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A friend told me the other day that she was saddened to see that the Crossroads was up for sale. She mistook the big For Sale sign out in front of the building as evidence that the Winchell family was closing their business. This is not true. The sign is for the property itself, not the Crossroads Grocery Store, Restaurant, and Bar. The property is for sale by Jim Keller who bought it several years ago.

So don't worry. The Crossroads has become an important part of the Lake Berryessa community. See their ad above. Eat, drink, and be merry there whenever you can.

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Shopping is NOT a sport.

And no, we are never going to think of it that way.

Crying is blackmail.

Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work!

Just say it!

Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument.

In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.

You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.

All men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also not a color.

We have no idea what mauve is.

If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," We will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.

If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine...Really.

Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, the shotgun formation, or golf.

You have enough clothes. You have too many shoes.

I am in shape. Round IS a shape!

Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight; but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping.

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**Goodbye 2011: Another Year of Process Without Progress at Lake Berryessa!**

**Will 2012 Be Any Better? Maybe 2015?**

By Peter Kilkus

Although I'd like to put on my happy face for 2012, unfortunately 2011 has not been kind to the Lake Berryessa community. It felt like an instant replay of the preceding several years. The most visible change was the appearance of tacky plywood signs in front of some of the Pensus resorts. More professional blue and white signs finally replaced those and are now at the entrances of all the Pensus resorts. But a new sign does not a recreation destination make.

Several substantial proposals were submitted and the Bid for five of the resorts was awarded to the Pensus Group. Unfortunately, a silly legal opinion by a functionary within the Department of the Interior bureaucracy led to the original decision process being rescinded and the contracts rebid.

Although no one, including the local Reclamation management, wanted it to happen, the whole selection process was rebooted by Department of Interior senior management with a slightly modified Prospectus which

was re-issued in May 2009.

What was ridiculous about this decision, ostensibly made to be "fair" to the original bidders, was that most of the original bidders were either in bankruptcy or had dissolved their bidding partnerships by then. With more than a year of effort wasted, Reclamation received few viable bids the second time around.

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won the second round, picking up Markley Cove Resort which had actually won its own bid the first time. This gave Pensus control of six of the seven resorts at the lake. In April of 2010, the Pensus Group signed an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Then the real "fun" began.

Pensus Group Planning Process Stymied

Almost a year ago, I wrote an article titled, "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles". Recent history shows that I was actually being unrealistically optimistic.

Local businesses and property owners who had been severely hurt by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of five resorts had hoped that the redevelopment of those resorts would be fast-tracked by government agencies so the desperately-needed recovery could begin. Again we were all being unrealistically optimistic.

Rather, Pensus has been faced with a series of planning stumbling blocks, the most egregious of which is Reclamation's requirement that Pensus complete a detailed "Environmental Assessment", or EA, before beginning resort construction - something Reclamation was not required to do before its resort destruction.

Pensus is simply replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. And as part of the bid process, Pensus has already provided a detailed ISO14000 Environmental Management Plan plan for each of its resorts.

Per NEPA regulations, an EA is a concise document, which should not contain long descriptions or detailed data. 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...

But when Reclamation requires Pensus to dig a grid of holes to look for non-existent Native American artifacts before putting in a new PG&E power pole in previously bulldozed dirt, something is amiss. Can you say unconscionable!

Pensus has not yet submitted its EA and has no public comment about its 2012 recreation season plans. I'm not sure that "no news is good news" in this case.

NBRID Water & Sewer System Improvement Process Moves Forward

After a decade of floundering, the Board of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) approved a contract with a team led by Western Water Constructors for the design of improvements to the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system.

Unfortunately the Cease and Desist Order preventing new hook-ups remains in place, as well as the threat of a new \$300,000 fine from the State.

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 the CDO, 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. A feeling of cautious optimism is in order.

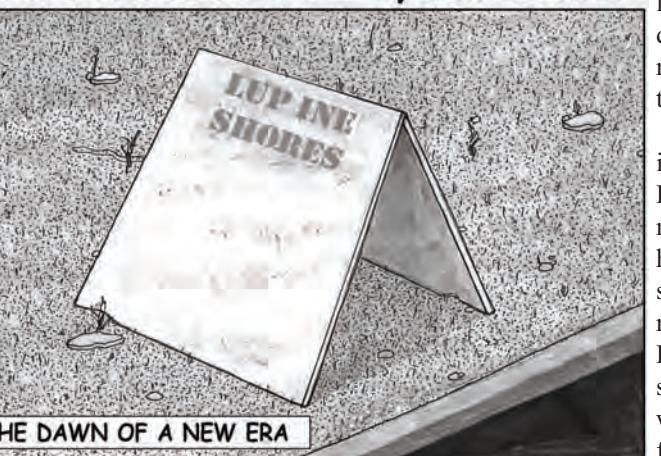
Lake Berryessa Visitor Information Process Succeeds

On a positive note, several years of effort by the Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce culminated in a strong partnership with the Napa Valley Destination Council (NVDC).

Lake Berryessa has a prominent place on the NVDC web site ([www.legendarynapavalley.com](http://www.legendarynapavalley.com)) highlighting all of our local businesses and recreation destinations including a detailed map of our region.

2011's excellent Lake Berryessa map flyer, which assisted so many visitors in finding their way around the lake last year, will be re-printed again this year.

**NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer**



Bureau of Reclamation Process Stumbles

It has now been more than eleven years since the Bureau of Reclamation initiated the process that destroyed a recreational culture at Lake Berryessa with the collateral effect of severely damaging the local business and residential community. The first nail in the coffin was hammered in by Reclamation with a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on November 7, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 216).

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## New Laws for 2012

Some 40,000 laws were passed by legislatures meeting in all 50 states during 2011, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, and many have a start date of Jan. 1, 2012. More than 700 new laws went into effect in California on January 1. A sampling of them follows:

Children in California under the age of 8 or shorter than 4 feet must use car booster seats. Previously, California law required children remain in a booster seat until age 6 or until they weighed 60 pounds.

Prison inmate-produced goods can now be sold to non-profit organizations.

Health insurers must include coverage for autism.

Stores will be banned from selling expired infant food or formula.

The presidential primary has officially been moved from February to June.

All of California's 55 electoral votes will ultimately go to the winner of the popular vote in U.S. presidential elections.

All ballot initiatives will be voted on in November elections, instead of June primaries.

The importation, production and sale of beer with added caffeine will be banned.

Schools will now be required to remove from play a student athlete who sustains a possible concussion, and mandates that the player receive medical clearance before returning to competition.

Schools can suspend students for bullying classmates on social networking sites.

Illegal immigrants accepted into public universities and community colleges will be eligible for scholarships.

Courts can revoke, for up to a decade, the driver's license of anyone convicted of three or more DUIs.

Foster care will be extended beyond age 18 to 21.

Tanning beds may not be used by anyone under 18.

Women may take up to four months' pregnancy disability leave.

Government and third parties are prohibited from gathering information about what books you read or buy over the

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Internet, unless they obtain a court order. Internet retailers must collect California sales tax on transactions if the retailer has a presence in the state, a measure that aims to protect local stores from unfair competition and increase revenues for cash-strapped California.

An open-carry citizen handgun ban which was supported by police offices who cannot tell whether openly carried weapons are loaded. Violators pay \$1,000 plus 6 months in jail. Gun rights advocates vow to carry rifles and shotguns instead. Californians can still get permits for concealed weapons.

Apartment building landlords will have to start providing recycling services for 7 million California tenants.

One law adds lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and disabled people, to a list of cultural groups whose contributions to the development of the United States must be portrayed in social science course material in public schools. The law bans teaching materials that reflect poorly on gays or particular religions. Already, opponents have begun seeking a ballot initiative to repeal the law.

### L.U.S.T Cleanup Status History

12/8/2011: Completed - Case Closed

5/28/2009: Open - Verification Monitoring

5/6/2008: Open - Remediation

9/13/2002: Open - Site Assessment

4/5/2002: Open - Remediation

12/12/2000: Open - Site Assessment

4/10/1998: Open - Site Assessment

4/10/1998: Open - Case Begin Date

California has a new law officially designating corporate do-gooders. California businesses can incorporate as "benefit corporations," which allows them to work for the public good as well as their shareholders. Current law generally requires California companies to put shareholder interests first.

