will assign an engine at each of its 20 fire stations in the three counties, as well as three bulldozers, 11 fire crews, and one helicopter. Sonoma’s Air Attack Base will also open for reloading air tankers.

On July 1, one air tactical plane and two air tankers will arrive at the Air Attack Base. The Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit will enter into its peak staffing period July 4.

Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Tim Streblow reminds everyone to use caution when mowing grass to maintain defensible space for fire protection. Residents should mow early in the day and avoid high temperatures and windy conditions. Each year, CalFire said, mowing equipment causes fires. Most are caused when a blade strikes a rock, casting a spark into the dry grass. For more information, visit fire.ca.gov.

Napa County Jobless Rate Drops in May

The unemployment rate in Napa County dipped to 8.7 percent in May, down from a revised 9.6 percent in April, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.0 percent, according to statistics released by the state's Employment Development Department. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.4 percent for California and 8.7 percent for the nation during the same period.

Overall, Napa County has the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the state, compared to 8th place in April. Marin County had the lowest jobless rate in the state at 7.4 percent, the report said.

Napa County farm jobs saw the biggest gain in one month, rising 41.5 percent or 1,700, followed by a 30 percent gain - or 300 jobs - in health care and social assistance. Leisure and hospitality jobs rose 4.4 percent over the past year, with accommodation and food services jobs rising 12.5 percent over one year. Federal government jobs fell 33.3 percent and city employment fell 11.1 percent over the past year.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll ask the tool salesman for a drill press that can bore all the way through a bowling pin the long way, but he'll know damn well what you really want it for.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You'll be asked to give up your destructive patterns of behavior by concerned people who love you but don't understand how much fun it is to destroy things.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The blessed arrival of a baby in your life would be greeted with a lot more joy if you could figure out who mailed it to you.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Investigators on the scene of the accident will say there was nothing you could have done, unless you count not stomping on the gas and driving straight into the huge tanker truck.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Someday, people will have healthy, well-adjusted attitudes toward sex, but until then, you can still have it occasionally.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Your ravenous hunger for human flesh will be quashed when you find out how it's made and how much artificial crap is in it.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You will be granted an uncommonly long life, though an uncommonly large part of it will be spent getting into bus accidents.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): There will be a brief cease-fire in the age-old war between the sexes as both sides cooperate in hunting you down to try you for war crimes.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): The flaw in your plan was the part where your accomplice would start a fire, and in the confusion, you would sneak into the philosophy department and finish writing your dissertation.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You'll become embroiled in a steamy office romance next week, which would be better if you weren't the trusty in charge of bringing the warden his meals.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): It's going to be hectic and stressful for the next few days, but it'll all be worth it by Friday when the pope excommunicates you for the coolest reason ever.

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Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.

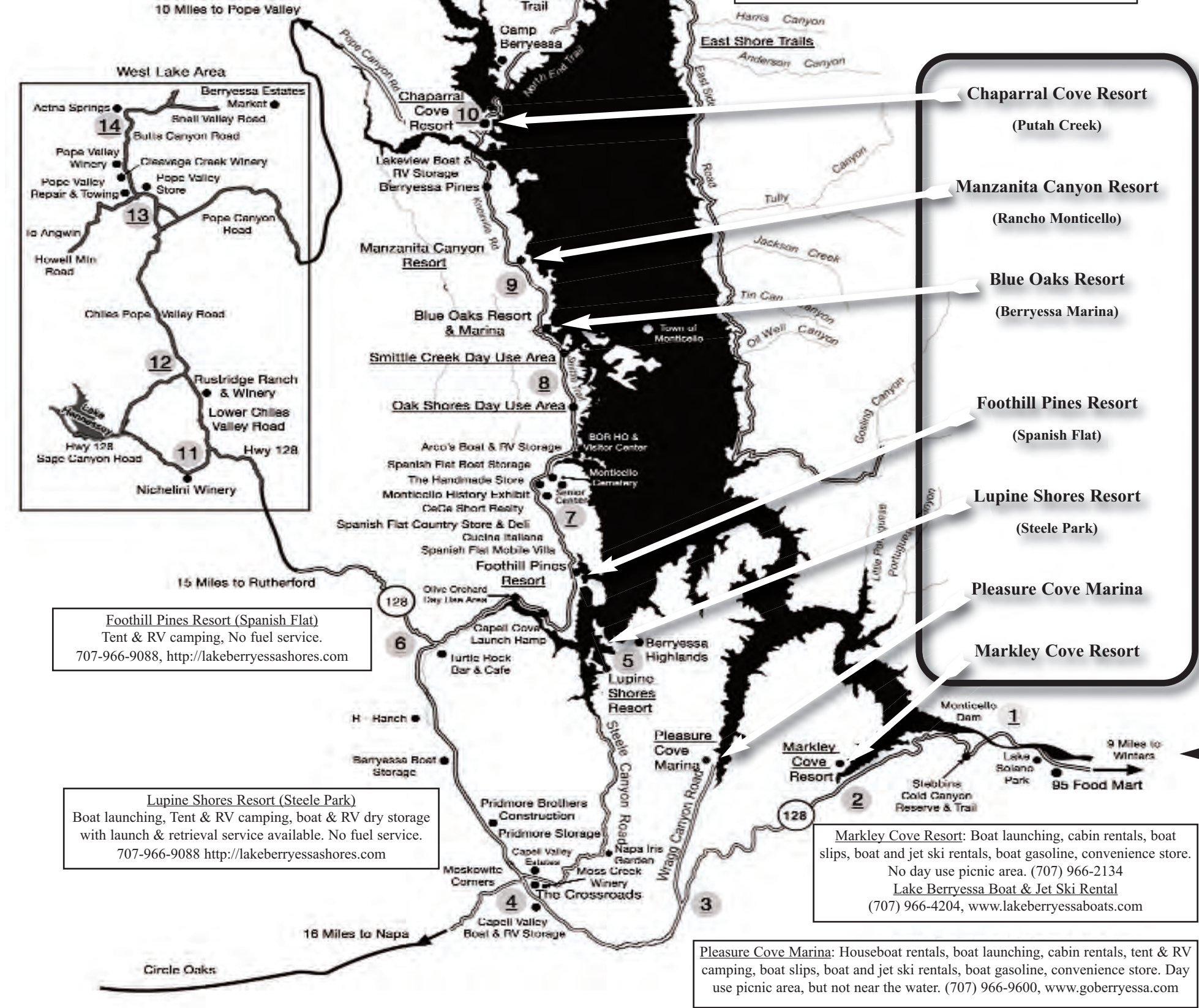
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World in a Time Capsule: At Least Just a City

By Peter Kilkus

I read a David Morrell thriller, Scavenger, some months ago, which had time capsule theme. I’ve been meaning to write an article about time capsules since then and was spurred into action by the discovery of a time capsule at the Napa Pubic Library. Coincidentally, the Napa Library is one of my favorite places and is where I originally checked out the Morrell book.

At the start of a library renovation project in May, 2011, county maintenance workers removing a bronze plaque on what originally had been an exterior wall discovered the 23-pound copper box behind it.

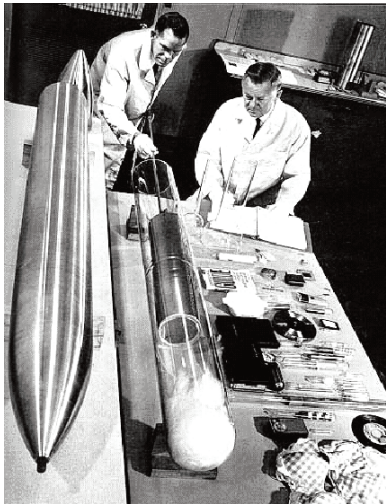
Among the long-hidden items pulled from the capsule were symbols of a smaller Napa: a phone book for a population of about 42,000, a pamphlet guide to local restaurants scarcely thicker than a church-service program, even a copy of that year’s county farm report - Napa Valley wine grapes ranking only third in revenue, behind livestock and nuts!

Inside the Napa time capsule:

- Napa Valley Register: two issues
- San Francisco Chronicle: “Nixon Resigns”
- Time magazine: Gerald Ford on the cover
- Richard Nixon impeachment report
- Napa County budget (yellow softcover book)
- Napa County telephone directory (inch thick)
- Montgomery Ward catalog
- “The Making of Napa’s New Era” book
- “One Room Schoolhouses of Napa County” book
- Various photographs
- “The Friendly Persuasion,” by Jessamyn West
- “Jonathan Livingston Seagull,” by Richard Bach
- Napa County annual crop report
- Napa College course catalog
- Floor plan of the library
- Napa County Airport fact sheet
- An issue of the St. Helena Star

- An issue of the Weekly Calistogan
- Various pamphlets, including a local restaurant guide and a church guide; also “A Guide to Napa Valley Wines”
- U.S. Postal service stamp book (8 cents each; price went up to 10 cents that year)
- A history of Calistoga for the town’s centennial
- Napa park and recreation department sign-ups

The Westinghouse Company, which was building a pavilion for the 1938-39 New York World's Fair, buried a project, which was not to be opened until 6938 A.D. It was called a "Time Capsule" and our



language gained a new term almost overnight.

The contents of the 1939 capsule made for an impressive list. There were the usual sort of things one expects for a time capsule: a watch, fountain pen, lady's hat, child's Mickey Mouse cup, deck of cards, money, etc.

But there were also things that are surprising at first glance: swatches of cloth; seeds; samples of alloys; articles on economics, politics, philosophy, and chemistry; pieces of industrial machinery; and even a news reel.

This was clearly not some gimmicky shot at time capsule making; this was a serious attempt to provide a clear description of the civilization of 1939. And it wasn't being done just to give 70th century archaeologists a leg up. It was 1939's calling card to the future from the pivot point of history.

The time capsule included messages to the “Futurians” from the physicists Albert Einstein,

Robert A. Millikan, and Karl T. Compton, who was MIT’s president, and from the Nobel Prize-winning writer Thomas Mann as well as from Oglethorpe’s Thornwell Jacobs. After describing both the achievements and perils of his age, Einstein closed by writing, “I trust that posterity will read these statements with a feeling of proud and justified superiority.”

The capsule also contained a newsreel created for the occasion, a microfilm “essay” of twenty-two thousand pages, seventy-five samples of textiles and other materials, and thirty-five “small articles of common use.” A glance at the list suggests how much has changed in little more than sixty years. Who today appreciates the song that went “Flat-foot floogie with a floy floy”? The words and music are in the capsule.

Time capsules usually are lost due to thievery, secrecy or poor planning. The International Time Capsule Society, which has formed with the mission to record the burial of all time capsules, is still in search of nine time capsules of which little is known. The society estimates there are approximately 10,000 capsules worldwide, most of them lost.

The International Time Capsule Society maintains the Crypt of Civilization, a swimming-pool-size vault sealed in 1940 that has been described as "a kind of Noah's Ark of Depression-era knowledge and technology"; it will not be opened until 8113. That year was chosen because the people who created the crypt decided that 1940 was the midpoint between the start of time and 8113.

The crypt includes, among many other things, 640,000 pages of microfilmed material and, crucially, a film reader with a wind-powered generator. The crypt's planners left little to chance: the first item encountered upon entering the crypt is a device designed to teach English to its finders. The Crypt, located under Phoebe Hearst Hall, is a room 20 feet long, 10 feet high and 10 feet wide (60 palms long, 30 palms wide and 30 palms high). The Crypt, resting on a bedrock with 2 feet of stone above it, is lined with porcelain enamel plates embedded in pitch. It is sealed with a stainless steel door welded in place.

A longer version of this article including the Crypt of Civilization contents, the “Ten Most Wanted Time Capsules”, and more photos is available at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.



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The blonde looked at Homer and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Homer said, "You know, I bet he'll jump" The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Homer placed 20 dollars on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset and handed her 20 dollars to Homer, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Homer replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump." The blonde replied, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."

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Lake Berryessa Heats Up for Summer!



The astronomical beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere is marked by the June solstice. This year that date was June 21, 2011 at 10:16 AM Pacific Daylight Time.

Coincidentally, that was also the first day that the Lake Berryessa water temperature jumped above 80 degrees where it now stays from the surface to about 10 feet down. It drops off dramatically after that to 60 degrees at 40 feet and 52 degrees at 70 feet. So don't dive too deep off your boat!

As you can see from the chart on Page 11, June 21 was also the first time the air temperature got to 100 degrees this year.

The moral of the story is that Lake Berryessa is warmer than Hawaii or Mexico, great for water-sports and sun, plus you don't need an airplane to get here.

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You can use the detailed map on Page 6 to find out where to get your food, drinks, ice, and other essentials since the Pensus Resorts don't provide that service yet.



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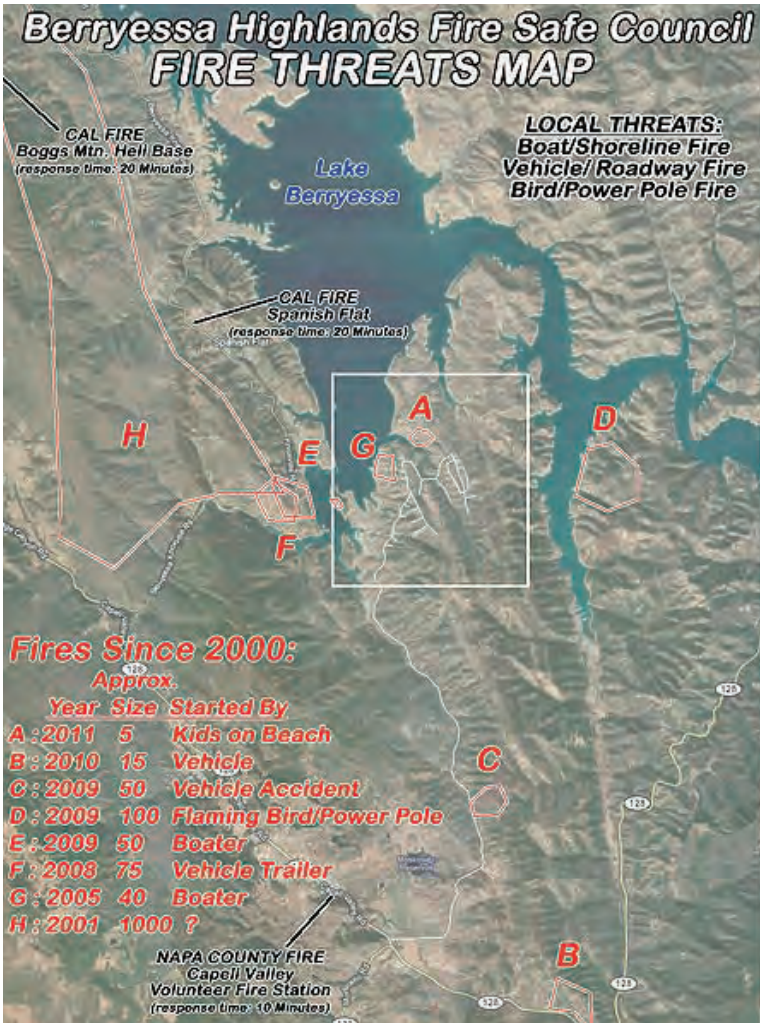
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2 **A Community Wildfire Protection Plan:**
The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council

by Peter Kilkus

Neighbors protecting neighbors - what a concept! But if you are a Berryessa Highlands resident, you have seen it in action all spring - cutting, chipping, and burning off dangerous fuel loads. This has been accomplished because of the work of the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council: Susan Sedillo, Evan Kilkus, Jerry Rehmke, Jim Rubins, Wendy Walin, and Dee Cuney

The Berryessa Highlands, consists of 649 parcels with 349 residences, and a population of 920. It is located on rolling to steep terrain on about 700 acres located near and above Lake Berryessa. The site is isolated from other residential areas and is more than five miles from the nearest fire station.



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The Berryessa Highlands community has been involved in fire safety initiatives starting in 2009, primarily utilizing the Napa FireWise chipping program. In 2010, a group of Berryessa Highlands homeowners took the initiative to form a committee with the support of the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF), CAL FIRE, and Napa County Fire.

For the past four years, the resident homeowners of Berryessa Highlands have benefitted from the curbside chipping program provided by the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF). People working to remove brush, dead trees, and limbing-up trees on their property, bring the waste to the curbside. Using the website or telephone, they schedule the chipper service.

With funding donated by the NCFF, a Vegetation Management Plan was developed in 2010 by a hired defensible space consultant, who is a certified forester (Fire Smart Defensible Space, Inc.). The assessment and its recommendations have been embraced in the new CWPP. After reviewing the Vegetation Management Plan, the council created and prioritized a list of projects that will help make the community more defensible in a wildfire.

Utilizing \$12,000 in grant “seed” money provided by NCFF, the council worked with CAL FIRE in early 2011 to start and/or complete four of the higher priority projects. One goal was to complete high visibility projects, so homeowners would see what needs to be done around their own homes. Immediately, homeowners began increasing their efforts to provide more defensible space around their homes.

The Berryessa Highlands community is unique because the lake around it does provide some protections from large scale wildfires to the East, North, and West of the community. The lake acts as defen-

July Birthdays

J.T. Hanks	Paul Quarneri 17th
Cecelia Nelson	Peter Kilkus 25th
Donald Nelson	Becky Litwin 25th
CeCe Short 8th	Marsha Levine 27th
Dan Sandoval 12th	Anonymous 32nd

sible space. At the same time, the shoreline, and the public that use the lake, create a predictable fire ignition area that is within ¼ to 1 mile from homes.

For this reason, creating defensible space, and eliminating fire fuels in strategic areas, can have a significant impact on the ability of fire crews to do their job and save homes and lives in the event of a small or large wildfire. The goal of this work is to make our community safe under any fire situation.

For the last few weeks three members of the Council, Evan Kilkus, Susan Sedillo, and Jim Rubins, have donated many hours developing the new plan and writing an application for grant funding: The Berryessa Highlands 2012 Fire Safety Program. The primary objectives are fuel reduction and education of the community. When you get a chance, say thanks to the Council members.



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Event Calendar

July 9 - Saturday: Book signing by Makenzie Payne and Faith Berger of the Berryessa Highlands at Copperfield’s in Napa for their new children’s book Dillon the Detective.

July 9 - Saturday: Benefit for Japan featuring Bill Scholer’s band, Waiting for Bruce. John Natsoulas Galleery, 521 1st Street, Davis, 7-10 PM, \$5, 530-756-3938

July 10 and Aug 7th: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhanas.

Winters Friends of the Library presents free concerts at the Gazebo in Rotary Park every Thursday in July from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments are available. July 7: Dennis Colletet and Matt Dudman—Old Time Bluegrass and Country duo; July 14: Mondo Vagabondo—Cabaret-style jazz with a twist of blues; July 21: Keri Carr Quartet—Classic country rock and Mexican ballads; July 28: Woodland Community Band—Classical and popular music .

July 16 - Saturday: Wine, Food, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM. \$5. 707-966-0206

Ongoing Events:

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

Chinese Food...

A couple goes for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and orders the "Chicken Surprise." The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast-iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. "Hey, did you see that?" she asks her husband.

He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Sputtering in a fit of pique, he calls the waiter over, describes what is happening, and demands an explanation!

"Please sir," says the waiter, "what did you order?"

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The water is now **7.27** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/20/11	433.58	0.31	90	62	0.00
6/21/11	433.51	0.30	99	61	0.00
6/22/11	433.43	0.27	100	61	0.00
6/23/11	433.35	0.34	101	56	0.00
6/24/11	433.26	0.32	91	52	0.00
6/25/11	433.17	0.26	89	55	0.00
6/26/11	433.09	0.27	89	54	0.00
6/27/11	433.02	0.24	90	56	0.00
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What is mediation? Mediation is a way of solving conflicts and disputes where everyone wins and no one loses. See article on Page 10 of this issue.

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When: Four Sundays this summer

July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21

Where: Pope Valley Farm Center

Who is offering this?

Nura Laird, professional mediator & counselor, volunteer at Pope Valley School.

Raquel Fuertes, Spanish translator.

Call for more information and to make your free one-hour appointment:
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If we can solve our problems with each other, we will notice increased cooperation and harmony at home, at work, and in our community.

What is mediation?

By Nura Laird, Pope Valley

Most people want love, peace and harmony in their lives. And yet, conflict is a natural part of life. Disagreements happen, even where there is love; but the disagreements often block or destroy the love. How can our conflicts and disagreements become vehicles to get back to the warmth, love and peace that we deeply long for?

How we approach and resolve conflict is the focus of mediation. In mediation conflict is seen as an opportunity for growth and change. Mediation is based on a world-view of equality and connection, instead of the usual attitude of right versus wrong, blame, judgment and control. Mediation seeks to resolve problems between people and to establish connection, compassion and forgiveness between them. Many of our conflicts, the big ones and the small ones, can be resolved through mediation.

In the mediation process the people in conflict are assisted by the mediator to state their positions safely, to hear each other fully, and to come up with solutions that they can agree upon. Through skillful listening and communication, mediation allows people to let go of anger and resentments, and gives them a chance to forgive and create a fresh, new relationship. Forgiveness is essential.

The mediator is trained to facilitate the mediation process. He or she does not take sides in any conflict. The mediator knows that everyone involved in a conflict holds a position that is understandable and has some value. So he or she tries to help the people to understand each other and to find solutions that they both can accept and live with.

This is very different from rulings from a court of law where the judge or jury pass judgment on the people in conflict. The mediator does not judge or decide on the solutions; the people in conflict are able to do this themselves with the help of the mediator.

Here are some situations where I have used mediation successfully:

The case of a landlord and a tenant, where there was a disagreement about the security deposit paid when tenant moved in. The owner believed that tenant did not deserve the deposit back because of the condition of the house, and the tenant believed that the landlord owed him the deposit.

The case of 2 neighbors, where one neighbor owned a dog that stayed outside most of the night barking, and it was disturbing another neighbor. So this neighbor wanted the dog either to be killed or given away.

The case of a single parent with a teenage son who wanted early emancipation from his mother, and she wouldn't grant this to him, so he was threatening to run away.

The case of a couple, where the husband was the only income earner in the household, and he wanted to make a budget to limit his wife's spending, but she refused the budget and wanted to spend for the household in her way.

In all these examples, if the people in conflict were to take it to court, most likely one of them would win and the other would lose, and the loser would be very unsatisfied. But through mediation, in each of these cases the people came up with an arrangement that satisfied everyone involved, so no one was the loser.

The process of mediation is not always easy. It seems easier to fight and argue than to really listen and find solutions. Sometimes it is necessary to have several mediation sessions in order to fully resolve a particular problem between people. However, mediation usually leaves people feeling more peaceful and content.

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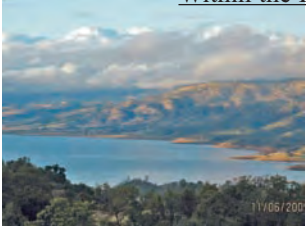
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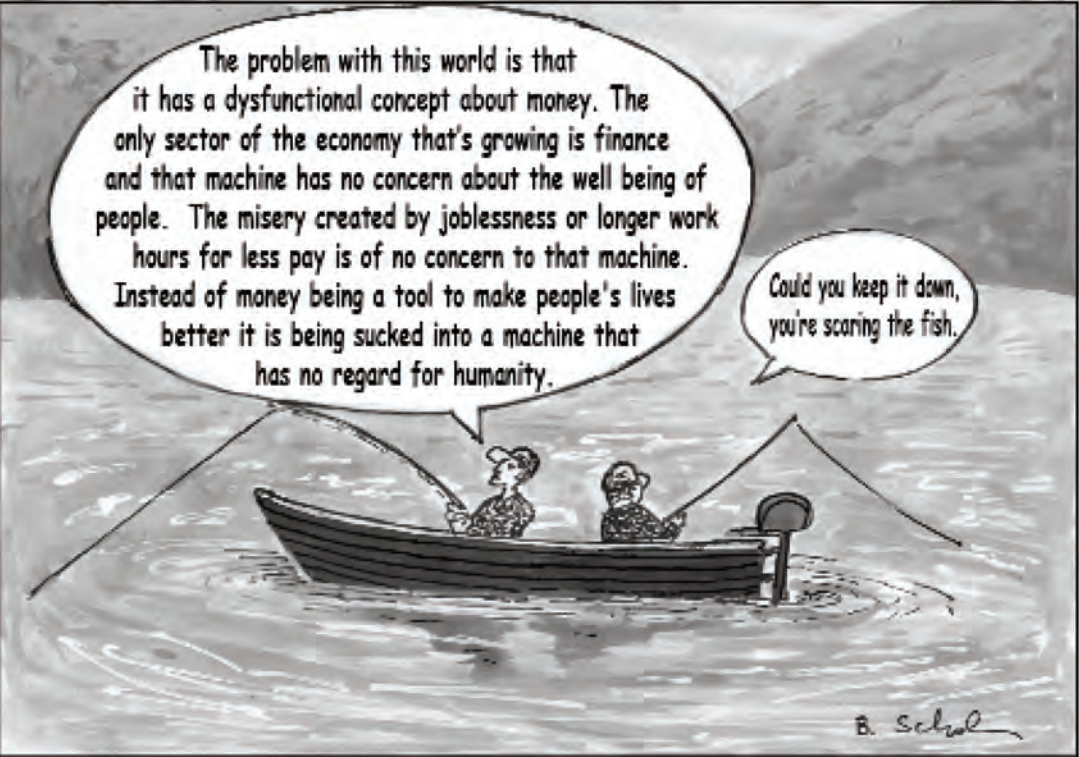
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer

The problem with this world is that it has a dysfunctional concept about money. The only sector of the economy that's growing is finance and that machine has no concern about the well being of people. The misery created by joblessness or longer work hours for less pay is of no concern to that machine. Instead of money being a tool to make people's lives better it is being sucked into a machine that has no regard for humanity.

Could you keep it down, you're scoring the fish.



Bill Scholer's cartoon above makes a very important point. Large corporations, especially financial companies, are zombies not people. If our radical conservative Supreme Court says they are people, then they are the drug dealers, pimps, and thieves of modern society.

Due to the Supreme Court's wrong-headed Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision in 2010 that says corporations are "people", predatory corporations now get the advantage of \$1 = 1 vote. But a corporate charter historically represents a privilege - not a right - that is extended in return for the acceptance of corresponding obligations.

In his dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens argued that since companies are without feelings, consciences, or desires, they shouldn't benefit from laws that protect ordinary citizens. Nor did the Founding Fathers perceive them as such. The notion that corporations - a useful legal fiction created by government - should have the same rights as natural human beings would have astounded Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John Marshall. The theory of natural rights that animated the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that it is people and only people who are endowed with inalienable, natural rights.

Corporations are merely tools. They are not natural persons with rights inherent in their existence. To rule that Congress cannot limit the rights of corporations that are invented by man and controlled by man - to endow those legal fictions with the same natural rights as living, human beings - is absurd. To claim the U.S. Constitution as the basis for that ruling is an outright fabrication.

Respected financial commentator David Korten states, "The owners and managers of corporations have the full rights of any citizen - in their capacity as citizens - to participate in defining public goals and policies. However, corporations themselves, as non-human legal entities created to serve the public interest, have no place using their resources to influence the processes by which citizens define the public interest and set the rules of corporate conduct. Corporations are not people. They are alien to the ways of life and blind to the complex nonmaterial needs of human societies. They should be wholly barred from any form of political participation.."

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Country Living Alert: Poison Snake & Poison Plant
Rattlesnakes

Mac & Cheryl Bean have a local blue jay to whom they hand-feed unsalted peanuts in the shell. A week ago he was squawking up a storm. Cheryl asked Mac to go see what was up with the noisy bird. When Mac was just about to step off their front porch the blue jay (they call him Puffy) came diving down in front of Mac's face flying toward the ground squawking really loud.

Mac looked down to see what Puffy was diving at and there was a large rattlesnake. If Puffy had not warned him, Mac would have stepped off the porch onto the snake which was going down their driveway! They were going to let the snake go on his way to the field behind their house, but it turned and headed into the planter that goes under their front porch. So unfortunately for it, the snake is dead and buried in a very deep grave. Needless to say Puffy is getting all the peanuts he wants for a job well done.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are “dry,” meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

Do's and don'ts in snake country

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.

When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand - use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, abandoned buckets and tires.

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

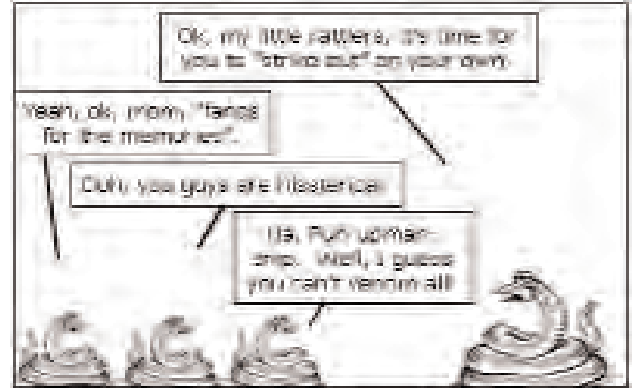
When you hear a rattle, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening.

Look behind you before you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake. Rattlers cannot move fast enough to overtake a person who

wants to get out of its way. The only danger is that the person falls or trips in getting away, thus disturbing another snake, or falls towards the rattler rather than away.

Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head.

Encouraging and protecting natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes and racers will reduce the rattlesnake population in the immediate area. And, kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.



What to do if bitten.

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water. Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area

Dogs vs. Snakes

Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours.

The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

Effects depend on the amount of venom injected. Approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

Poison Oak

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

You can recognize Poison Oak by its trademarked 3 leaf pattern. Unfortunately, there are other plants with triple leaf patterns too. You cannot depend on the color. In some areas, the leaves remain green the entire time they are on the stem. In other areas the leaves are red in the spring. Being a very common "shrub" in California, it must be watched for everywhere.

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

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

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

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

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

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Climate zones in Napa County
Lake Berryessa is “Lucky 7”

Ask gardeners in the Napa Valley what climate zone they live in and most will say that they are in Sunset Zone 14. They would be correct if they lived on the valley floor. Zone 14 is the smallest of four zones in Napa County, as determined by Sunset’s “Western Garden Book.” The other three are Zone 7, called “Foothill-Digger Pine”; Zone 14, “Coastal Warm”; Zone 15, “Coastal Cool”; and Zone 17, “Marine.”. The margins of all climate zones are inexact. Each zone contains microclimates created by elevation, slope and exposure.

Zone 7 owes its Foothill-Digger Pine name to the abundance of California foothill pines in the area. The zone comprises the eastern part of the county and includes Pope Valley and Lake Berryessa. These areas have a later spring and earlier frosts than the rest of the county, creating a growing season that may be as much as a month shorter. Summers are hotter and dryer. This is a good area for late- or long-blooming fruit and nut trees. This zone also defines most of Lake County.

Although Sunset has identified four distinct zones, Napa County is considered to have a Mediterranean climate, with wet winters and dry summers. A major influence is the summer marine air which flows up and down,

from the ocean east to the Sacramento Valley.

Winter winds tend to flow up and down over and through the hills and the valleys; the summer winds flow across this terrain. The fog in the summer moves through the Russian River Gap toward Mount St. Helena, down Napa and Pope valleys. The summer fog from the Petaluma Gap and the Golden Gate cools the southern portion of Napa County and also appears along the western hilltops.

Rainfall varies by elevation. On the valley floor, it averages 20 inches; on Mount St. Helena, 50 inches. Annual chilling hours (the number of hours each year below 45 degrees F), which affect the type of fruit trees that can thrive in the area, vary from 700 to more than 1,600. That’s partly why some species trees are difficult to grow on the valley floor but do well on the foothills. Some require more chilling hours than the valley provides. Understanding the characteristics of your climate zone can improve your chances of choosing the right plant for the right place.

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Local community member, Richard Wilson, has started collection efforts to purchase animal oxygen masks for Capell Valley Fire Department, then Pope Valley Fire Department. He hopes to collect enough money to purchase these kits for every emergency vehicle within Napa county. Here is a link to the website where he will be purchasing the kits: www.wagn4u.com/sponsor_order_pet_oxygen_masks.html

Donation jars are at the Capell Fire Station, the Crossroads, and will eventually be at other locations throughout our community.

Checks can also be made out to Wag N. It is a great honor to have one of our community members be so passionate about his pets that he is willing to ensure that the first responders are properly equipped to not just save human lives, but all of their family members!

Sandy Storck
Assistant Chief/Training Officer
Capell Valley Fire Department



Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Expanded

Napa County has announced the launch of a new program with PG&E that will help expand residential recycling locations for spent fluorescent lamps, as well as build awareness of the need to recycle fluorescent lamps. Building on the success of the City of Napa’s Lighting Efficiency and Safe Stewardship (“LESS”) fluorescent lamp collection program, Napa County residents can now more conveniently drop off their used fluorescent lamps at local businesses participating in the program.

Fluorescent lamps are today one of the most cost-effective methods available to decrease energy use and associated greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions. At the end of their life, disposal of fluorescent lamps presents a challenge as they contain trace amounts of toxic mercury vapors that should not be returned to landfill. It is important to properly dispose of fluorescent lamps at a participating drop-off location in order to mitigate the environmental impact of the mercury necessary to make the lamps up to ten times more efficient than incandescent bulbs.

“Spent fluorescent lamps require special handling, but are safe to use and are 99.9% recyclable when disposed of properly,” says Steven Lederer, Director of the Napa County Department of Environmental Management.

Present Drop-Off Locations:

-Central Valley Builders Supply, 1790 Soscol Ave, Napa; 1100 Vintage Ave, St. Helena

-Napa Electric, 2240 Brown St, Napa

-Office Depot, 211 Soscol Ave, Napa

-Orchard Supply Hardware, 3980 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa

-Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 889A Devlin Road, American Canyon, Fri & Sat 9am–4pm. Mercury containing items accepted, fluorescent lamps/tubes & all batteries

-Clover Flat Landfill, 4380 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, Tues-Sat 9am–4pm; Sun 9am–3pm

-Household generated batteries & fluorescent lamps accepted (no business-generated batteries and fluorescent lamps).

-Calistoga Fire Department, 1475 First St, Calistoga

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're a bit sad that you never get invited to cool parties, but you'll be downright angry when you hear about the awesome ones they hold at your place the second you leave every day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember, a bend in the road isn't the end of the road. While we're on the subject, the circular device on the dashboard can be used to turn your car.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Next week's horrifying accident inspires an outcry for more stringent safety standards in coal-fueled power plans until everyone realizes it was actually just all your fault.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your whole life is thrown into a terrible new perspective when you learn that Enter The Dragon is not intended to be a romantic comedy.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your troubles will all be over next week, and what's even better, it all happens so fast that investigators will agree you probably didn't feel a thing.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You'll get a free beverage refill when ordering a large-sized French fries, but really that's going to be about it for you this week.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You should avoid making any financial decisions next week, as the pain you'll be in from all the third-degree flash burns will probably affect your judgment.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): While the ideal gas law is certainly important, your attempt to apply it to every situation in your life can only lead to disaster.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Former Rams quarterback Norm Van Brocklin will appear to you in a dream and explain to you at embarrassing length why you're not quite good enough for Bart Starr to appear in your dreams.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): All your hard work will finally pay off this week, but not, of course, for you.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Don't worry: There's absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they're unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Rescue personnel will stretch the English language, the human voice, and the average person's constitution to unprecedented limits while trying to describe the horrible sounds you'll make next week.

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"No, I mean are you lost?"

"No, I've been here thirty years."

"I mean are you ready for Judgment Day?"

"When is it?"

"It could be today or tomorrow."

"Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"

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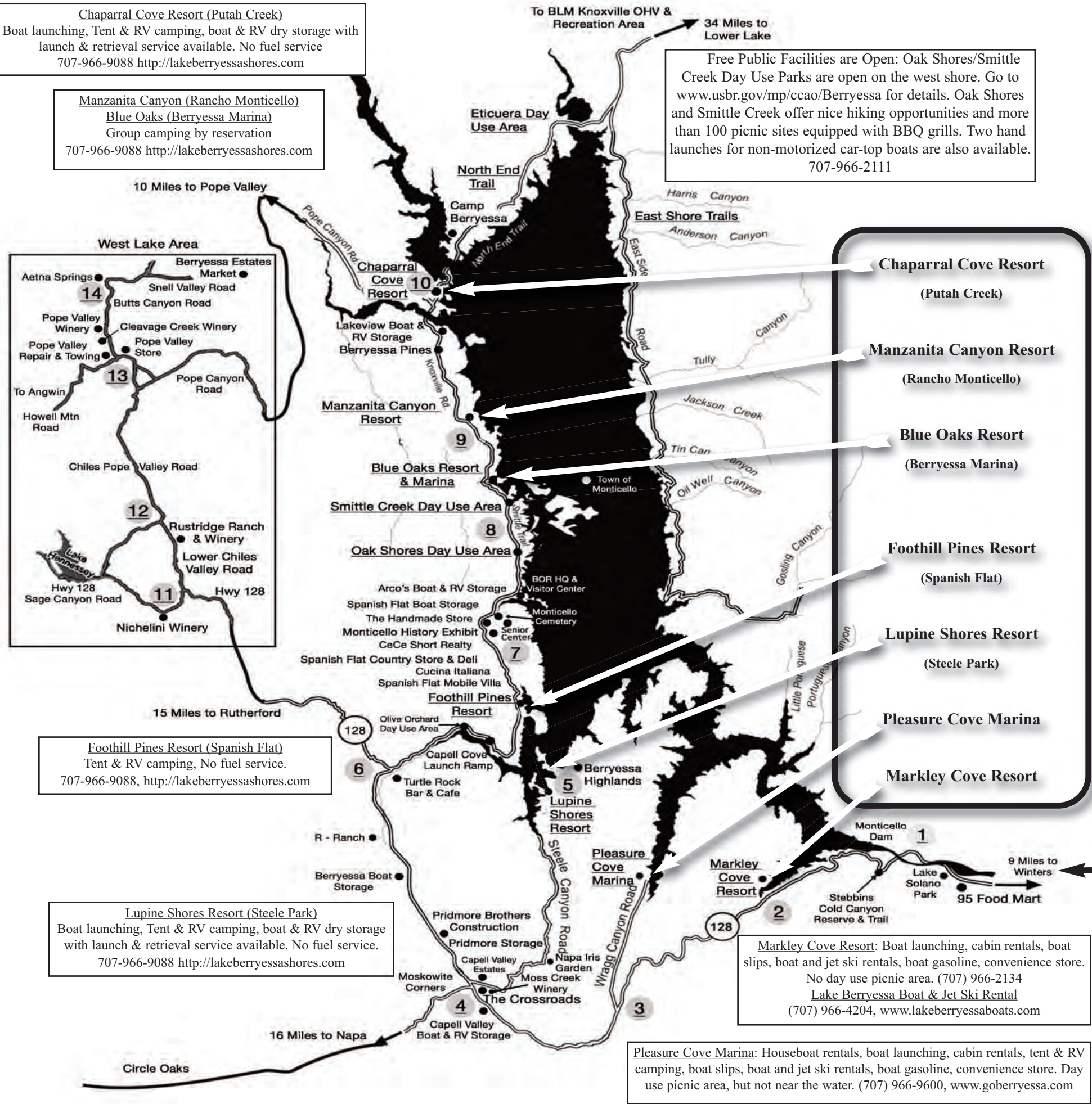
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Coast Guard Supports Napa Sheriff

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary units near Lake Berryessa, Napa and North Solano County Flotillas initiated contacts with the Napa County Sheriff’s Department and with the Bureau of Reclamation to explore the establishment of Coast Guard Auxiliary presence at the lake. Both agencies indicated their willingness to accommodate the Auxiliary in both shore-based and on-the-water activities. The Lake Berryessa Recreational Boating Safety Task Force was established in 2008.

Mike Marseille is the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s Operations Coordinator for the Lake Berryessa Boating Safety Task Force that works at the lake year round starting this year. He provided the Lake Berryessa News with the following information:

1. The USCG Auxiliary has entered into a cooperative safety agreement with Napa County Sheriff and Cal-Fire to provide safety patrol and medical response coverage on the Lake during holiday weekends and special events that are requested by either agency.
2. We are providing free vessel safety checks for any person that uses the lake if requested.
3. We will be providing dates for boater safety courses that will be open to the public and will submit those to you once they are finalized.
4. We can respond to help boater assist calls such as tows, out of gas, engine failures and so on. We will provide free towing to the closest safe launch ramp.
5. We always monitor marine band Ch 16 and encourage boaters to carry a marine band radio to call for assistance if needed since the cell coverage is spotty at best.

6. We have been requested by special event participants at the lake to review and assist with review of their safety plans and provide extra safety boats for their events on the lake.

For example, the Coast Guard helps the Monticello Ski Club by staging near the club entrance at Skier’s Cove to help educate boaters who violated the no wake zone near the ramp.

Speaking of marine band radios above, a guy driving home from a fishing trip at Lake Berryessa with his boat in tow had engine trouble near Turtle Rock past Capell Cove. He decided to use his marine radio to get help so he got back in his boat and gave his call letters.

A Coast Guard Auxiliary officer responded, "Please give your location."

“I’m on Capell Valley Road just past Turtle Rock”

The officer paused, "Could you repeat that?"

“I’m on Capell Valley Road just past Turtle Rock”

A longer pause. Then an incredulous voice asked, "How fast were you going when you hit shore?"

Know Your Way Around The Lake!

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has published a table of Lake Berryessa locations with their GPS coordinates. (See table at right.)

Using this table and the GPS feature of Google Earth (the GPS coordinates are shown at the bottom of the window and reflect the location of the cursor on the map), you can find any location on the lake named in the table.

Travel Distances

1.	Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
2.	Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10.	Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
12.	Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
14.	Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

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

Lake Berryessa Geographic Locations	deg	min	deg	min	Resorts	deg	min	deg	min
East Side N to S, West Side S to N					S to N along West Side				
East Side Road	38	40.91N	122	15.80W	Markley Cove Resort	38	29.73N	122	07.50W
Gamble Ranch	38	40.49N	122	15.69W	Pleasure Cove Resort	38	29.98N	122	09.69W
Green Canyon	38	40.47N	122	15.21W	Berryessa Highlands	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
Lakeshore Ranch	38	39.96N	122	15.20W	Steele Park (Lupine Shores)	38	30.29N	122	12.12W
Harris Canyon	38	39.92N	122	14.50W	Capell Launch Ramp	38	34.37N	122	13.23W
Berryessa Peak	38	40.07N	122	11.06W	Spanish Flat (Foothill Pines)	38	31.53N	122	12.86W
Running Deer Ranch	38	39.32N	122	14.94W	BOR HQ	38	33.13N	122	13.80W
Anderson Canyon	38	39.36N	122	12.94W	Oak Shores	38	33.37N	122	13.92W
Tully Canyon	38	37.43N	122	12.62W	Acorn Beach	38	33.21N	122	13.86W
Tully Creek Ranch	38	36.88N	122	13.20W	Foxtail Flat	38	33.48N	122	13.94W
Jackson Creek	38	36.46N	122	12.32W	Shale Point	38	34.54N	122	13.91W
Tin Can Canyon	38	36.44N	122	12.40W	McKinzie Ridge	38	33.70N	122	13.92W
Oil Well Canyon	38	36.07N	122	11.79W	Twin Oaks	38	33.80N	122	33.97W
Gunn Ranch	38	33.64N	122	11.47W	Patwin Grove	38	33.91N	122	09.69W
Gosling Canyon	38	33.80N	122	11.00W	Coyote Beach	38	33.98N	122	14.16W
Rockslide	38	33.13N	122	10.53W	Coyote Knolls	38	34.06N	122	14.25W
Little Portugese Cyn	38	32.27N	122	08.56W	Smittle Creek	38	34.55N	122	14.58W
Portugese Canyon	38	31.82N	122	08.16W	Berryessa Marina (Blue Oaks)	38	34.81N	122	14.99W
Monticello Dam	38	30.80N	122	06.29W	Rancho Monticello (Manzanita Cyn)	38	35.95N	122	15.57W
Canyon Creek Resort	38	30.76N	122	05.74W	Berryessa Pines	38	36.40N	122	16.59W
Old Road Point	38	30.45N	122	06.83W	Putah Creek (Chaparral Cove)	38	37.96N	122	17.27W
Party Point	38	30.33N	122	07.00W	Berryessa Estates	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
Peek-A-Boo Point	38	31.01N	122	07.97W					
Decker Canyon	38	30.08N	122	09.68W	Lakeside Points: S to N	deg	min	deg	min
Wragg Canyon	38	29.03N	122	09.47W	Mouth of Narrows	38	33.06N	122	11.05W
Kelly Canyon	38	31.16N	122	11.52W	Floating Restroom	38	38.31N	122	09.62W
Olive Orchard	38	30.63N	122	13.78W	Glory Hole	38	30.78N	122	06.34W
Sunrise Point	38	31.03N	122	12.42W	Haines Cove	38	32.04N	122	10.43W
					Moskowite Corral (Floating restroom)	38	32.54N	122	11.20W
Quarry Canyon	38	32.93N	122	14.00W	Meeks Cove	38	32.28N	122	11.26W
Government Point	38	33.05N	122	13.31W					
Goat Island	38	33.49N	122	13.10W	Skier's Cove (Monticello Ski Club)	38	31.78N	122	11.20W
Big Island	38	34.37N	122	13.36W	Capell Cove	38	30.31N	122	12.81W
Small Island	38	34.78N	122	14.20W	Neither Cove	38	31.11N	122	12.73W
School House Island	38	36.85N	122	16.50W	Old Skier's Cove	38	34.14N	122	13.14W
Rock One	38	36.89N	122	17.43W	Samuels Cove (Floating Restroom)	38	34.51N	122	13.11W
Pope Creek Bridge	38	36.98N	122	17.37W	Big Island Cove (Floating Restroom)	38	34.29N	122	13.62W
Rock Two	38	37.11N	122	17.56W	Small Island Cove	38	34.82N	122	13.99W
Indian Island	38	37.29N	122	16.96W	Yonker's Cove	38	35.17N	122	15.86W
Putah Creek Bridge	38	37.90N	122	17.35W	Big Flats	38	36.17N	122	16.13W
Boy Scout Camp	38	38.11N	122	17.60W	Trout Creek	38	36.84N	122	18.39W
La Pointe	38	38.69N	122	17.23W	Pope Creek	38	37.06N	122	17.63W
Barton Hill	38	39.24N	122	16.72W	Floating Restrooms	38	37.82N	122	18.15W
Gibson Flat	38	39.54N	122	16.68W	Putah Creek	38	37.88N	122	17.65W
School House Cove	38	39.75N	122	16.69W	Old Stone Corral	38	38.55N	122	18.12W
Buckhorn	38	39.90N	122	16.68W	Jerd Creek	38	39.19N	122	19.09W
Blue Monday	38	40.04N	122	16.62W	Stone Corral	38	41.16N	122	21.37W
Raccoon Lagoon	38	40.32N	122	16.61W	Dyer Creek	38	39.64N	122	18.50W
K-6	38	40.37N	122	16.62W	School House Cove	38	39.57N	122	16.41W
Poe's Gate	38	40.50N	122	16.62W	Poe's Gate Cove	38	40.11N	122	16.44W
					Eticuera	38	40.62N	122	16.42W

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On Pensus Progress

David Ffinch, president of Pensus, would like people to understand the enormity of the Pensus task at Lake Berryessa. “It’s like planning, designing, and building a small town. There’s not much to see in the beginning, but once we push the button, progress will be rapid.”

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2. **Serious Phone Outage: If Only Stupidity Could Be Cured**

Some not-so-very-smart vandals used a boat to rip a phone cable from the lake near the public boat launch at Capel Cove.

About 190 customers in the Lake Berryessa area were affected. Although service was restored to many by the end of the weekend, Lupine Shores remained without telephone service as of July 16.

An AT&T technician came out to the lake after an alarm went off at 4:35 a.m. Thursday, authorities said. At the lake, the technician discovered a vault in the ground open and about 30 yards of cable cut up in 5-foot-long segments left by the bank. A boat, which may have been used to lift the cable out of the water was found sunk. Sheriff's deputies pulled the boat out of the lake but identification numbers had been removed.

The suspects may have wanted the copper from the lines since the cable contained 600 copper lines in it.

Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental took extreme measures to minimize the impact of this major phone outage. With no land lines, only weak cell phone signals wound their way down Lake Berryessa canyons.

According to owner, Marty Rodden, he spent more than a thousand dollars in additional labor and overtime costs, including a cell phone booster and cell phone credit card machine, during the first two days of the outage to make sure he could accommodate his customers.

Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District Transition Committee Appointed

After extending the time period for applications, eight Berryessa Highlands

residents applied for the five member Transition Committee.

Richard Barthelemy
Randal E. Bryant
"Dee" Dianne M. Cuney
Tracy Renee
Susan E. Sedillo
Victor Anthony Venuta
Stuart S. Williams
Paul J. Zozula
and
Georgi Maule-Ffinch (Pensus)

After a public hearing the Board of Supervisors each nominated one applicant to the committee which was approved unanimously.

Stu Williams, District 1(Wagenknecht)
Vic Venuta, District 2 (Luce)
Susan E. Sedillo, District 3 (Dillon)
Randal E. Bryant, District 4 (Dodd)
Tracy Renee, District 5 (Caldwell)
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NBRID Bid Proposers Named

The NBRID solicited proposals from qualified firms experienced in the business of financing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining water and wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities. The cost of these services would borne entirely by the proposer under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain (DBFOM) mechanism and would not in any way be constructed or structured as debt incurred by or for NBRID.

NBRID will pay for services provided, as and when those services are delivered by the proposer on a monthly basis and will continue throughout a predetermined contract period.

Four companies have submitted bids which are being evaluated. Two members of the Transition Committee will sit on the interview panel.

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Napa Grand Jury Questions NBRID's Legality

The report states that, "The confusing situation is the result of the fact that a succession of Napa County Boards of Supervisors acted as if they had formed a (board of directors) but did not need to hold an election."

Janice Killian, an attorney with the Napa County Counsel's Office who handles district affairs, said that the grand jury's concerns boil down to a misunderstanding of state law.

California Public Resources Code states that a board of supervisors is always the governing body of a resort improvement district, Killian said, noting that Napa's board has retained that authority by never forming a board made up of district residents.

The Grand Jury report is a good summary of the history of the NBRID (and LBRID). However, most of its recommendations are already being implemented. (See previous story above.)

It also makes the unhelpful recommendation that Board of Supervisors ceases meeting and acting in the name of the NBRID Board of Directors.

Camp Berryessa Agreement Signed

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) will build and run a new environmental camp at Lake Berryessa under a new 25-year agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Earlier in the spring, the district received \$1.5 million from the California Coastal Conservancy to pay for the development of the former Boy Scout campsite at the north end of the lake just past the Putah Creek Bridge. The project has also been awarded \$50,000 from the Mead Foundation.

John Woodbury, general manager of the RPOSD hopes Camp Berryessa may open by summer 2013.

Camp Berryessa, which is on federal land, will feature 30 tent cabins for a maximum of 120 people, a campfire, composting toilets, showers, a climbing wall and nature interpretive signs. Activities at the camp will include kayaking, canoeing, archery, and hiking.

Woodbury explained that new soil will have to be brought in and settle for a year in order to build a septic tank system for the new showers and dining area. The Boy Scout camp closed in 2004 when the Bureau of Reclamation revoked their use permit.

Event Calendar

July 31 - Sunday: Free "Napa Porchfest" music festival, 2 – 5 p.m. 120 musicians, 42 bands, 27 porches in Napa's historic neighborhoods.For an interactive map with photos of the porches and information about where each band is playing, visit napa-porchfest.org.

August 6, 7 - Saturday, Sunday: 18th Annual Pow-Wow, Honoring the Ancestors. 11 am to dusk both days at the Yountville Veteran's Home Picnic Grounds, 100 California Drive, 707.256.3561, e-mail suscol@suscol.net,www.suscolcouncil.org

August 10 - Wednesday: Dale's Trailer Clinic, 5:30 PM, Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Arena, Barnett Road, BYOT (See cartoon on Page 10 by Pope Valley resident and artist Dawn Redlaczky.

August 20 - Saturday: Bring Your Own Meat BBQ, Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM. NOTE: This is a time change! Everyone is invited; you do not have to be a member to attend. This is a Potluck and we will need a Side Dishes, Salads, Appetizers or Desserts. Our Chef, Chris will be glad to cook your main course for you. Please call 925-699-3729 or 966-0206 and leave word for more information. Someone will call you back. We hope to see you there!!!!

The Senior Center rents it fully-equipped facility and Popcorn Machine for weddings and private events. They also loan medical supplies and equipment at no charge. Call 707-966-0206 and leave a message.

September 10 - Saturday: R 2011 - Classic/Hot Rod Car & Motorcycle Show. Any year welcome. Check in time: 11:00am, 1962 Capell Valley Road, 707-252-0140. 5 Peoples' Choice Awards will be given at 4pm. 50/50 Raffle Winner announced at 3pm. Horse shoes & games. Bring a picnic lunch. Bbq pits are on site. Live band at 7:00pm in R lodge.

Ongoing Events:

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

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

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 7/18/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **8.44** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/4/11	432.65	0.29	99	62	0.00
7/5/11	432.59	0.41	98	62	0.00
7/6/11	432.52	0.38	101	62	0.00
7/7/11	432.43	0.38	99	61	0.00
7/8/11	432.35	0.37	97	61	0.00
7/9/11	432.26	0.33	97	59	0.00
7/10/11	432.15	0.36	92	55	0.00
7/12/11	431.98	0.31	81	52	0.00
7/13/11	431.90	0.29	83	55	0.00
7/14/11	431.81	0.19	77	51	0.00
7/15/11	431.73	0.25	82	52	0.00
7/16/11	431.64	0.27	88	51	0.00
7/17/11	431.56	0.22	80	57	0.00

The Truck...

This guy was sitting at home alone when he heard a knock on the front door. There were two sheriffs deputies there.

He asked them if there was a problem. One of the deputies asked if he was married and if he could see a picture of his wife.

The guys says "sure" and shows them a picture of his wife. The sheriff says, "I'm sorry sir, but it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

The guy says, "I know, but she has a great personality, and she's a good cook."

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Under the current lines, Keith Caldwell's 5th District - which includes the rapidly growing city of American Canyon - now has more than 34,600 people. Meanwhile, Diane Dillon represents only 24,000 people across her geographically-large 3rd District. Populations in the three remaining districts are between 24,800 and 26,000 people.

Major changes are proposed along Lake Berryessa's southern shore, where residents of the Berryessa Highlands community may be swapped from Dillon's 3rd District to Supervisor Bill Dodd's District 4.

The adjustments at Berryessa were made mainly to keep Highland residents - who live within the boundaries of the Napa Valley Unified School District - in the same supervisorial district as other school district residents.

One consequence of the change would be that the NBRID (Berryessa Highlands) would become part of Dodd's district rather than Dillon's. But the LBRID (Berryessa Estates) would remain with Dillon. Another possible positive result would be that Lake Berryess would have two supervisor directly involved with the future of the lake. Previously all of Lake Berryessa was the responsibility of Supervisor Dillon.

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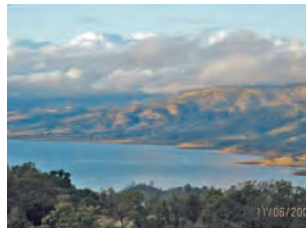
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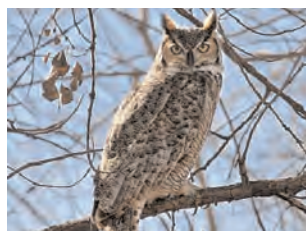
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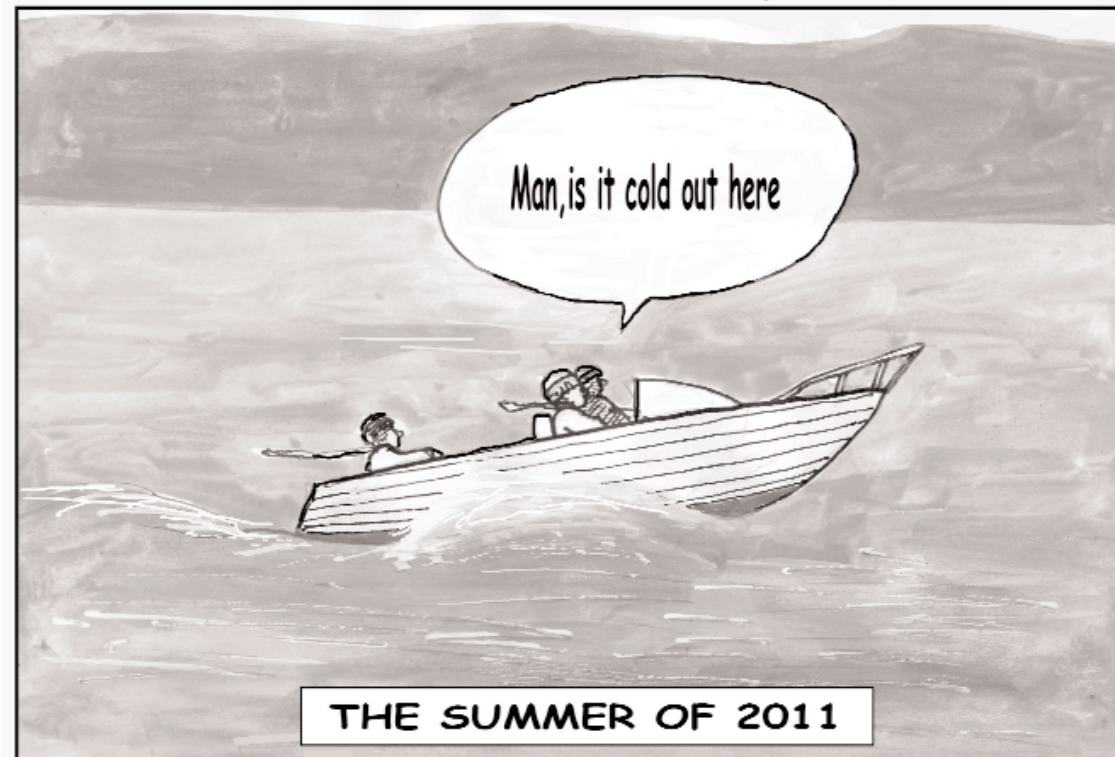
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7/4	98	95	99	7/15	102	95	82	7/26	95	97
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Another important issue for visitors is security. “We have a ‘zero tolerance’ policy regarding any individual who is overly disruptive, aggressive, abusive, threatening or violent. Such individuals, when identified, will be escorted from the premises and refused access to the Concessions in the future. We will, under no circumstances, risk personal injury to our clientele, employees or police authorities by allowing clearly violent and aggressive individuals repeated access.

Pensus has received very few complaints regarding noise or disturbance at the Concessions. We did have one very aggressive and abusive individual, over the July 4th weekend. Only two calls were made by Pensus to the Sheriff requesting support. Pensus works closely with the Napa County Sheriffs and is most appreciative of their support, which has been exemplary. John Robertson, Undersheriff, and I have communicated personally and we will stay in close contact.”

Mr. Ffinch’s comments were supported by the low number of Sheriffs calls over the July 4th weekend. According to a member of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, which takes care of most of the west side of the lake (along with the Cal-Fire units from Spanish Flat), this was the first time in memory that they didn’t have a single call during the weekend of the 4th. “It was wonderful to spend the weekend with my family.”

Although the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) has been raised as an issue in the Lake Berryessa redevelopment process, it is not clear why this should be an impediment since Pensus is simply replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. Any delay because of NEPA is even more puzzling since the demolition of the old resorts was accomplished with a minimum of environmental oversight.

The Bureau of Reclamation used what is known as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) and stated publicly that they had evaluated the situation and produced Categorical Exclusion Checklist #743. They also stated that they had reviewed the environmental impacts of demolition of each site and that environmental impacts were minimal and mitigated by using Best Management Practices.

NEPA itself states that the EA is a concise document. It should not contain long descriptions or detailed data which the agency may have gathered. Rather, it should contain a brief discussion of the need for the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a list of agencies and persons consulted. Agencies should make the Finding of No Significant

Impact (FONSI) and EA available for 30 days of public comment before taking action.

Unfortunately, the slow progress in this area is frustrating to many of the people involved, especially local business and residents, much less Pensus itself. The formal response from Reclamation to a question from the Lake Berryessa News does nothing to allay those concerns. This process should be fast-tracked by everyone involved, not allowed to linger into the spring of 2012. It is not an academic bureaucratic exercise – it affects real people.

Bureau of Reclamation response: “Pensus is in the process of formulating the Draft Environmental Assessment for development of recreation facilities and services within its six concession areas around Lake Berryessa as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA is a federal law that requires that potential impacts from federal actions and actions on federal land be examined prior to the initiation of that action. This environmental assessment for the planned development at Lake Berryessa is considered “programmatic” because it will focus on the impacts of the overall development plan proposed by Pensus. Reclamation expects the Draft Environmental Assessment to be completed fall/winter 2011, at which point the public will be invited to submit comments. These comments are an important part of the NEPA process, and will be considered in the Final Environmental Assessment. Reclamation anticipates that the Environmental Assessment will be finalized in spring 2012.”

The other major stumbling block for Pensus at Lupine Shores is the NBRID process. (See stories on Page 2.) Mr. Ffinch was emphatic in his response to this issue that Pensus fully supports becoming part of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system whether run as it has been, a Resort Improvement District, or as an independent Community Services District. One wrinkle in this approach was pointed out by a County legal representative. Apparently according to law, a Resort Improvement District would provide both water and sewer services. However, if the NBRID became a Community Services District, Pensus would be required to hook up to sewer services, but would not be required to hook up to water service from the District. Mr. Ffinch made it clear that Pensus was committed to join the proposed CSD for both water and sewer service.

“Pensus has committed to Napa County that it will hook up to NBRID and to participate proportionately in any costs subject to a maximum cost limitation of \$4M and timing. We are working closely with and support the Berryessa Highlands residents.

There is nothing that Pensus can do at this point except wait for NBRID / Napa County to provide the

Regional Water Authority with the assurances they have demanded from NBRID that will allow removal of the moratorium against Lupine Shores connecting to NBRID.”

At an April meeting a plan was developed to potentially remove the State’s Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against the NBRID by showing that effluent volumes, which everyone knows is primarily impacted during winter by rainwater intrusion into old Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes, would be below the 50,000 gallon limit if the pipes were repaired. This would allow the CDO to be lifted and also allow a longer-time frame to make the major upgrades to the main sewer treatment plant.

The April meeting group identified several milestones and a funding mechanism. The Consulting Engineers would monitor the system through the remaining wet weather in 2011. Camera and video analysis would determine infiltration water origin and provide the results by summer. The CDO process requires a November 2011 report to the state. During summer of 2011, the identified areas of serious infiltration would be repaired. During the winter of 2012 the Consulting Engineer monitors and reports effluent flow volume which is hopefully less than the 50,000 gallon limit.

Unfortunately, it appears that this plan has not been completed as of July 2011. Whether it is a lack of money or technical issues is not clear. The Lake Berryessa News is awaiting a response from the County.

On a lighter note: Although Pensus published a brochure and funded electronic billboards around the Bay Area, they had not installed entrance signs at their resorts until recently. The original signs were spray painted on plywood sheets. The latest signs are small and can’t be read from passing vehicles. It didn’t do much for their professional reputation among locals as well as visitors.

The Lake Berryessa News Facebook page chimed in with photos and a bit of satire: “Five weeks after Pensus said they’d have signs up within two weeks, a new sign finally appeared at Lupine Shores next to their old spray-painted plywood sign. It seems they’ve transitioned from their old sign company, Ghettowerks, to Tiny Town Signs, Inc. From sublime humor to breathtaking silliness. Hopefully real signs will be installed soon.”

David Ffinch took the hit with reasonably good grace, acknowledging some internal problems, but stating, “We finally have the permanent signs in hand as of Monday last. They will be installed within the next two weeks.”

[\(A longer version of this article, including photos, is available a \[www.LakeBerryessaNews.com\]\(#\)\)](#)

Notes From Pope Valley

Do Unto Others...

by Katie Gonzalez

As a parent, one of the life lessons I try to make sure my kids understand is the old “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” or in simpler words, treat others the way you want to be treated.

This past week, I had the opportunity to help an elderly gentleman and his daughter who were stranded in Pope Valley. It was almost 100 degrees, and they had been in their car on the corner of Butts Canyon and Snell Valley for several hours waiting for a tow truck.

I first noticed the broken down car as I was approaching Snell Valley on my way home from work. The car was on the side of the road and the hood was up. I slowed down as I passed by to see if anyone was in the vehicle. From what I could see, there was no one, but as I rounded the corner another vehicle was pulled to the right shoulder of the road facing Butts Canyon.

There were two people in the car. My initial response as a woman was to keep driving; you never know who those people may be! But then my mind flashed on the faces that were in the car: an elderly man and a woman. My eyes glanced down at the temperature gauge in my car, and I pulled to the side of the road.

As I got out of my car, the woman also got out of her vehicle. She told me they had been waiting for several hours and the tow truck had not yet arrived. She had no reception on her cell phone and wasn’t sure what to do. I asked her if she would like me to drive her a little way up the road to see if we could get a signal so she could make a call. She gladly accepted my offer, and we headed up the road.

While we were driving I learned that she had been on her way home from St. Helena Hospital where her mother had just undergone surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her lung. Her mom had come through the surgery with flying colors. She was so relieved to not have to worry about the outcome anymore. But her car broke down on her way home, and her 91 year old father had come from Lake County to wait with her.

As we were driving, cell reception improved and a message came in from the tow company that they couldn’t locate her

vehicle and needed her to call them! She tried to call them back and got stuck in what I like to call “Automated Hell.” Technology can be wonderful, but sometimes you really need a live person to help! I ended up sending a text message to my husband to see if he could contact the Pope Valley Garage and help get a tow truck out our way.

I drove the woman to my home and made up some water bottles for her and her father. The last thing I wanted was for either of them to get heat exhaustion or start to have any physical problems because they had been sitting in the sun for too long.

When we finally got back to her father and their vehicles, an off duty Sherriiff had also pulled over to help. He had been able to get in touch with the original tow company and had given them good directions to the location of the broken down car.

As I approached the woman’s father, he graciously accepted the water and thanked me several times for stopping to help. He spoke about how hard it is these day to get help from anyone. Everyone is so suspicious of each other or so focused on what they have to get done that they won’t take the time to lend a helping hand.

He said there were several cars that passed them throughout the afternoon, and I was the only one that stopped. Those words didn’t make me feel like a hero. They made me sad...sad that we have become so distant from our neighbors that we are too afraid or too busy to take the time to help where and when help is needed.

We all have busy lives and have things that need to get done, but we should never be in such a hurry that we lose sight of the people that surround us. As a woman, it’s been ground into my head since I was a child that you should never stop or pick up someone on the side of the road, but I think we have to use common sense and go with our gut sometimes.

I could have driven by, and not thought twice about it, but instead I was able to meet two new people and help them get their situation straightened out. My hope in telling this story is that more people will feel the need to step out of their comfort zone, slow down and help out. Ask yourself, “What would I want someone to do for me?” That answer is often the right decision.

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People are free to come and go over the two days it is recommended to bring shade, chairs or blankets to sit on. The Master of Ceremonies will be explaining throughout the day what is going on when you can take photos or join dances or when you watch. He will also explain the meaning of what is going on through the weekend. The Yountville Veterans Home Picnic grounds are located at the western backend of the Home. It is a beautiful setting for this wonderful ceremony and a very comfortable place to enjoy visiting with family and friends.

There will be large Native American Southern and Northern drums plus California singers! Suscol Intertribal Council is a local community based organization located in Napa. This is an opportunity for Native Americans to meet others who have an interest in this lifestyle and to let people now the people and culture we are alive and thriving! Please come join us. For more information or details check out our website at: www.suscolcouncil.org, phone 707.256.3561, e-mail suscol@suscol.net

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The habit is certainly awkward for your friends and family members, but this would actually be a bad time to discontinue your practice of carrying a battle-ax to church.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You always wanted to die peacefully at home in your sleep, but look at it this way: You'll be at home, all right, and the flames will spread so fast you'll only be awake for a few seconds.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're spending less time considering your future these days, which, all things considered, is only appropriate.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Time and space are both illusions, making it even more frustrating that you're always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You'll inspire thousands to go out and do something with their lives in order not to wind up being as pathetic and useless as you are.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The rescue workers won't need to knock down an entire wall of your house to get you out, but they want to make you feel extra fat.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Love means different things to different people, but you'll have a hard time finding someone to whom it means "a profound degree of affection."

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): It turns out that sorting is one of God's least favorite things, as you'll learn this week when you decide to kill them all and let Him sort them out.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You've decided to pull one last big job and then retire, although it is unclear exactly how this will work for a trombone instructor.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You never thought you'd get tired of the endless parade of deep-fried food that is your life, and sure enough, it hasn't happened yet.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You have to stop worrying about what everyone else says, especially nonsense like "You should dress better," "Nice people don't do that," and "Put down the gun and release the hostages."

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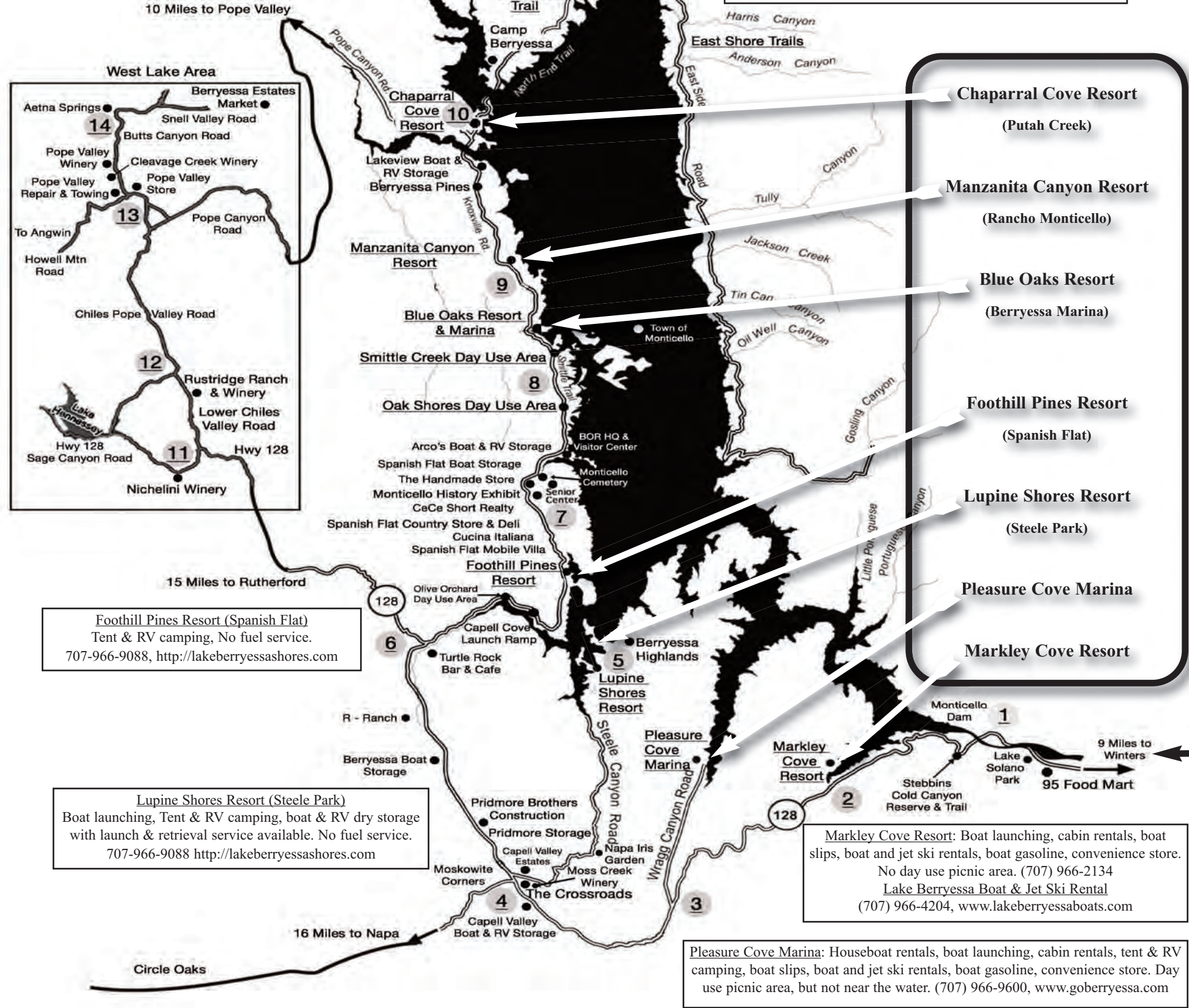
As I walked past the grave stones I heard an eerie sound, someone was playing some classical music backwards!
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6/26 - Assault with deadly weapon - Circle Oaks
NSD11002207
F - force not firearm

6/26 - Other
Foothill Pines Marina
NSD11002208
Boat accident non-injury

6/26 - Other, Haines Cove
NSD11002211
M - use watercraft while under influence

6/29 - Other
6000 Block Monticello Rd
NSD11002261
Informational report

6/29 - Theft from Vehicle
8000 Block Hwy 128
NSD11002262
M - theft motor vehicle

7/1 - Other
Markley Cove Waterway
NSD11002286
M - use watercraft while under influence

7/3 - Other
5600 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002303
M - obstruct/resist/etc

7/3 - Other
Lupine Shores
NSD11002304
M - use watercraft while under influence

7/3 - Drugs
7700 Block Hwy128
NSD11002306
F - controlled substance

7/3 - Other
1700 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002331
Lost property

7/4 - Theft
7500 Block Hwy 128
NSD11002310
F - grand theft

7/4 - Drugs
7500 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002316
F - marijuana for sale

7/4 - License
7500 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002317
M - license

7/4- Assault deadly weapon, Oak Shores
NSD11002319
F - force, not firearm

7/6 - Property Crime
Berryessa Pines
NSD11002342
M – vandalism

7/7- Theft
1600 Block Steele Canyon
NSD11002353
F - grand theft

7/9 - Assault
7600 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Rd.
NSD11002383
F - domestic violence with minor injury

7/10/11 - Other
7500 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002390
M - violation of probation

7/10/11 - Other
2000 Block Hwy 128
NSD11002393
M - license suspend/revoke

7/15/11 - Liquor
5100 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002458
M - Minor possess alchoh.