Companies that incorporate under the new law, AB 361, can look at a broader set of criteria when making financial decisions. The effect is a kind of "safe harbor" for management. A company that wants to spend additional dollars on, say, environmental safeguards, would be given legal protection against lawsuits or other moves by angry shareholders. California is the sixth state to pass a benefit corporation law.

There are several remaining open L.U.S.T. cases around Lake Berryessa including the Corners Gas Station and the former Putah Creek Resort.

A soil vapor extraction (SVE) pilot test was recently completed at the Corners Gas Station. The Water Board concluded that SVE will have a positive impact on remediating the subsurface soil and that use of thermal catalytic oxidizer would be the more cost efficient treatment method for eliminating extracted vapors.

The State Water Resources Control Board maintains a database called GeoTracker. All technical reports, test results, regulatory activities, and much

site investigation and corrective action for the underground storage tanks(s) formerly located at the former Steele Park Marina, 1605 Steele Canyon Road - Underground Storage Tank Case #280020.

The Board stated that, "Based on information in the above-reference file and with the provision that the information provided to this agency was accurate and representative of site conditions, this agency finds that the site investigation and corrective action carried out at your underground storage tank(s) site is in compliance with the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 25296.10 of the Health and Safety Code and with corrective action regulations adopted pursuant to Section 25299.3 of the Health and Safety Code and that no further action related to the petroleum release(s) at the site is required.

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### Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program Closes Steele Park Case

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## Event Calendar

January 19, 2012 – Thursday: Plan Bay Area Public Workshop, Napa County, Napa Elk's Lodge, 2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa. Register at [www.onebayarea.org/workshops](http://www.onebayarea.org/workshops) Last spring nearly 800 people attended public workshops in all nine Bay Area counties to learn about Plan Bay Area and offer feedback about future land development, housing growth, transportation investment options and policy initiatives. It's time to talk about trade offs.

We have prepared several scenarios for what the Bay Area could look like in 2040. Now we need your help in selecting desired features among the alternative planning choices, and your help in prioritizing transportation investments and policies. Space is limited. You must register to attend. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows. Refreshments will be provided.

January 21 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed. \$40.00 PER PERSON, NO HOST BAR 5:30 pm, DINNER 6:30 pm. Music will be provided at the Crab Feed compliments of Tom Bandini. 966-1600, 966-2127, 966-0206 or buy tickets at [www.qeotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile/report.asp?global\\_id=T0605500279](http://www.qeotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile/report.asp?global_id=T0605500279) the Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli.

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)

February 28 - Tuesday: Community Church of Lake Berryessa. Life Line Screening will be offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159.

## Community Church of Lake Berryessa

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Are you sick of making the same resolutions year after year and yet you never keep them? Here are some resolutions that you can actually keep!

10. Read less.
9. I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.
8. Stop exercising. Waste of time.
7. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.
6. Procrastinate more.
5. Drink. Drink some more.
4. Start being superstitious.
3. Spend more time at work.
2. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.
- and last but not least...
1. Take up a new habit: maybe smoking!

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 1/9/12

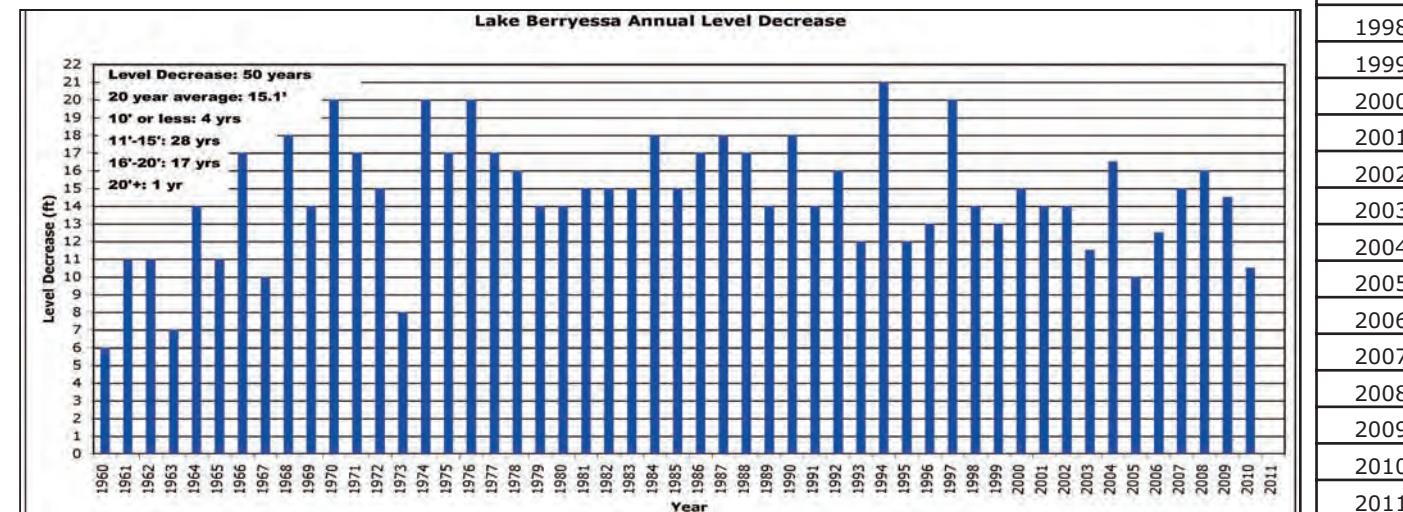
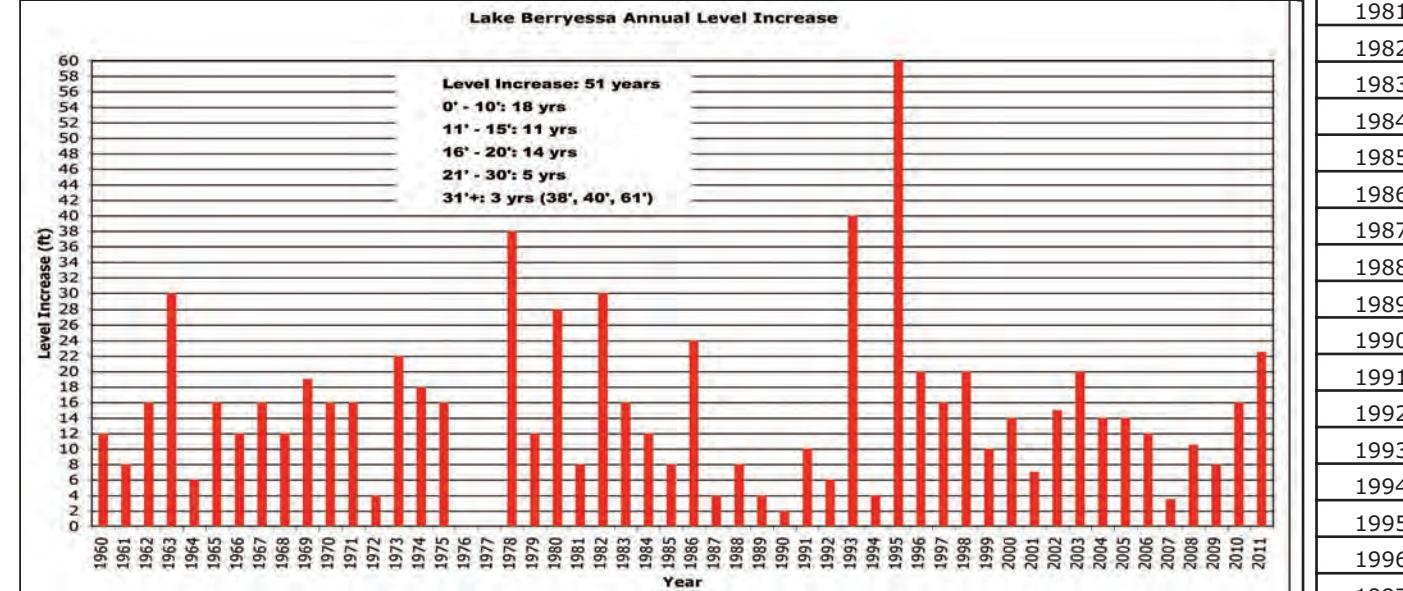
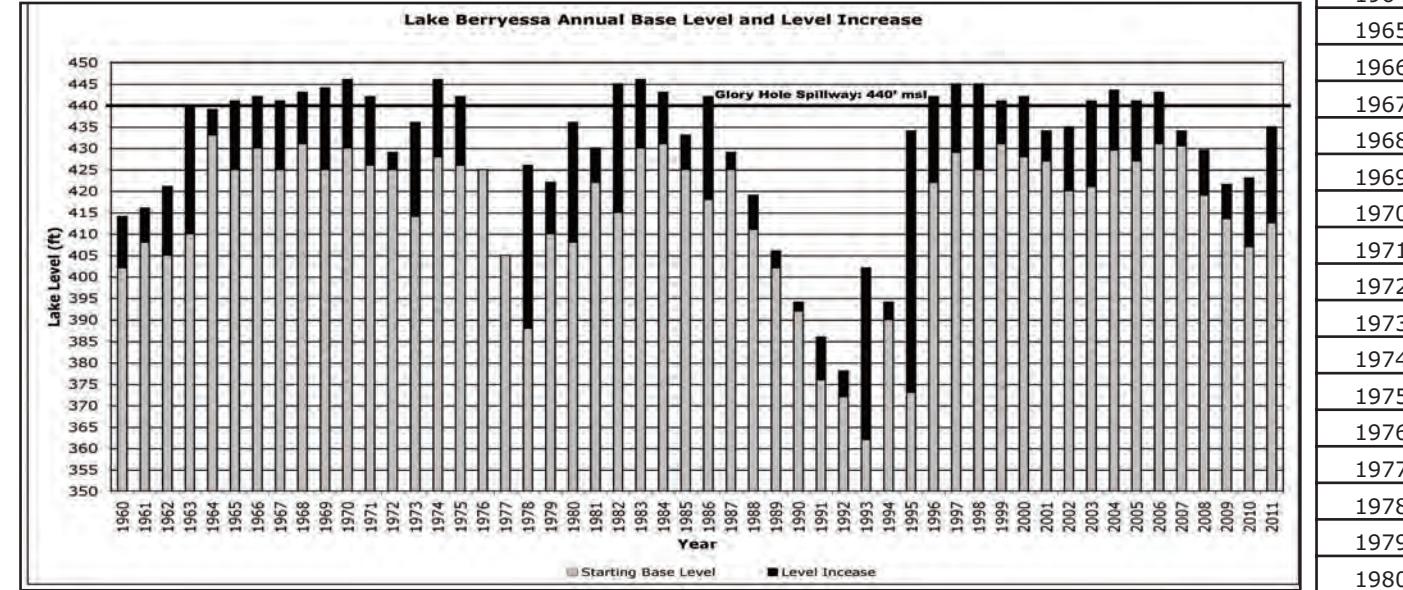
The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 3.04 inches of rain since July 1, 2011. The water is now 15.25 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
12/5/11	425.15	0.08	63	34	0.00
12/6/11	425.14	0.13	61	31	0.00
12/7/11	425.13	0.07	59	30	0.00
12/8/11	425.12	0.04	61	30	0.00
12/9/11	425.10	0.03	63	31	0.00
12/10/11	425.10	0.01	61	30	0.00
12/11/11	425.20	0.01	60	30	0.00
12/12/11	425.08	0.00	55	32	0.01
12/13/11	425.07	0.06	57	28	0.00
12/14/11	425.06	0.00	61	29	0.00
12/15/11	425.05	0.01	58	34	0.26
12/16/11	425.05	0.02	54	36	0.00
12/17/11	425.02	0.07	65	36	0.00
12/18/11	425.04	0.03	63	32	0.00

### Can Lake Berryessa fill up this year? Yes, but...

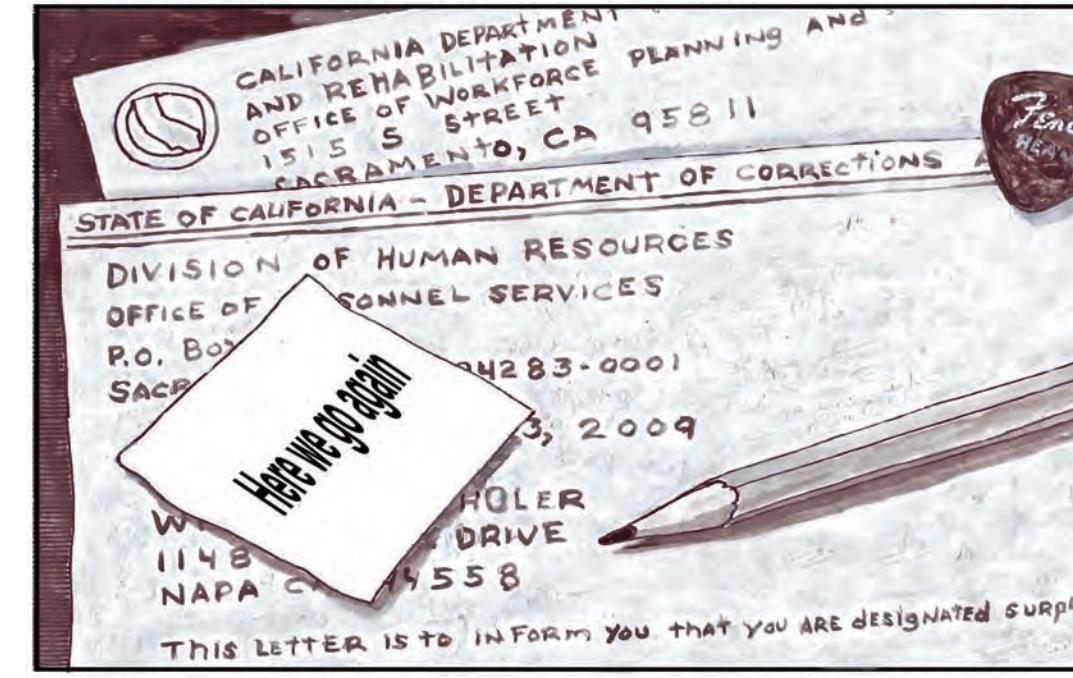
The charts below based on the data table to the right give some insight into the possibilities. Since it takes about 3" of rain before there is any significant runoff, and the lake rises about 7" for every inch of rainfall at this level, it will take about 29" of rain between now and Spring (for a yearly total of 32") to fill the lake the necessary 15' up to Glory Hole. This is not impossible, but highly unlikely. It has only happened 4 times in the last 12 years. The total last year was 38" of rain for the season with 24" coming between January 30 and June 30.

Average decrease: 15" - Agriculture & human use. Average increase: Wildly unpredictable - rainfall dependent!



Year	Low Level Base (Ft)	Annual Increase	High Level Max (Ft)	Annual Decrease
1960	402	12	414	6
1961	408	8	416	11
1962	405	16	421	11
1963	410	30	440	7
1964	433	6	439	14
1965	425	16	441	11
1966	430	12	442	17
1967	425	16	441	10
1968	431	12	443	18
1969	425	19	444	14
1970	430	16	446	20
1971	426	16	442	17
1972	425	4	429	15
1973	414	22	436	8
1974	428	18	446	20
1975	426	16	442	17
1976	425	0	425	20
1977	405	0	405	17
1978	388	38	426	16
1979	410	12	422	14
1980	408	28	436	14
1981	422	8	430	15
1982	415	30	445	15
1983	430	16	446	15
1984	431	12	443	18
1985	425	8	433	15
1986	418	24	442	17
1987	425	4	429	18
1988	411	8	419	17
1989	402	4	406	14
1990	392	2	394	18
1991	376	10	386	14
1992	372	6	378	16
1993	362	40	402	12
1994	390	4	394	21
1995	373	61	434	12
1996	422	20	442	13
1997	429	16	445	20
1998	425	20	445	14
1999	431	10	441	13
2000	428	14	442	15
2001	427	7	434	14
2002	420	15	435	14
2003	421	20	441	11.5
2004	429.5	14	443.5	16.5
2005	427	14	441	10
2006	431	12	443	12.5
2007	430.5	3.5	434	15
2008	419	10.5	429.5	16
2009	413.5	8	421.5	14.5
2010	407	16	423	10.5
2011	412.5	22.5	435	

## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa News Cartoonist Bill Scholer Plays the Blues in Japan

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE – Career blues guitarist Bill Scholer recently brought 30 years of performing experience to The Sullivans School, where excited students had a chance to learn about guitars, the blues and improvisational music. Sullivans music teacher Beth Cruse invited him to spend the week of Dec. 12 in music classes to perform and to talk to pupils as part of the school's Artist in Residence program.