Irrational Prevention vs. Irrational Reaction

by Sabrina Larsen, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership
It's been eight weeks since our first experience with Lake Berryessa boaters Memorial Day weekend and we have finally encountered our first aggressively impatient lake visitor. What sets this man above the rest of the small fraction of visitors known as the unfriendly crowd of boaters isn't necessarily that he pulled up yelling and screaming about having to talk to us but rather what he didn't want to talk about. This particular visitor wasn't irritated about being asked to answer a couple questions about water quality; he was inconvenienced by the mandatory invasive species questionnaire which is designed to prevent Quagga and Zebra Mussels from the lake.

The justification he used for resisting the inspection wasn't that he had visited infested waters, but just the opposite: he only visits Lake Berryessa. While having a make shift "fast track" system for locals would be ideal, limited resources has led to the current boat by boat mussel inspections. While a significant portion of boaters that come through Capell are returning visitors, there is also a large component of new visitors that do not call Berryessa their boat's home, all of which agree that waiting in line to launch and retrieve their boat can become quite a hassle.

Where the general consensus and this particular man differed in opinion though was whether waiting in line in order to prevent the spread of Quagga and Zebra Mussels was worth the trouble. In order to adequately analyze this predicament one first needs to weigh the costs and benefits of both options, do the inspection or not.

The costs of waiting in line are relatively simple; wait and miss some time out on the water. The benefits however tend to be a bit more elaborate. Being an invasive species, Quagga and Zebra Mussels out-compete native species, drastically altering the ecosystem in the process. The mussels also excrete acid onto the surfaces they attach to. Boats and water delivery infrastructure would seriously damaged if attacked by these mussels.

Since Lake Berryessa provides drinking water to approximately 500,000 people as well as serving as a key component to brewing Budweiser and Bud Light in Northern California, this is a risk that many feel isn't worth the extra half hour on the water that may be enjoyed by bypassing the inspection.

Next time you find yourself towards the tail end of what seems like the wait of a lifetime to launch your boat and mussel inspections are the cause, imagine what the introduction of this species would leave you doing in the future. Would you rather be boating on your home lake with ice cold Berryessa brewed beer or tiptoeing around razor sharp mussel shells on the closed lake shore with no reliable water source, fishing or extra tax dollars in the treasury? Most would be inclined to prefer the first option: a line to get into the water but water to use nonetheless.

Earring Fashion...

A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. This man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense."

The man walks up to him and says, 'I didn't know you were into earrings.'

"Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly.

His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to say, "So, how long have you been wearing one?"

"Ever since my wife found it in my car."

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Water, Water, Everywhere - But at What Cost? NBRID Moves Forward

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) met on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the selection process and final decision for a firm to operate the NBRID water/sewer system. The Cease & Desist Order (CDO) against the District was also a topic.

On March 22, 2011 the District Board authorized staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain (DBFOM) contract from qualified firms to initially take over operations of the District and then transition into resolving the capital improvement issues related to resolving the CDO.

It was hoped that retaining a private operations firm would provide cost savings and improved effectiveness. By operating multiple systems these firms can offer the advantages of economy of scale. Examples include centralized billing and accounting, online account access and the availability of experienced management and technical resource teams.

The DBFOM approach offers several advantages once the capital improvement phase is initiated following completion of the necessary studies. Inherently, DBFOM is a turn-key process whereby the selected firm accepts full responsibility for design, construction, financing and operation of the facilities. In addition, this approach provides an expedited design, bidding and construction process which may result in an earlier completion of improvements.

A mandatory pre-proposal site visit was conducted on May 12. Twenty-four (24) attendees representing sixteen (16) different companies walked the facilities and reviewed the existing infrastructure with staff. May 26 was the closing date for companies to submit proposal and four proposal were received from the following companies or teams: 1) PERC Water, 2) Corix Utilities, 3) Summit Engineering and 4) Aquagy Overaa.

Interviews were conducted on July 29, by an Interview Panel consisting of two Directors, two Transition Committee members and two District staff members. After thoroughly reviewing the qualifications of each firm and listening to their team presentations with follow-up questions, the Interview Panel chose Summit Engineering as the primary firm for the project, with Corix as the alternate if negotiations with Summit do not result in acceptable contract terms.

The Interview Panel said that Summit Engineering (www.summit-sr.com) made a strong technical and financial presentation and appeared to have a cohesive and enthusiastic team. Summit also now operates the Circle Oaks Water District.

It is located in Santa Rosa, has experience in Napa, and has many local companies on its team. Their financial approach is to seek public financing through loan and grant applications, which provides the lowest cost alternative for raising capital.

Corix is a Canadian company which has a U.S. affiliate with 350 employees in Southern California. They have strong technical expertise. They wish to expand into the Northern California market and look at the NBRID as that opportunity. They would also use local engineering and construction companies as partners.

Corix (www.corix.com) is financially strong and would fund the NBRID through private financing. For example, when asked how they would fund immediate repairs to the Berryessa Highlands system they responded that they would simply write a check (expecting a reasonable rate of return on their investment, of course).

When Summit was asked this same question, they admitted it would take some time to access public loan and grant financing and would probably have to borrow the money from Napa County (which would eventually have to be paid back). However, both firms said they would be able to begin work immediately.

The Aquagy proposal was also discussed. Aquagy took a different approach with a potentially higher up front costs due to energy efficiency and other technical innovations that would result in lower future operating costs.

Although there was support for the proposal, Aquagy would apparently want an increase in rates while Summit and Corix claim they would live within the present budget which apparently means including the latest rate increase.

In a subsequent statement,

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A woman from the most southern part of South Carolina goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is written.

The obit editor informs her that the fee for the obituary is a dollar per word. She pauses, reflects and then says, "Well, then, just let it read, 'Billy Bob died'."

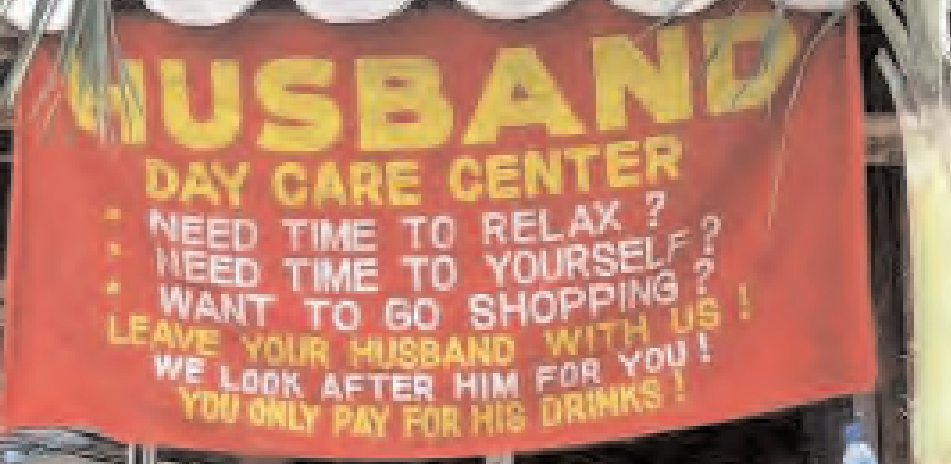
Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor says, "Sorry ma'am there is a seven word minimum on all obituaries."

A little flustered, she thinks things over and replies, "In that case, let it read",

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Myke Praul of Aquagy said that the Aquagy had actually proposed a 32% increase in the present rate (40% less than the 72% rate increase just passed by the Board in June, 2011) that could be phased in over 5 years at 7% per year. Then there would be no further rate increase for 30 years.

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NBRID Transition Committee Gets To Work

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) met on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011. At that meeting the six members of the new Transition Committee were introduced. The members are Randal E. Bryant, Tracy Renee, Susan E. Sedillo, Victor Venuta, Stuart Williams and Georgi Maule-Ffinch (Pensus).

Transition Committee members immediately held an election for officers and unanimously elected Stu Williams as Chair and Tracy Renee as Vice-Chair. The Transition Committee members then participated with the NBRID Board (Napa County Supervisors) in their regular meeting.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the selection process and final decision for a firm to operate the NBRID water/sewer system and the Cease & Desist Order (CDO) against the District. Two Transition Committee members, Susan Sedillo and Randal Bryant, were members of the Interview Panel which had interviewed all four proposing companies (PERC Water, Corix Utilities, Summit Engineering and Aquagy Overaa) earlier.

The NBRID Board formally voted to begin negotiations with Summit Engineering immediately. The next meeting of the NBRID Board and the Transition Committee will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

RWOCB vs NBRID:
The Battle of the Capital Letters

Napa County staff met with representatives of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on July 13, 2011 to discuss progress in meeting the Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) deadlines required under the standing Cease & Desist Order (CDO).

The RWQCB was informed about the progress of Larry Walker Associates field-work on the Berryessa Highlands system. RWQCB staff indicated that a monetary penalty related to the winter discharges is

inevitable. The amount of the penalty can be reduced based upon District actions taken prior to and after the discharges to prevent further violations. Any progress in eliminating the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) problems prior to the next winter wet season will also serve to reduce the penalty, although not on a dollar for dollar basis.

As of this writing, the sewer volume flows have been monitored, but the pipes have not been inspected using internal cameras. The Deputy District Engineer does not believe the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) situation is the critical issue and stated that any evaluation and repair of Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would probably not be completed by this winter.

Lupine Shores was also discussed at the meeting with RWQC. Pensus has proposed a “summer-only” hook-up to NBRID to allow them to operate during the primary recreational season, which is not affected by rain, and would thus not contribute to any potential storage pond overflows.

The RWQCB staff was not amenable to that proposal. Although the RWQCB does not have jurisdiction over provision of water service to Lupine Shores, the staff would want to see significant progress in addressing the treated wastewater disposal and storage issues and wet season monitoring prior to discussing a connection or disposal directly in the plant, whether seasonal or not. They did acknowledge that if wastewater was stored and then trucked off site they probably did not have jurisdiction.

November 1, 2011 is a big date for the NBRID. The following reports are required by the state:

1. Interim Spill Prevention and Control Plan,
2. Preliminary Revised Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) Assessment Report,
3. Preliminary Plan for Revised Wastewater Facilities,
4. Preliminary Financing Plan for Collection System & Wastewater Facilities.

Lawyers get disbarred and clergymen defrocked, so doesn't it make sense that ballplayers would be debased, politicians would be devoted, and cowboys be deranged, and models be deposed and Calvin Klein models be debriefed, and organ donors be delivered, and dry cleaners be depressed, decreased, and depleted!

Celebrate Summer ... It's Not Over Yet!

School is about to start and you may be wondering where your summer has gone. We all get busy with our daily comings and goings and sometimes we forget to just celebrate the season. On Saturday, August 20, the Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church will be putting on their 4th annual Celebrate Summer event.

The festivities start at noon and run until 4:00 pm in the parking lot of the Community Church (at Moskowite Corners). Your family is invited to spend a few hours having some good old-fashioned summer fun. The event is fun, free, and family-oriented. There will be fresh off-the-grill hot dogs, fun activities ... the rock wall, the triple-splash water slide (wear something you don't mind getting wet), a bungee run for teens and adults, and a bounce house for the kids.

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August 20 - Saturday: Bring Your Own Meat BBQ, Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM. NOTE: This is a time change! Everyone is invited; you do not have to be a member to attend. This is a Potluck and we will need a Side Dishes, Salads, Appetizers or Desserts. Our Chef, Chris will be glad to cook your main course for you. Please call 925-699-3729 or 966-0206 and leave word for more information. Someone will call you back. We hope to see you there!!!!

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September 10 - Saturday: R 2011 - Classic/Hot Rod Car & Motorcycle Show. Any year welcome. Check in time: 11:00am, 1962 Capell Valley Road, 707-252-0140. 5 Peoples' Choice Awards will be given at 4pm. 50/50 Raffle Winner announced at 3pm. Horse shoes & games. Bring a picnic lunch. Bbq pits are on site. Live band at 7:00pm in R lodge.

September 17 - Saturday: Coastal Cleanup Day, 9 AM - Noon. Volunteers needed above and below our waterways. Underwater scuba dive clean-up at the Pope Creek Bridge. Contact Marianne Butler at (707)301-5778 or Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111, ext 143, or [jjgjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov).

Ongoing Events:

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

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Saturday, September 24, 8 to 10 a.m. Paddling Berryessa

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/8/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **10.17** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/18/11	431.48	0.25	80	54	0.00
7/19/11	431.41	0.22	84	55	0.00
7/20/11	431.35	0.21	86	59	0.00
7/21/11	431.25	0.29	93	58	0.00
7/22/11	431.19	0.34	96	61	0.00
7/23/11	431.11	0.36	95	59	0.00
7/24/11	431.02	0.32	90	56	0.00
7/25/11	430.93	0.29	90	51	0.00
7/26/11	430.84	0.24	93	51	0.00
7/27/11	430.75	0.30	90	57	0.00
7/28/11	430.66	0.31	94	59	0.00
7/29/11	430.59	0.34	98	62	0.00
7/30/11	430.50	0.34	97	58	0.00
7/31/11	430.41	0.31	92	56	0.00
8/1/11	430.32	0.28	90	54	0.00
8/2/11	430.25	0.24	94	53	0.00
8/3/11	430.16	0.28	93	55	0.00
8/4/11	430.08	0.33	95	54	0.00
8/5/11	430.00	0.24	86	55	0.00
8/6/11	429.91	0.24	92	57	0.00
8/7/11	429.83	0.31	91	56	0.00

August Birthdays

Cheri Reghette	1st	Michele Quecke	19th
Carole Metcalf	3rd	George Parrish	22nd
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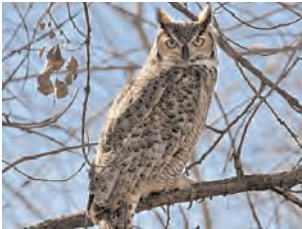
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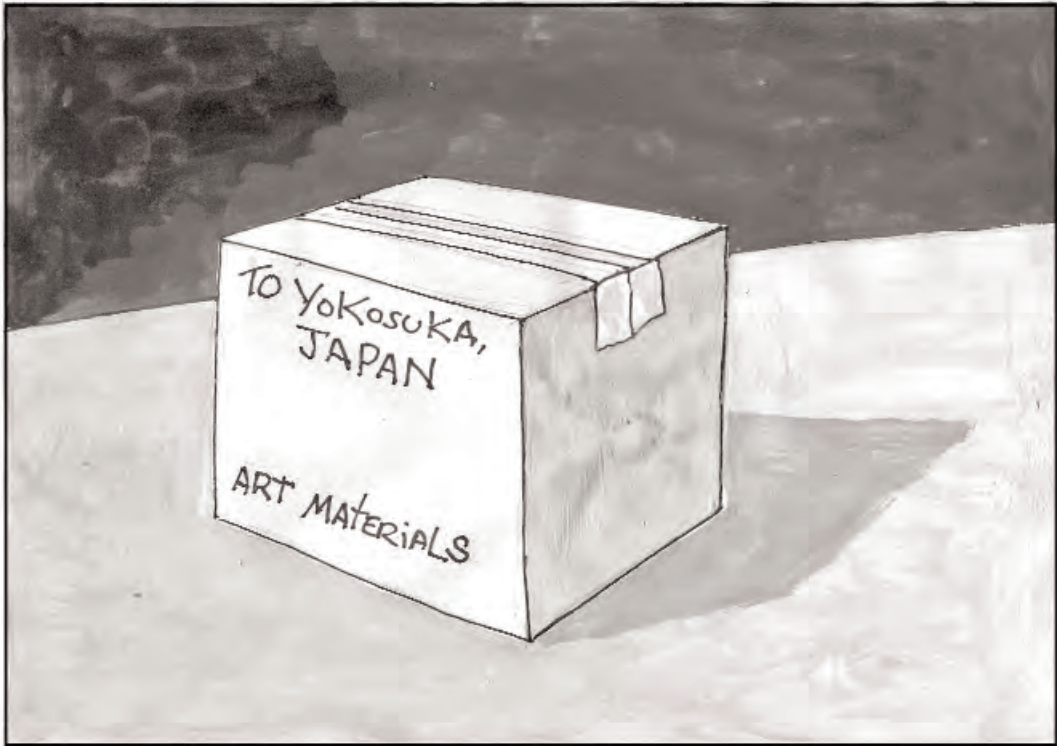
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa's Loss is Yokosuka's Gain

Lake Berryessa News cartoonist, Bill Scholer, a longtime fixture on the local music scene in Davis, Winters, and Lake Berryessa, departed August 6 for Japan to be with his wife Karla who is teaching at the U.S. Naval base in Yokosuka south of Tokyo. They've had a long-distance high-tech relationship for the last year. Bill would Skype Karla on the weekends, when it was Saturday for him and Sunday for her over in Japan.

"I moved to Davis in 1981 to work at UC Davis as a graphics technician in the art department," Scholer recalled. He shared an office with Mike Henderson, a member of the art department who also performed as a blues musician with the likes of Jerry Garcia and Mike Bloomfield. Mike performed a couple of weeks ago with Bill at Cucina Italiana.

Henderson kept a guitar in the office, which Bill would sometimes play, and this led to gigs for Bill at the Blue Mango, a vegetarian restaurant and coffee shop in Davis.

"The Blue Mango hosted a lot of folk acts, and I started playing solo guitar there, and gradually I put a band together," Bill said. Eventually, he came up with my own brand of Davis blues that became the sound of the Bill Scholer Blues Band. His latest band "Waiting for Bruce" has a somewhat different sound. It is a collection of old friends who are musicians in Davis and a little bit outside the blues realm. The band also gives some exposure to the songwriting side of Bill's musical personality.

Bill's last gig in Davis last Thursday with Waiting for Bruce featured Scholer originals like "Cold Rain" and "The Knights of Labor" — the latter is based on one of the first American labor unions. He also played "Napalachia," which he said reflects his life in recent years.

"I've been living out by Lake Berryessa — we found some land that we put a home on," he said. "We're kind of like the hillbillies of Napa County, so I came up with the title 'Napalachia' as a kind of sideways reference to the rural beauty and traditional folk music of Appalachia."

We'll all miss Bill, especially those of us who were lucky enough to hear him play every Thursday night this summer at Cucina Italiana. Perhaps we should declare Lake Berryessa a sister city to Yokosuka. We could also Skype Bill And Karla from Cucina Italiana on Thursdays so Bill can continue to play for Thursday Music Night at Cucina?

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The Interview Panel believed that limiting the immediate financial burden on the Berryessa Highlands residents was an important consideration in their selection.

There was some discussion of various potential costs presented in the proposals. For example, Summit included a cost estimate for system improvements of not-to-exceed \$3.7 million substantially less than the number contemplated in the proposed \$13 million bond issue.

Also, the engineering analysis done for that bond issue, which itself cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, did not address pipeline repairs to limit Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) from old cracked sewer pipes. It simply assumed that all Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would need to be completely replaced.

However, the selection criteria for the DBFOM proposals, according to Napa County Deputy District Engineer Phillip Miller, were based on merit rather than proposed costs. He said that actual costs could only be determined after the County consultants, Larry Walker Associates, analyzed various options which would then be presented during the contract negotiations.

Detailed costs being developed by Walker Associates are expected to be available by fall. This data is needed to address the Cease and Desist Order (CDO), dated October 1, 2010, that was imposed on the District by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

The Deputy District Engineer does not believe the I&I situation is the critical issue and stated that any evaluation and repair of Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes would probably not be completed by this winter.

Although this seems somewhat of a chicken or eggish analysis, the driving factor for him appears to be the potential penalties threatened by the CDO and RWQCB staff comments.

According to Miller, the biggest problem facing the District is not I&I

due to old and cracked sewer pipes causing large volumes of rainwater into the system, but the actual winter storage and disposal situation. Contradicting that assertion was a previous report by Pensus engineers that claimed that I&I was the primary concern.

The potential for pond overflow this winter was discussed. A chart of the pond volumes for the last two years is shown on this page.

At an April meeting between Napa County and Pensus a tentative plan was developed to potentially help remove the State's Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against the NBRID by showing that effluent

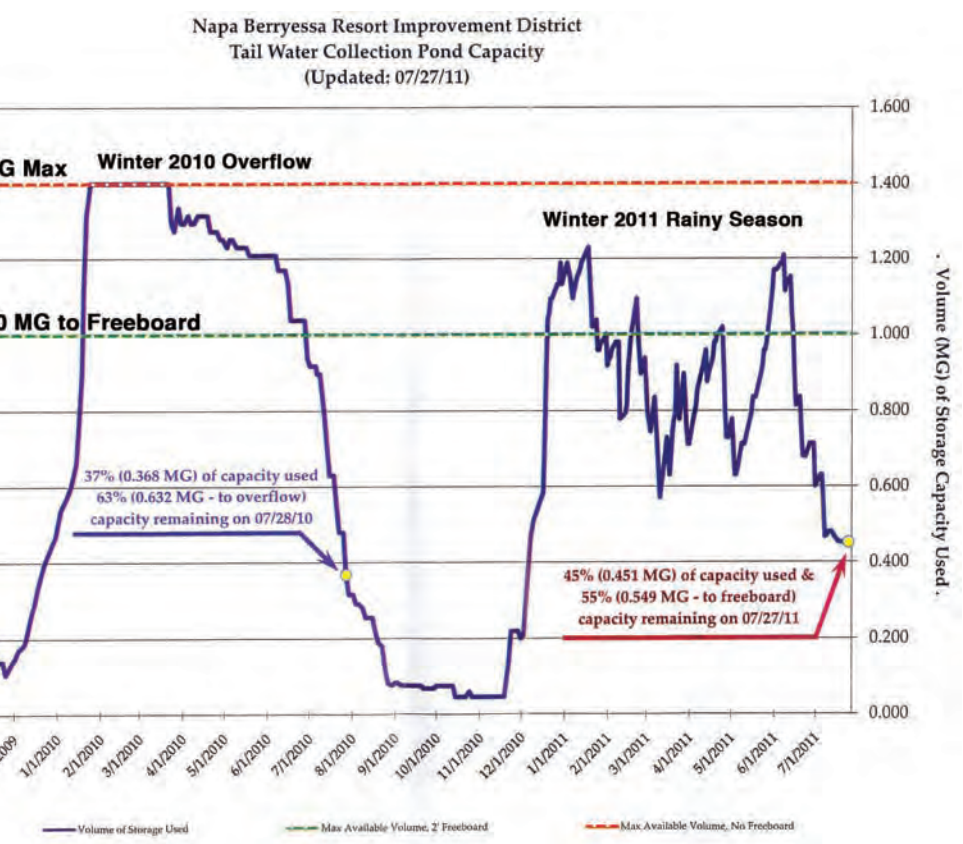
volumes, which everyone knows is primarily impacted during winter by rainwater intrusion into old Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes, would be below the 50,000 gallon limit if the pipes were repaired. This would potentially allow the CDO to be lifted and also allow a longer-time frame to make the major upgrades to the main sewer treatment plant.

The April meeting group identified several milestones and a funding mechanism. Walker Associates would monitor the system through the remaining wet weather in 2011. Camera and video analysis would determine infiltration water origin and provide the results by summer.

The CDO process requires a November 2011 report to the state. During summer of 2011, the identified areas of serious infiltration would be repaired. During the winter of 2012 the effluent flow volume would be monitored which is hopefully less than the 50,000 gallon limit.

As of this writing, the sewer volume flows have been monitored, but the pipes have not been inspected using internal cameras.

The NBRID Board formally voted



to begin negotiations with Summit Engineering immediately. The next meeting of the NBRID Board and the Transition committee will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Pensus President Reaffirms Commitment to NBRID

Pensus President, David Ffinch provided this statement to the Lake Berryessa News:

As you are aware, on July 30th at the invitation of Brenda Brown, my daughter Georgi and I attended a meeting of Berryessa Highlands residents and other interested parties. From Pensus' viewpoint the meeting went well. We responded to many questions and I believe we were able to allay a number of concerns.

Pensus confirmed that it would like to connect development elements of the Lupine Shores Resort to the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) sewage treatment plant.

Presently there is a 'Cease & Desist Order' by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board restricting new connections to NBRID due to non compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements. The total cost of bring-

ing NBRID into compliance is estimated to be up to \$4 million and Pensus has agreed that the Lupine Shores Resort will bear its fair share of that burden.

Pensus also confirmed that it has, and will continue, a zero tolerance policy against those who disturb the peace. We are working closely with the Napa County Sheriff's office and we very much appreciate their responsiveness and support. We are committed to assuring a very safe and secure environment for visitors.

A frequently asked question is when new installations will be made. Pensus is working with all of the government agencies involved in the planning and approval process which is, of necessity, detailed and time-consuming. Installations are dependent upon all necessary agency approvals and it is too early to predict, with any degree of accuracy, when construction of major elements will take place. By early next year we hope to be able to provide some direction in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
David Ffinch

Capell Creek Bridge to be replaced in 2013 – Project Update!

Last December Caltrans released an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) for the Capell Creek Bridge Replacement Project, (Bridge No. 21-0009) in Napa County on Route 121 with a new single span bridge from post mile (PM) 20.2 to post mile 20.4. Construction work is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2013 and would be completed by Spring 2015. The proposed construction and improvements will include road-work that requires lane closures and one-way traffic control during construction period.

The existing bridge, built in 1907, consists of two spans made up of rubble masonry earth filled barrel arches. In 1959, the bridge was widened from 18 ft to 30 ft with reinforced concrete slab on reinforced concrete pier and abutments, all on spread footing. The two-lane bridge currently serves two-way traffic with 12-ft lanes and 3-ft shoulders. Because of the later alteration, it does not possess sufficient integrity (enough of its original design and materials) to be eligible for National Historical Register listing.

The project is now ready to roll since Caltrans just released a Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) for this \$5M project which states:

The Department has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise and Vibration, Hydrology, Air Quality, and Utilities, Paleontological Resources, or Timberlands.

In addition, the proposed project would have no significant effect on Biological Resources, Land Use, Farmland, Water Quality, or Hazardous Materials.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on Visual Resources because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to insignificance; briefly:

Mitigation techniques such as contour grading, slope rounding and revegetation/replanting shall be employed.

All exposed ground surfaces should be hydro-seeded with appropriate plant species for erosion control purposes to reduce the degree of visual contrast of these areas and naturally recolonize with herbaceous plants occurring on adjacent, undisturbed slopes.

Oak trees having a diameter at breast height in excess of 4 inches that are removed during construction should be replaced by the same species at a 3:1 ratio for upland native oak trees, 5:1 for riparian native oak trees, and 1:1 for other non-native trees. All other felled trees having a diameter at breast height greater than 4 inches should be replaced at a ratio of 1:1. Trees will be replaced onsite to the extent possible after the completion of roadway construction. Caltrans will seek offsite planting areas only if replacement onsite is not feasible.

The new bridge railings should have a finished pattern, surface texture, and coloration that mimic the stone pattern, color, and texture of the original railing.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on traffic during construction because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to insignificance; briefly:

Caltrans will develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) in consultation with local officials regarding lane closures that may be required during bridge construction.

Caltrans Design will also work closely with local county officials and Caltrans TMP Manager to avoid bridge closure during the Napa County harvest season through implementation of one-way traffic control (including day times) that will be needed during construction.

Annual Average Daily Traffic: 2009, 2,450 vehicles (2.9% trucks); 2014 (Construction Year), 3,000 vehicles (2.9% trucks); 2024 (10 years after opening), 3,500 vehicles (2.9% trucks)

The full 200-page document is available on the Caltrans web site in the Napa County section at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm>

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Berryessa Highlands Water Conservation Tips

Ed and Cheryl Berg of Rimrock Road decided to do something about water conservation. Over the years they have always maintained one of the nicest front yards on Rimrock. Originally they used a non-conventional biomass method to aerate and fertilize their front lawn. This resulted in a lush green vista. However, over time the water crisis hit them hard



- Here are some of the water conservation methods they've done, are doing, and yet to do:
- Recirculation pump on hot water line, with timer or remote switch. This recirculates the cold water in the pipes back to the water heater until only hot water is ready to come out of your hot water tap. This method saves many gallons of water while taking showers or washing clothes.
 - Rock in your yards and use drought and deer tolerant plants. (Photo below)
 - Use timer and drip emitters on garden vegetables.
 - Replace leaking hose bibs.
 - Run bath water into buckets until hot and reuse to water with. (For homes without the re-circulating pump described above)
 - Put a brick in holding tank of toilets.
 - Compost your garden to enrich soil and save water.
 - Capture rainwater, keep it balanced and reuse in spring.
 - Wash full loads of laundry rather than small loads.
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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Home is where your heart is, and your lungs and liver too, but despite a month-long search they'll never find all of you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): For the third excruciating week in a row, you will find yourself powerless to prevent your day from perfectly mimicking the lyrics of "Stairway To Heaven."

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You can't help but feel that if there were something you could do to stop being such a wishy-washy, passive, indecisive loser, you would have done it by now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Air and fire magicks are very strong in your sign right now, so it's fortunate that you're really into igniting your own flatulence.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll find steady if undignified employment as the guy who stands right behind the crime boss and emphatically repeats the last words of all his sentences in a sneering voice.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The stars have no wisdom or portents to impart at this time, but thought it would be bad manners not to at least say hi.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Sometimes there is just no way to say you're sorry, but the rest of the time you should probably try just walking up to the person and saying "I'm sorry."

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You try to be a decent person with a good perspective on life and a firm view of right and wrong, but you'll soon find yourself ordering something called a half-caff skinny maple soy latte.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll be devastated by the news that you could have stopped a major tragedy in Nigeria if you had only answered their pleading e-mails in time.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Sometimes the exact right thing falls right out of the sky and hits you between the eyes, which will be the case next week after the bowling ball plant upwind from you explodes.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You'll worry about your mental health when your dog suddenly begins speaking to you in a commanding voice, but all it seems to want is food, water, and the occasional walk.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll set off on an unnerving romantic adventure with a new partner who shares your unhealthy interests and reflects all the things you like least about yourself.

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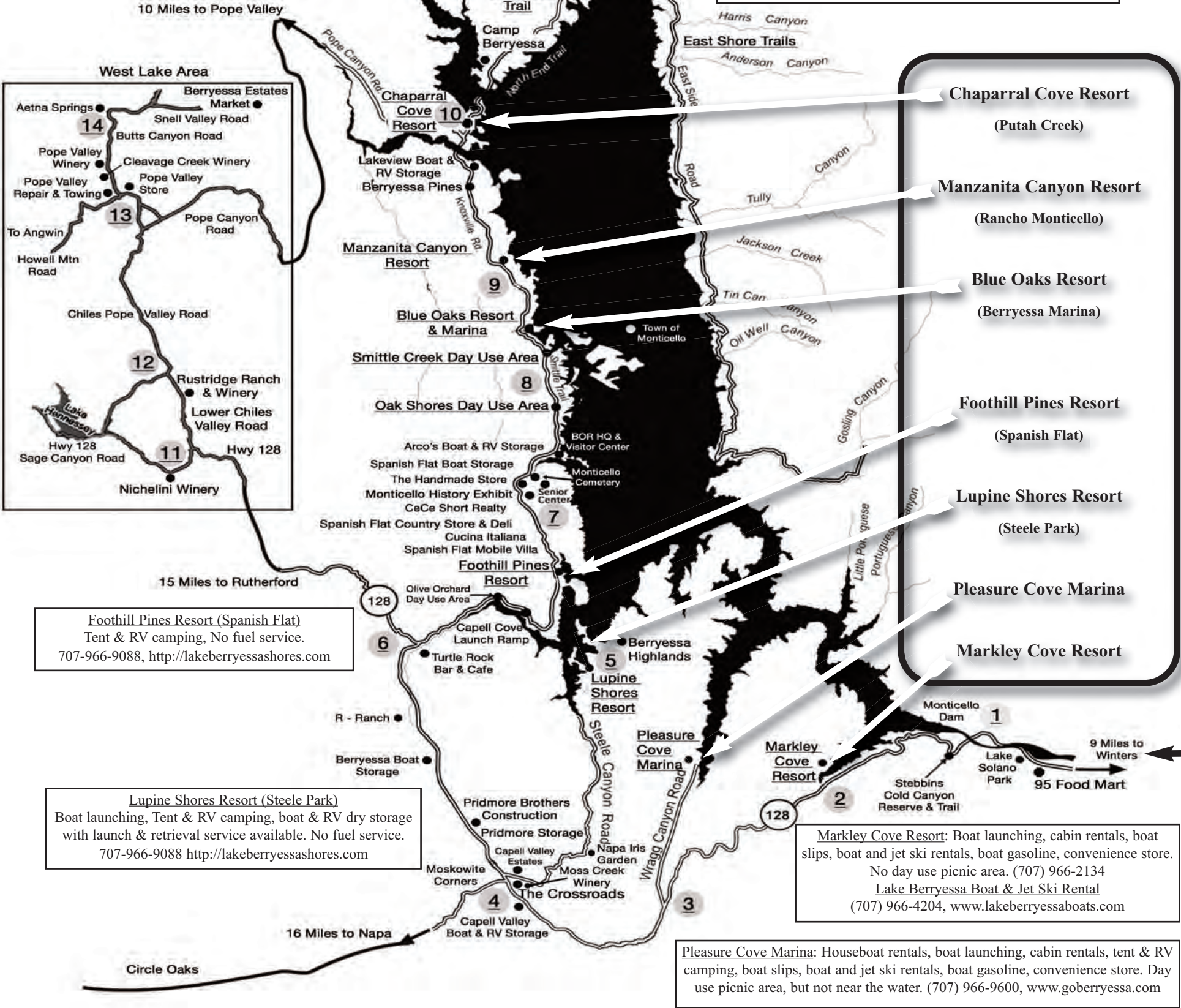
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Scuba Diving into Lake Berryessa History

By Peter Kilkus

Most people know that the Town of Monticello is submerged beneath Lake Berryessa. They've also seen the photos of the old town and the famous Putah Creek Bridge. An engineering marvel in its day, it was titled the "Queen of the Stone Bridges". Constructed in 1896, it would become the largest stone bridge west of the Rocky Mountains. Few people living today have ever seen it or crossed over it.

It had 3 arches, each spanning 70 feet and extending down to bedrock. The bridge totaled 298 feet in length, and it rose 42 feet above the low water at the center of the span. The bridge stones were set into a cement mortar. The sandstone blocks used withstood testing of 8,000 to 12,000 pounds per square inch. They used 675 barrels of cement, 380 barrels of lime, 55,000 feet of lumber for false work, as well as tons of iron. The arch stones were 3 feet 6 inches deep; 12 3/16 inches at the crown and 11 inches at the base. They used 2,600 loads of rock. Each load comprised 5 to 10 cubic yards of material. The total cost of the bridge was \$19,980.

There are many types of scuba divers. Some like me want clear warm water so we can feel like birds flying freely through the clear air. Jacques Cousteau said, "From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to the earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free."

Some adventurous souls like to cave dive and wreck dive – a much more technically demanding type of diving. And then there's Sharon Eckroth of San Francisco and her colleagues from the East Bay.

Sharon and her friends are trimix and tech divers. According to the Advanced Diving Technologies Dive Team, TDI/SDI, (www.adtscuba.com) which

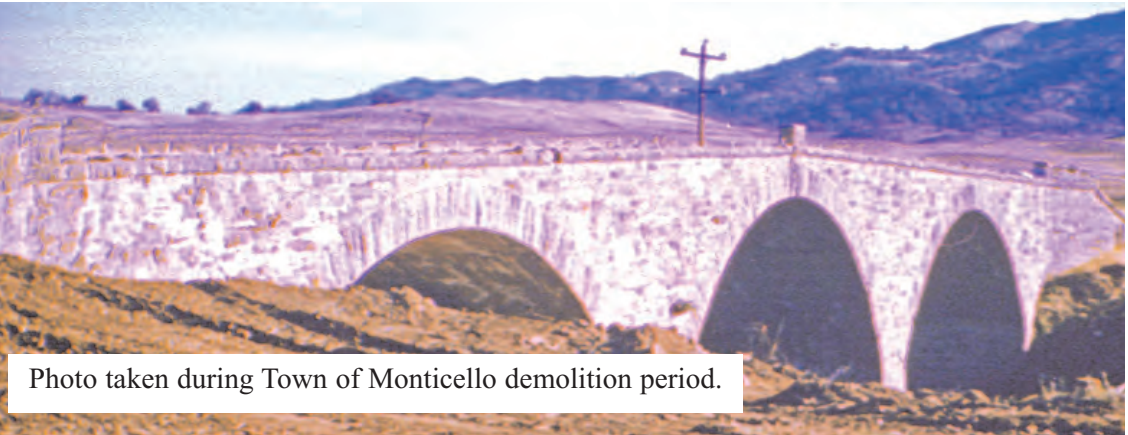


Photo taken during Town of Monticello demolition period.

has a tech diving training and gear center in Antioch, "For the extreme diver ready to further explore the world of technical deep diving, the gas of choice is trimix – a blend of oxygen, helium and nitrogen." Trimix is used in very deep dives instead of air to reduce the partial pressure of oxygen (to avoid oxy-

gen toxicity) and nitrogen (to avoid nitrogen narcosis).