During the week of his residency, Scholer introduced students to his acoustic "workhorse guitar". He began his 45-minute lessons by improvising a song about driving to work that morning and being late. He followed up with a 12-bar blues improvisation and a short question-and-answer session about improvisation, music, the blues and guitars. Then he played live accompaniment, improvising chord changes while the children played the melodies on their recorders.

Scholer, who has also shared the bill with Los Lobos, The Ventures, J.J. Cale, Leon Redbone and others, is currently teaching private lessons and promoting his recent CD titled "Haunted Highway." He says he also enjoys playing with local musicians. "I'm meeting a lot of wonderful musicians over here, and I'm looking forward to playing music with them," Scholer said. "There is a real love of American music by the Japanese people, which keeps you on your toes because they have high performance expectations." Bill's latest self-portrait is shown below. Contact him at bck9@sbcglobal.net

## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer

### Life in Japan



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**Punked by the Indians -  
Exaggerations, Embroideries, and  
Downright Lies: The Pitfalls of the  
Modern Internet**

A couple of weeks ago I violated my own Golden Rule of the Internet: Don't believe anything you get in a strange email or read on the Internet, and especially don't forward it to everyone you know, without verifying it for yourself!

A version of something called "11 Rules Your Kids Did Not and Will Not Learn in School" recently made the rounds of the internet with a photo of Bill Gates. I published it on the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page and it got more comments and reposts than many of the items I post there. It definitely hit a nerve with adults.

But the list didn't originate with former Microsoft CEO Bill Gates. It's often cited on the Internet as having come from his book *Business @ The Speed of Thought*, but it didn't. Why it has frequently been attributed to him is a mystery to many, as it doesn't sound at all like something he would write. Possibly it's because the item that typically ends the Internet-circulated version of the list ("Be nice to nerds") struck a chord with someone who views Gates as the nerd of all time.

The latest version was created by something called the School of Success ([www.schoolofsuccess.in](http://www.schoolofsuccess.in)) in India. It has the noble goal of educating children to be successful in the modern international world of global competition. This is one area in which many observers think the United States is falling behind. But is a small "white lie" in the interest of promoting something good an ethical act?

One version, which appeared on the Internet in June 2002, asserted this was the text of a commencement speech given by Bill Gates to the graduating class of Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California. It wasn't: he didn't give such a speech, and administrators at that school were mystified as to why they were dragged into this apocryphal story.

This list is the work of Charles J. Sykes, author of the 1996 book "Dumb Down Our Kids: Why American Children Feel Good About Themselves But Can't Read, Write, Or Add." (Sykes' list was published in numerous newspapers, although it did not appear in his 1996 book. It did, however, form the meat of Sykes' 2007 book, 50 Rules Kids Won't Learn in School: Real-World Antidotes to Feel-Good Education.) Many versions omit the last three rules below.

**Rule No. 1:** Life is not fair. Get used to it. The average teen-ager uses the phrase "It's not fair" 8.6 times a day. You got it from your parents, who said it so often you decided they must be the most idealistic generation ever. When they started hearing it from their own kids, they realized Rule 1.

**Rule No. 2:** The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as much as your school does. It'll expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself. This may come as a shock. When inflated self-esteem meets reality, kids complain that it's not fair. (See Rule 1.)

**Rule No. 3:** Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either. You may even have to wear a

**Philosophy of Aging**

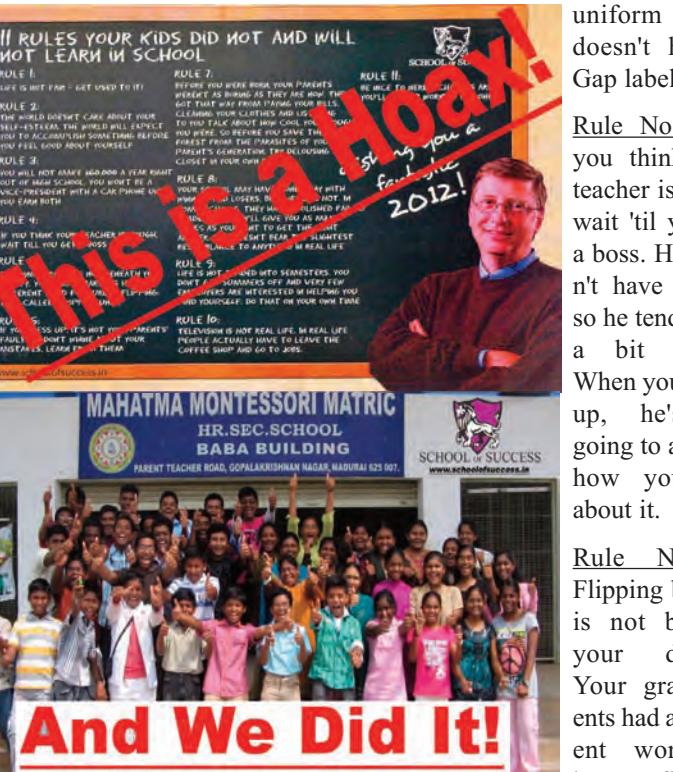
The older we get the more time we spend remembering our lives rather than living them. This is a slippery slope into chronic melancholy.

"Laughter doesn't require teeth."--Wil Newton

"Inside every 70-year-old is a 35-year-old asking, 'What happened?'"--Ann Landers

"Old age is no place for sissies."--Bette Davis

"You're only young once, but you can be immature all your life."--Charles Scoggins



uniform that doesn't have a Gap label.

**Rule No. 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure, so he tends to be a bit edgier. When you screw up, he's not going to ask you how you feel about it.

**Rule No. 5:** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping.

They called it opportunity. They weren't embarrassed making minimum wage either.

They would have been embarrassed to sit around talking about Kurt Cobain all weekend.

**Rule No. 6:** It's not your parents' fault. If you screw up, you are responsible. This is the flip side of "It's my life," and "You're not the boss of me," and other eloquent proclamations of your generation. When you turn 18, it's on your dime. Don't whine about it, or you'll sound like a baby boomer.

**Rule No. 7:** Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying your bills, cleaning up your room and listening to you tell them how idealistic you are. And by the way, before you save the rain forest from the blood-sucking parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing your own closet.

**Rule No. 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers. Life hasn't

In some schools, they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. Failing grades have been abolished and class valedictorians scrapped, lest anyone's feelings be hurt. Effort is as important as results. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life. (See Rule 1, Rule 2 and Rule 4.)

**Rule No. 9:** Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off. Not even Easter break. They expect you to show up every day. For eight hours. And you don't get a new life every 10 weeks. It just goes on and on. While we're at it, very few jobs are interested in fostering your self-expression or helping you find yourself. Fewer still lead to self-realization. (See Rule 1 and Rule 2.)

**Rule No. 10:** Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes, minus time for commercials. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop to go to jobs. Your friends will not be as perky or pliable as Jennifer Aniston.

**Rule No. 11:** Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them. We all could.

**Rule No. 12:** Smoking does not make you look cool. It makes you look moronic. Next time you're out cruising, watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for "expressing yourself" with purple hair and/or pierced body parts.

**Rule No. 13:** You are not immortal. (See Rule No. 12.) If you are under the impression that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven't seen one of your peers at room temperature lately.

**Rule No. 14:** Enjoy this while you can. Sure parents are a pain, school's a bother, and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Maybe you should start now. You're welcome.

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## Words of Wisdom?

from Oscar Wilde

One can always be kind to people about whom one cares nothing.

The nicest feeling in the world is to do a good deed anonymously-and have somebody find out.

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

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.

A bore is someone who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.

I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability.

A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.

All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling.

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

A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.

Alas, I am dying beyond my means.

A poet can survive everything but a misprint.

A man's face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction.

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

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Why should a frank admission of vice be considered a virtue?

## Carl Sagan on Science (30 Years Later)

Thirty years ago Carl Sagan produced a landmark television series called "Cosmos". In the Thirtieth Anniversary Edition of the very well-written book "Cosmos", Sagan says in his 1980 introduction:

"This book is dedicated to the principle that the public is far more intelligent than it has generally been given credit for; that the deepest scientific questions on the nature and origin of the world excite the interests and passions of enormous numbers of people.

The present epoch is a major crossroads for our civilization and perhaps for our species. Whatever road we take, our fate is indissolubly bound up with science. It is essential as a matter of simple survival for us to understand science.

In addition, science is a delight; evolution has arranged that we take pleasure in understanding - those who understand are more likely to survive."

Would that it were true - but the evidence is sketchy. Replace the word "science" with the word "economics" for a modern take on the problem.

## More Napa County Hotel History from Don Winter

You may recall Don Winter's story several issues ago about his search for old hotels in Napa County. He's been poring over old newspaper files and microfilm and came up with a couple of tidbits for us.

San Francisco Chronicle, 7/13/1896: Michael Cody, who attempted to burn the Peacock Hotel in Monticello, was sentenced to five years imprisonment June 27th.

Woodland Daily Democrat, 8/7/1894: Mrs. Hattie K. Elliott, the mortgagee of the Peacock Hotel property in Monticello, bid the property in Saturday at the commissioner's sale. The price she paid was \$2,200.

Woodland Daily Democrat, 9/19/1911: William Griffin, former sheriff of Yolo county, has purchased from Bert Little the Peacock hotel at Monticello. (St. Helena Sentinel)

Oakland Tribune, 4/25/1926: Monticello Hotel Dedication Is Held - Monticello, 28 miles distant from Napa in the mountains, has a new hotel, completed for Edgar Gardner. The hotel was dedicated at Monticello tonight with appropriate ceremony. The Peacock hotel, landmark of the Berryessa Valley, built in the days of the woodchoppers and miners, and one of the most picturesque buildings in the entire valley, has been taken over by Arthur Barr.

Oakland Tribune, 3/31/1937: Historic Hotel Razed in Fire - MONTICELLO. March 31. — The old Peacock Hotel, long a Napa County landmark, was razed by fire early today. The cash loss is estimated at \$6,000, covered by insurance but the sentimental loss is incalculable. Ten members of the family of Charles Van Valenbarg, who had been occupying the ten rooms of the former pioneer inn, were forced to evacuate hastily by the flames. They saved a few fixtures and relics, sacrificing their personal possessions in order to do so. The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined. Fire authorities said only the windless night saved the remainder of the business block in the center of which the old inn was located. Built in the early '60s', the redwood frame structure had witnessed many stirring scenes and epochs in the development of Napa County.

## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're not the kind of person who lets social conventions dictate how you live your life, but it would be nice if you could pull that off without being such a jerk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The FBI will have to ask you some tough questions next week, such as whether true love really exists and what happens after we die.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It turns out there are actually plenty of problems you can't solve with a smile, a sincere heartfelt talk, or a large, heavy piece of lumber.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): In hard economic times like these, people tend to spend more money on booze and entertainment, but they don't have to as long as you're there to go into hilarious convulsions after drinking wood alcohol.

Leo (July 23-August 22): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Everyone has a part to play in God's plan. For instance, your job is to create a distraction so that God can get away with the money in all the confusion.

Libra (September 23-October 23): They say hard work never hurt anyone, and that's true, as far as it goes. The work you do at the combination gasoline refinery and drill-bit plant isn't exactly hard.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): The inexorable power of destiny would render you powerless to stop the fateful events of next week, were anything ever to actually happen to you.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You've always believed you should go with your gut in important matters, which is why every major decision in your life has been accompanied by chili-cheese fries.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Although you've always claimed you'd quit when you thought you'd reached your peak, you'll find it easy to keep going when no one seems to think you'll ever improve.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You take pride in being able to take whatever life throws at you, but you really weren't expecting this many opossums.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): After all you've been through, it's nice to know that lightning doesn't strike twice. Strangely, it turns out that's not true for falling safes or pianos.

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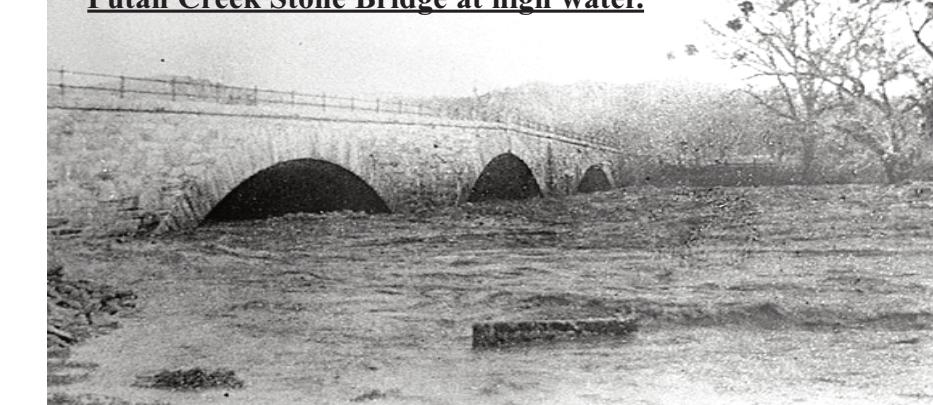
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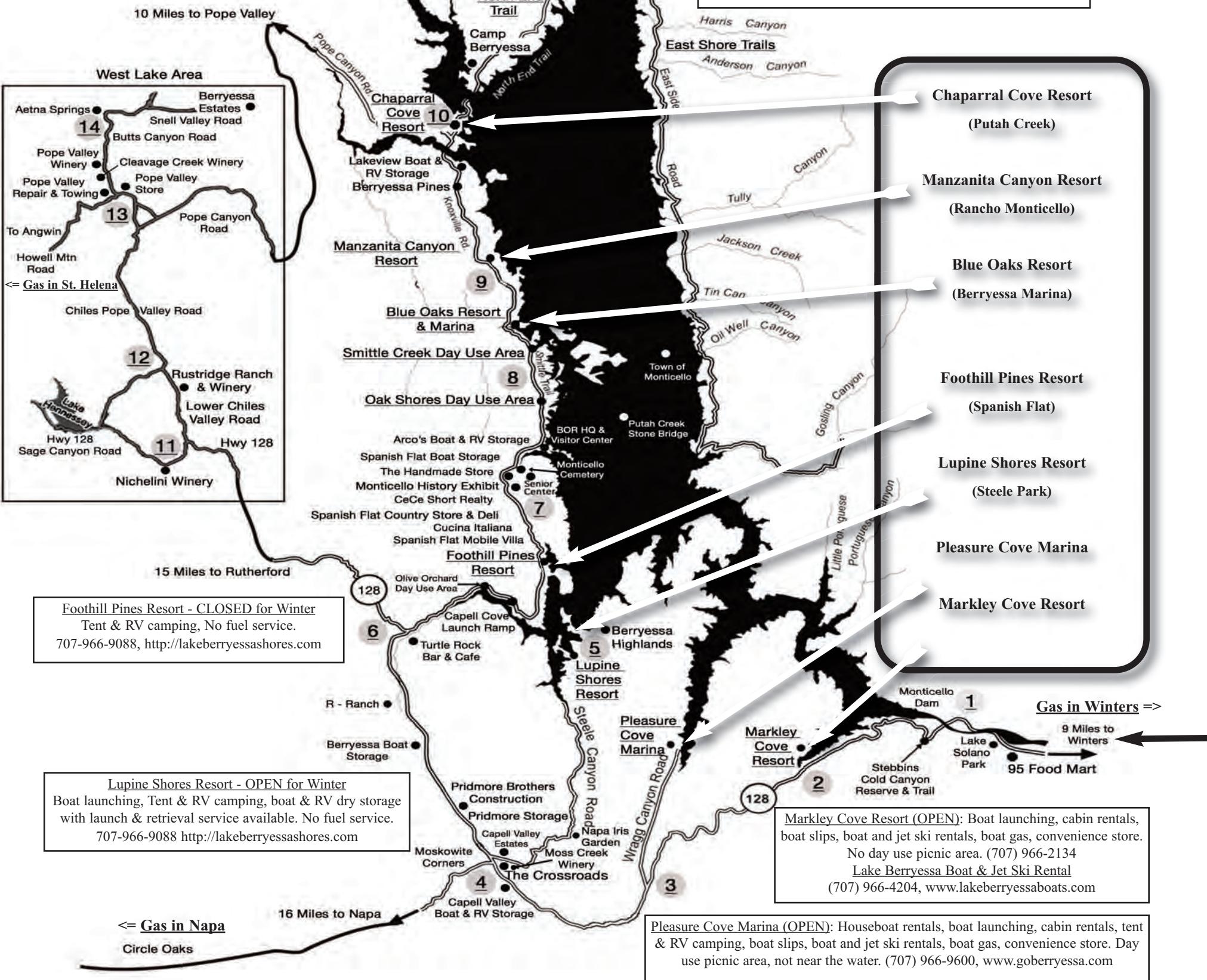
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#### No Rain and Warm Temperatures: Droughts can bring nice weather but...