Sharon and her friends (six Northern California divers) have set a goal to scuba dive to the bottom of Lake Berryessa and will document and photograph the Putah Creek Bridge and possibly the remains of the old Town of Monticello. They would also like to find and dive the newer 1941 Capell Creek Bridge near the Capell Public Launch Ramp, which actually was above water in the early 1990's drought.

Sharon told the Lake Berryessa News, "We have been working the project from several angles for about 5 years now. Done a few dives in the dark, cold, 3 ft viz water and yet to find something. We have been on the lake with depth and fish finders looking for obstacles, depressions, debris, etc. We have performed a few dives. But with the poor visibility, one could be 10 feet from the target and swim right by it.

We have been calculating lake levels then and now to determine depths. After runs over the area with fish and depth finders and a tow fish, we found

some interesting spikes that are out of place along the bottom.

In recent months we have located several folks, descendents of Monticello residents who have offered exciting new insight to our effort. We are engaged in this project as a means to help preserve the colorful

history of the area, feed our love for adventure and most importantly give back to the families to let them know this wonderful community is not forgotten!

We have searched current and historical maps, lake maps, Bureau of Reclamation records, USGS data, bridge experts, lake levels over the years, depth readings, media articles, local people and their

memories, and historical records, to list a few. This has been an exciting escapade and enhanced with every new detail we uncover!"

The dive team will be away in October to go cave diving in Florida. They want to develop as much information as they can before they leave. Their plan is to dive Lake Berryessa again in November when boat traffic is way down.

If you have any details you would like to share, know specific locations of the bridge(s), they would love to hear from you! Please contact Sharon at 925-216-8179, Dave at 510-490-4124 or email, Van3200@comcast.net



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He treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years before he realized she was Chinese.

While talking to me his nurse said, "Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he is invisible." The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Another time a man came running in the office and yelled, "Doctor, doctor, my son just swallowed a roll of film." The doctor calmly replied, "Let's just wait and see what develops."

One time I came in and said, "Doctor, I have a serious memory problem." The doctor asked, "When did it start?" I replied, "When did WHAT start?"

I remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: "Don't answer it.

My doctor sure has his share of nut cases. Someone said to him, "Doctor, I think I'm a bell." The doctor gave him some pills and said, "Here, take these. If they don't work, give me a ring."

Another guy told the doctor that he thought he was a deck of cards. My doctor simply said, "Go sit over there. I'll deal with you later."

When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to THOSE places.

Finally, my doctor can be so frustrating. I waited a month and a half for an appointment, and he said, "I wish you had come to me sooner."

Now that I'm done with him, my doctor needs his own doctor

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She asked, "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."

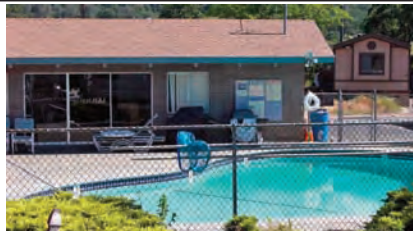
She was delighted, smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... but what about I, J, and K?"

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Even after fifteen years at Lake Berryessa, the Budweiser recycling joke still makes me smile. Lake Berryessa is now, and always has been, the cleanest lake in Northern California.

Unfortunately, during the controversial Bureau of Reclamation Visitor Services Plan process, which led to the present multi-year shutdown of Lake Berryessa, it appears that some folks consciously tried to promote the concept that the resorts had polluted the lake.

They were so successful, with the help of local exclusionist environmental groups, local media, and others that people would call the Bureau of Reclamation headquarters at Lake Berryessa and ask if it were safe for their children to swim in the lake!

Anheuser Busch – Fairfield Brewery wrote a letter during that period supporting their long-standing scientific analysis that Lake Berryessa water was pure - contradicting the pollution story.

Scientific data from other sources, including local water agencies and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership also corroborated this assessment. There has never been any documented evidence – ever – that Lake Berryessa water purity has been compromised.

Reliable water is rare in California and one of the most important elements in many manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology companies. Thirty years ago, when representatives from the Anheuser-Busch Inc. were looking for a West Coast

home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water.

Three decades later, the Fairfield brewery uses more than 1,500 acre-feet of Lake Berryessa water per year to brew more than 4 million barrels of beer annually.

Anheuser Busch is also a major financial supporter of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP). On June 5, 2011, World Environment Day, 25 Fairfield brewery employees joined the LBWP for a cleanup along the Lake Berryessa shoreline.

The LBWP promotes Lake Berryessa water quality through its mascot, Bilgee the Bilgee Pad, Clean Water Warrior, seen around the lake every weekend. (See story on Page 8.) Bilgee is accompanied by his friends, LBWP interns Sabrina Larsen and Jesse Hewson, who talk to boaters and other visitors about water quality, invasive species, and recycling.

According to Kevin Finger, General Manager of the Fairfield Brewery, "Water is vital to plant and animal life and it's a key ingredient in brewing beer, and one of five key ingredients used in the making of Budweiser – that's why we are committed to water conservation both inside and outside our breweries. Lake Berryessa is a consistent, high quality water source for our brewery. As with all our breweries, we carefully monitor our source water on a regular

basis. The water we receive is tested and goes through additional purification processes to meet the exacting standards of our brewers.

Water is not only a key ingredient in beer, it's also important in many other areas of a brewery. The majority of water used in a brewery is for cleaning, rinsing, heating, cooling and various other process areas. That's why we have long understood the importance of conserving water, and at the same time adhering to our strict quality standards. In fact, our U.S. breweries are some of the most water efficient in the world. Here in Fairfield, we've reduced our water use by 32 percent in the past 3 years."

The Anheuser Busch brewery opened in 1976 and employs about 460 people. It is Fairfield's single biggest user of water at about 2 million gallons daily, 7 percent of the entire city's consumption. All of this is Lake Berryessa water. Brewery officials don't think the city's Delta water is good enough for Budweiser.

New equipment, including a bio-energy recovery system reclaims water from the brewing process. The bio-energy system also generates more than 15 percent of the brewery's fuel needs by capturing the nutrients in brewing wastewater for conversion into biogas. Use of the renewable fuel enables the brewery to decrease its use of natural gas.

Honored more than a dozen times for waste reduction, the Fairfield facility recycles more

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than 99 percent of its solid waste, including scrap aluminum and metal, glass, cardboard, wood, brewing grain, beechwood chips, stretch wrap, labels, electronic equipment and batteries, according to the firm. Anheuser-Busch has been salvaging material from its brewing process since the late 19th century, when the company started offering used grain as cattle feed.

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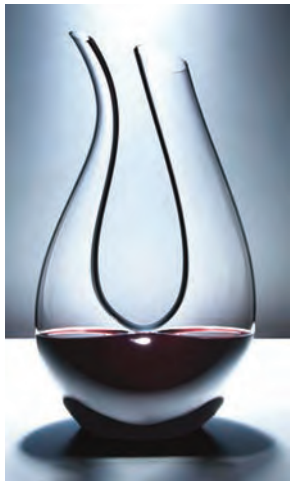
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer

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He's so dense, light bends around him.
I don't think his URL allows outside access.
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**Nichelini: Building a Stairway to Heaven
(or at least to Bocce and Wine-Tasting)**

The Nichelini Family Winery has provided a couple of great stories for the Lake Berryessa News in the past. Renovating the barn and finding four full beehives, which were successfully saved and transferred to Rustridge Ranch and Winery. Remodeling the house and finding a copy of the Oakland Tribune of May 4, 1939 under the linoleum - fascinating front page stories from pre-World War II days.

Now they’ve completed a new stairway making it easier to get to the lower level of the winery, which includes the bocce court and the barrel-stave tasting bar outside the barrel room. The tasting room occupies the original building, built by Anton Nichelini himself, and anchored by a hand-hewn stone cellar. Anton Nichelini first came to Chiles Valley on horseback in 1884 when Highway 128 was little more than a dirt trail.

The winery clings to a steep hillside, accessed from Sage Canyon Road above. To get to the tasting room, visitors had to clamber down a rather severe slope. During rainy season, things get slippery, and tastings traditionally had been relocated to a generic room within Nichelini’s former house that sits on top of the cellar.



The new stairs snake a path past the production area where all new equipment has replaced the original red-wood barrels. But with its 121-year-old construction, the wood barn is dark and rustic.

Multiple generations of Nichelini family carry on Anton's legacy. About 20 acres of Zinfandel remain from Anton's first planting in 1929. The black grape continues to star, as do Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and a Bordeaux white from 1946 vines. Last year, fewer than 2,000 cases total were produced, and bottles are available only through the winery or at a few restaurants owned by family friends - the Buckhorn and Putah Creek Café in Winters and Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa.

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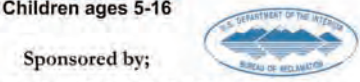
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to clean up 3 abandoned mercury/nickel mines in the upper Putah Creek watershed during the next 3 years. There are an estimated 40 abandoned mercury mines in both the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds. Clean up and restoration of these mine sites is difficult and demands persistence, collaboration, and funding. Details at:

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**Berryessa Senior Center Offers New
Services to the Community**

The Berryessa Senior Center has always had an open-door invitation to the Lake Berryessa community for all of its events and they have added some new services.

A Lending Library of books and puzzles is available, including games and cards. They accept book donations.

Ceramics: There is large variety of "Green Ware, to be cleaned", "Bisque Fired Ware" - ready to paint, and "finished pieces" ready to be “fired” for completion. Their kiln is in good working order and they will fire when they get a full load.

Making Clear Plate Pictures with Cloth: Material provided. Thanks to the Quecke family who donated plates, material, and cloth.

New Hours: During their regular Monday BINGO Game doors will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 PM or later if anyone wishes to stay. On Fridays they will open the doors from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. and again at 7:00pm to 10:00 PM during Cards and Movie time.

There is no charge, but donations are accepted gratefully. You may come in and look around or borrow pieces to work on at home. They will request that you sign out any material or paint for the ceramics and return the colors as you finish using them.

They have a good supply but limited colors. They have a Boutique that will sell finished products or you may keep them. If you have any questions please call Georgia at 707-966-2127.

The Senior Center rents it fully-equipped facility and Popcorn Machine for weddings and private events. They also loan medical supplies and equipment at no charge. Call 707-966-0206 and leave a message.

Wine and Food Pairing: Ripple & Ribs or Thunderbird & Tri-tip?

By Peter Killus

As an ignorant, non-wine snob, when I heard about wine and food pairings I thought that meant mixing a forkful of food with a slug of wine and chewing til it tasted good. I learned the sad, complicated truth from a book I was just sent for review.

100 Perfect Pairings by Jill Silverman Hough of Napa, tried to set me on the right path to perfection. The first part of the book explains in relatively simple terms the principles of wine and food pairing.

Hough says,”We’ve all heard a lot about how this wine tastes jammy and that one is aromatic, and those nuances can come into play. But in pairing a food with a wine, or vice versa, the most important factors are the wine’s broader characteristics, not the nuances. And those broad characteristics are:

- the wine’s sweetness or dryness (lack of sweetness)
- the wine’s acidity, crispness, or brightness
- the wine’s tannins (which cause that bitter, dry-mouth feeling you often get from a red wine)
- the wine’s weight or richness (how light or heavy it feels in your mouth)
- the wine’s intensity (how subtle or strong its flavors are)

To create great food and wine combinations, the trick is to be familiar with these characteristics for each wine variety - or at least the ones you like - and then apply a few tips about what works and what doesn’t.”

general pairing tips

1. Pair sweet foods with sweet wines. For example, chocolate and Port. If you pair a sweet food with an unsweet, or dry, wine, it can make the wine taste sour or, in a red wine, it can accentuate those bitter, dry-mouth tannins. Even a dish that’s just a little sweet, like honey-glazed ham, can have enough sweetness to make a dry wine taste less than ideal. So while sweet dishes need sweet wines, slightly sweet dishes often need slightly

sweet, or off-dry, wines.

2. Pair acidic foods with acidic wines. For example, salad with a vinaigrette dressing and Sauvignon Blanc. If you pair a not-very-acidic food with an acidic wine, it can make the wine taste more acidic, and sometimes downright sour.

3. Pair rich/meaty/heavy, acidic, or slightly bitter foods with tannic wines (wines that give you that bitter, dry-mouth feeling you often

get from a red wine). For example, charbroiled steak with mustard sauce and Cabernet Sauvignon. If you choose a food that fails to somehow account for the tannins in a wine, it can make the wine taste even more tannic, and sometimes unpalatably bitter.

4. Pair light foods with light wines and heavy foods with heavy wines.

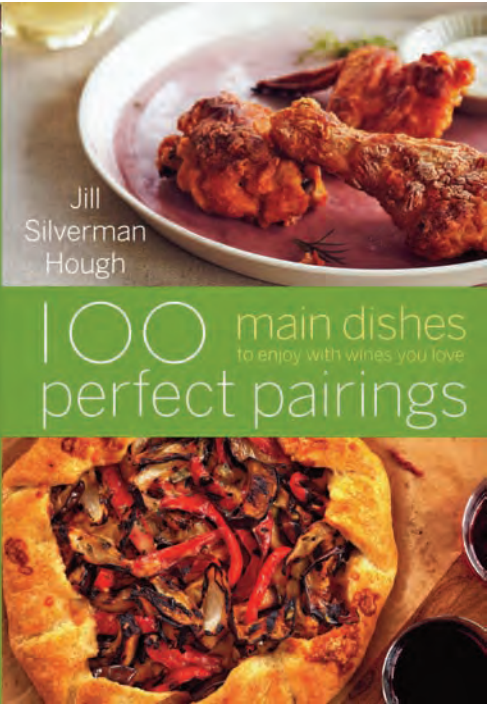
For example, tomato salad and Pinot Grigio, or Brie baked in puff pastry and Chardonnay. If you pair a light food with a heavy wine, or vice

versa, things won’t necessarily taste bad, they’ll just seem out of balance.

5. Pair intense foods with intense wines. For example, peppercorn steak and Syrah. As with the preceding tip, this helps prevent one component from overwhelming the other.

6. When considering a dish, consider its most expressive components. In other words, when deciding if your dish is sweet, acidic, rich/meaty, heavy, bitter, light, or intensely flavored, or some combination, don’t look to its main ingredient. Consider the dish as a whole, identify the dominant flavors and textures, and then let those elements inform your wine choice.

For example, fillet of sole with cream sauce and Chardonnay. In this example, the light fish might suggest a light wine. But the most expressive component of the dish isn’t the fish - it’s the cream sauce. And since that’s rich, according to General Pairing Tip 4, the dish would be best with a rich wine.



A New Culinary Concept: The Cookbook Restaurant!

Whenever I see a recipe that looks fantastic, I count the number of ingredients, the number of preparation steps, and the time to complete the process. If the recipe violates my 5-5-5 rule (more than 5 ingredients, 5 steps, and 5 minutes) I must reject that recipe on principle.

After reading 100 Perfect Pairings, discussed at the left, and the mouthwatering recipes included there, I wished there were a restaurant to which I could bring an intriguing recipe and have them prepare it for me right then and there! It’s not as if they don’t have all the ingredients already (probably). Fascinating recipes from the book I wish I could try:

Bacon-wrapped filet mignon with blackberries

Smoked trout salad with endive, ricotta salata, and pickled fennel

Herbed goat cheese-stuffed chicken breasts on a spring herb salad

Aniseed-crusted ahi with endamame three-bean salad

Coriander and fennel seed Cornish hens with cucumber sauce

Merlot-braised lamb shanks with gorgonzola polenta

Tapenade swordfish skewers with warm edemame bulgur salad

Macadamia-crusted sturgeon with brown butter papaya

When I broached this subject with my friend, Chef Steano Gusberti of Cucina Italiana, he simply whacked me in the back of the head and walked away shaking his head and nearly losing his toque chef hat. I wonder what that means in Italian?



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8 **Clean Water & Why It Matters**

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Untreated Lake Berryessa water generally meets primary and secondary public health drinking water standards. This means the water is clean and safe, which is very good for all the lake visitors and permanent residents who rely on Lake Berryessa’s clean water for drinking and household uses, as well as the people and ecosystems that rely on the Sacramento Delta, where the water eventually ends up.

The Travels of a Piece of Lake Berryessa Trash

By Sabrina Larsen and Jesse Hewson, LBWP Summer Interns

A day out on the lake with family and friends often results in loads of laughs, sun, food and the disposing of a day’s worth of trash. Unlike the day use areas and resorts, the lake itself does not have strategically placed recycling and trash bins meant to help keep the lake garbage free. Despite the minor inconvenience of keeping a designated trash bag on your boat, the lack of floating trash bins does not justify the practice of dumping garbage into the lake itself.

Some boaters are still unaware of the unintended consequences that littering on the water may cause. During a routine bilge pad installation, a recent visitor to the boat launch at Lupine Shores shared his hopefully unique experience of picking up piles of trash that were floating on the water throughout the day. Even more concerning than the fact that garbage had been dumped on the water was imagining what may have happened to the trash if this boater had left it out there.

Imagine a plastic bag that happened to avoid capture by good Samaritans during its journey to Monticello Dam. Being unaware of the concept of a watershed, this lucky plastic bag doesn’t realize the voyage that it is has embarked on. Lake Berryessa’s watershed extends far beyond its shores and past the dam. Assuming that an unlucky bird does not decide to eat the indigestible plastic for its next meal, or that it doesn’t get caught up in riparian vegetation (plants along the creeks corridor) this single piece of plastic will make its way from the grocery store, to Lake Berryessa, through either Solano County to the end of Putah South Canal or find its way flowing in Putah Creek out to the Sacramento River. The eventual destination may just be the Pacific Ocean where the plastic will break into smaller and smaller pieces and remain forever.

Similar to an invasive Zebra Mussel, the seemingly immobile plastic bag can use people and boats to travel to and from Lake Berryessa just as you do. Please keep this scenario in mind the next time you see a plastic bag or any piece of trash. And, just maybe you will pick it up and stop its voyage before it begins.

The Majestic Plastic Bag - A Mockumentary at
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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Soon you will reach the halfway point of your life, allowing you to look back on past triumphs as well as forward to the time when you'll be old enough to legally buy alcohol.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Demanding excellence from yourself and your colleagues is not enough. Demand excellence from yourself and excellence, cash, and valuables from your colleagues.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Sleep will elude you as you wrestle all night with existential questions of mortality and meaning as well as a couple of random wrestlers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Remember, only you can give yourself permission to be happy, although the people in charge of giving you permission to use the bathroom may have something to say about that.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You hate the phrase "We're through the looking glass here, people," but you'll have to use it anyway this week when you and a bunch of people go through a looking glass.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): People will say you've hit a new low even for you, which is depressing, as they clearly haven't been paying attention to a thing you've done.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You knew that moving to the suburbs would expose you to a whole new kind of culture shock, but you had no idea there were people who didn't get drunk to mow the lawn.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Romance will bloom in your sign this week, coating everything with a thin layer of pollen and making a mess before germinating into the over-ripe and rotten fruit of routine.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): There will be no major changes in your life this week, which given the fires and barracudas, is pretty terrible news.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Everything will go just fine next week except for the part with the truckload of carpet tacks, which doesn't really come when you'd think the part with the truckload of carpet tacks would.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): It's true that just one more cookie won't hurt, as the volcanic activity that will soon render all your earthly concerns irrelevant has been building up for months now.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll have difficulty making yourself understood next week, and for quite a while, even though the people who found you frozen in that block of ice are extremely intelligent scientists.



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- 3 . And discover #1 is a lie.
- 4 . You are smiling now because you are an idiot.
- 5 . You soon will share this with another idiot.
- 6 . There is still a stupid smile on your face. I sincerely apologize about this but I'm an idiot and I needed company!!

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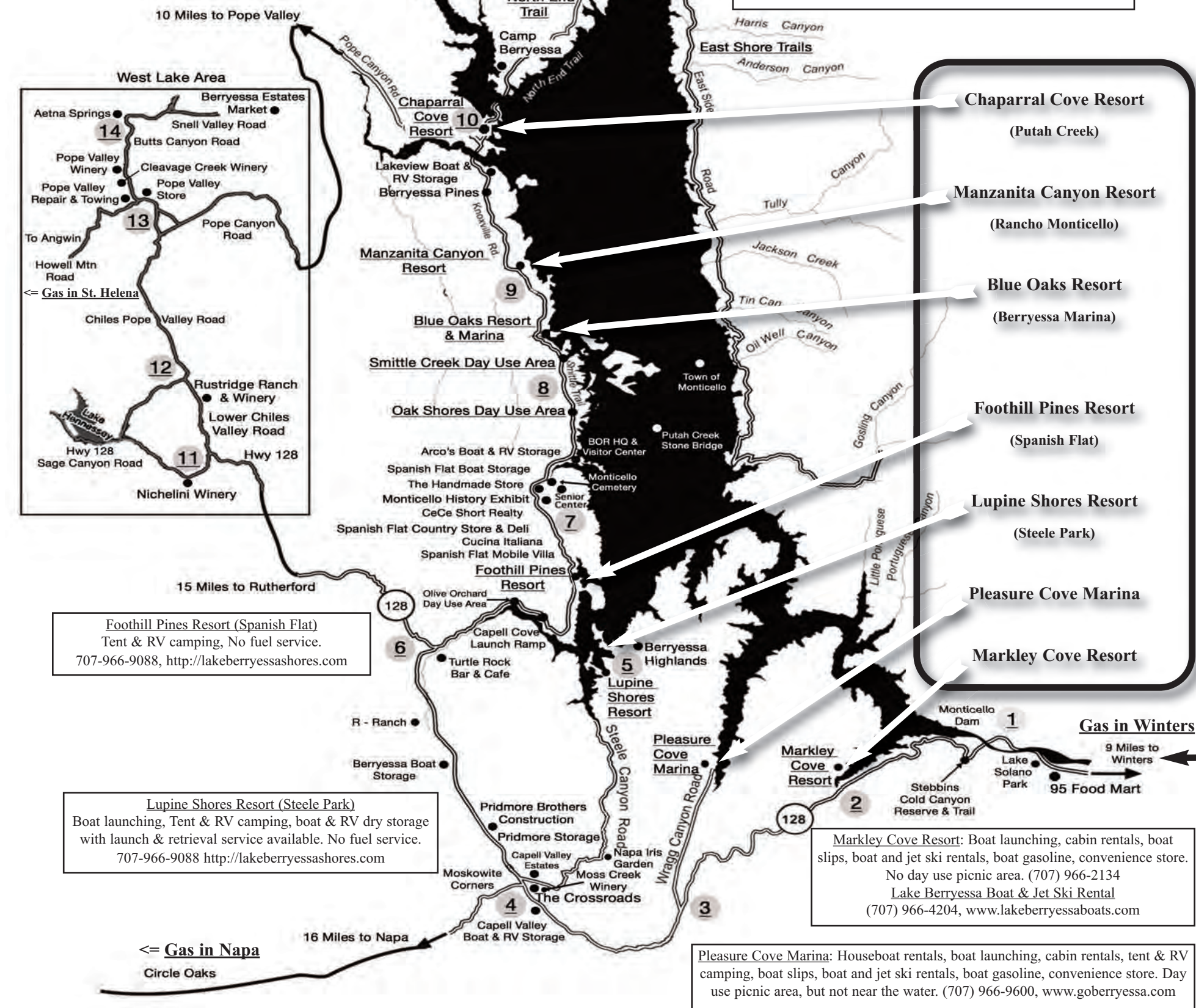
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Diving into Lake Berryessa History -Part 2

Where Are They?

by Peter Kilkus

The scuba diving article in the last issue of the Lake Berryessa News generated a lot of excitement and response. Thanks to all the people who contacted the dive team with information and suggestions. I've talked to several people who actually walked across that bridge many times. It was to low and the water too shallow for anyone to dive from it into Putah Creek.

Local fisherman, Sam Boucher, sent in some topo maps with GPS coordinates for the Town of Monticello and the old Putah Creek stone bridge. He also sent in a photof of the Capell Creek Bridge near the launch ramp when it came out of the water during the big drought of 1990.

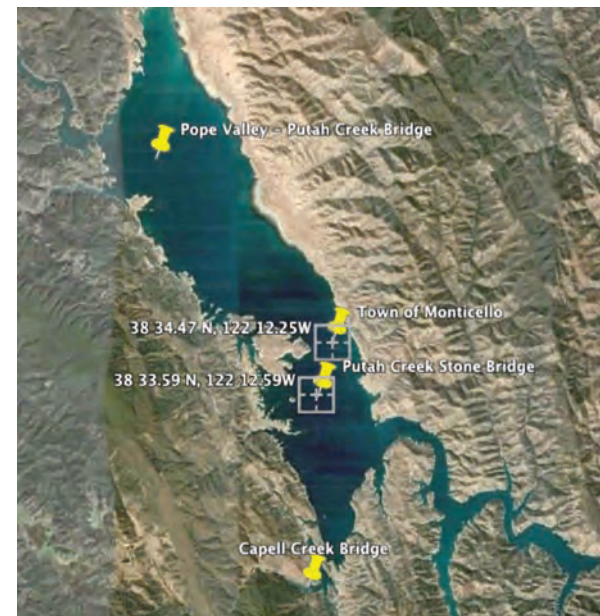
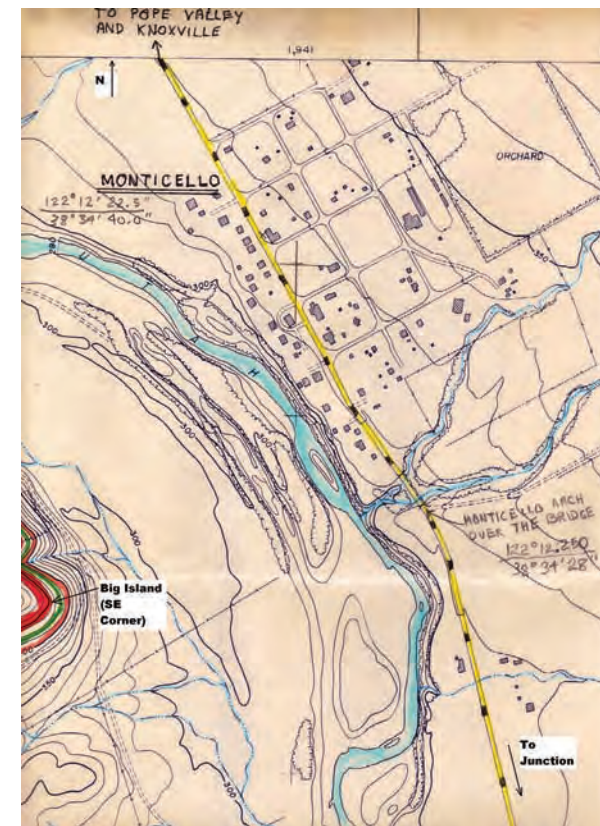
The Capell Creek Bridge (one of several with the same name) was located just east of the public ramp near the 5 mile an hour buoys. A short video of it is available on You Tube at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BnqCJPEbyw

One conclusion I came to from studying the maps was that it was a lot easier getting around the south end of the Berryessa Valley (from Spanish Flat to the Berryessa Highlands for example) before the lake filled up!

Town of Monticello GPS coordinates:
122° 12.25'W, 38° 34.47'N

Putah Creek Stone Bridge GPS coordinates:
122° 12.59' W, 38° 33.59'N



California Department of Boating and Waterways 2007 – 2009 California Boater Survey Report

A survey of 5,735 boaters was administered throughout the State to determine boater attitudes, opinions, and knowledge. The survey is extremely detailed and is available at: www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/materialsforeducators.html. Some excerpts are published below.

Age of Boaters

More than half of the survey respondents (56 percent) were 50 years of age or older and about three quarters (77 percent) were 42 or older. Only 10 percent of boaters in the sample were age 33 or younger.

Table 1. Respondent Age

16 – 25: 2.6%
26 – 33: 7.0%
34 – 41: 13.6%
42 – 49: 21.2%
50 – 65: 43.0%
Over 65: 12.6%

Boating Experience

Nearly three quarters (72 percent) of the respondents surveyed said they had more than 5 years of boating experience, 21 percent had between 1 and 5 years, and 7 percent had less than one year

Table 2. Length of Boating Experience

Less than 6 months: 4.8%
6 – 11 months: 2.6%
1 – 2 years: 7.7%
3 – 5 years: 12.8%
More than 5 years: 72.3%

All Reasons for Choosing Launch Location

Launch ramp, good access, wide lanes: 31.8%
Close to where stores boat: 30.1%
Convenient trailer parking: 18.6%
Restrooms: 11.1%
Fuel dock: 5.9%
Restaurant: 5.0%
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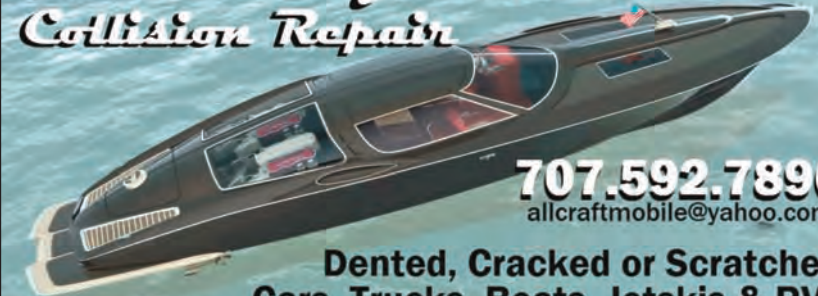
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Lake Berryessa: When Do Past Memories Actually Become “HISTORY”?

by Peter Kilkus

A fascinating document surfaced recently (sent to me by an attorney friend) with the simple title: Investigative Report: Pensus, Inc. The 17-page report was prepared by the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior, at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson and released on March 3, 2011 (although sources kept telling me that it had not yet been made public).

The report synopsis stated, “In his letter to the Acting Inspector General, the Congressman noted several concerns received from his constituents (John and Linda Frazier of Markley Cove) about the integrity of the USBR contract process.”

The report concluded, “We found no evidence that USBR violated the law or public policy in regard to the contract solicitation and award to Pensus for the Lake Berryessa concession contracts.”

There’s much more about this report to come later in this story, but it reminded me that we are in the last stages of a “historical” process that began about ten years ago. On November 7, 2000 the Bureau of Reclamation published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register initiating their plan to destroy a family-based recreational culture at Lake Berryessa.

OK, you got me – I exaggerate (slightly). The NOI actually stated: “The Bureau of Reclamation is initiating a formal Visitor Services Planning effort for the Lake Berryessa Recreation Area. The

purpose of the Visitor Services Plan is to determine the type and level of commercial facilities and services that are necessary and appropriate for future long term operations...The time frame for completion of this plan is 18 to 24 months...The draft EIS is expected to be completed by November 2001. The final EIS is scheduled to be released in March 2002.”

The Draft EIS (DEIS) was actually released on October 31, 2003, 2 years late, and therein lies the beginning of the tragic tale that led to the present situation at Lake Berryessa.

In early 2001 Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa was formed and requested that Reclamation meet with resort mobile home owners. BOR ungraciously agreed but made it crystal-clear that they intended that all long-term sites be removed in any new plan.

But is this tragic tale (of which I can document every sad step) actually “History” yet? And would the Markley Pensus IG Investigative Report be considered part of that “History” or just a current event on the path to the glorious new Lake Berryessa envisioned by the victors in this decade-long process?

In a BBC History Magazine poll readers were asked when they thought history began – in other words, how much time has to pass before a certain event becomes history. The response that received the most votes: a second before the present. The second largest response was that events become part of history only after a decade has passed. This is a practical peo-

ple-based view of history.

Academic historians define history as presenting facts without expressing any opinion or analysis of the events whereas memories are comprised of emotions that can have a great influence on the perception of an actual event. Critical historians live by the old saying of "there are two sides to every story and then there is the truth." Historians live where the truth is hidden in the 12 different stories told by the 12 different people all witnessing the same event from a different viewpoint.

That’s why they believe that it takes approximately fifty years before a balanced view of what actually happened and why emerges. The people involved have to die off and stop defending turf before a more objective viewpoint can develop. A good example of this are the two recent examples of revisionist history just released by Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney.

I’m more interested in the narrative approach to defining history. It is organized chronologically; focused on a single coherent story; primarily descriptive but also analytical; primarily concerned with people but also the abstract circumstances in which they find themselves; and deals with the particular and specific first and the collective and statistical second.

To me a big part of the fascination with any history is trying to discover what was going on inside people's heads in the past, and what it was like to live in the past. Carol Fitzpatrick’s Town of Monticello History Exhibit at the

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Spanish Flat Center is this type of narrative history, for example. Also see Monticello Rodeo story on Page 9.

A great book is “Roots of the Present: Napa Valley 1900 to 1950” by Lin Weber, available at the Napa County Library. It reads like a novel, but is an academically solid description of Napa County “History”.

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So how does this new Inspector General’s Investigative Report fit into Lake Berryessa history?

The report itself is not a thorough legal investigation as much as it is a narrative of recollections and comments of the participants in the process. The “bad guy” in all of it turns out to be a single unnamed individual attorney in the DOI’s Office of the Solicitor (SOL).

The first bid process was complete. The Pleasure Cove contract had already been negotiated and signed. The Pensus contract had been negotiated and in review. The Markley Cove contract negotiations were ready to begin.

During review of Pensus’ contract, SOL identified legal flaws that would supposedly put Reclamation at risk of violating the Antideficiency Act which prohibits the government from purchasing, or implying that they may purchase, assets for which funds have not yet been approved by Congress.

Reclamation had inadvertently used a clause from a National Park Service contract template that included this type of language. Since no one could predict the financial situation at the end of a 40-year contract, nor would anyone expect Congress to actually make an appropriation in 2010 for a 2050 expenditure, the contracts would previously just state something like “depending on funds being appropriated by Congress”.

Apparently this was not acceptable to the SOL. Nor was it acceptable to simply remove the offending language by “red-lining” it and getting on with business. The Attorney-Advisor said that would be unfair to the losing bidders and that the only fair alternative was to re-do the whole bid process. As a result, SOL advised USBR to rescind the June 2007 prospectus and all asso-

ciated agreements on February 26, 2009, and requested that the prospectus be revised and rebid.

Aside from the shocking use of the word “fair” by the SOL to justify undoing years of effort, that “fairness” had actually not been applied during the original bid process.

There were six original bidders. The owners of Rancho Monticello and four partners had applied to run five of the seven resorts under the name Lago Resorts LLC. One of the partners, California Parks Co., a company that runs the concessions across California, would manage the resorts.

Lago Resorts bid to operate Rancho Monticello, Putah Creek, Berryessa Marina, Spanish Flat and Markley Cove. The plan, explained Bob White, included spending \$90 million to remodel, upgrade and build new facilities at the resorts while keeping the resorts open.

The other applicants were: Recreation Del Sol Enterprises LLC , St. Helena, CA (Peter White – a previous owner/partner at Rancho Monticello); Pensus Group LLC with experience operating marinas in Arizona but not ground-based resorts; FX10 LLC (Linda Frazier bidding on her own Resort, Markley Cove); Steele Park Resort Inc., and Pleasure Cove Marina LLC, a subsidiary of Forever Resorts Inc, which has extensive resort management experience nationally and internationally, but only bid to operate Pleasure Cove Marina.

The fact that Forever Resorts only bid on Pleasure Cove, which had been given to them by Reclamation after it confiscated the resort from Steve Petty in 2005, was a disappointment to Reclamation. Clearly, Reclamation wanted a single company to take over the Lake Berryessa resorts - as documented in the bid prospectus. They

were hopeful that Forever Resorts would be that “white knight”.

Reclamation had attempted, even in 2005, to lay the groundwork to justify giving Forever Resorts any of the other existing resorts, stating: "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."

But apparently Forever Resorts’ experience at Lake Berryessa did not incline them to get in any deeper financially.

The Lago Resorts bid was outstanding. In the interest of full disclosure, I wrote the ISO 14000 Environmental Management System for Rancho Monticello which was used in the Lago Resorts bid. I also wrote the Environmental Management Plan for the Steele Park bid and participated in writing one for the Markley Cove bid.

But a funny thing happened to the Lago bid on the way to the evaluation. It was rejected as non-responsive and tossed out. Arguably an outstanding bid backed by substantial investment resources and managed by people with decades of experience.

It was never evaluated!

Per the Whites, “The bid was declared non-responsive due to one sentence that did not make the U.S. government the first lien holder on personal property loans, i.e., cars, equipment, etc. We did request consideration and revisions, but were flatly rejected. That “first lien” clause has since been

removed from all current contracts.”

The terms of 2009 Bid Prospectus, and the fact that the Bureau of Reclamation had already forced the closure of Rancho Monticello and Spanish Flat, made it impossible for Lago Resorts to bid again.

What’s more puzzling about the Lago rejection is that Reclamation allowed bidders to modify (clarify) their bids per a statement in both the 2007 and 2009 bids.

“An Offeror may not amend or supplement a proposal after the submission date unless requested by Reclamation to do so and unless Reclamation provides all Offerors that submit proposals a similar opportunity to amend or supplement their proposals.”

This opportunity was presented to Pensus when they apparently violated a Franchise Fee requirement in the second bid process. In the first prospectus, a bidder was allowed to bid a 0 percent franchise fee. The second prospectus clearly stated that each bid proposal must include a minimum 1 percent franchise fee.

But Pensus did not propose a franchise fee in the second bid – probably inadvertently – which would have made their bid “non-responsive” – the same justification that Reclamation used to deny the original Lago Resorts bid. However, in this case Pensus was allowed to modify/clarify their bid.