December 2011 was one of the driest on record. While it sprinkled a bit around Dec. 15, hardly any rain has fallen this month -- typically one of the wettest months of the year, according to the National Weather Service. Only December 1989, when Napa County received no rainfall, was drier. Solano County in December 1876 and December 1989 also got no rainfall at all. This December is set to be the Napa Valley's second-driest on record.

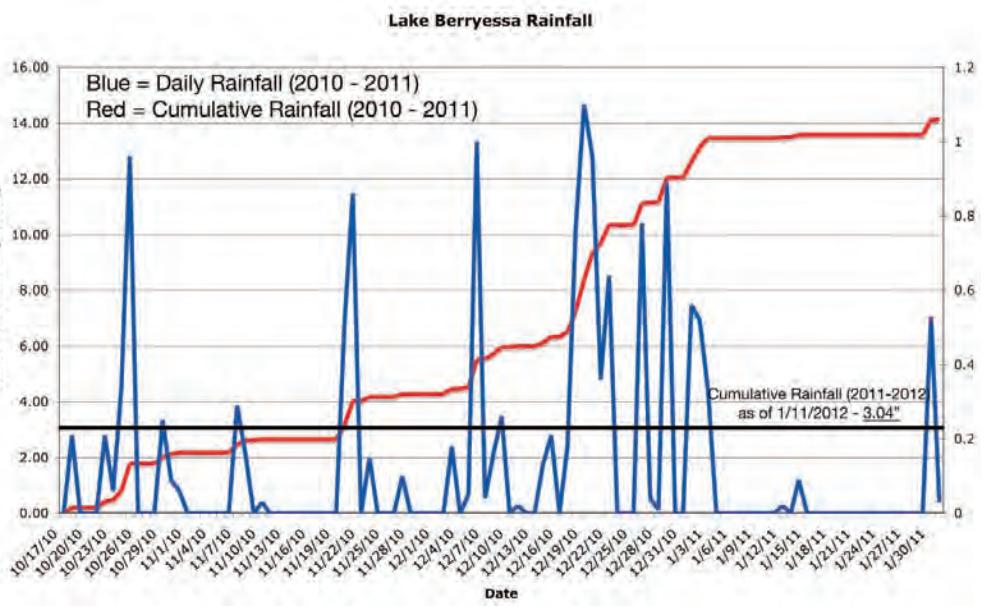
December has also been warmer than normal (although nighttime lows have been down there), as the Napa Valley averaged a daily high of 60 degrees. The average high in December is 57.5 degrees, according to historical data recorded at Napa State Hospital. Lake Berryessa was slightly warmer. The average high temperature at Monticello Dam in December was 61 degrees with an average low of 33.

Last year -- which saw higher than normal rainfall -- the Napa weather station measured 6.27 inches of rainfall in December. Lake Berryessa (Monticello Dam) had 12 inches by that same date.

On January 5, 2012 the Climate Prediction Center/NOAA/National Weather Service research consortium predicted that La Niña is expected to continue into the Northern spring of 2012. A weak La Niña will keep the jet stream storm track well north in the Pacific Northwest. And over our region is almost a summertime area of high pressure called a blocking pattern.

During December 2011, below-average sea surface temperatures associated with La Niña continued across the eastern and central equatorial Pacific Ocean. This evolution is consistent with past events, in which the atmospheric components of La Niña become strongest and most well-defined during the Northern Hemisphere winter.

A majority of models predict a weak or moderate strength La Niña to peak during the December – February season, and then to continue into early Northern Hemisphere spring season before dissipating during the March to May period.



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11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
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#### Berryessa Peak Hike: Extreme Sports 8 Hours of Heaven (or Hell?)

Berryessa Peak at 3,057 feet (931 meters) is the second highest summit in Yolo County. Berryessa Peak is also the highpoint of Blue Ridge; a small mountain ridge east of Lake Berryessa that runs in a north-south direction. Berryessa Peak was once thought to be one of the highest points or the highest point of Yolo County. That distinction now belongs to Little Blue Peak. While Berryessa Peak is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, for many years the summit had no public access as surrounding land was private property.

In September 2008 a private landowner allowed a public trail easement for access to the summit and the 9,100 acre "landlocked" Berryessa Peak BLM land. As of December 2011, Yolo Hiker and Tuleyome volunteers have been building a trail to the summit. As of December 2011, the trail has about one mile left to be completed. This last mile is arguably the most scenic portion of the trail as it runs along the final ridgeline to the summit. They hope to complete the trail by May. **Getting There:**

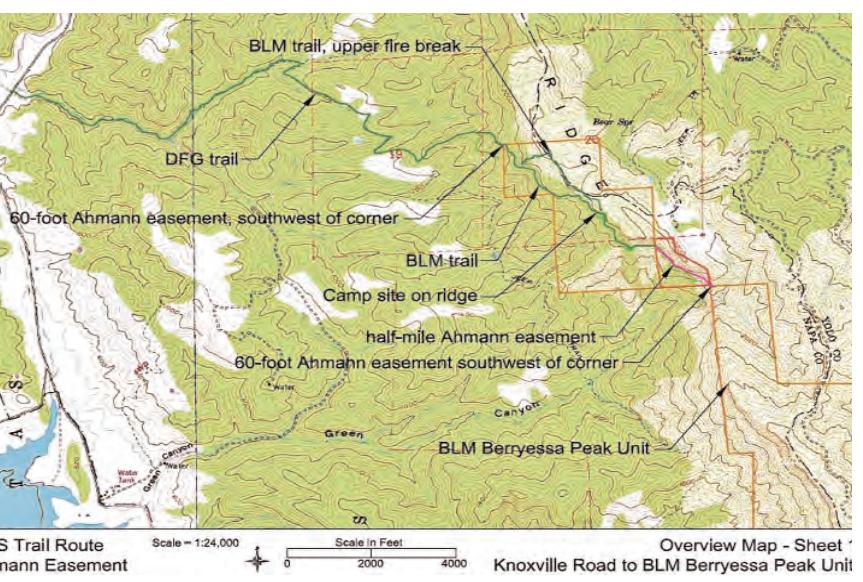
Get to the north end of Lake Berryessa. The Berryessa Knoxville Road is paved along the north shore. Head north west on the Berryessa Knoxville Road. At the point where the Eastside Road intersects with the Berryessa Knoxville Road (set your odometer here) it is 1.5 miles to the trailhead.

At the trailhead you should be able to see a faint dirt road heading northwest. Looking southwest you should be able to see the faint remnants of an old road/trail. Also Google Maps gives this location at Latitude 38.703178, Longitude 122.266148.

**The Hike:**  
The hike is 6-7 miles one way. Be aware that about 1.5-2 miles into the hike the trail runs into an important intersection. You should take the trail to the right. The correct trail heads uphill and back to the west. Look for the green horseshoe section right below words "BLM trail, upper." on the topographic map below.

The last mile to the summit is currently a "relative easy" bushwhack. If you do the hike before the trail is finished, it's definitely easier to get up on the final ridge and follow it to the summit than to follow the canyon up to the dirt road 8053/78A. The ridgeline has much less dense brush and you can move fairly quickly. The brush is much denser in the canyon up to the road 8053/78A. We chose to bypass the ridge on the way down. We followed the road 8053/78A down and thought we were taking a shortcut down the canyon to the established trail section. In hindsight this was a mistake. We ate up bit of time with bushwhacking (also lots of evidence of wild pigs).

Trekking poles might be useful on the hike as there are several steep sections of the trail. The round trip took our party going at a moderate pace 7 hours 45 minutes with about 2 miles of bushwhacking. (See photos and downloadable map at: [www.summitpost.org/berryessa-peak/766290](http://www.summitpost.org/berryessa-peak/766290))



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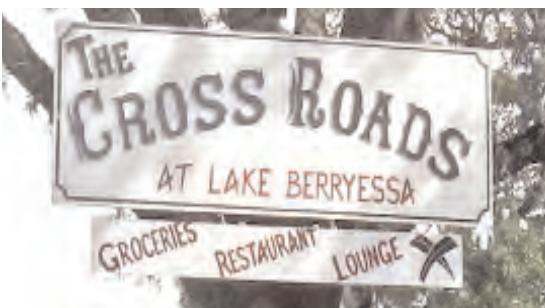
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"FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY."

No wonder I have been gaining weight!!!

Well! I have gotten rid of that shampoo and

I am going to start showering with Dawn dish soap instead.

Its label reads

"DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved!

If I don't answer the phone

I'll be in the shower!

### Old traffic ticket amnesty has started

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## Are Lake Berryessa Hikers Getting Dumber? Who Pays for Society's Emergencies?

by Peter Kilkus

During January of 2012, the Stebbins-Cold Canyon Trail turned out to be the Bermuda Triangle of Lake Berryessa hikes. At least ten people, including a family of five, became lost after dark and had to be rescued by CHP helicopter crews. These trails are well-marked and this has always

been one of the most popular Lake Berryessa hikes. Excellent maps and directions are available on the Yolo Hiker web site: [www.yolohiker.org](http://www.yolohiker.org). (See Page 9 of this issue for the hike description.)

In the case of two pairs of lost hikers, a CHP helicopter was dispatched to search for the first couple, who were instructed to wave their cellphone upon hearing the chopper. Using night-vision goggles, the CHP crew located the couple shortly before

9 p.m. After hiking back to the waiting helicopter, which had to land a distance away on a ridge, they were flown to a landing zone near Putah Creek.

Policies vary across the country on penalizing people who ignore weather warnings, don't carry flashlights on long hikes, fail to leave itineraries, ski out of bounds or are otherwise unprepared or act irresponsibly. Policies also vary among public agencies routinely involved in search and rescue missions. Most states

have some type of mechanism in place to seek recovery of funds for missions where negligence or lack of care is shown.

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billed is dangerous policy. Hikers may delay calling for help while they think about the cost, and that could put them — and the mostly volunteer corps of rescuers — at greater risk. States with laws allowing them to recoup costs rarely, if ever, enforce them, largely for that reason.

these stories led many people to complain that the cost of the rescues should be charged to the rescued hikers.

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The video camera found by his body

chronicles the first half of Patrick's hike before the batteries died. It ended with his

haunting observation, "The only problem is that we have to hike back... This is the real world. One false move, and you're dead."

## Landmark Preservation Ordinance: A Small Gift to Pope Valley

By Peter Kilkus

Pope Valley Store owner Brad Kirkpatrick is smiling along with the renovators of the Aetna Springs Resort. They both can finally bring two historic sites back to life. Brad's Pope Valley Store has been closed since the 1970's. Only a few people have seen the inside during special tours. The building was presented to a wider audience in a CBS Eye on the Bay episode a year ago.



When Brad took me through the building, room by room, I was amazed by the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship displayed in its construction. It reminded me of the detailed full-sized historic displays at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Standing at the crossroads of Pope Valley, the Pope Valley Store was the center of activities for the area's residents for nearly a century, and served as a stopover for people traveling to the mines in Lake County. It was built about 1875. In 1913 a second gable roofed building was attached.

The "store" housed a post office, a saloon, hotel, and sold food and hardware. The store was bought by Thomas L.G. Neil about 1912 after his house in Berryessa Valley burned. An adjacent barn served as a garage that was one of the first AAA sta-

tions in the state.

But at least at the Smithsonian people can actually see the displays. The Pope Valley Store had once been the center of a thriving small town community. But since the 1970's downtown Pope Valley has slowly devolved into a cluster of old structures in much need of repair. Unfortunately, this seems to have been a conscious decision on the part of a minority of Pope Valley residents.

This resistance to changing things for the better stymied proposals for the renovation of Aetna Springs Resort, the Pope

The six proposed "landmarks of special significance" include Aetna Springs, Napa Soda Springs, Walter Springs, the Pope Valley Store, the Rutherford Depot, and the building at 3431 N. St. Helena Highway. Rehabilitation and reuse of extant historic buildings on these properties could be authorized if specific findings are made, including a finding that the proposal is compatible with agriculture.

The Board directed staff to draft a ballot measure regarding Ordinance number two, which would allow these six properties to reuse the historic buildings for a new use included in the County's Commercial Limited (CL) and Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zoning districts.

### Pope Valley's Aetna Springs Reborn

After many years of resistance, the Aetna Springs Resort renaissance is underway. This is partly due to the recently-approved Napa County Landmark Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance specifically listed six proposed "landmarks of special significance" among them Aetna Springs Resort and the Pope Valley Store.

The site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, opened as a resort and spa in the 1870s. One of the first golf courses west of the Mississippi River was constructed there in 1891. Aetna Springs became a stylish-summer destination for San Franciscans and celebrities. Its profile developed to the point that Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy for governor there.

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Valley Store, and even the town's community center, the Pope Valley Farm Center. The Landmark Preservation Ordinance is an opportunity for a bit of a community renaissance.

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### Three Applicants Sought for Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

One (1) Youth Member. Term expires Feb. 1, 2014

Two (2) Public At Large Members. Terms expire Feb. 1, 2015

The purpose of the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on policy matters related to the preservation and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats. The Commission annually submits

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historical structures such as bridges. Radovan's proposal calls for hiring 120 people to work at the revamped resort, which sits on 672 acres in a rural part of Napa County, east of Angwin. On weekdays, the resort would be able to have 100 overnight guests, plus day visitors; on weekends it could have 200 overnight guests, plus day visitors.

Radovan bought Aetna Springs in 2006 and restored the golf course, which opened in 2008. Renovating and re-opening the resort is the second phase of his restoration project.

Due to a 1997 Planning Commission decision, Radovan didn't need the panel's approval to do restoration work on the property, but some restoration proposals did need Planning Commission approval, such as moving five buildings so they don't interfere with Aetna Springs Creek, and building a new lodging structure where another one stood years ago before it burned down.

### Local Firefighters Honored

CAL FIRE, the Napa County Fire Department and the Board of Supervisors honored the Firefighters of the Year at a gala dinner in December. Mark Shackford (Soda Canyon Station); April George (Gordon Valley Station); Matt Sully (CAL FIRE); Jason Newton (Dry Creek/Lokoya Station); Michael Neal (Rutherford Station); Amber Lutz (Deer Park Station); Chris Thompson (Pope Valley Station); John Woolworth (Carneros Station); Greg Odell (Capell Valley Station); Christopher White (Angwin Station).

a recommendation to the Supervisors for allocation of State Fish and Game fine monies. The Commission and Board have apportioned funds where they will best preserve/protect wildlife resources and educate the community.