So “fairness” appears to have a hazy definition in government circles. From a pragmatic point of view, there was no one left among the original bidders to whom to be “fair”. Lago had been eliminated. Steele Park and Spanish Flat had given up.

Pleasure Cove/Forever Resorts had already signed a contract and threatened legal action if they were forced to re-bid. Reclamation backed down.

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Event Calendar

September 17 - Saturday: Coastal Cleanup Day, 9 AM - Noon. Volunteers needed above and below our waterways. Underwater scuba dive clean-up at the Pope Creek Bridge. Contact Marianne Butler at (707)301-5778 or Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111, ext 143, or jgjordan@usbr.gov.

September 17 - Saturday: Putah Creek Trout Annual Creek Cleanup of Putah Creek below Monticello Dam to the beginning of Lake Solano at Access 5. Meet at Access 5, 9 AM to form teams. Afterward meet at noon at Access 3 for a barbeque (you don't need to bring anything). You can register at the link <http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=64>, or send me an email at SK60@putahcreektrout.org,

September 17 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Potluck, 6 PM. The Center will furnish lasagn, salad, and garlic bread. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Nominations for the board of Directors will take place.

September 18 - Sunday: Classic Car Auto Tour of Lake Berryessa starts at Cucina Italiana at noon. We hope you can join us for some for some informal fun with some cool cars. Questions? Call Hugh 707-290-5849

September 20 - Tuesday & September 22 - Thursday: National Centenarians Day, Sept. 22, a day to recognize and honor individuals who have lived a century or longer. The Napa County Board of Supervisors plans to honor Napa centenarians at its Sept. 20 Board meeting at 10 a.m.

September 23-25 - Friday - Sunday: 32nd Annual Clear Lake Seaplane Splash-In. The largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi will be held in Lakeport. The public can get a close-up look at float planes on Saturday, talk with pilots, and witness a spectacle of aerial events including water-bombing contests, a parade of seaplanes, fly-bys, and more.

October 1 - Saturday: The ALS Association will be hosting the 11th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS at Raley Field, West Sacramento. Registration 9:00 AM. Walk 11:00 AM. Face painters, clowns, and vendors. Free to the community including a complimentary continental breakfast. ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as, “Lou Gehrig’s Disease” is a progressive degenerative disorder of the upper and lower motor neurons.

Bureau of Reclamation Events at Lake Berryessa

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Saturday, October 1: Berryessa Fall Bird Species Inventory, 8 AM – Noon.

A great way to get a little exercise, learn some local history and tally Berryessa's fall bird species all at the same time. Join Reclamation Ranger and former professional birding guide Scott Huber as he visits Berryessa's three dominant vegetation regions - oak woodlands, chaparral and grasslands - to inventory the newly returning fall migrants. Led by the Ranger, participants will car-pool the length of the lake stopping for short walks at the most likely spots to build an impressive 1-day bird list. Along the way, participants will also learn about the history of the Berryessa Valley and the Solano water project. Children are urged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Monticello Dam Overlook Parking Lot.

Dam Level Update as of Monday,9/5/11

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

Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.

The water is now **12.30** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
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8/23/11	428.58	0.28	89	57	0.00
8/24/11	428.51	0.25	96	57	0.00
8/25/11	428.44	0.28	97	56	0.00
8/26/11	428.36	0.30	98	56	0.00
8/27/11	428.28	0.28	99	54	0.00
8/28/11	428.22	0.29	99	54	0.00
8/29/11	428.13	0.28	96	58	0.00
8/30/11	428.06	0.32	97	54	0.00
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9/1/11	427.91	0.25	92	56	0.00
9/2/11	427.84	0.21	96	56	0.00
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Obama Turns 50 Despite Republican Opposition

WASHINGTON—After months of heated negotiations and failed attempts to achieve any kind of consensus, President Obama turned 50 years old Thursday, drawing strong criticism from Republicans in Congress.

"With the host of problems this country is currently facing, the fact that our president is devoting time to the human process of aging is an affront to Americans everywhere," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who advocated a provision to keep Obama 49 at least through the fall of 2013.

"To move forward unilaterally and simply begin the next year of his life without bipartisan support—is that any way to lead a country?"

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By Evan Kilkus

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Initially, one of the drivers in line unloaded a small hand saw, which was very effective at removing the smaller limbs and getting them out of the way. Just as the group of neighbors and visitors finished removing all of the bulky and thin branches, a Berryessa Highlands resident arrived with a chainsaw. Within 10 more minutes, the spontaneous volunteers cut up and removed the entire tree, while safely guiding the line of lake-goers trying to get home on the lane that they had initially cleared.

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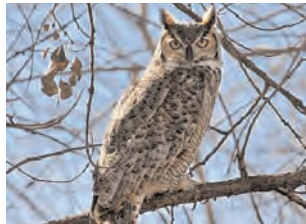
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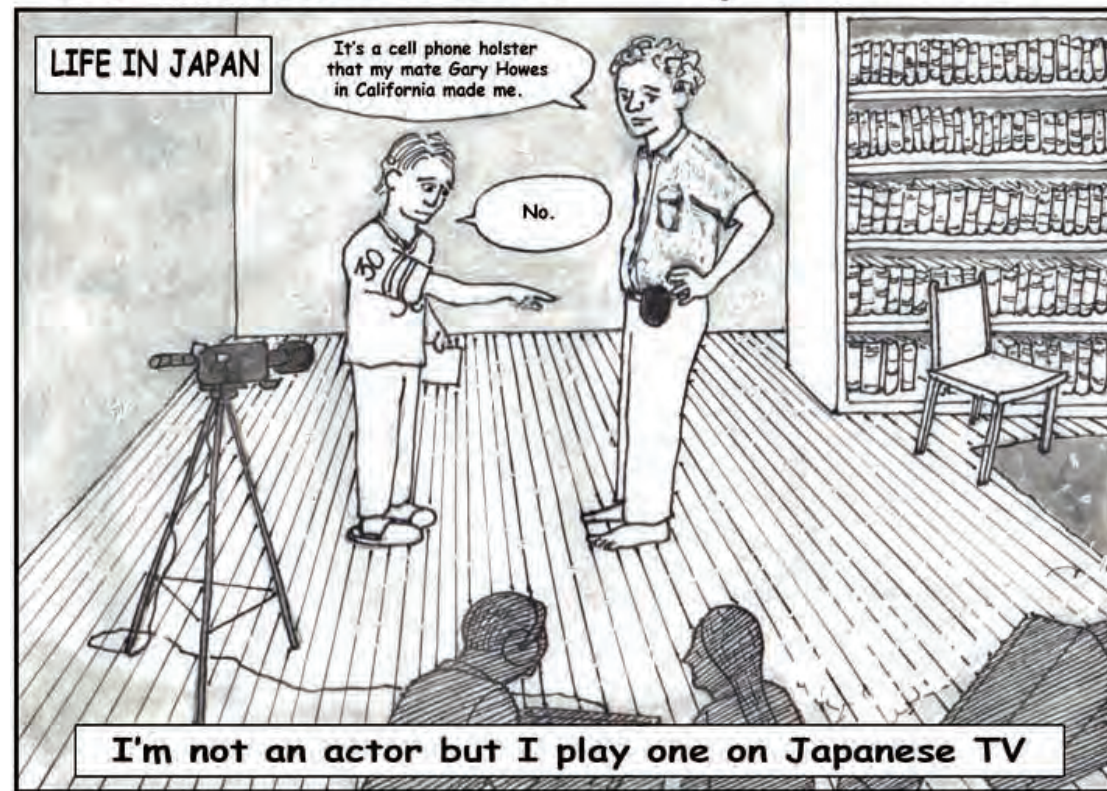
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- * You feel like the morning after but you didn't go out the night before.
- * Your children begin to look middle aged.
- * Your idea of weight lifting is standing up.
- * You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.
- * It takes twice as long to look half as good.
- * You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
- * Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
- * You and your teeth don't sleep together.
- * Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.
- * You regret all those mistakes you made resisting temptation.
- * Your secrets are safe with friends, they can't remember them either.
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The Inspector General’s report shows that most of the local Reclamation officials did not really want to redo the bidding process. But there are pretzel-twisting rationalizations of why a winning bid award does not mean a contract. There are long sections of self-justification and hand-wringing, which makes for interesting reading, but then Reclamation did the totally unnecessary anyway - and forced a re-bid.

One interesting revelation is the mindset of BOR Area Manager Michael R. Finnegan. Finnegan did not participate in the June 2007 bid review or selection process. Finnegan believed that the review panel misinterpreted the evaluation criteria and selected the Fraziers as having the best proposal for the Markley Cove concession only because it misinterpreted the Record of Decision and failed to seek clarification.

Finnegan explained that the review panel had misinterpreted the “continuity of operations” provision in the Record of Decision to mean that there must be zero impact on the continuity of business operations at the Markley Cove concession during the new concession contractor’s transition phase. Finnegan emphasized that if not for the panel’s misinterpretation, Pensus would have been selected as having the best proposal for the Markley Cove concession.

Conclusions? Read the report for yourself if you’re interested. It’s on the Lake Berryessa News web site for download. Or you can go to the source itself: www.doioig.gov/report-database to get Report OI-CA-10-0470-I.

A basic unanswered question which will probably remain unanswered is why - when the new prospectus was the same as the old prospectus - did Markley Cove lose the bid the second time? SOL did not investigate that nor will the primary documents be released - even under a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request. The Lake Beryessa Chamber of Commerce tried the FOIA process and was rebuffed.

None of the principals in the report were willing to comment publicly since apparently some discussions are ongoing. It appears that much pain and suffering have been caused by a government agency out of touch with its impacts on the lives of real people and local communities. The report is another example of something that just didn’t have to happen this way.

It’s past history with overtones of current events. What will “future history” bring?

Volunteers Needed for Coastal Cleanup Day to help clean up Lake Berryessa!

Canoeists, scuba divers, kayakers & folks to scour the shoreline are all welcome and needed

Saturday, September 17th is the 27th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day, an international event with more than 50 cleanup sites in Solano County and 12 in Napa County alone.

The lake provides drinking water for almost a half million people in Solano County including the Budweiser Brewery and the Jelly Belly factory.

Last year, nearly 100 volunteers collected 800 pounds of trash and 1800 hundred pounds of recyclables from the lake and shoreline.

Lake Berryessa will be hosting two of the cleanup sites in Napa County. One of the sites will be along the trails near Markley Cove where we need volunteers for the ground crew.

The other site is located under Pope Creek Bridge where we need the assistance of divers and canoeists.

This year we are working to lesson our ecological footprint by inviting volunteers to bring reusable gloves and water bottles. Hope to see you there!

Organizers for the event include the Bureau of Reclamation, Solano Resource Conservation District, Blue Ridge-Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, Napa County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and Iguana Bob's Dive Center.

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Of Rodeos and Barbecues: How Memories of the Past Become “History”

I just read a fascinating book available at the Napa County Library: Roots of the Present: Napa Valley 1900 to 1950 by Lin Weber. It reads like a novel, but is an academically solid description of Napa County “History”. I had heard about oil well drilling in the Berryessa Valley but had not known that there were actually two oil rushes out here - first in 1901 and again in the early 1920's. Nor that Putah Creek was pronounced "Pewter" by the old-timers.

The following description of the Monticello Rodeo brings it back almost like a memory rather than history. Photos and video of the old rodeo are on display at Carol Fitzpatrick's Monticello History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center.

Monticello’s main claim to fame in the 1930’s was not its illusory oil fields nor its good, honest grain, but its annual rodeo and barbeque. It had been attracting thousands since 1926. An outgrowth of the little valley’s annual springtime cattle round-up, it was one of the first in California to feature professional contestants. The Monticello Community Club hosted the event on the first Sunday of May for 15 years, and the program was always the same.

The night before the event, the barbecue committee built a bonfire of oak wood in a big pit next to the Monticello community hall. When the timbers became white-hot coals, the men and women of the committee sprinkled on a thin layer of loamy dirt and then dropped in some prime hindquarters of local-grown beef, which had been wrapped in many layers of cheese-cloth. They covered the meat with more loam and then built a new fire over it all, which glowed all night. Meanwhile, they cooked up several huge kettles of pinto beans.

Late the next morning, the smell of roasting beef greeted the jam of cars that pulled into town from just about everywhere. Those who arrived early could play in a pick-up baseball game on the diamond next to the barbecue pit or just sit around and enjoy John Philip Sousa music provided by a live band, which performed all day. Early in the afternoon the barbecuers lifted the roasted beef from the pit with big hooks. An endless supply of beer was available, both during and after Prohibition, as was an endless supply of cake.

Then the rodeo began. There were saddle- and bare-back bronco riding, bull riding, calf roping and wild cow milking. There were races. There were clowns. There were courtships. Between the BlueRidge hills to the east and the chaparral of Cedar Roughs to the west, under the hazy May sky in a gentle, grassy valley, there was asweet, simple, down-home joy.



Burning Monticello at the end. See 1929 Monticello rodeo videos on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com



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40 Years of Barrels or A funny thing happened on the way to Alaska

by Phil Burton, Owner, Barrel Builders

It was a different world when Barrel Builders was started in the early seventies. No desktop computers, no cell phones, no instant gratification. But that's when Robert Mondavi began importing barrels from France. In those days they only came partially assembled, so coopers from France came to teach a few employees to assemble the barrels and do the finish work.

Not being dummies, Skip Lane, Don Surplus and Keith Roberts (who later went on to found Mendocino Cooperage) decided that there was an opportunity here and left Mondavi to start Barrel Builders.

About that time, I was coming off a stint working as a backpacking instructor for a pilot project with the San Diego Juvenile Probation Department. Jerry Brown was governor back then and cut the funding when several purses were stolen at our first awards dinner where he happened to be a guest.

Newly jobless, I headed north for Alaska by way of the Napa Valley, where I happened on job at BB. I thought a short stint here would be fun, and also yield a grubstake. So it was in 1975, that I began building hot tubs, planters and ultimately, wine barrels. The photo on the right from Sunset Magazine has me pounding hoops as an apprentice cooper (I'm the one with the long hair). By then, my fate was sealed.

Fast forward, in 1986, several employees (myself among them, as I had by then lost interest in Alaska) bought the company from the owners. Five years later, I bought out my last partner, Henry Work (who is now a cooperage consultant in New Zealand).

Shaving barrels used to be a huge business. That same year we shaved over 6,000 barrels from New York to Israel and South America. Used barrels were virtually free.

A lot has changed in the industry since then, when only a handful of wineries spotted the Napa Valley and the old giants in the Central Valley still held sway. I'm looking at our 1978 price list: French oak barrels cost \$155. American oak - \$75. There were only about 10 cooperage suppliers here in the US.

Then the premium wine industry took off after the famous Paris Tasting put Napa on the map, and all hell broke loose. Back then, wineries were welcomed and the remaining orchards and ranches turned to grapes. Local governments all but gave permits away; tasting and ancillary events were expected and the growth was exponential. Heady times in the wine business; you almost couldn't NOT make money.

Charles Krug's ads mirrored much of the Valley sentiment with their "CK is OK" branding. Everyone seemed to help each other. Of course, this was before Jess Jackson sued Jed Steele for taking his winemaking secrets with him and the rise of corporate winemaking began. Walla Walla? Central Coast? Texas? Temecula? I recently returned from visiting clients in Maine where there is a "Wine Trail" with over a dozen wineries and some beautiful facilities. In Maine!

Nobody in his right mind enters the wine business to get rich; it's the lifestyle and the connection with the land that makes this business the wonderful thing that it is. I can't conceive of a more rewarding and fun job and the friendships and connections that I've made over the years are incredible.

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You really hate it when people say "let's get out of here" in disaster movies, which is hypocritical given how it's usually the first thing out of your own mouth during a disaster.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember: If you give in to the impulses to do whatever you want with your life, you'll become one of those happy, satisfied people you resent so much.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You may treasure the sense of mystery you have about the future, but really, learning the days of the week won't ruin the magic.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Travel and adventure are in your future this week as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay one step ahead of the law.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your sneaking feeling that people are out to get you just shows how delusional you are, as you should know damn good and well that they're out to get you.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): They say lightning never strikes twice, which doesn't explain what's been happening to you at three o'clock every Wednesday for the past three months.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You always dreamed of being a human cannonball, but you had no idea that advances in artillery technology would limit your career to a very small number of appearances.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You may have great quantities of bravado, élan, and puissance, but there's no way to be sure until you find out what those words mean.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): The stars foresee many amazing things ahead of you this week, but really, they're too good to just tell you about in advance.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Unfortunately, popular entertainment has led you to believe that when you try to deliver a baby while trapped in a malfunctioning elevator, the mother and baby both survive.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You'll be ruled unfit for trial, but they seem to think you're just fine for sentencing and execution.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people's deep-seated anxieties and crippling fears.

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Sept. 22 is National Centenarians Day, a day to recognize and honor individuals who have lived a century or longer. The Napa County Board of Supervisors plans to honor Napa centenarians at its Sept. 20, 2011, Board meeting at 10 a.m., followed by a cake and coffee reception inside the board room.

Life expectancy for Americans increased dramatically from 49 years of age in 1900 to more than 76 years as a result of improved health care, nutrition and quality of life, a trend that is expected to continue. Centenarians have defied life expectancy projections by at least 20 years and serve as role models and examples of aging with dignity.

If you know someone who is or will be a centenarian by Sept. 22, 2011, please contact Board of Supervisor's Staff Assistant JoAnn Melgar at (707) 299-1478 or joann.melgar@countyofnapa.org. Names are requested even if the centenarian cannot attend the recognition ceremony.

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Blue Green Algae at Lake Berryessa
Bureau of Reclamation Press Release

With long summer days and heat, Lake Berryessa becomes an ideal habitat for cyanobacteria. Cyanobacteria, also referred to as blue-green algae, are a common and natural component of the microscopic plants (plankton) in Lake Berryessa. Some types of blue-green algae produce natural toxins or poisons. When these algae die and break down, toxins can be released into the water.

Blue-green algae are usually present in lake water in low numbers.

But once the water warms up in shallow areas, blue-green algae can become very abundant in some sections of Lake Berryessa. Under calm conditions, blue-green algae can accumulate in thick layers at the surface or along the shoreline. These accumulations are frequently referred to as “blooms” or “scums.” Wind can blow these accumulations around the lake.

While blue-green algae toxins have been detected at many locations in Lake Berryessa, the highest concentrations of toxins are usually found in blooms and shoreline scums. These dense accumulations pose the greatest potential health risks. Watch for dense accumulations of algae and avoid these areas.

Blooms generally have the following properties:

-Water may appear cloudy and look like thick pea soup.

-Blooms are generally green or blue-green in color, although they can be brown or purple.

-A thick mat or foam may form when a bloom washes onto shore.

Weather influences where blue-green algae will accumulate in a given location. During extended periods of calm and sunny days, blooms can accumulate at the surface in any location. Wind and waves may cause them to form along shorelines or in protected areas. Shifts in wind direction can move a bloom’s location.

Recreational contact, such as swimming with water not visibly affected by a blue-green algae bloom is not expected to cause health effects. However, some individuals could be especially sensitive to even low levels of algal toxins and might experience mild symptoms such as skin, eye or throat irritation or allergic reactions.

Direct contact or breathing airborne droplets containing high levels of blue-green algal toxins during swimming or showering can cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and throat and inflammation in the respiratory tract.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the Lake Berryessa Ranger Department at 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

"THE GREEN THING"

Be who you are and say what you feel. Those who matter won't mind, and those who mind don't matter. In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment." He was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn.

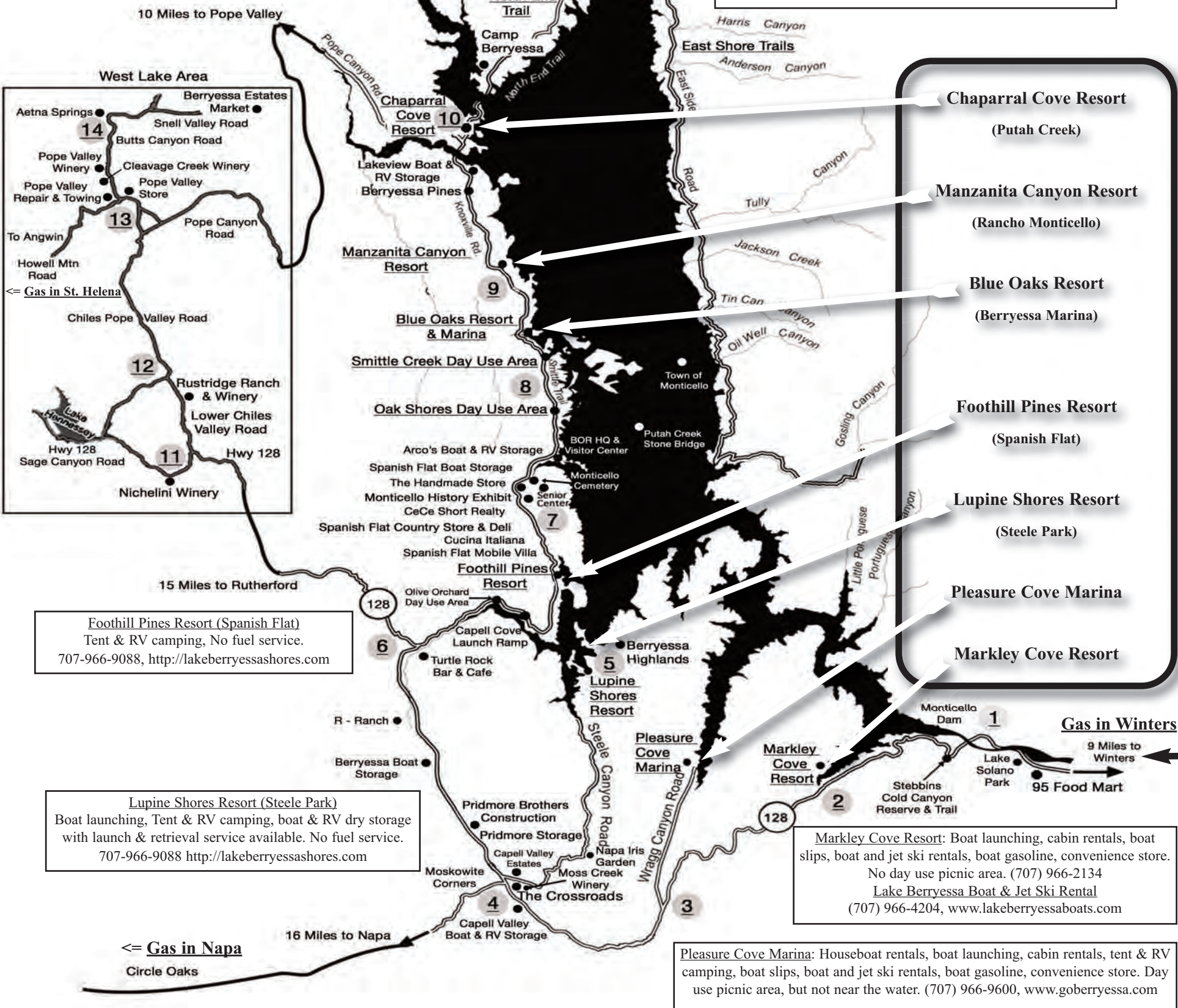
We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



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5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
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NBRID Nightmares: When So Many People Are Trying To Do the Right Thing, What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

by Peter Kilkus
Well, how about a \$330,000 proposed fine? Which would be added to the nearly \$900,000 in loans already owed to Napa County by the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District.

How about a Cease & Desist Order against the District by the State Water Quality Board? Which prevents any new hook-ups in the Berryessa Highlands.

How about a controversial RFP process for Water and Wastewater Facilities? Which many (but not all) Berryessa Highlands residents believe is a flawed approach to solving the problems because of the way in which the process was handled.

The list goes on. Many problems, many justifications for the problems, many potential solutions, many opinions about the right solution...

The residents of the Berryessa Highlands are tired of suffering from high rates. But most have neither the time nor inclination to get into the gory details of the issues. They simply want three things. Get it done now; tell me the cost to me personally; give me a new resort at Lupine Shores.

The NBRID has had operating problems since at least 1995 when it was cited by the State Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for wastewater discharges. In 2006, state water regulators imposed a moratorium on new Berryessa Highlands construction.

Residents approved a bond issue although the bonds are never

sold because of uncertainties about when the old Steele Park Resort would reopen.

The RWQCB issued a Cease and Decease Order in September 2010 effectively extending both the existing moratorium on sewer connections and the timelines that the District must follow.

Berryessa Highlands residents, and Pensus too, are caught in a Kafkaesque scenario. Highlands property owners are not able to hook up to the system and build a house on their empty lot. Homeowners have an obsolete \$16,000 bond issue lien on their house which impedes their ability to sell. And Pensus can't develop Lupine Shores until the system improvements are complete and the CDO is lifted.

An Ad Hoc Residents Rate Committee was formed several years ago to work with the NBRID Board. They pushed hard and succeeded in getting the NBRID Board and the Local Agency Formation Commission to agree to allow Highlands residents to form their own Community Services District (CSD) like the residents of Circle Oaks and Spanish Flat/Berryessa Pines have.

The Board also appointed an NBRID Transition Committee to "meet jointly with the NBRID Board for the purpose of educating District residents regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Board during the transition from a Resort Improvement District to a Community Services District." Members of the committee are

Randal Bryant, Tracy Renee, Susan Sedillo, Victor Venuta, Stu Williams, and Georgi Maule-Ffinch (Pensus).

The NBRID Board also agreed to use an expedited method under California Government Code 5956, which is a flexible process that doesn't require formal competitive bidding, to find a company who would take over operation and maintenance of the district as quickly as possible.

So far so good – progress is being made. But now comes the tricky part. Someone won, someone lost, and someone's slightly bent out of shape.

The benders include the NBRID Board, County staff, possibly some members of the Transition committee, and some Highlands residents. They believe the NBRID took decisive action, followed the rules, and are working in the best interests of the community.

The bendees include members of the Ad Hoc Residents Rate Committee, Pensus, Aquagy, possibly some members of the Transition committee, and some Highlands residents. They believe the process was faulty, did not follow the rules, did not include required financial elements, and are not in the best interests of the community.

The arguments are a complex. The letter from Aqaugy, which is printed on Page 4, lays out one interpretation of the situation.

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Lake Berryessa News Winter Schedule

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If you thought this summer was significantly cooler than normal, you were right.

What do the official documents say and where do opinions differ. The underlined sections in the following excerpts are some points of contention.

Let’s start with the February 1, 2011 NBRID Resolution: “To ensure continued qualified oversight of the District’s operations, the Board of Directors will immediately explore utilizing Section 5956-5956.10 of the California Government Code to employ a public private partnership process for the selection of a contractor or contractors to manage District operations on a long term basis, and to determine whether it is in the best interest of the District to contract for the design, building, operation, and financing, or any combination thereof, of the District facilities.”

This implies that the primary goal of RFP is an immediate “operations-only” contract. The determination of the type and extent of capital improvements and new facilities is left to a further stage of “competitive negotiations”.

Then follow-up with Government Code 5956: “5956.5. ... the governmental agency soliciting proposals and entering into agreements with private entities for the studying, planning, design, developing, financing, construction, maintenance, rebuilding, improvement, repair, or operation, or any combination thereof, by private entities for fee-producing infrastructure projects shall ensure that the contractor is selected pursuant to a competitive negotiation process...The competitive negotiation process shall utilize, as the primary selection criteria, the demonstrated competence and qualifications for the studying, planning, design, developing, financing, construction, maintenance, rebuilding, improvement,

repair, or operation, or any combination thereof, of the facility. The selection criteria shall also ensure that the facility be operated at fair and reasonable prices to the user of the infrastructure facility services. The competitive negotiation process shall not require competitive bidding.”

This implies that the choice of proposer is not specifically tied to any specific cost projections. The choice is to be based on competence and qualifications and the ability to successfully finance projects in the future. In fact actual dollar figures are not required. This is one of the major sticking points of the controversy.

Which leads to a an RFP: “Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID or District) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”) experienced in the business of financing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining water and wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities. The cost of these services shall be borne entirely by the Company under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain (DBFOM) mechanism. The cost of these services shall be borne entirely by the Company under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain (DBFOM) mechanism and shall not in any way be constructed or structured as debt incurred by or for NBRID.

If the Company believes there is a better way to achieve NBRID’s goals then that should be reflected in the proposal. In order to enter into a contract with NBRID, the successful bidder will be expected to comply with all the requirements contained of a design, build, finance, operate, and maintain contract as set forth under Government Code Section 5956 et seq.”

More than twenty potential responding companies toured the facilities but only four submitted proposal:. Aquagy Overaa (Team), Summit Engineering (Team), PERC Water, Corix Utilities

The NBRID Board appointed two of its members (Keith Caldwell, Mark Luce) and two members of the Transition Committee (Susan Sedillo, Randall Bryant) to an interview panel.

The interview process has been criticized for its choice of members of the Transition Committee. Arguably its most knowledgeable members are Stu Williams and Tracy Renee. They were excluded by a County attorney ostensibly because they had had previous contact with Aquagy. But the Ralph Brown Act contains an important key exemption which allows: “Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person.” (unless there is a financial conflict of interest).

After the interview process, which was not public and for which none of the proposals have yet been made public, Summit Engineering was chosen as the winning proposer (not bidder). Corix came in second. These choices were ratified in open session by the full NBRID Board. Aquagy was not chosen as one of the top two contenders.

After this meeting, Georgi Ffinch was reprimanded by County counsel for potentially Brown Act violations when she distributed a public letter from Pensus requesting further evaluation of the proposals. The Lake Berryessa News printed part of that that letter in the August 22 issue. Again critics claim that the Brown Act is used by the County to limit discussion rather than guarantee open proceedings.

The basic purpose of the Brown Act is to ensure that the actual deliber-

ations of a legislative body in reaching a decision are carried out in public with all members of that legislative body and the general citizenry having access to the same information. Therefore, there are prohibitions against private meetings, serial meetings and emails, and a number of other activities that might be construed as “behind-the-scenes” deliberations.

An argument has been made that, since the Summit proposal relied on financing through public sources rather than their own private financial resources, they violated the RFP requirement that the cost of services not be structured as debt to the NBRID. Therefore, their proposal should have been deemed non-responsive and tossed out of the competition.

When Summit was questioned as to how they could immediately finance any capital improvements, they admitted they might have to borrow money from Napa County. When Corix was asked the same question, they said they’d simply write a check from their corporate coffers. These statements were discussed in public at the August 2, 2011 NBRID Board meeting. There were also some dollar figures proposed and discussed at that meeting although County staff is adamant that dollars don’t count yet.

NBRID is negotiating an immediate “Operate and Maintain” contract with Summit. If the parties cannot agree, NBRID will then begin negotiations with the second ranked proposer, Corix. Two members of the Transition Committee, Stu Williams, Chair, and Tracy Renee, Vice-Chair, are sitting in on the negotiations sessions as part of the Transition Committee’s informational responsibility, but are neither negotiators nor decision-makers.

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Event Calendar

October 1 - Saturday: The ALS Association will be hosting the 11th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS at Raley Field, West Sacramento. Registration 9:00 AM. Walk 11:00 AM. Face painters, clowns, and vendors. Free to the community including a complimentary continental breakfast. ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as, “Lou Gehrig’s Disease” is a progressive degenerative disorder of the upper and lower motor neurons.

Octoeber 1 - Saturday: Berryessa Fall Bird Species Inventory, 8 AM – Noon. A great way to get a little exercise, learn some local history and tally Berryessa's fall bird species all at the same time. Join Reclamation Ranger and former professional birding guide Scott Huber as he visits Berryessa's three dominant vegetation regions - oak woodlands, chaparral and grasslands - to inventory the newly returning fall migrants. Led by the Ranger, participants will car-pool the length of the lake stopping for short walks at the most likely spots to build an impressive 1-day bird list. Along the way, participants will also learn about the history of the Berryessa Valley and the Solano water project. Children are urged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Monticello Dam Overlook Parking Lot.

October 10 - Monday: Free Flu Shots, Berryessa Senior Center, 11:00AM—3:00PM, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd

October 15 - Saturday: C.A.S.T for Kids fishing event, 8 AM - 2 PM, Pleasure Cove Marina.

October 16 - Sunday: Pope Valley Turkey Shoot. See flyer on Page 9.

October 24 - Monday: Napa Food Day, 4 - 7 PM, Yountville Community Center, Find out how Napa County folks are working together to form a more sustainable local food system. Explore and celebrate the abundance of local food, local family farms and farmers’ markets, along with the restaurants, grocers, and organizations that support them.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday,9/19/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.
The water is now **13.14** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
9/5/11	427.64	0.28	97	54	0.00
9/6/11	427.57	0.24	94	53	0.00
9/7/11	427.51	0.26	98	53	0.00
9/8/11	427.46	0.24	99	55	0.00
9/9/11	427.40	0.29	99	56	0.00
9/10/11	427.33	0.25	103	60	0.00
9/11/11	427.28	0.33	96	58	0.00
9/12/11	427.22	0.24	82	57	0.00
9/13/11	427.16	0.23	90	59	0.00
9/14/11	427.11	0.19	94	61	0.00
9/15/11	427.03	0.28	94	53	0.00
9/16/11	426.98	0.20	87	52	0.00
9/17/11	426.91	0.21	86	52	0.00
9/18/11	426.86	0.15	89	53	0.00

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CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Yountville	Sat, Sept 17	9 AM -12 PM	Yountville Community Center 6616 Washington St.
American Canyon	Mon, Sept 26	3 PM - 6 PM	Senior Multi-Use Center 2185 Elliot Dr
Napa	Mon, Oct 3	10 AM - 1:30 PM	Senior Citizens Center 1500 Jefferson St
Lake Berryessa	Mon, Oct 10	11 AM - 3 PM	Berryessa Senior Center 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd
Calistoga	Wed, Oct 12	4:30PM - 7:30PM	Calistoga Fairgrounds, Butler Pavilion, 1435 N Oak St
Angwin	Mon, Oct 17	3 PM - 7 PM	Angwin Fire Department 275 College Ave
Napa	Mon, Oct 24	3 PM - 7 PM	Napa Elks Lodge 2840 Soscol Ave
St. Helena	Wed, Oct 26	3 PM - 7 PM	St. Helena Presbyterian Church 1428 Spring St
Napa	Wed, Nov 2	11:30AM - 5 PM	McPherson Elementary 2670 Yajoma St

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Algae at the Lake Explained - Again

The Lake Berryessa News received several calls and emails about the recent algae growth in Lake Berryessa. Several came from long-time lake users who said they had not seen anything like it before. Biologist Ken Davis has done some further analysis of the algae situation at the lake and has this to say.

There are three separate issues here – well actually two since one transforms into another. Over the last week, I’ve taken a good look at many sites on the lake, collected samples, and examined them using a compound microscope.

Note that all of the algae mentioned below are commonly found in plankton samples from th elake, just not in the density seen lately.

1. The floating particles (filaments) are the blue-green (cyanobacteria) that I reported a month ago – that’s an algae called Phormidium.
2. When Phormidium and other algae die, they produce a gas and float to the surface where they form the familiar brown mats we have all seen. Typically they are windblown and end up in windblown coves.
3. The green slim (film) is another blue-green algae called Oscillatoria. It can also be found commonly in the water column, but weather conditions cause it to come to the surface and form the green slime and eventually a green, very flat mat on the surface.
4. There is a third blue-green in the mix, but it’s rare, called Lyngbya.
5. They can also be mixed in the same “scum” and they are not easy to identify without the proper equipment.

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LIFE IN JAPAN

My 15 seconds as an actor on Japanese TV: By Bill Scholer

Well, I had my 15 seconds of fame on Japanese television. I can't explain the show I was on but I'll try anyway. It was a collection of little segments about famous people with re-enactments of important events in their lives. Then there was a panel of people, Hollywood Squares like, who seemed to be voting on each episode. One episode was a fellow that had a gong fall on his head in a TV game show. Another was a couple that won the lottery. Also on the show was a Japanese kick boxer, a baseball player, Bill Gates, Brad Pitt, Lady Gaga and Yuko Matsuoaka Harris, the woman who translated Harry Potter into Japanese. She seems like a wonderful person. And yes, I had my little scene in that segment.

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4 The state of affairs of the NBRID has resulted in some public rancor and criticism. The NBRID Transition Committee meeting on September 6 at the Capell Valley Fire Station successfully provided a general summary of information regarding the status of the ongoing NBRID activities. But many details and next steps were fuzzy...

This is the context of the following letter from Aquagy Corporation. Aquagy has been involved with the NBRID and with Pensus for some time. Aquagy is also one of the companies which responded to the NBRID RFP. Several of the items in the letter are explained further in the lead story on Page 1 of this issue.

Open Letter to NBRID Stakeholders from Aquagy, Inc.

At the NBRID Transition Committee’s meeting Tuesday night, 9/6/11, several accusations and statements were made that require our response to the homeowners of the Berryessa Highlands:

-Aquagy was invited to the meeting by the Chairman of the Transition Committee to observe and answer any questions that might come from the homeowners or District staff pertaining to the proposal we submitted for the Design/Build/Operate and Finance of the District.

-We did not protest any actions by the District Board of Directors because we don’t wish to hamper or slow the District’s forward progress.

-We have spent the last two years providing input to the community, District staff and Board, especially pertaining to an alternative that allows the expedited processing and private funding of public projects, in accordance with California Code (Section 5956).

-We have not been compensated by the District, homeowners, or Pensus, the resort owner.

-We have always advocated a transparent process that would lead to selection of the best alternative for the residents and resort owner. There is no communication we have had with any of the involved parties, including the Board of Directors that we would not readily provide to the homeowners and public.

We are disturbed by the veil of secrecy that the Board and District staff is employing to obscure the selection process for NBRID’s water and wastewater services contract. While the Board speaks of “transparency”, they have been anything but transparent in their management of the RFP process, changing the composition of the Interview Panel and refusing to compare the key terms of the four proposals. Such secrecy in the review and selection process is not only unnecessary, it is inappropriate for a contract being expedited and negotiated through Section 5956.

At the Tuesday night meeting, Director Caldwell reprimanded and lectured the members of the NBRID Rate Committee and Transition Committee for asking reasonable questions about how the four proposals compare to one another. He categorically stated that “any engineering firm that claims to know how much it will cost to fix NB’s problems is lying.” Director Caldwell is not an engineer, nor is he qualified to make that assessment.

There is no great mystery to the technical problems facing NBRID or to the repeated violations and Cease and Desist Orders. It’s simply inaccurate to claim that the scope of work required at NBRID cannot now be known.

The Aquagy proposal is not confidential and we informed the District in writing, so there is no reason that the details of our proposal cannot be shared with the homeowners and Pensus. In fact, as the primary stakeholders, it’s *the right and duty* of the homeowners and Pensus to demand to see all four proposals before supporting a contract on the District’s behalf.

The Aquagy proposal contains fixed, not-to-exceed estimates for construction cost, total project cost, annual operations cost, and for a proposed rate increase. It includes fixing the I&I, storage, and disposal issues contained in the CDO, and all improvements to the water and wastewater treatment plants needed to provide uninterrupted service for the next 30 years.

The total cost for these improvements is estimated at just under \$6 million dollars and would require a phased rate increase over five years of about 7 to 8% per year. Those are the TOTAL costs over the life of the 30-year contract, other than periodic inflationary adjustments.

Secrecy and confidentiality are inappropriate for the NBRID RFP process because the use of an expedited schedule was predicated entirely on application of the legal mechanism known as Code Section 5956, which dictates a very different process than the traditional bidding process governed by the Public Contracts Code:

-The express intent of Section 5956 is to enable the use of private funding for public infrastructure projects. Section 5956 specifically stipulates: “The agreement between the governmental agency and the private entity shall include...: Adequate financial resources of the private entity to design, build, and operate the facility after the date of the agreement.” Any proposal that did not guarantee immediate financing needed to assume full responsibility for the District upon signing the contract should be deemed non-responsive to the RFP and should be immediately disqualified for not meeting the conditions required by Section 5956.

-Section 5956 dictates use of a “***competitive negotiation***” process, as distinct from a traditional “competitive bidding” process. There is no need for (nor benefit to the stakeholders) from having a secretive selection process; quite the contrary. **The Selection Committee should have gone directly to an open-forum negotiation phase, involving any or all of the four proposing teams that were “responsive” to the RFP. This would have facilitated the District getting the best possible deal for its rate-payers in the most expeditious process.**

The entire interview process was unnecessary and a waste of valuable time at a juncture when efficient management of both time and money are of dire importance to the District, especially for lifting the Cease and Desist Order and connecting Lupine Shores.

Additional fines are likely if the Regional Board doesn’t see tangible and comprehensive improvements very soon. For the past year the general consensus of district stakeholders has been that the County’s current schedule is simply too little, too late and that the best interests of the District will be served by an expedited process to secure private funding for immediate, sweeping improvements.

In recent weeks, County staff has claimed that “price doesn’t matter” and that the current RFP is for a “professional services contract”. That is incorrect. Price does matter – in fact it is central – and Section 5956 provides exemption from most requirements of the Public Contracts Code, with the specific intent of facilitating rapid and competitively-priced infrastructure projects.

Notwithstanding what’s already past, this selection process could be righted and completed as soon as next week, and meaningful work could begin shortly thereafter. How? By the stakeholders deciding to take control of the district they are paying for so dearly, and firmly directing the Board to adhere to the Section 5956 process they committed to.

If District stakeholders sincerely want Pensus to be part of the NBRID system, a new operations-only contract is not sufficient; tangible improvements are needed immediately to satisfy the CDO, the Regional Board, and the schedule Pensus is bound to in their contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. Achieving those immediate improvements was the whole point of issuing a design-build-operate-finance request for proposals.

Although Aquagy was not the team selected for contracting with the District at this time, we remain willing and able to advise the homeowners and District in any manner that might be of benefit.

David Hammond, Ph.D., Myke Praul, P.E., Aquagy

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Getting your boat ready for Winter

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The worst thing that can happen to a boater is to come to your boat in the spring, remove the cover and find out it’s full of water, or covered in mold and mildew. There is no way to store your boat all winter that is foolproof. The best thing to do is check on your boat often, especially if there has been any kind of inclement weather.

You may still get some warm days to take the boat out, but you can start the process now. First thing is to add fuel stabilizer to your fuel. Even if you go out several more times this season, it is a good idea to add it early. That way if you don’t use the boat again it’s in there. The stabilizer works best if you add it to the fuel and then take the boat out on the water. That way it gets run through all the fuel lines helping to prevent a buildup of varnish that can cause poor performance next year. This is cheap and adds so much.

Check your owner’s manual for the manufacturer’s recommendations for winterization or off-season lay up. It is highly recommended that you contact a reputable boat service center and pay to have your boat winterized properly. This is the best way to make sure your boat is ready for the winter as well as making sure the regular maintenance has been done.

Take out the drain plugs. Allow any moisture in the boat to get out. Make sure you clean out any debris in the bilge area so that it can’t build up in front of the drain plug opening. Make sure you store the boat in a bowup position. Make sure your cover fits and that it is tented properly. In other words be sure the water will always run off and not puddle in the canvas. If you store in a barn or other outside type building, you may want to cover the cover with a sheet of plastic just loosely draped over the cover to keep bird droppings off the canvas and the boat. The acid in the droppings can cause color fade on both the canvas and the gelcoat on the boat.

Inside Storage. The best way to store your boat is to have it in a locked, indoor facility. But even then

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you need to check on it to make sure there is no moisture accumulating inside the cover. Moisture trapped inside the cover causes mildew and mold. Also with inside storage you can have mice and rodents get into your boat and destroy upholstery, wiring and hoses. Be sure to check your boat often to be sure you don’t have a problem.

Shrink Wrap. Many marinas and shops offer shrink wrap as a service and solution to customers storing their boats for a long period of time. This is another way of storing and works very well for keeping rain, snow, dirt, and debris from entering the boat, but it can also lock in moisture from condensation and with the fluctuation in temperatures again cause mold and mildew. If you decide to shrink wrap your boat, be sure the shop puts in vents and it is a good idea to ask for a door to be added to the shrink wrap so you can open it during nice days and air it out.

Boat Covers, Canvas, Tarps. This is the most common way to store boats. The problem here is that most covers are not “tented” properly. You need to make sure that there are no sagging areas in your tarp where water can stand. Eventually the canvas will leak and the water will run into your boat. To keep the boat tented properly, you can use a custom fitted cover with tent poles already built in, or you can build your own frame work to hold the cover up. In either case you need to check the cover often and look under the cover to make sure that mold and mildew are not growing under the cover. It is a good idea again to open up the cover during nice sunny days and allow the boat to air out.

Another tip for keeping the moisture in check is to take plain Tidy Cat cat litter and pour it into 3 or 4 vinyl dishpans. This will absorb several times its own weight in moisture. Spread the dishpans out in the boat. Be sure to use smaller dishpans as a large one will get too heavy to remove from the boat when filled with moisture.

If you live in a climate that freezes or border line-freezes, you need to be sure that your engine and

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1. Add fuel stabilizer to your fuel tank. Make sure you run the boat for several minutes after adding to make sure the fuel stabilizer gets through the entire fuel system. Be sure you have a water source hooked up to your engine when you run it.

2. Change the engine and drive oil in the fall. You don’t want to leave moisture, dirt, or metal in the oil over the winter.

3. For inboards and VO’s have the alignment checked. This needs to be done every season and on I/O’s the bellows can be checked at the same time. If you own an inboard or V-drive the shop can check your shaft packing and the transmission and/or V-drive.

4. Have the engine fogged out. This is a heavy coating of an oil-like substance that covers all the internal parts of the engine and keeps everything from rusting during a long lay off period.

5. Clean the boat. Wax, vinyl conditioners and cleaners all add to the life of your boat.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

So we are left with a rather odd situation in that the NBRID Board has seen all the proposals. Two members of the Transition Committee (Sedillo, Bryant) have seen all the proposals. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Transition Committee have seen only the Summit proposal now being negotiated. And Aquagy has made the core of their proposal public in a letter to NBRID stakeholders. The Lake Berryessa News has sent the County a California Public Records Act request to have all the proposals be made public.

The next phase of the process, after a successful contract has been completed with Summit, is to continue to negotiate with Summit for the Design-Build part of the DBFOM process. This has raised serious questions in the minds of some, including Aquagy, because actual cost and rate proposals were not required in the original Code 5956-based RFP process.

Although this does not feel right to some people who are more used to a competitive bidding process, which would include a cost component originally, it does not seem to be prohibited by Government Code 5956.

The argument made by critics is that without a second phase of the RFP comparing all the proposals again, with actual cost and rate data comparison, ratepayers may never know which company could have been the most cost-effective overall.

Meanwhile NBRID staff and consultants are scrambling to meet a November 1 deadline imposed by the State Board for completion of several reporting milestones required under the Cease and Desist Order.

On that date the following reports are required by the state: Interim Spill Prevention and Control Plan (Completed), Preliminary Revised Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Assessment Report, Preliminary Revised Wastewater Facilities Plan, Preliminary Collection System Improvement & Wastewater Facilities Financing Plan.

The County is making good progress on these reports. Video recording and smoke testing for Inflow and

Intrusion points have been completed with a report due soon. Walker Associates is completing a facilities plan that will be used to develop actual dollar figures for required capital improvements.

Critics say this Walker work was wasted since the RFP itself could have required that all the proposers actually submit capital improvement costs and future rates. This expanded requirement might have delayed the RFP process which was so focused on an immediate solution to the operation and maintenance issues. But it may also have generated less controversy.

The District has just been threatened with a \$330,000 fine. A public hearing about the fine will be held in Sacramento at the end of November with the NBRID Board and Transition Committee members attending to argue against the fine.

Money, money, and more money. And the elephant in the room is still the \$900,000 owed by the NBRID to Napa County.

If your mind is spinning after reading all this – which is only part of the public record – I sympathize.

There appear to be two paths forward. The one the NBRID is on now which seems to be to negotiate an operations contract with Summit followed by negotiating the capital improvement project with Summit. This is quickest.

The other is to negotiate an operations contract with Summit then go to phase two of an RFP to re-propose (remember it's not a bid under 5956) the capital improvement project with cost and rate impacts. Much more complicated and not guaranteed to provide a substantially better result.

What would you do as a Berryessa Highlands resident? This will be the type of decision an independent CSD Board will have to make in the future – and with no County deep pockets help in the wings. What would happen if someone called a CSD election and no one showed up?

A much longer version of this article with additional references is on: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Wilderness sports may be growing in popularity, but people are not yet ready to appreciate your expertise at trout-shotgunning.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your life will soon cross the line from comedy to tragedy, sending an entirely different group of people into gales of laughter.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You'll slowly start to see the value of improving communication in all your relationships, if only to better understand what the frantic firemen are trying to tell you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You'll finally learn you can't run away from your problems, but you haven't given up on escaping by donning a clever disguise and hiding in a crowded restaurant.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Mars rising in your sign usually indicates increased conflict in life, but in this case it means the orbital plane of Earth has shifted & we are all about to die.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): It turns out you're the reason your sign is associated with daring, free-spirited people who like to borrow whole seasons of shows on DVD and not give them back.

Libra (September 23-October 23): A heralding angel of the Lord will appear unto you, seem confused, ask the date, apologize for visiting a few years early, and tell you not to use birth control for a while.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You'll soon enjoy a nice hearty Italian dinner with your family, just like you always do after convincing Mom to enter rehab.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll provide much-needed insight and deep wisdom when you loudly proclaim that those politicians are just a bunch of crooks in front of the whole bar.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Expect little change from last week, aside from the marauding badgers growing rudimentary thumbs and learning to use chipped flint tools.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): While it's true they laughed at your dreams of being a talk-show host, it was actually because you did the monologue so well. Your choice of guests, however, sucks.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will take the first hellish step down a dark path from which there can be no return when you agree to get updates on Carnival Cruise specials and discounts.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who came out and supported the Coastal Clean-Up Day at Lake Berryessa. What a heap of trash (and recyclables) they all collected! Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski donated one of their patio boats to pick up the trash bags.



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A Historical Lodging Quest: Where Did Travelers Stay?

by Don Winter

I call upon the good people of the Independent Republic of Berryessa to assist me in my noble quest to identify and document the rich history of the lodging industry of the “Napalachia” region of Napa County. To date, I have unearthed 25 lodging enterprises in the greater Berryessa area, with the very first dating back to 1862.

For the past 3 years I have been researching our local County hotel history for my forthcoming book, The History of the Napa County Lodging Industry, 1849 – to the Present. After countless hours in the libraries and historical societies, man-months of archival internet search, the reading of more than 50 local history books, interviews with local cognoscenti, and the review of what seems like miles of microfilm I have documented the unimaginable – between 1849 and today, our Napa County has witnessed the creation of more than 580 lodging entities...and the search continues!

From the very inception of our County, Napa has been a thriving hotel destination environment, and the overwhelming majority of the hotels and inns were Resorts, catering to the Tourist segment. Unbeknownst to most, Napa County hosted a booming hotel economy for its first 80 years, 1849 – 1930. Then, the hotel industry languished for half a century, from 1931 to 1980, only to launch its Renaissance thirty years ago - a revitalization that continued right upon until the current recessionary period, and is expected to resume upon recovery.

One of the most astonishing findings I have developed and documented, and one that has long time locals shaking their heads in amazement, is that there were more hotel rooms per capita in Napa County back in the 1870’s than there are at present! In fact, there were twice as many hotel rooms per capita then, as now!

The principal demand generator and driver of our

destination Resort and Tourist industry, since the very beginning has been “water” - coupled with our magnificent climate and scenery. (Recognizing the emergence in the past 35 years of Wine tourism, consider that Wine can be considered a form of “fortified” water!) The first Resort in California was White Sulphur Springs, focusing on the restorative and rejuvenating waters. The finest Resort of its time in the west was Napa Soda Springs – and in fact, its naturally carbonated waters were shipped all over the world, from the Napa waterfront. Brannan’s Hot Springs promoted the waters, both for drinking, healing and soaking, and spawned an industry that thrives to this day.

Within the Republic of Berryessa, all are familiar with the once breathtaking Aetna Springs, which operated continuously for almost 95 years. Less recognized, but vitally important, were Walters Springs and Samuel Soda Springs (later, Grigsby) And, who now recalls Zem Zem Springs Resort, noted for its foul tasting waters, in the northernmost part of the region?

It is fascinating to contemplate that, for the first 110 years of our history, water was the primary attraction and yet... we didn’t even have a lake! Dismissing for the moment all the pros and cons extant, the fact still remains that almost overnight, a full-fledged major lake appeared in our County around 1960, just 50 years ago. And this lake was a whopper – the 8th largest lake entirely within California, and the only one within reasonable proximity to major population centers.

For a variety of reasons, to be explored in a future column, Lake Berryessa’s potential was grossly under-exploited and mismanaged. But, if properly planned and executed, which is by no means guaranteed, the Lake can eventually become a major driver of quality recreation and economic prosperity throughout region.

In closing, the 25 local Berryessa region hotels I have identified, ranging from Knoxville to the north

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down through Windy Flats in the south, consist(ed) of 17 Resorts and 8 Commercial/Through Traveler hotels. More than half of them were built prior to 1899. There is a paucity of historical public record for many of these. (Thank goodness I have recently made the acquaintance of Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick!) Thus, I ask you, the faithful subjects of the Independent Republic of Berryessa to favor me with any photos, brochures, clippings or anecdotes you may have pertaining to any of the historic or current hotels in your beautiful homeland. You will be playing a valuable role in helping to tell the rich story of a vital component of Napa County, and some of your input will appear in future editions of the Lake Berryessa News. Please forward hotel items of interest to senwinter@aol.com.

- Don Winter has served as a nationwide hotel and restaurant industry consultant for the past 40 years, is a professional humorist on the side, and resides in Napa.

Hunting Berryessa Valley, Lloyd Briggs, 1881

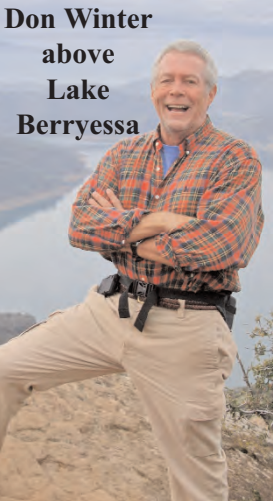
Started off today driving a nice pair of ponies with a sort of express wagon in which we packed our tents and provisions. We drove over the mountains to Berryessa Valley. The road is extremely dusty this time of year, owing to the large trucks loaded with quicksilver which travel from the Knoxville quicksilver 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 turtle-dove, 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.

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, we put up at a hotel kept by E. A. Peacock, to whom belongs the distinction of building the first house in the town of Monticello in 1866.

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, but, as one visitor at the hotel expressed it, "They do want to know where you cut your first tooth and how old you were; when and where you were born."



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3. Wragg Canyon Road
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6. Turtle Rock
7. Spanish Flat Village Center
8. Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center
9. Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts
10. Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort
11. Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road
12. Pope Valley Road
13. Pope Valley
14. Aetna Springs

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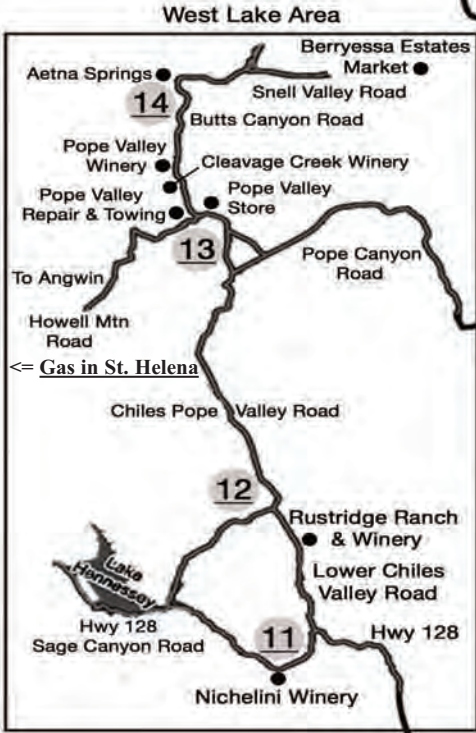
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October in Napa - The Days of Wine and Weather

By Peter Kilkus

Napa County had its first rain on an early September 25 with more during the week of Oct. 1. Up here at Lake Berryessa we’ve almost reached 1 inch! Typically we get our first rain of the season in October. Does this mean it will be a wet year again? Will Lake Berryessa reach Glory Hole? This may depend on whether we have an El Nino year or a La Nina year.

El Niño and La Niña are extreme phases of a naturally occurring climate cycle referred to as El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Both terms refer to large-scale changes in sea-surface temperature across the eastern tropical Pacific. Their impacts on U.S. weather are typically the opposite of each other.

The trouble is that these are large-scale weather patterns and predictions relate to large-scale regions of the country. For us that means “Pacific Northwest” versus “The Southwest.” What region are we in?

When you look at maps showing the typical effect of a La Nina or El Nino, the San Francisco Bay Area often appears to be on the border between the “Pacific Northwest” and the “Southwest”.

Last year was a La Nina year with higher than average rainfall. The current forecast from the Experimental Climate Prediction Center at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography is forecasting cool La Niña conditions this winter (December 2011 - February 2012).

The first three months of the year during a La Niña typically feature a precipitation increase across the Pacific Northwest.

La Niña also causes unusually cold weather in the Northwest and (to a lesser extent) northern California. La Niña often brings drier than normal conditions in the Southwest in late summer through the subsequent winter.

October is also a significant month for harvesting grapes. The cool May and June this year have created a later-than-average grape harvest. Concern over how wet weather may affect the crop is always on the minds of vineyard owners.

Many white grape varieties, such as chardonnay and sauvignon blanc, are susceptible to mildew growth and rotting brought on by the rain. Skins can also split, further contributing to rot. Meanwhile, thicker-skinned red grapes are much better suited to handle the wet weather.

Most of the white grapes had already been taken off the vine in the days leading up to last week’s rain. The dry and sunny days expected this week (October 10) should help to minimize damage.

We also celebrate Halloween on the last day of October. What will the rest of the month bring?

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2 **Capell-Berryessa Community Center Update**

The local citizens group working to obtain the old Capell Elementary School site as a community center is pleased to announce that we are now preparing paperwork to become incorporated and insured. We had our final preliminary meeting with the Napa County School District officials in September. The District is very supportive of the community using the school site and details have been worked out.

We have been setting up preliminary financing and have selected a Board from local citizens to oversee the center. All the pieces are coming together to make this a reality and we thank the community for their support so far. As we get close to setting an opening date we will be seeking additional community help to operate and maintain the site.

News from Supervisor Diane Dillon
New SRA Fee Coming Your Way?

Fire suppression responsibility is divided into two basic areas in the state -- SRA (State Responsibility Area) and LRA (Local Responsibility Area). In Napa County, the LRA is the area within each of the cities, on the Napa Valley floor (basically) between Silverado Trail and Hwy 29, and the Carneros area. An easy way to remember this: LRA is the Napa Valley floor.

The SRA is the rest of the County, i.e., the vast majority of the unincorporated area. Maps showing these two areas can be found at this website. Why this distinction matters is because the State Legislature passed a bill in June imposing a fee of up to \$150 per structure in the SRA.

I co-wrote and signed a veto letter to the Governor (available here). But

the Governor was supportive of the bill and signed it into statute and, in August, emergency regulations were adopted by a reluctant Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF). These regs set new annual fees of \$90 per first dwelling, and \$25 for each additional dwelling, to be placed in a special fund for fire prevention activities only. The regs create a tiered system so that it is possible to give discounts to property owners.

But this unfair "fee" is not as large as the Legislature and the State Administration would like it to be. Thus, in the waning days of the legislative session, there was another attempt to raise the fee to a minimum of \$150 for the first structure, without discounts, plus a tiered fee on unimproved and agricultural lands, starting at \$1 per acre for the first 100 acres.

The good news is that RCRC (the Rural Counties association that I chair) and its allies were successful in holding off the new increased SRA fee bill. We were assisted greatly in this process by the support of our former State representative, Senator Wes Chesbro; please read his well-written letter here.

While it is unlikely that any property owner will see a fee imposed before next Spring, attention on the issue will now turn back to the BOF, as the Administration will likely make an attempt to get a new set of implementing regulations based on the parameters of the June bill. Additionally, another attempt at finding an alternative financing method is likely to come up in discussions this fall or bill packages pursued by the Legislature or Administration.

This is an important issue for almost every property owner in the unincorporated area of Napa County; I will continue to fight it. Please let me

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Q. Who are some of the werewolves cousins? A. The whatwolves, the whowolves and the whenwolves.

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween? A. Ghoul-aid!!!

Q. What do Italian's eat on Halloween? A. Fettuccinni Afraid-o.

Q. Why did Dracula take cold medicine? A. To stop his coffin.

Q. How do you keep a monster from biting his nails? A. Give him screws.

Q. Why does a witch ride a broom? A. Vacuum cleaners get stuck at the end of the cord.

Q. What do you call a monster who poisons corn flakes? A. A cereal killer.

Q. What is a vampire's favorite fruit? A: A necktarine

Q. What do you give to a pumpkin who is trying to quit smoking? A. A pumpkin patch!!!

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Event Calendar

October 14 - Friday: Bingo in Pope Valley. Pope Valley Farm Center, 6:30 PM, Cash Prizes. Sponsored by the Pope Valley Parent Group. Food and fun for family and friends.

October 15 - Saturday: C.A.S.T for Kids fishing event, 8 AM - 2 PM, Pleasure Cove Marina.

October 15 - Saturday: Berryessa Seniors Pot Luck Dinner. Bring something to share. 5pm social hour and 6pm dinner. 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

October 16 - Sunday: Pope Valley Turkey Shoot. See flyer on Page 9.

October 22 - Saturday: The Winters Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center is sponsoring a Winters Ag Exploration Tour to the Dixon Ridge Farms, a family owned and operated organic walnut farm since 1979. The tour includes the farm's "BioMax" operation, which converts walnut shells into renewable energy. After the tour, there will be lunch prepared by Chef Fred Reyes of Putah Creek Café. Meet at 9 AM at Steady Eddy's. Tickets are \$60. For tickets or reservations, call the Chamber office, 795-239 or send an email to the Winters Visitors Center, director@visitwinters.com.

October 24 - Monday: Napa Food Day, 4 - 7 PM, Yountville Community Center, Find out how Napa County folks are working together to form a more sustainable local food system. Explore and celebrate the abundance of local food, local family farms and farmers' markets, along with the restaurants, grocers, and organizations that support them.

November 6 - Sunday: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM. Set your clocks back an hour.

November 19 - Saturday: National Public Lands Day. Help restore Lake Berryessa's native landscape at this restoration event. Volunteers will plant native trees and plants and install birdhouses as part of an ongoing restoration and wildlife enhancement project. There will be prizes for volunteers! Please contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or jjgordan@usbr.gov.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday,10/10/11

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

Lake Berryessa has had **0.91** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now **13.92** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
9/26/11	426.47	0.05	73	51	0.03
9/27/11	426.43	0.13	83	52	0.00
9/28/11	426.40	0.17	87	55	0.00
9/29/11	426.38	0.17	92	57	0.00
9/20/11	426.32	0.17	99	56	0.00
10/1/11	426.27	0.18	82	56	0.00
10/2/11	426.23	0.15	77	52	0.00
10/3/11	426.18	0.14	79	50	0.00
10/4/11	426.18	0.02	64	50	0.17
10/5/11	426.19	0.04	64	52	0.59
10/6/11	426.16	0.06	66	47	0.08
10/7/11	426.13	0.06	60	43	0.04
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Fly Fishing Putah Creek

By Jordan Romney

The time is getting close when the water levels drop to perfect on Putah Creek. We all know how tough things can be in the summer with the 600+ cfs water levels. The summer levels only leave a few spots on the creek open to finding fish. Plus the fish are really spread out, once the water drops they tend to start to stack up in the holes and runs.

The levels are dropping making all those areas that are not accessible easier to get into and get some fish. These spots are my personal favorite to fish. One of the many secrets of the creek are the over-grown trail systems that take you to the holes that you cannot see from the road. Sometimes it feels like you are in a jungle when hiking these trails early in the fall.

The weather is starting to cool off turning the "good" fishing to the entire day rather than the mornings and afternoons. I have had a lot of trips recently and everyone seems to be hooking up with fish with a lot of long line releases.

Indicator nymph fishing and high sticking the pocket water has been getting most fish. The hot flies as of recent have been a green rock worm caddis, sparkly pupae, and a pheasant tail. All small mayfly patterns have been will work this time of year.

Remember that Putah is one of those places where you have to make every fish count. You do not get a lot of second chances here. The creek will fish well from now until the end of November. Spots are booking up fast so give us a call to get in on the creek 707 287 2939.

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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Bill really loves his awsome new Japanese electronically-controlled, warm-water shooting, air-drying toilet, but forgot to read the operating manual!

What a strange trip! by Bill Scholer

I played a gig in the city of Fujisawa which is just north of Kamakura about 55 minutes from where we live in Kamoi. The map said 15 miles which I thought would take a half hour at the most. Not in Japan, traffic lights everywhere you turn. Luckily I have a GPS that I had someone program on the Navy base. But I didn't know exactly where I was going....a hall?....a House?....a restaurant?

The GPS took me to the Fujusawa train station then said, [translated here into English] "OK Buddy, my job’s done." So I called Mayumi, the person who hired me, and we tried to figure out where I was. But of course I kept circling around. Every time I'd stop someone would honk at me to get moving. Finally I just stopped with the taxis at the train station and waited for Mayumi to find me - which she did.

Lucky for me Mayumi’s friend Koji was there to help me with my stuff. So we rushed upstairs with my guitars and amp to the waiting party. It wasn't exactly a party, it was a memorial for Mayumi's mother. Since everyone had been waiting while I was circling the place I rushed right into performing.

I think I was a bit hurried and played the songs too fast. Koji joined me on "Sukiyaki" but it was too fast and the key was too high for him. I took a break and ate then played a second set that went much better. Everyone thanked me for the music. They were very nice with their applause. I don't know exactly how to drive efficiently yet to our place, but with some weaving around I arrived back home. What a day.

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4 **What You Should Know About Oak Chips**

By Phil Burton, Barrel Builders
Oak chips are a fixture of the wine industry due to their ease of use and the cost of new cooper-age. The use of oak chips can add a significant amount of oak character at a tiny fraction of the cost of new barrels. (We have several wine-makers who refer to chips as “micro-barrels.”) Chips have become a staple, particularly in the fighting varietal category where they can add much complexity at an affordable price.

There are hundreds of tons of chips used annually - but very few wineries will admit usage. Two reasons wineries do not advertise the use of chips are: 1) the use of chips is considered “cheating” - a sign of low quality and; 2) In the US, toasted chips were illegal until 1993, even though winemakers used them.

Chips are one of the cleanest ways to get a decent oak flavor into bulk wines since the addition can be easily done in a tank. Especially with new methods such as micro-oxygenation, chips can produce wines that are similar to fairly good barrel-aged wines.

Chips are best added during fermentation so that the oak flavors integrate well with the wine, but they can be added anytime except right before bottling.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CHIPS
Generally, American and French oak chips are available from several suppliers. A variety of toast levels are available although most manufacturers have a house toast which has proven most successful for them.

At Barrel Builders our house toast for French oak chips is a light golden-brown; what we would classify as a medium toast. Our American oak chips are toasted slightly darker since this seems to mellow the extractives somewhat. The toasting for both is done slowly so that the color is uniform throughout the chip and all the chips are about the same color.

When shopping for chips, look for uniformity of color and size. Be careful not to buy chips that are really shavings or sweepings from the cooperage.

Quality oak chips will be made from

wood that is a by-product of the barrel manufacturing process; stave ends, rejects, and other scrap. Consequently the wood will have gone through the same aging process as the manufacturer’s barrels - hopefully with extended air drying.

Wet or kiln-dried wood will impart the same characters as kiln-dried wood used in barrels and are particularly noticeable in American oak. Some vendors have three-year chips available which have a more mellow flavor.

HOW CHIPS ARE USED
We have discussed use patterns, amounts, times and results with numerous wine makers and there is a wide variety of opinion. Following are general guidelines:

A range of 10 to 15 pounds of chips per thousand gallons of wine appears to be a common dosage.

When customers are first experimenting with chips, we often recommend using 8 to 10 ounces for one barrel - start light, you can always add more.

Published literature suggests that extraction is largely complete in a couple of days. However, many winemakers extract for a week or more while some others wait several months. One large user swears that a subtle change in flavors occurs between weeks 3 & 5.

Chips can be introduced in several ways. They can simply be dumped into the wine where they will sink in a couple of days and the wine can be racked off.

Several wineries have developed sophisticated methods using stainless steel screens that fit over drain fittings. After the wine is drained from the tank, the door is opened, the screen is removed and the chips, lees and residues are hosed out.

The most common method is to use “tea bags”. A bag of loose cloth or other porous material is made up to hold the chips. Attaching a rope makes it easy to get the bag in and out of the tank. Yet another method is to add a large quantity of chips to a small amount of wine to create an oak extract. The extract is then used to add flavor during the blending process.



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What's Inside: Red Bull Meat Sugar, Caffeine, and Bile!

Glucose

Like most popular soft drinks, Red Bull is largely sugar water. But don't count on its glucose to "give you wings," as the ad says. Multiple studies have debunked the so-called sugar high.

Taurine

Also known as 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, taurine was originally isolated from bull bile in 1827. Now made synthetically, it is the magical elixir said to bring out the kitesurfing extremophile in any Web-surfing nerd. Taurine's actual effects, while not as drastic as the hype, are pretty wide-ranging, even from the amount found in a single can: Not only is it an inhibitory neurotransmitter (in some cases acting as a mild sedative) and an age-defying antioxidant, it even has the potential to steady irregular heartbeats.

Glucuronolactone

Internet rumors claimed this was a Vietnam-era experimental drug that causes brain tumors. Luckily, that's not true. But don't crumple up your tinfoil hat yet — hardly anyone has looked into exactly what this stuff does. So little research has been done on glucuronolactone (and most of it 50 years ago) that almost all information about it is mere rumor. Users generally believe it fights fatigue and increases well-being, but that could turn out to be bull, too.

Caffeine

Ah, here are Red Bull's wings. All the things this drink is supposed to do for you — increase concentration and reaction speed, improve emotional state, and boost metabolism — are known effects of this white powder, a distant cousin of cocaine.

Niacin (niacinamide)

Also known as vitamin B-3, niacin increases so-called good cholesterol (HDL) by preventing the formation of triglycerides, making it a terrific cholesterol drug. Unfortunately, there isn't enough niacin here to have this benefit. And it's not even pure enough to give you the mild head rush dubbed the "niacin flush."

Sodium citrate

Commonly used as a preservative in soft drinks and spreadable cheeses, sodium citrate also helps convert glucose into lactic acid during exercise, producing a measurable effect on athletic performance. In at least one test, it shaved an average of 17 seconds off a 5K run.

Inositol

A carbohydrate found in animal muscle (sometimes called "meat sugar"), inositol is turning out to be a wonder drug that significantly reduces depression, panic attacks, agoraphobia, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. It might even be what makes whole grains effective cancer fighters. Instead of being a bit player in Red Bull (you'd need to drink up to 360 cans a day to get its benefits), inositol probably deserves a drink of its own.

Red Bull is an adaptation of the Thai energy drink Krating Daeng, which translates as "Red Bull". Based on market share, it is the most popular energy drink in the world. The company was founded by Thai national Chaleo Yoovidhya and Austrian national Dietrich Mateschitz. Mateschitz was the international marketing director for Blendax, a toothpaste company, when he visited Thailand in 1982 and discovered that Krating Daeng helped to cure his jet lag.

Red Bull's slogan is "it gives you wings" and the product is aggressively marketed through advertising, tournament sponsorship. In 2009 it was discovered that Red Bull Cola exported from Austria contained trace amounts of cocaine. Red Bull has also been the target of criticism concerning the possible health risks associated with the drink.[8]

A review published in 2008 found no documented reports of negative or positive health effects associated with the amount of taurine used in energy drinks, including Red Bull, concluding that "The amounts of guarana, taurine, and ginseng found in popular energy drinks are far below the amounts expected to deliver either therapeutic benefits or adverse effects."

Wine Facts, Statistics, and Trivia

Age of vine before producing useful grapes: 3 years

Age of vine before full production: 5 years

Productive lifetime of a vine: 30-35 years - although the quality can remain good, the yield begins to decrease after that.

Grape clusters in bottle: 5-6

Grapes in a bottle: 500-600

Clusters on a vine: 40

Grapes in a cluster: 75-100

Grape clusters in one glass of wine: 1

Vines per acre: 400

Pounds of grapes produced by one vine: 8-12

Tons per acre: 5 (average-can vary greatly)

Gallons of wine per ton of grapes: 120

Gallons of wine per acre: 800

Barrels per acre: 13.5

Bottles per vine: 10

Bottles per ton: 500

Bottles per acre: 4,000

Cases per barrel: 24.6

Glasses per acre: 16,000

Glasses in a bottle: 5-6

Bottles per 60 gallon barrel: 300

Calories in a 5 ounce glass of dry wine: 100-125

Fat in a 5 ounce glass of dry wine: 0

Carbohydrates in a 5 ounce glass of dry wine: 1-2

Cost of French oak barrel: \$600-850

Cost of American oak barrel: \$300-550

Average age of a French oak tree used to make barrels: 170 years

Number of years an oak barrel is used: 5-8

Average annual wine consumption of French per capita: 15.81 gal.

Average annual wine consumption of Germans per capita: 6.05 gal.

Average annual wine consumption of Canadians per capita: 2.14 gal.

Average annual wine consumption of Americans per capita: 2.01 gallons

Average annual soft drink consumption of Americans per capita: 55 gal.

Average annual beer consumption of Americans per capita: 22 gal.

Average annual coffee consumption of Americans per capita: 22 gal.

Average annual bottled water consumption of Americans per capita: 11 gal.



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The anatomy of a wine barrel

Oak barrels are like a winemaker’s spice rack - that was the analogy that someone used when trying to explain what purpose the oak barrels served in making wine.

Different types of oak have different types and amounts of tannin, which is a component of wine. A very important one, in fact. Those tannins contribute to mouth feel and body in wine.

There is also a diversity of oak grain offered by the various types of oak. The grain size of the barrel helps to control the exposure of oak to the wine. With a smaller-grained oak barrel, the wine will receive a slower exposure to the oak influences. Larger-grained barrels expose the wine to oak more quickly over time, and are most useful for wines aged for a shorter time in barrel.

American oak, because it has more lactones (a chemical compound of sorts) offers hints of toasty, sweeter flavors like coconut and marshmallow; this species of oak also has naturally low levels of tannins.

French oak, on the other hand, brings a whole new set of flavors and aromas to the party. Characteristic of French oak are baker’s spices (vanilla, cinnamon, clove, etc.) along with roasted coffee bean and chocolate characteristics. Hungarian oak rounds out the Winemaker’s Spice Rack. Hungarian oak is known to have a bit more of a kick since it imparts more peppery spice notes.

One important area of note is toasting level, which is essentially the controlled baking of the inside of the barrel over a fire. Toasting will move the flavors of the wood from lighter and spicier to darker and more deep and roasted, with a big impact on the wine.

There is also the new-vs.-old oak to consider—as in, new barrels impart flavors more intensely than used barrels. The oak characteristics will, over time, get “leached” out of the barrels and after each use, the oak influence becomes more and more tame until there may not be enough to do the wine any good. It’s usually around the third or fourth go with the barrel that it no longer brings any oak influence to the party and at that point the barrel goes out of circulation.

Barrel size also plays a part in imparting oak characteristics on the wine. It would make sense that the smaller the barrel, the more concentrated the oak influence would be on the wine, since there is relatively more barrel surface touching the wine in these smaller casks.

See Page 4 of this issue for more on wine flavoring and use of oak chips.

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): While it's true your future holds a possibility of love and a chance of financial success, it also holds an absolute certainty of angry Russian kidnappers.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You're certainly no George Orwell, although you shouldn't have to be to recognize the sort of thing that's going on at work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You're a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Everyone has their price, but since yours is so much lower than anyone else's, you have saved a lot of people from finding out what theirs is.

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

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Your crude and primitive sense of humor will offend lots of people, but just wait until they get a look at your crude and primitive sense of justice.

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

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You'll learn the value of patience, compassion, and tolerance next week and be rather disappointed that it's actually so low.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You used to think you were pretty dark on the inside, but a run-in with a pavement saw will prove there's plenty of purple, green, and translucent bits in you too.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Be more sensitive to the wishes of others this week, as your indifference to them is affecting your career as a magic-lamp genie.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You'll feel a strange mixture of pride and terror when NASA announces it will replace the space shuttle with you in launches starting late next year.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Take a walk on Quail Ridge Reserve

Visitors are invited to take a walk on the Quail Ridge Reserve from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The reserve is on a peninsula at the southwest end of Lake Berryessa.

The walk on hillsides of California native grasses, shrubs and trees is of easy to moderate difficulty, and will be led by Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy executive director Frank Maurer, a zoologist and ecologist.

The reserve’s perennial bunchgrasses in October will still look green, though other plants patiently await autumnal rains. Toward evening, with the help of a special ultrasonic device, the group will listen to local bats as they begin their evening feeding. Forest owls also may be heard.

The daytime temperature likely will be warm, but visitors should be prepared for a cool evening. Bring binoculars and/or a camera if you wish, drinking water and a snack.

To reserve a spot and get directions, call (530) 219-4477.

The group will gather at 2 p.m. at Markley Cove Resort to being the walk and will return at about 6 p.m. All participants must leave the reserve at the same time. Heavy rainfall during the day will cancel the walk.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that on Tuesday,
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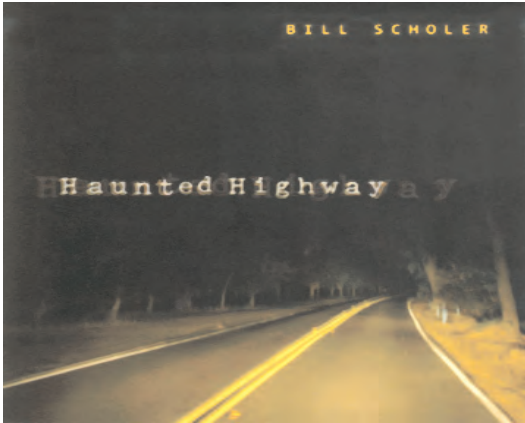
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Moskowite Corners For Sale

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Bill Scholer’s Haunted Highway



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Rundgren, Booker T. and many, many more.

Jimmy Sanchez toured, recorded and/or performed
with Boz Scaggs, Bonnie Raitt, Dr. John, Norton
Buffalo, Bob Weir, Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm
Kings, Commander Cody & the Lost Planet Airmen,
Mickey Hart, J.J.Cale, Steve Miller, Tom Waits,
Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Maria Muldaur, T-
Bone Walker, and many others. But most of all this
effort features Bill's inspired guitar work.

But the heart of this CD is story telling. These are
the stories of the day as we struggle through shared eco-
nomic challenges.

Joe Bageant, author of Deer Hunting With Jesus,
referred to Bill's song Big Ass Truck as "Norman Blake
with a social consciousness."
NY Times best selling author John Lescroart adds,
"Killer songwriting, evocative story-telling."
This is no downer, those familiar with Bill's
Napalachia cartoons know that there is a smile and a
laugh in there waiting to burst forth. The flow of the
music always brings your spirits up and like a Lays
potato chip you can't listen to this collection of songs
just once.

Event Calendar

November 15 - Tuesday: Garbage Rate Review Hearing. See notice on Pg. 2.

November 19 - Saturday: National Public Lands Day. Help restore Lake
Berryessa's native landscape at this restoration event. Volunteers will plant native
trees and plants and install birdhouses as part of an ongoing restoration and wildlife
enhancement project. There will be prizes for volunteers! Please contact Jason
Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or jgjordan@usbr.gov.

November 19 - Saturday: Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner, Berryessa Senior Center,
5pm. There will be a Thanksgiving Basket as a Raffle Prize. 707-966-0206

November 19 - Saturday: Suscol Intertribal Council presents the 15th Annual Art
& Wine Auction, Yountville Community Center, 5:30 Silent Auction Open, 6:00
Native Drumming, 6:30 Dinner Served/ Silent Auction closed, 7:30 Live Auction.
For more information or to purchase ticket please contact our office at 707-256-
3561 or suscol@suscol.net. All proceeds for Native American Healing & Cultural
Center in Chiles Pope Valley.

November 24 - Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

November 27 - Sunday: Angler’s Choice Bass Tournament. See notice at bottom
right of this page.

Ongoing Events:

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello
Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is open at Spanish Flat
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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 11/07/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **1.23** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.
The water is now **14.49** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
10/10/11	426.08	0.11	79	53	0.00
10/11/11	426.04	0.02	68	60	Trace
10/12/11	426.02	0.11	81	53	0.00
10/13/11	425.98	0.11	82	51	0.00
10/14/11	425.96	0.12	85	51	0.00
10/15/11	425.96	0.12	88	54	0.00
10/16/11	425.94	0.12	84	56	0.00
10/17/11	425.93	0.10	80	53	0.00
10/18/11	425.91	0.12	89	51	0.00
10/19/11	425.91	0.11	85	51	0.00
10/20/11	425.89	0.10	77	52	0.00
10/21/11	425.87	0.11	81	49	0.00
10/22/11	425.85	0.09	84	49	0.00
10/23/11	425.84	0.11	84	48	0.00
10/24/11	425.82	0.10	83	48	0.00
10/25/11	425.81	0.12	79	47	0.00
10/26/11	425.75	0.10	77	47	0.00
10/27/11	425.74	0.12	73	38	0.00
10/28/11	425.68	0.07	74	39	0.00
10/29/11	425.67	0.10	76	38	0.00
10/30/11	425.65	0.08	82	41	0.00
10/31/11	425.63	0.08	80	46	0.00
11/1/11	425.59	0.04	83	48	0.00
11/2/11	425.56	0.25	72	44	0.00
11/3/11	425.55	0.15	73	39	0.00
11/4/11	425.50	0.04	61	36	0.00
11/5/11	425.50	0.07	59	36	0.00
11/6/11	425.51	0.02	57	41	0.32

ANGLER’S CHOICE BASS TOURNAMENTS

2nd Tournament: Nov. 27, 2011, 3rd Tournament: Feb. 26, 2012,
4th Tournament: March 25, 2012, 5th Tournament: April 28, 2012
6th Tournament: May 20, 2012, 7th Tournament: June 30, 2012

All Tournaments will be out of Markley Cove!
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Dear Business Owner/Community Partner,

Please consider joining the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

We will see substantial future recreational improvements at Lake Berryessa with the Pensus Group adding more amenities to their resorts. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina will continue to offer a full range of recreation services. The Chamber’s tourist information program includes our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Napa Valley Destination council (NVDC) website: www.LegendaryNapaValley.com.

The Chamber will also promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses with a continually updated “Lake Berryessa – The Map” which makes Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors. Thousands of copies will be distributed regionally. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook, which is distributed nationwide.

Ongoing benefits to our members and community partners include:

1. Listing on our web site: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com, as well as the opportunity to post information about your business and local events on our Chamber Facebook page.

2. Email communications of important news and issues affecting the area.
3. Meetings and events where you can discuss the issues with fellow members.

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

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN/RENEW:

1. List your contact information details and description of your business.
2. Prepare a check for \$25 payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.
3. Mail the contact information and your check to:

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce
Spanish Flat Village Center
Unit # 9318
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Thank you,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board: Dee Cuney, Peter Kilkus, Craig Morton, Jerry Rehmke, Marcia Ritz, Sharyn Simmons, James Winchell

Alternatively, download a copy of the membership application from the Chamber web site: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com.

Real Berryessa Valley History from Murray Clark

My Grandfather, Alonzo Clark lost his right arm in a bird hunting accident when he was about 19 years old. That would have been about 1867. Dad said Grandpa always wore a suit no matter what he was doing. He said Grandpa could pick up a sack of wheat with his left hand. A sack of wheat could weigh between 130 - 145 pounds. One day Grandpa had been out in the field and it was pouring down rain. He came to the house, put his horse away and went to the bunkhouse to dry off before going to the ranch house. The bunkhouse had a huge fireplace in it. When he walked in there were several hired hands around the fire. No one offered to make room for him so he reached into his pocket and threw a hand full of rifle ammunition into the fire. Dad said when they started exploding guys were going out the doors and windows. Grandpa just stood there until he was warm and dry.

Dad used to haul wheat from Berryessa to Napa with a 6-horse team and wagon. There was still one of these freight wagons on the ranch when I was a young man. They were huge, about 4 feet wide and 14 to 16 feet long. The sides had to be 5 to 6 feet tall. Of course, the driver's seat was on top and up front. I remember playing on this old wagon when I was a small boy. The rear wheels were 6 feet in diameter. They were also equipped with brakes.

The trip was about 35 miles and took 3 days because of the mountainous terrain. The first day was from Monticello to Windy Flats. Windy Flats was like a stage stop for the teamsters. They would spend the night, get something to eat, rest and feed the teams. Then it was on to Napa to unload and go back as far as Windy Flats again. The next day back to Monticello. One time Dad was on his way back to the flats with an empty wagon.

When they were empty they usually only hitched two mules to the wagon and led the other four behind the wagon. The reason they only hitched two mules is that it is much easier to negotiate the turns. Dad had just topped the mountain and was headed down the other side when he met a guy on a bicycle. Well these mules had never seen a bicycle before and it scared the hell out of them.

The road is narrow and traverses a very steep bill side, 60 degrees off the down hill side of the road. The mules went over the down hill side and Dad jumped from the top of the wagon as it was going over. The four mules behind the wagon pulled loose and were OK. The two that went over the edge were killed. The wagon tumbled down the hill about 100 yards and came to rest against a big tree. One time on our way to Napa, Dad and Mom stopped and pointed out the wagon to me. In the early 1950's there was a big fire in the country and what was left of the wagon burned up.



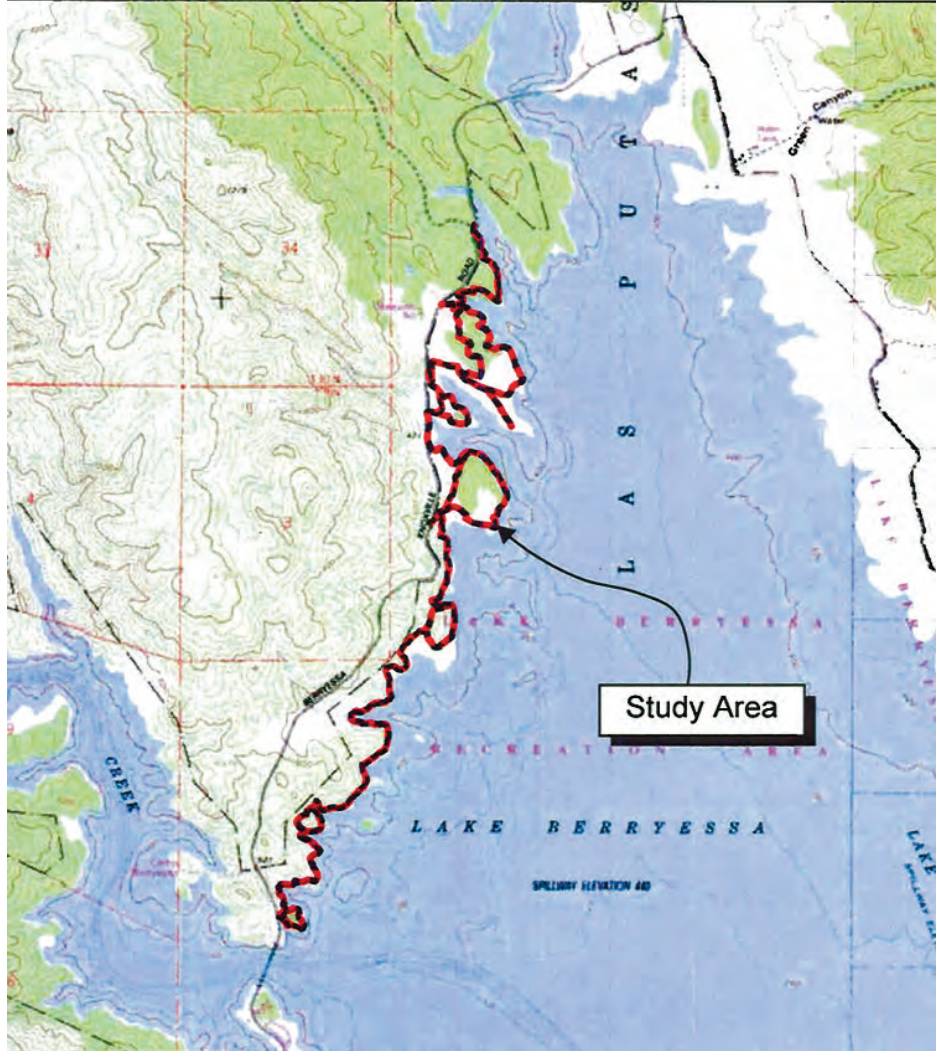
Rehabilitation of North End Trail at Lake Berryessa

The rehabilitation and realignment of the North End Trail is a joint effort by the Bureau of Reclamation and Berryessa Trails & Conservation. The existing North End Trail was established in the late 1970s and has a number of safety and environmental issues as a result of its current condition, alignment, and ongoing erosion along the banks of the reservoir. Segments of the trail are in close proximity to, and in some cases on the edge of, eroding cliffs or landslides.

The proposed action consists of rehabilitating the existing trail by realigning portions away from hazardous areas, resurfacing the trail through the use of possible trail stabilizers, and removing and controlling overgrown vegetation. Associated structures, such as trailheads, gates, bridges, and wet crossings, would also be constructed or repaired, as needed.

The new North End Trail would be approximately the same length as the existing trail (7.3 miles long), but would include new loop and access trails and would adhere to sustainable design techniques. The trail would follow the same alignment in most areas, but would be shifted further inland in areas where erosion or landslides have created hazardous conditions along the shore of the lake. It would consist of a 4-foot-wide mineral soil surface trail with 2 feet of clearance on both sides (8-foot- wide by 8-foot-high corridor free of vegetation).

The modified trail would consist of 5.4 miles of main trail, 1.1 miles of loop trails. 0.5 mile of access trails, and less than 0.5 mile of existing trail that requires regrading. Six loop trails would be created, with access to the main trail at eight points along the trail.



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Lake Berryessa Loses Dee Johnston

This good-bye is for a long time friend to all of us on the lake. Her name was Dee Johnston she passed away on October 8th. She and her husband Steve, who passed some years ago, have been friends as far back as the Spanish Flat Inn. We would just like to let people know how much Larry and I will miss the old days with people like these. Some of our best memories were the times spent with Jim and Linda at the Inn watching them play games at the bar til all hours the night.

My favorite memory was at a party with Linda and Jim when the song Jim would play was “I got you Babe” by Sunny and Cher. If you knew Steve and Dee then you knew what was going to happen next. If you did not you heart was going to feel better by what you were about to see.

Steve was such a large very tall man and Dee was petite not to mention short. Dee would have to climb up on a chair to dance with Steve. When you saw them dance you could just feel their love.

These are the memories I often live on when I have a sad day. I have very loving memories of people who I now call dear friends, all met at the Inn with Jim and Linda. Our wishes go out to their childre, grandchildren and close friends.

They are dancing together again in the stars! from Mescha and Larry Loy

Pet Rescue Advocate Donates Animal Resuscitation Kit

Richard Wilson, a Lake Berryessa Resident and Animal Lover, has been working hard to raise funds to purchase pet oxygen masks on his own. He presented Capell Valley Fire Department with their first kit on Tuesday October 25th. We are very honored to be the first department within Napa County Fire to receive this generous donation. Richard’s goal is to raise enough funds to purchase at least ONE kit for EVERY department within Napa County Fire Department.

Please go to <http://petoxygenmask.blogspot.com/2011/10/dalmatians-4-life-project.html> and read about the Dalmatians 4 Life Project and more information on how his goal can become a reality. Please pass this along to all your family, friends, co workers and any animal lover on your list. Please help us in seeing Richard succeed in his desire to see that ALL family members in Napa County are taken care of. Sandy Storck, Assistant Chief, Capell Valley Fire Department

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November Birthdays

Jim Tschida – 7th
Gary Howes – 8th
Judy Lindsey – 16th
Gary Taylor – 20th

Shelby Ashley Cox – 23rd
Elaine Rehmke – 29th
Linda Moreau – 29th
Walter Craddock – 29th

Stu Williams – 30th
Don Moskowite – 30th
JoAnn Williams – 30th
Nancy Pridmore – 30th

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Often it feels as if everything is too hard for you and that anything you try ends in failure, but take heart: Those feelings have to be wrong eventually.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Sometimes we find amazing things in places we least expect them, whether it's true love, peace of mind, or, in your case, a pack of furious marauding cannibals.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You'll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

Leo (July 23-August 22): In retrospect, you should have paid more attention to the obvious warning signs, which were of course placed there by the Department of Transportation for just that purpose.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): If you somehow magically had the chance to do it all over again, you'd do everything in your power to make her happy. You don't, though, because that's not the way it works.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Remember: The patient raindrops can eventually wear away even the hardest stone. Don't let them get to close if you value your life.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): While there's no shame in admitting you don't know everything, there's actually quite a lot of shame in admitting you can't figure out how to eat chips and salsa.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Enlightenment and confusion will both be yours this week, when a tree falls in the woods only to make the sound of one hand clapping.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): After years of zoological study and careful consideration, you've decided that what separates us from the animals is a clever system of ditches and barriers.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): There's something the stars have been meaning to tell you about elephants, but you'll soon find out for yourself.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.

Third Annual C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Event

The 2011 Lake Berryessa Catch A Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.) for Kids Fishing Event, on October 15 at Pleasue Cove Marina, was a great success! Thirty-five children with disabilities or disadvantages from Napa, Solano and nearby Counties attended. CAL Fire and Napa Sheriff’s Dept. were among other partners and sponsors attending the event. Children were instructed of water safety principals by Sheriffs deputies. Other partners and bass clubs donated equipment, tackle and prizes for all the kids.

Each child had an opportunity to go fishing out on a boat, and for many, this was the first time for both fishing and boating. Nineteen boat operators, and 27 others volunteered their time and resources to provide this experience to the children. Many fish were caught and great memories were made.

The Lake Berryessa 2011 C.A.S.T. event succeeded in educating children on the enjoyment of getting outside, recreating with families, stewardship of the land and water, safety, eating right and healthy living habits.



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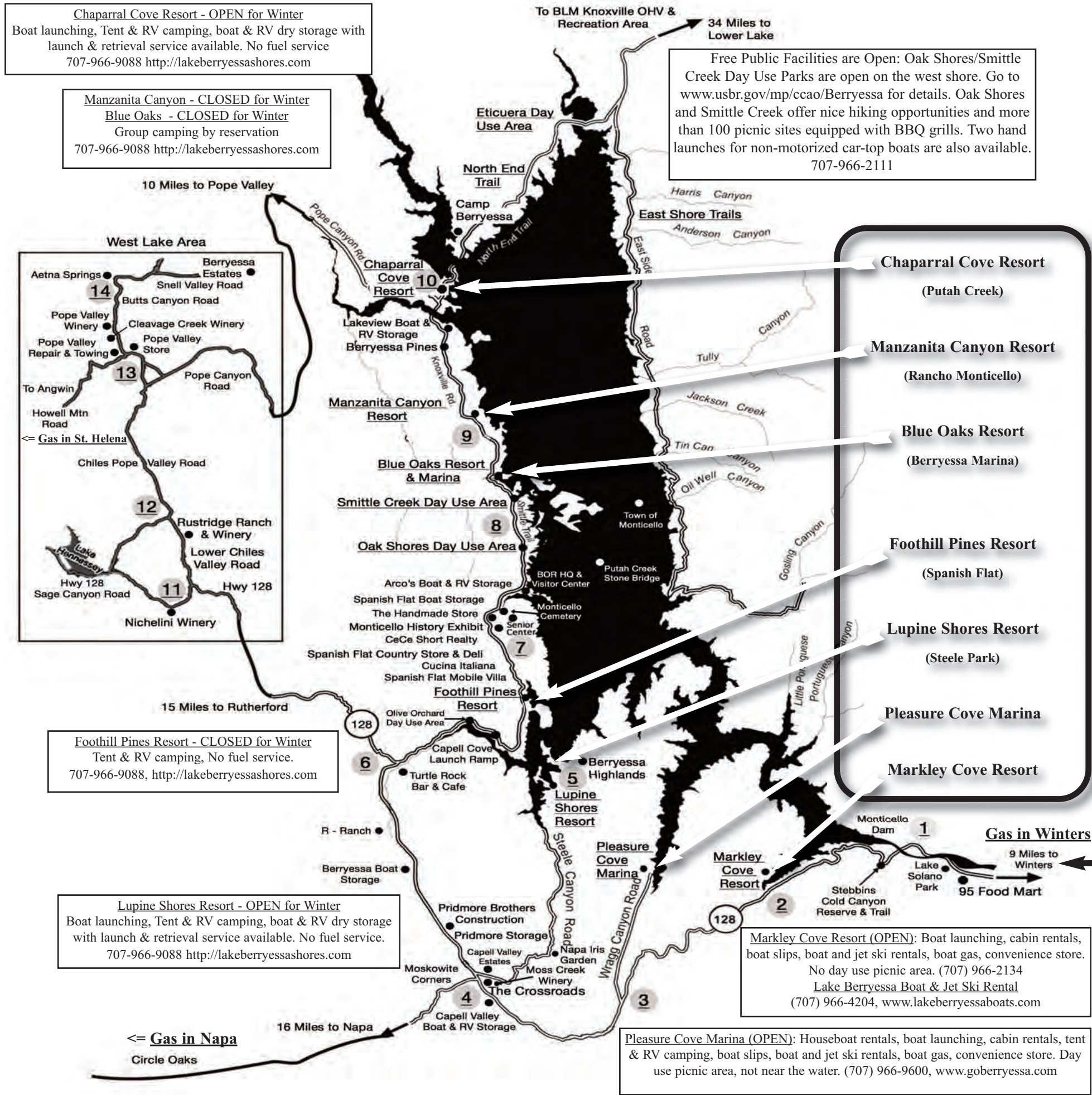
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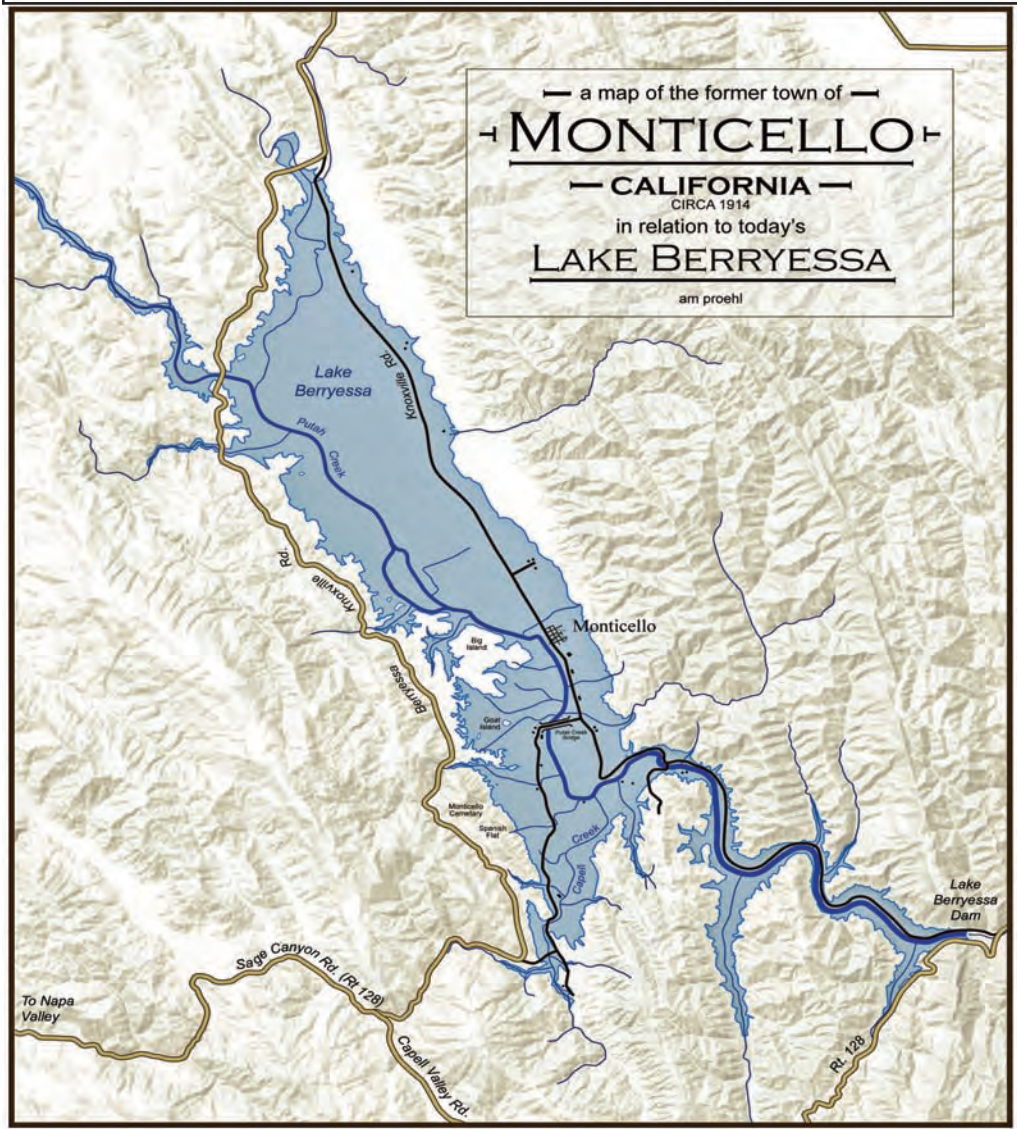
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New Submarine Trail Plotted for the Berryessa Valley

Andy Proehl of San Francisco designed the map below using a number of sources. He employed a satellite and terrain map from Google Maps for the lake and terrain today, but redrew the shoreline and retouched the terrain. Probably the most accurate resource was the large survey map that's posted in the Monticello History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village. Things didn't always line up but he tried to match up sources where possible. Download the map at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com or go to www.flickr.com/photos/amapple/5803291740/



Travel Distances	1.	Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
	2.	Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
	3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
	4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
	5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
	6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
	7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
	8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
	9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
	10.	Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
	11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
	12.	Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
	13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
	14.	Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

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Fishing With Sid

The weather forecast for this past weekend (11/5/11) was cold and wet, but I decided to go fishing anyway. I went down to the water on Friday evening before sunset and fished some top water lures from shore. I caught two bass in about six feet of water.

I saw a boat anchored by the shore and went over to talk to the guys. They told me they had headed out early in the morning and fished the area around Putah Creek and had limited out on trout. They were using a gold Kastmaster and similar lures. They had tried for bass but had no bites. I tried to cast a few more times, but it was so cold I decided to head home.

Saturday I went out with my son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Sarah, on their pontoon boat for a couple of hours. We headed to one of our favorite spots and started trolling. Almost immediately we had a double hookup of nice size trout. We circled around to do the same pass again and Sarah hooked another trout.

Needless to say we decided to stay in that spot and didn't troll more than a hundred feet in any direction without catching a fish. We all limited out on trout and my son landed a nice bass as well. We fished in approximately 14 to 18 feet of water and used lures that dove between 4 and 8 feet.

We made it back to shore before the rain, which was another plus. 'til next time....good fishing!!!! www.fishingconnection.net Any fishing stories you would like to share - email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.



Community Emergency Response Training

Free CERT Class in Lake Berryessa. 30 participants are needed. Class schedule will include only 1 weekday evening 6-8:30 PM Wed., Jan 11th and 2 eight hour Saturdays, 8:30AM-4:30PM, Jan 14th & 21st at the Capell Firehouse. Snacks provided. Participants will need to bring their own bag lunch for the Sat. classes. Contact Dee Cuney with your name, telephone number, e-mail addresse @ 707-966-3706 or email your information to DEECUNEY@aol.com

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Lake Berryessa's Excellent Adventure:

The Search for the Drowned Putah Creek Stone Bridge

As adventures go, this is quite a story – and an interesting coincidence!

On June 25, John Daniels of St. Helena found the Putah Creek Stone Bridge. On October 8, he was the first human being to see the famous bridge since Putah Creek was harnessed by Monticello Dam to form Lake Berryessa in 1958.

On November 26, Les Wilkinson and Chris Hanson, members of the Berryessa Bridges Project, were the first human beings to see the bridge with their own eyes and touch it with their own hands.

John's eyes were channeled through a 160-foot cable connected to an underwater video camera. The amazing video of this first sighting is available on You Tube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCDSStk_9Vpc.

Les and Chris, members of the Berryessa Bridges Project, were actually floating next to the bridge in 150 feet of cold, dark water.

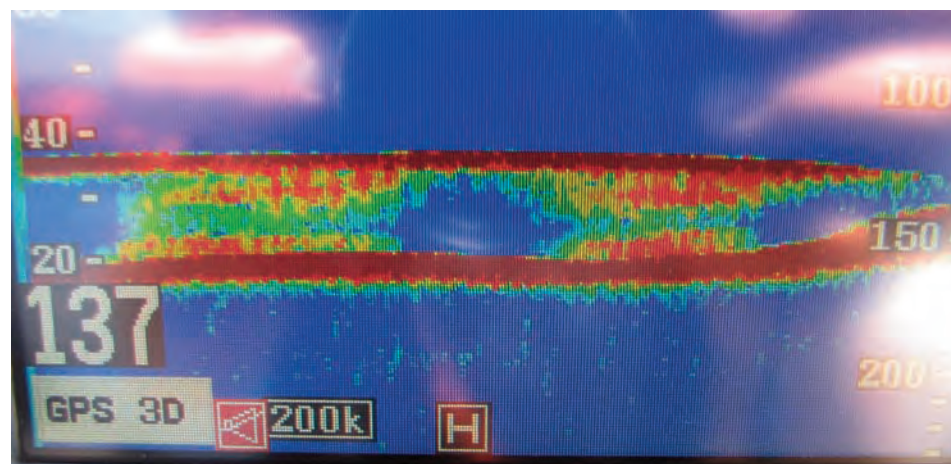
John is a Napa County native who has been coming to Lake Berryessa since he was a child. He's also an avid fisherman who combined his love of being on the water with an interest in the history of the Berryessa Valley and the Town of Monticello.

Since the Putah Creek Stone Bridge is a major historical artifact he decided to try to find and video record it.

several other bridges, that are below the surface of Lake Berryessa. The group of technical scuba divers, led by Dave VanValkenburg and Sharon Eckroth, had formed the Berryessa Bridges Project to find and document the historical bridges.

I was amazed at the research that had been done by the Berryessa Bridges Project group, especially the computer graphics magic of Dave Van Valkenburg. Dave had superimposed a view from Google Earth, an old aerial photograph, and the plot map from Carol Fitzpatrick's Monticello History Exhibit to pinpoint the location.

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Light at the End of the Berryessa Highlands Sewer Pipe?

On November 22, 2011, a contract for services was approved by the Board of the NBRID with a team led by Western Water Constructors which consists of several companies in order to provide the District with the distinct strengths offered by each company involved.

- o Western Water Constructors – Contractor & Prime
- o Summit Engineering Inc. – Engineering and Regional Board support
- o Bartle Wells Associates – Financial analysis and funding specialistso
- o Phillips & Associates – Operation and maintenance experts

The DBFOM approach offers several advantages including:

- Single point of responsibility - The project is in the hands of a single entity leading to a high level of accountability. The design/builder is motivated to deliver a project successfully by completing multiple objectives, while ensuring quality, budgeting, and timely completion.
- Cost savings - Value engineering and constructability is a continuous focus as the contractor, engineer, operator, and District are all aligned and participating in the design and implementation of the project.
- Time savings - The design/build system has inherent efficiencies which allow materials/equipment procurement and construction to begin before final plans are completed. Lower costs and earlier use of a completed facility is the result of this method.

- Guarantee of construction costs - Design and construction costs are estimated simultaneously so the team can accurately predict the costs for the complete project.

Improvements at the facility will occur in two phases. The first phase of the project involves the following items:

Feasibility Study

- o Creation of a feasibility study defining a variety of potential improvements to bring the District into CDO compliance, and benefits/disadvantages of each approach.
- o Siting study to determine the feasibility of loca-

tion for an additional storage pond.

o Preparation of a report of waste discharge application for submittal to the Regional Board.

Flow Monitoring – Monitoring of the system per Regional Board requirements. Confirmation of inflow and infiltration flows existing within the District.

Financial Analysis – Evaluation of public and private financing options and costs to determine the most favorable method of financing the improvements.

Assessment Engineer’s Report – Preparation of documentation defining the plan for any assessment or bond approach for financing.

Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Development – Preparation of preliminary engineering drawings and specifications to allow for development of a GMP for improvements per the desired approach from the feasibility study.

The second phase of the project would be implementation of the conceptual improvements determined and approved during the Phase 1 efforts. This will involve financing, detailed engineering, permitting, construction, and commissioning of the improvements.

In addition, the team will be providing operation and maintenance support and personnel for running the facility. Phase 1 will consist of oversight and support of existing District staff to allow for streamlining of the facility, data collection, and minimization of spills/overflow conditions. Phase 2 will involve the full transfer of the operations and maintenance duties of the facility to the team.

The agreement with Western Water Constructors is for privatized operations and management at a not to exceed cost of \$517,500 for the Preliminary Design Phase (PDP) professional engineering and financial services to address facilities needed to comply with Cease and Desist Order R5-2010-0101 issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, replacement of the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant including provisions for private financing. This does not include any repair or construction work.

Completion of the PDP is scheduled for 150 days after contract signing. This work may potentially allow the CDO to be lifted in less than a year.

Community Church Events

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa would like to invite Berryessa area residents to our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be the 20th at R-Ranch. Seating is at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30. There is no charge.

We also will be caroling in the community on the 11th and the 21st. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm and return about 8 pm. Please join us for a time that brightens spirits with a joyful noise.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 6:30 pm and we will have a shortened service on Christmas day. We will share in Communion and enjoy birthday cake in celebration of Jesus birth.

We also want to help those in the community who may be needing gift assistance this year. If you have a child under 14 years of age and need help please contact the church office at 252-4488.

Thanks and God Bless
The Community Church.

Community Church of Lake Berryessa

Located at 6008 Monticello Road
(Moskowite Corners)
For information please contact Bob Lee
Phone: 707-252-4488
Email: terribob@lakeberryessa.net

Appetite-Building on Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving Day while everyone was cooking a number of Berryessa runners joined about 1,700 other runners in the Solano Hearts United 5K/10K Run. It was held at Solano College to raise money for four charities in Solano County; Mission Solano, Meals On Wheels, Heather House and Children’s Nurturing project.

The Berryessa contingent was made up of Koreen Immen (10K), Matt Stork (10k), Wendy Rodden (10K), Bob Lee (10K), Dirk Werning (5K) and Sandy Storck (5K).

It was a rainy ride down to the event, but the race started with dry skies. The Berryessa folks were fast enough to beat the rain back to the finish line. Two of the six runners, Koreen and Bob, finished second in their age groups to take home a much coveted stocking cap.

Equally impressive were Wendy and Sandy who completed their first ever race with times putting them well up on a number of other runners.

A good time was had by all - we then went home and ate!

Event Calendar

December 17 - Saturday: Senior Center Christmas Potluck Party. 6 PM. Traditional Baked Ham Dinner along with Tri Tip with all the trimmings. Rudy & Betty Fehrenkamp have agreed to return as Mr & Mrs Claus. All families are invited. Gift exchange: please bring a new wrapped gift (no more than \$10 value) marked for man or woman.

December 20 - Tuesday: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa would like to invite Berryessa area residents to our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be on the 20th at R-Ranch. Seating is at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30. There is no charge.

January 21 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed.

January 28 - Saturday: Pope Valley School Crab Feed. Pope Valley Farm Center
Doors open 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction—5:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets \$50.00/person. (Limited availability—call 965-2402 to order)

My old friend Dick Stella’s daughter, Michelle, died on Thanksgiving Day.
He wrote this poem in her memory.

Make Us An Angel

lord
Make us an angel
with wings soft and
broad enough
to shield her
from the cold.

Pray us a prayer
so powerful,
I'll forget to ask why
We need an angel.

Write us a song
to sing on a summer's eve,
with words so sweet
We'll sleep till morning.

Give us a memory.
Place it on our shoulders.
So, as We travel onward,
whenever We turn our heads

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 12/5/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **2.77** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.
The water is now **14.8** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
11/7/11	425.50	0.02	57	37	0.15
11/8/11	425.48	0.02	65	36	0.00
11/9/11	428.47	0.04	61	36	0.00
11/10/11	425.46	0.05	61	36	0.00
11/11/11	425.47	0.06	65	36	0.00
11/12/11	425.25	0.00	57	41	0.22
11/13/11	425.46	0.02	64	43	0.00
11/14/11	425.41	0.00	68	42	0.00
11/15/11	425.43	0.04	67	42	0.00
11/16/11	425.43	0.00	71	40	0.00
11/17/11	425.44	0.04	71	40	0.00
11/18/11	425.39	0.04	68	42	0.00
11/19/11	425.39	0.01	59	34	0.13
11/20/11	425.43	0.02	55	33	0.76
11/21/11	425.43	0.01	51	40	0.00
11/22/11	425.40	0.01	60	39	0.00
11/23/11	425.41	0.01	63	40	0.00
11/24/11	425.41	0.02	57	42	0.27
11/25/11	425.41	0.00	54	43	0.01
11/26/11	425.39	0.01	55	40	0.00
11/27/11	425.40	0.01	61	38	0.00
11/28/11	425.40	0.01	61	41	0.00
11/29/11	425.36	0.01	64	38	0.00
11/30/11	425.50	0.02	63	37	0.00
12/1/11	425.28	0.18	65	37	0.00
12/2/11	425.27	0.16	66	43	0.00
12/3/11	425.19	0.21	73	44	0.00
12/4/11	425.20	0.19	63	35	0.00

December Birthdays

Gary Larski - 5th
Grace Hughes
Christine Roussopoulos - 5th
Chris Carstens - 1st
Nancy Pridmore - 13th
Clint Pridmore - 4th
Rose Stubbs - 23rd
Al Wynrib - 4th
Joan Brigham - 31st

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Lake Berryessa's 2012 Rainy Season May Be on the Dry Side!

Another rainy season has begun, but only time to tell whether Lake Berryessa will see water spilling into Glory Hole this year. For the lake region, a "normal" rainfall season means about 22+ to 30 inches of rain between October and June.

An especially dry year, such as 2007, only saw about 15 inches while a particularly wet season, such as 1998 and 2006, brought more than 40 inches. Some forecasters predict that the first part of this rainy season will be influenced by weak La Niña conditions. That could mean near-normal or below-normal rainfall.

"La Niña" - Spanish for "the little girl" - refers to unusually cold water temperatures in the Pacific Ocean along the equator. That usually leads to rainier-than-normal winter in the Pacific Northwest and dryer-than-normal winter in Southern California.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center predicts above-normal rainfall in the Pacific Northwest and below-normal rainfall in Southern California. In the Bay Area, things could go either way or be normal. A colder-than-usual winter is also likely, according to the center.

The Old Farmer's Almanac also has predictions for the upcoming rainfall year. Look for a rainy streak into December and a wet, cool spring leading up to a hot summer, according to the almanac.

The Solano County Water Agency is doubtful that enough rain will fall to lift Berryessa water levels the final 14.6 feet needed to spill into the Glory Hole for the first time since 2006.

During a typical rain year, Lake Berryessa gets about 200,000 acre-feet of water. Last year saw above-normal rainfall and the lake received 300,000 acre-feet. If this rainy season mirrors the 2010-11 season, enough water could flow into Lake Berryessa and the lake level could approach or top the Glory Hole.

Much depends on where the heart of the storms hit. The Berryessa watershed runs from the lake as far north as 4,720-foot-high Mount Cobb in Lake County. Storms in 1995 dropped so much rain in the watershed that Lake Berryessa received almost 800,000 acre-feet of water. If that were to happen this year, the lake would fill and then some.

Wine and Global Warming

A team of climate scientists broke the US. into a four kilometer grid (much smaller than that used in global climate models) and examined the future effect of climate change on a single industry: winemaking.

Premium wine grapes like the weather warm but not too warm. They are particularly sensitive to days when the temperature rises above 95°F, although extended stretches above 85°F aren't good for them either.

What the scientists found is that while global warming isn't projected to produce a massive change in average temperature in wine-growing regions (probably only about 5°F by the end of the century), that's enough to tip a lot of summer days into the heat-wave zone.

For example, California's Napa and Sonoma wine regions currently see fewer than fourteen of the 95°-plus days each year. But by the end of the century that could climb to 55 or 60 - enough to pretty much put these regions out of business.

All told, the report calculated, U.S. production of premium wines could drop 80% by 2100 - even after accounting for the fact that some regions, like parts of Maine, Oregon and Washington, could become California's heirs.

End of the world? Not really. Life without premium wines would be less interesting, but not unimaginable.

Besides, America's loss might be Canada's gain. Or perhaps genetic engineering will come to California's rescue with heat-resistant strains.

Rimrock Road Scores Another Professional Musician/Composer



The Berryessa Highlands is home to many interesting people. One of them is Tibor Olah and his young family. I just heard T's in-process CD at Cucina Italiana. I definitely enjoyed the music. The arrangements are complex and very rich.

Tibor Olah Music Productions is a dynamic music production facility, developing original music and sound design for film, television, and radio. The objective is to create music that captures the essence of the moment whether it's a visual presentation or just pure

listening pleasure.

T says, "I'm working on the final version of my CD. As any artist would say... it's not perfect yet! The music is simply a labour of love. I just hope always, that someone's listening."

T has played with Rick James, Toto, Ramsey Lewis, and The Gap Band. To hear and see examples of his professional work, and some very powerful original compositions, go to his web site, <http://tiborolah.com/>.

You can request a copy of his CD at info@tiborolah.com. Leave your contact info and he will arrange to get you a copy for \$15 dollars.

The Music Will Move You !

California Inland Fisheries Foundation Volunteers Head to Lake Berryessa

CIFFI's four pens at Markley Cove Resort were thoroughly cleaned by a volunteer group manning the power washers. DFG's trout are scheduled to be put into the nets in early January 2012.

These pens hold the tiny rainbow trout during the fall and winter months in an attempt to teach the fish how to feed and better survive the crucial winter months. The small fry will remain in the pens for approximately four to five months, being fed several times a day by volunteers from CIFFI and Markley Cove Resort. After eight-plus years of using these pens, CIFFI has found that the pen-raised fish acclimate better to the natural food sources at Lake Berryessa and grow to a larger size by spring. They are also able to utilize the lake's huge population of natural food sources better than DFG's springs planted fish.

Simply put, planter trout have mouths too small to swallow the lake's minnows. Biological studies have proven that pen projects work well and anticipation is high for a greater number of holdover sized fish in future years.

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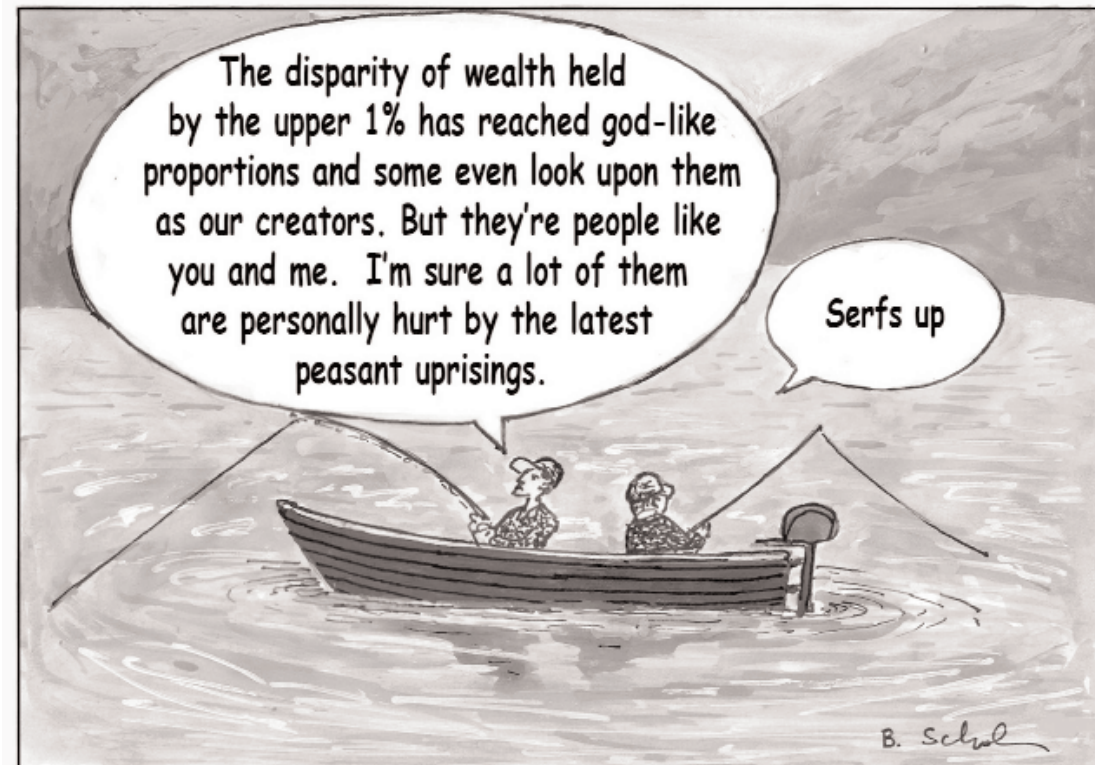
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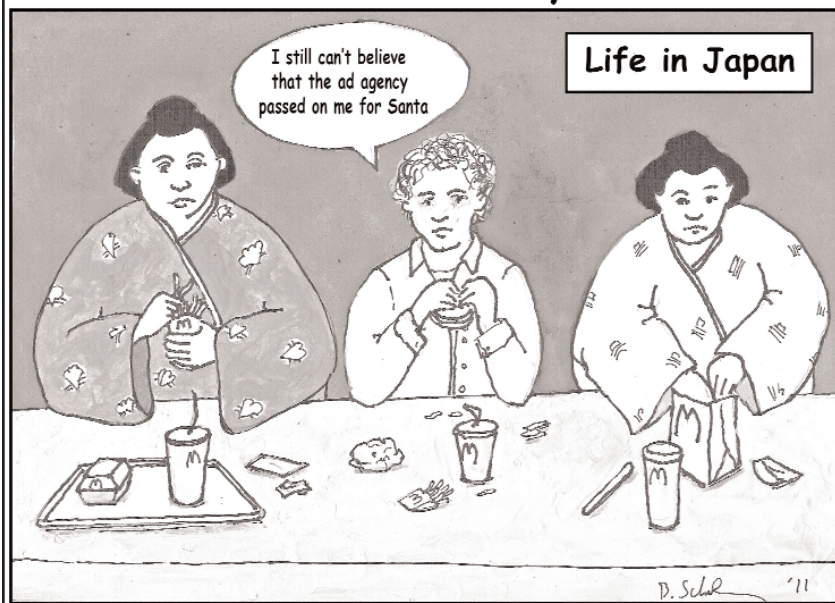


Ski Resorts are Open, but...

I've found the most accurate snow predictions are on the Northstar Resort web site at <http://northstarsnow.blogspot.com/>. Here's the latest post on Dec. 4: In order to get some snow into CA we are waiting for the pattern to change. Currently there is a large area of high pressure spinning off the Pacific NW coast sending storms coming across the Pacific ocean up into Alaska and Canada. This is common in a positive PNA (Pacific North American) teleconnection pattern which we are currently in.

Right now it looks like going into next week the snow storms will increase to our North in the Pacific NW with some chances of light snow making it down here. As we go later into the month the jetstream and track of the storms should come further South. Not the best news, but until then plenty of cold for snowmaking.

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The Grinch Who Stole the Christmas Stuffing: A Cautionary Holiday Tale
By Peter Kilkus (This Season’s Grinch)

We all partake of the noble holiday tradition of stuffing a turkey, and then stuffing ourselves, for the holidays. Although we know that it’s not good for us, a whole platoon of doctors can’t seem to stop us.

But I just had a personal wake-up call when my doctor said that the red “Check Engine” light was flashing on my physical exam results. My blood pressure had spiked and I was not feeling exceptionally well.

Then I saw a medical poster that kind of freaked me out. It graphically described a condition called “Metabolic Syndrome” and the picture on the poster looked a lot like me! (See picture on right)

So let me Grinch you out before you start stuffing so you can understand your options and their effects. Consider it a Christmas present from the Lake Berryessa News.

What is Metabolic Syndrome?

Metabolic syndrome describes a common condition in which obesity, high blood pressure, high blood glucose ("blood sugar"), and an abnormal cholesterol profile (dyslipidemia) cluster together in one person.

When these risk factors occur together, the chance of developing coronary heart disease, stroke, and diabetes is much greater than when these risk factors develop independently.

According to the American Heart Association, almost 25% of Americans are affected by metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors

To be diagnosed with metabolic syndrome, patients need to have at least three of the following risk factors:

Obesity: Obesity is defined as having too much body fat. A person is considered obese when his/her weight is 20% or more above ideal weight. Obesity promotes insulin resistance, an inability to respond normally to insulin.

People with fat situated mainly around the stomach (abdomen) are considered "apple-shaped". They have a

higher risk of many of the serious conditions associated with metabolic syndrome. See accompanying article: Body Mass Index (BMI) Defined and Explained.

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factor:
Waist measurement greater than 35 inches (women) or 40 inches (men).

High Blood Glucose: Sugar (glucose) is what supplies the body with energy. Normally, this sugar is rapidly cleared from the blood and stored as energy. If sugar stays in the blood it causes an unhealthy buildup called high blood glucose. Glucose in the blood reaches all of thebody's organs and systems, including the heart arteries and veins, kidneys, and nervous system.

This constant "sugar-attack" has the same affect as eating too much candy and not brushing your teeth - it causes organ system decay or degeneration People with high blood glucose are at risk for many diseases including heart attack, stroke, blindness, and amputation. High blood glucose levels (or pre-diabetes) often leads to the development of type 2 diabetes.

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factor:
Glucose of 110 mg/dL or greater

High Blood Pressure: Blood pressure is the force that helps the blood flow through the blood vessels. When the blood pressure in the arteries is too high, it is called high blood pressure. High blood pressure damages blood vessels. If blood vessels are subjected to high blood pressure for an extended period of time, they thicken and become less flexible. This is called arteriosclerosis, and it can affect the arteries that supply blood to the heart.

Blood pressure is measured using two numbers. The first number, called systolic pressure, is measured just after the heart contracts and the pressure is greatest. The second number is diastolic pressure. It is measured when the heart relaxes and the pressure is lowest

Normal blood pressure is about 110/75 mmHg. High blood pressure alone causes no symptoms, but it does increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney failure.

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factor:
Blood pressure greater than 130/85

Abnormal Cholesterol Profile (Dyslipidemia): Cholesterol is a type of fat in your blood. Cholesterol either comes from the foods you eat or is made by your liver. It is found in all of the body's cells. There are "good" and "bad" types of cholesterol.

Too much of the "bad" cholesterol (triglycerides and LDL) and not enough "good" cholesterol (HDL) can increase your risk of coronary heart disease. Triglycerides and HDL levels are important indicators of metabolic syndrome.

Triglycerides: High triglyceride levels in the blood can help clog the arteries with fatty deposits called plaque (atherosclerois), making it difficult for oxygen-rich blood to reach the heart. High triglyceride levels increase your risk of having a heart attack

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factor:
Triglycerides greater than 150 mg/dL

HDL Cholesterol: HDL cholesterol (the "good cholesterol") helps remove deposits from within the blood vessels and it stops the blood vessels from becoming blocked. The more HDL in your blood, the better it is for your heart. When HDL cholesterol levels are low, there is a greater risk of developing a heart attack or stroke.

Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factor: :
HDL cholesterol level less than 50 mg/dL (women) and less than 40 mg/dL (men)

Medical Conditions Associated with Metabolic Syndrome

People with untreated metabolic syndrome are at a higher risk of cardiovascular disease (such as coronary heart disease and stroke) and type 2 diabetes.

Stroke: The term stroke refers to the sudden death of brain tissue caused by a lack of oxygen to the brain. In ischemic stroke, blood flow to an area of the brain is either blocked or reduced This blockage may result from atherosclerosis and blood clot formation.

Coronary disease: Narrowing of the arteries in the heart usually causes

coronary heart disease which can lead to heart attacks. The buildup of plaque in the lining of the arteries (atherosclerosis) can cause this narrowing. All of the metabolic syndrome risk factors can result in atherosclerosis. Heart attacks occur when blood cannot flow through the clogged arteries. As a result, the heart does not get enough oxygen and stops working.

Type 2 Diabetes: A disease in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin and/or the body loses the ability to respond normally to insulin (insulin resistance). Insulin is needed to transport glucose into the cells for use as energy. Without insulin, body tissues have less access to essential nutrients for energy and storage. Without proper management, diabetes can lead to complications that affect the eyes, mouth, cardiovascular system, kidneys, nerves, and extremities.

Causes and Treatment

Some studies suggest that metabolic syndrome is closely tied to an individual's metabolism, or how the body proceses food. Normally, food is absorbed into the bloodstream in the form of sugar (glucose) and other basic substances. When glucose levels in the bloodstreamrise the pancreas (an organ behind the stomach) releases a hormone called insulin.

Insulin attaches to the body's cells allowing glucose to enter where it is used for energy. In some people, the body's cells are not able to respond to insulin (insulin resistance). It is this condition of insulin resistance that some studies suggest is behind the development of metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic syndrome is a disease that requires long-term management of each of the risk factors. Poor nutrition and lack of exercise are underlying causes. It has been shown that with lifestyle changes and treatment, including medications, people with metabolic syndrome can greatly decrease their chances of developing serious complications. Regular monitoring of blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose are important to detect the syndrome. It is important to know your number.

<u>Cranberry-Apple Sauce (The John Van Loon Special)</u>	
(This is one of the most flavorful cranberry sauces I’ve ever tasted!)	
10 cups	diced, peeled McIntosh apples (approximately 7 large apples)
6 cups	fresh cranberries
2 cups	apple cider
2/3 cup	maple sugar (or firmly packed light or dark brown sugar)
4 tbsp	pure maple syrup
2/3 cup	golden raisins
2 tbsp	grated fresh ginger
2 tsp	ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp	ground cloves
1/2 tsp	salt
1. In a large saucepan, combine the apples, cranberries, cider, maple sugar, maple syrup, raisins, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and salt.	
2. Bring to a boil, and immediately reduce the heat to low.	
3. Simmer, uncovered, until the cranberries burst, 8 minutes. Cool to room temperature.	
4. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate until chilled. Serve chilled.	
Makes 16 cups or 32 servings.	

<u>Fire Cider: Winter Health Without Flames</u>
Stave off a cold with fire. Well, almost - fire cider. This unusual concoction of immune-boosting ingredients will also clear sinuses, but it's not for the weak of heart. Some people like to age their fire cider for several weeks, so they start a fresh batch every autumn for winter cold season.
• 1 small onion, peeled and chopped (contains natural anti-histamines),
• 5 cloves garlic, peeled, minced (anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-viral,
• 3/4 cup peeled, grated fresh horse-radish (increases blood flow to the head),
• 1/2 cup peeled, grated fresh ginger (increases circulation to the extremities),
• 1 tsp. ground turmeric (anti-inflammatory),
• 1 heaping tsp. cayenne pepper (blood stimulant),
• 1 cup honey, preferably raw and local,
• 2 cups apple cider vinegar to cover.
Put the ingredients in a quart jar and stir until the honey is dissolved. Cover the mouth of the jar with a square of waxed paper, and fasten the lid tightly.
Put in a cool, dark place, and let sit undisturbed for six to eight weeks. Once your fire cider has matured, strain and squeeze the mixture through cheesecloth.
Stored away from light and heat, fire ciderwill last up to six months. When needed, take by the spoonful. It can be also be used as a salad dressing or as a chest rub.

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2012 Holidays

Jan. 01 New Year's Day	May 21 Victoria Day, Canada
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day,	May 22 National Maritime Day
Jan. 23 Chinese/Lunar New Year	May 28 Memorial Day, U.S
Feb. 01 National Freedom Day	Jun. 14 Flag Day
Feb. 02 Groundhog Day	Jun. 17 Father's Day
Feb. 05 Super Bowl Sunday	Jun. 20 Summer Solstice
Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday, U.S	Jun. 24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day	Jul. 01 Canada Day, Canada
Feb. 15 Susan B. Anthony Day	Jul. 04 Independence Day, U.S
Feb. 20 Washington's Birthday (obs)	Jul. 22 Parent's Day
Feb. 21 Mardi Gras	Sep. 03 Labor Day, U.S
Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday	Sep. 03 Labour Day, Canada
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday	Sep. 09 Grandparent's Day
Mar. 11 Daylight Saving Time Starts	Sep. 11 Patriot Day
Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day	Sep. 16 Jewish New Year Starts
Mar. 20 Spring Equinox	Sep. 17 Citizenship Day
Apr. 01 April Fool's Day	Sep. 22 Fall Equinox
Apr. 01 Palm Sunday	Sep. 25 Yom Kippur Starts
Apr. 06 Good Friday	Oct. 08 Columbus Day, U.S
Apr. 06 Jewish Passover Starts	Oct. 31 Halloween
Apr. 08 Easter Sunday	Nov. 06 Election Day, U.S
Apr. 09 Easter Monday (Can.)	Nov. 04 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Apr. 16 Patriots' Day	Nov. 11 Veterans Day, U.S
Apr. 22 Earth Day	Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (Alberta)
Apr. 25 Admin. Assistant's Day	Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day, U.S
Apr. 27 Arbor Day	Dec. 08 Hanukkah Starts
May 05 Cinco de Mayo	Dec. 21 Winter Solstice
May 08 National Teacher Day	Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, U.S & Can.
May 13 Mother's Day	Dec. 25 Christmas Day
May 20 Armed Forces Day	Dec. 26 Boxing Day - Canada
	Dec. 31 New Year's Eve



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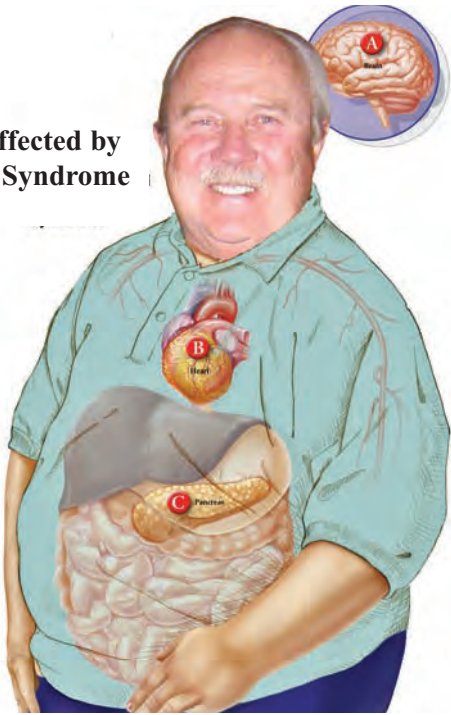
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Body Mass Index (BMI) Defined and Explained

The Body Mass Index (BMI) is a quick, easy and efficient screening tool to identify weight problems in adults. While BMI is a strong indicator of body fat percentage, it can vary for age, race and sex. It is important to note that the BMI should only be utilized as a screening tool and is not in and of itself, diagnostic. For example, older people tend to have more body fat than those who are younger, and women tend to have more body fat than men.

Also, some athletes may score a higher BMI becauset hey have increased muscle mass; therefore, they weigh more because the weight is muscle not fat. In fact, some patients notice when the combine diet and exercise, they may go down a clothing size while their weight remains the same.

Body Mass Index calculates a person’s fat level by using a complex mathematical formula based an individual’sheight and weight. The chart below highlights BMI scores and their correlating weight status.

- Below 18.5 BMI - Underweight
- 18.5 – 24.9 BMI - Normal
- 25.0 – 29.9 BMI - Overweight
- 30.0 & up BMI - Obese

Automatic calculators can be found online at:
<http://cdc.gov/healthyweightlassessinglbmllindex.html>.

- Results for a man 6’ 2” tall:
- 190 pounds – 24.4 BMI - Normal
 - 200 pounds – 25.7 BMI - Overweight
 - 210 pounds – 27.0 BMI - Overweight
 - 220 pounds – 28.2 BMI - Overweight
 - 230 pounds – 29.5 BMI - Overweight
 - 240 pounds – 30.8 BMI - Obese

Once it is determined that you have a weight problem through this calculation, follow upwith appropriate assessments for specific health risks that may be associated with a BMI of underweight, overweight, or obese is recommended.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Plastic bags can wreak havoc on the environment, especially if like you, people keep using them to suffocate trees.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): And to think you laughed when your high-school yearbook named you Most Likely To Be Responsible For The Extinction Of The Frigate Bird.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It may be years before your coworkers treat you with respect again, but it will have been worth it for the brief time spent inside the panda suit.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): What you thought was a folksy comment turns out to be the plain truth when wet, slushy snow and heavy winds combine to make for rough sledding.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You will fail to keep your New Year's resolution to ignore meaningless holidays and arbitrary personal decisions.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Your seventh straight year of office football pool domination will be tarnished when your colleagues discover that NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has become your psychic friend.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Your insurance company insists that it has no obligation to insure you as long as you're still frozen in that block of ice.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Your judgment is called into question when, despite the strong advice of your friends down in the marketing department, you decide to go ahead with plans to launch a winter invasion of Russia.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Don't fight the turning of the seasons: Time marches on, no matter how many leaves you glue back onto the trees.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Your love for the unexpected joy of "snow days" will not translate directly into a love for next week's hellish rains of fire and blood.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You will soon be unwillingly forced into a flurry of activity when you are chosen to host the 2014 Winter Olympiad.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You're wasting your potential by living life as you do now, but not as much as you're wasting your potential energy by not falling from high places.

Body weight is only one indicator of disease risk. Combined with a high BMI, the following factors can place you at an even greater risk forcertain diseases:

- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- High LDL cholesterol (“bad” cholesterol)
- Low HDL cholesterol (“good” cholesterol)
- High triglycerides
- High blood glucose (sugar)
- Family history of premature heart disease
- Physical inactivity
- Cigarette smoking

In conjunction with BMI numbers, a person’swaist circumference is also an effective way toassess weight and health risk. People who carrymost of their fat around their waist, an apple-shaped body, are at greater risk for type 2diabetes and heart disease. The risk increaseswith a waist size that is more than 35 inchesfor women and greater than 40 inches for men.

Scientific evidence shows that when people carry weight around their waistline, abdominal fat tends to surround internal organs, impairing their function. Conversely, people who carry their weight around their hips, a “pear shaped” body, accumulate fat directly under the skin, and thus the fat does not interfere with their organ function.

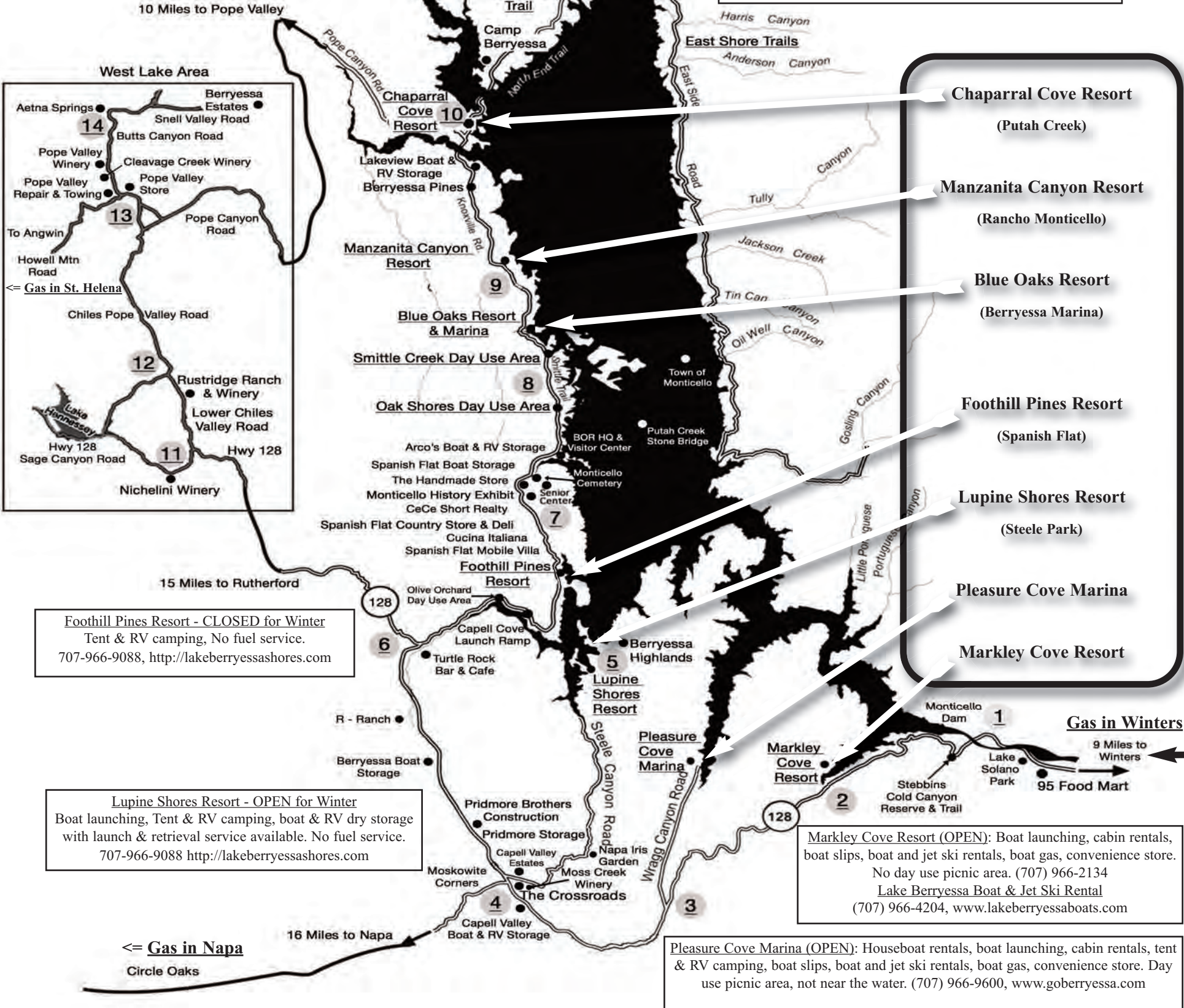
Just as a BMI over 25 can have negative health implications, so too can a BMI of 18.5 or lower, categorized as “underweight” for an adult. A BMI this low could indicate a variety of medical conditions.

People with underweight body mass indexes are at increased risk for poor bone-health, such as osteoporosis. Younger women classified as underweight may have disruptions of their menstrual cycle and difficulty getting pregnant. Other issues from being underweight can include anemia or a weakened immune system.

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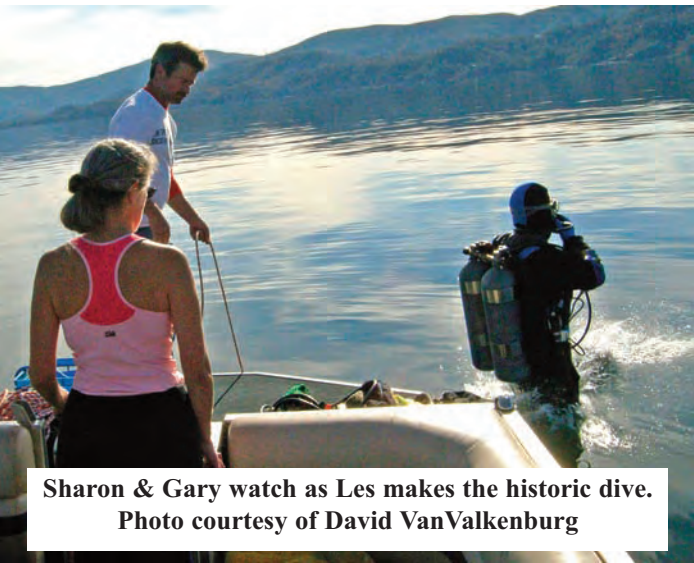


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On November 26, the Berryessa Bridges Project team geared up, rented a patio boat from Pleasure Cove Marina, and sailed out on an exceptionally beautiful day – warm, sunny, and flat as glass.

According to Dave: “Les Wilkinson, Sharon Eckroth, Gary Callihan, Chris Hanson, and I rented a patio boat from Pleasure Cove Marina and set out about 9:30 AM Saturday morning. We are all technical divers, and have been diving together for quite a while. To be honest, although we were prepared, we were not really planning on getting any diving done Saturday, but things moved along well, and the conditions were ideal, so we went for it.

Using a chartplotter GPS with sonar we grappled near the bridge. Next we placed a commercial grade color television camera on a shackle to the grapple line and lowered it on its 300 foot cable along the line. With Les



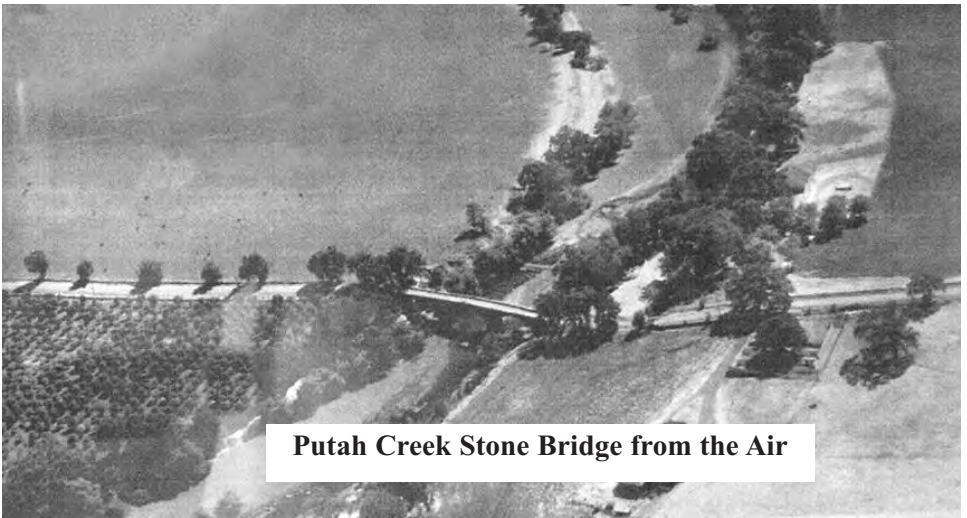
Sharon & Gary watch as Les makes the historic dive.
Photo courtesy of David VanValkenburg



Gary drops camera cable down to bridge.

monitoring and maintaining the grapple line and directing boat movements, me driving, and Sharon and Chris handling the electronics, we confirmed that what we were seeing was the bridge.

Gary handled the camera cable and with Chris giving him directions like "down one foot - back a little", we were able to get close enough to see the stonework of the bridge.



Putah Creek Stone Bridge from the Air

Les Wilkinson, our best diver, hit the water for what was the very first dive in history to the bridge - as far as we know.

Our formal plan called for more TV camera work, but we were all thinking the same thing - it was dead, flat clam, and sunny, and we were over the bridge - maybe we should send divers down to verify. A quick check of the sixteen scuba tanks aboard reflected that we had some gas appropriate for the depth. So we devised a dive plan for Les to bring an anchor down on a lift bag slowly so as not to hurt the bridge.

However, due to some software problems, video recording didn't start until about one minute before Les left the bottom for his ascent. Les reports about eight inches of powdery silt on the roadway, midnight black without lighting, and roughly six feet of visibility with the lights on. Les says the bridge is covered with virgin, undis-

turbed silt, a similar to a fresh snowfall.

We really enjoyed ourselves that day and felt a profound satisfaction in getting someone down there. We celebrated our success by donning our new yellow "Berryessa Bridges Project" tee shirts."

According to Dave and Sharon, there's more work to do before their next dive. But stay tuned, the adventure continues for what will

result in some amazing photos and videos. The Berryessa Bridges Project team contemplates providing a compelling historical presentation, including the full story of the search and a project video, in time for the annual Memorial Day Monticello History event at the Spanish Flat Village Center.



John, Les, Dave, and Sharon - Planning Session