Anyone interested must submit a completed application form no later than 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2012 directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421.

## Berryessa Highlands Community Receives \$20,000 Grant for Wildfire Prevention

by Evan Kilkus

For the second year in a row the Berryessa Highlands community will be receiving grant funding for wildfire fuel reduction - this year around \$20,000. A five person volunteer group called the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council will again be working with CAL FIRE Spanish Flat, Napa County Fire, and the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to coordinate the removal of brush and debris in 16 different locations considered most hazardous.

Residents should expect to see work crews working from mid-February through the end of May, working their way from the Rimrock Rd area, over to Headlands & East Ridge, followed by more work along Steele Canyon Road and side streets. Work crews will be bringing brush to the roadside to be chipped when practical, and they will again be conducting hand pile burns when safe and more efficient.

If you have any questions about the work to be completed, contact the Highlands Fire Safe Council at Highlands@NapaFireWise.org. Stay tuned for updates in the next issue.



### Event Calendar

February 11 - Saturday: Beginning Farmer Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon at Napa Valley College, Upper Campus in St. Helena. To support and educate new and experienced farmers about opportunities to enhance our area's ability to increase local food production, the Local Food Advisory Council in collaboration with the Business Entrepreneurship Center and Napa County Farm Bureau will host "FARM", Farm Access and Resource Meeting - a Beginning Farmer Workshop.

Cost for the workshop is \$30. Scholarships are available. To register online go to [www.nvchi.org](http://www.nvchi.org) and click on "Training Workshops" or call 253-3210. For more info contact Charlie Monahan at [cmonahan@napavalley.edu](mailto:cmonahan@napavalley.edu).

February 11 - Saturday: You are cordially invited to a complimentary fly-fishing and wine tasting event at Canyon Creek Resort on Putah Creek. 1 PM to 3 PM. The event will highlight fly-fishing on Putah Creek and the recent success in restoring this once fantastic fishery. Attendees may participate in a clinic on how to catch more fish on Putah Creek, casting instruction, fly fishing product and wine giveaways and wine tasting. Please RSVP and Register Now! Contact Lucy Medina at the resort (530) 795-4133 or Off the Hook Fly Fishing at (877) 228-2477.

February 18 - Saturday: Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast. 8 AM - 11 AM. This is a free all-you-can-eat event for residents of the PVFD service area. See the facilities and equipment. Meet the volunteer crew.

The 2012 Angler's Choice Bass Tournament schedule is Feb. 26, March 25, April 30, May 20 and June 30. All tournaments will be out of Markley Cove. Contact Duke Kanaya for information at 530-795-2659 or [dukekalan@yahoo.com](mailto:dukekalan@yahoo.com)

February 28 - Tuesday: Community Church of Lake Berryessa. Life Line Screening will be offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159.

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 1/30/12

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

Lake Berryessa has had 6.78 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 14.44 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
1/9/12	424.76	0.06	68	30	0.00
1/10/12	424.75	0.04	64	29	0.00
1/11/12	424.72	0.04	65	29	0.00
1/12/12	424.69	0.04	68	29	0.00
1/13/12	424.68	0.05	68	28	0.00
1/14/12	424.66	0.05	67	28	0.00
1/15/12	424.66	0.01	67	28	0.00
1/16/12	424.63	0.05	57	26	0.00
1/17/12	424.61	0.02	54	23	0.00
1/18/12	424.61	0.04	52	22	0.00
1/19/12	424.59	0.03	56	39	0.00
1/20/12	424.71	0.01	53	40	0.01
1/21/12	424.91	0.01	57	45	2.15
1/22/12	424.94	0.09	58	36	0.03
1/23/12	425.50	0.02	49	40	1.41
1/24/12	425.52	0.05	58	37	0.14
1/25/12	425.57	0.01	58	39	0.00
1/26/12	425.58	0.02	63	46	0.00
1/27/12	425.59	0.02	67	39	0.00
1/28/12	425.57	0.13	67	31	0.00
1/29/12	425.56	0.08	64	31	0.00

### February Birthdays

5 Stu Williams

6 Marcia Ritz

7 Glorianne Rutherford

12 Eugene Moreau

14 David Lindsey

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19 Mary Ann Taylor

20 Mary Ellen Moskowitz

27 Sharyn Simmons

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## History of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Prior to 1932 the citizens of Pope Valley relied solely upon themselves and each other to fight fires. Most of the people in Pope Valley during this time were farmers growing primarily hay, wheat and other grains. Their entire crop and hence their livelihoods were always at risk from fire. In minutes, acres of grain could be destroyed by a blaze, thus everyone then was very fire and smoke conscious -"if you saw smoke, you ran."

This meant throwing the barrel and the gunnysacks that were always kept handy into a pick-up and heading for the scene. Anyone passed en route to the fire was alerted, and almost always joined the crew.

At that time, no one had any specific fire-fighting training, but none was really necessary. The only tools available were water-soaked gunnysacks with which to beat the flames. Any man or boy nearby lent a hand to help control the fire. Often, with brush or grassland fires, this technique was amazingly effective. Structures, on the other hand, posed more of a problem, and usually suffered severe damage.

If the fire front was too long to cover with the available hands, the men often used the back-burning method. A strip of land would be cleared in front of the advancing fire. The grass between the front and the cleared stretch would be soaked with kerosene and then lit. The fire, started at the cleared area, would be allowed to burn until it reached the front. This cleared the path of available fuel and the fire could advance no further. Back-burning works well and is still used today, though it has largely been replaced by helicopters, planes and other more advanced equipment.

In 1932 the Pope Valley community became the first organized volunteer fire department in Napa County and one of the first in California. Because of the small population in Pope Valley, the community would probably not have been as quick to organize if not for the help and leadership of State Forest

Ranger A.E. "Buck" Ericson.

Buck Ericson was very influential in setting up volunteer units in the outlying areas of Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties. In 1932 he was able to get Napa County to purchase a Model B. Ford truck with a 200 gallon capacity for Pope Valley. Ericson, working in conjunction with the Neil family, was responsible for organizing the unit. There was no actual building to house the fire truck at the time, so it was kept in the Pope Valley Garage, then owned and operated by the Neils. Elgie Neil was paid one dollar per day by the state for the rent of the space and for looking after and maintaining the vehicle.

Despite the acquisition of a fire truck, the fire department didn't advance much beyond the "see smoke and run" policy the citizens had adopted out of sheer necessity. People could now call in to the Neil family, which represented the establishment, and report smoke or fires, cutting

the reaction time considerably. But the main techniques used in fire fighting were still back-burning and wet gunnysacks. The property owners still were responsible for the strategic placement of barrels or tanks of water along the roadside and always grabbed a sack and lent a hand themselves, much like in the old days.

Three years later, in 1935, Buck Ericson began organizing the building of a lookout on Mt. St. Helena. Using C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps) men the lookout was completed in 1937. From the ridge one could spot fires in Napa, Lake and Sonoma Counties. The headquarters on Railroad Ave. in St. Helena was then alerted. From the headquarters the appropriate unit could then be notified by tele-

phone. One year later, Roy Neil, the brother of fire chief Elgie Neil, designed and built a radio communications network for the Mt. St. Helena lookout. In 1939 the radio was installed along with a specially trained operator.

The Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, District Twenty, is responsible for a larger area of land than any other unit. The new lookout on the mountain brought the news of fires in remote areas to the unit much more quickly, and provided more accurate information than could be communicated just by word of mouth.

The next important step in the development of the department came in

1958. The 1932 Model B. Ford was replaced with a more modern version.

The new vehicle, too, was stored in the Pope Valley Garage. This new truck had a larger capacity (300 gallons) and was better equipped than its predecessor. The old truck however, at the time of its retirement had only approximately 7,000 miles on it after its twenty-nine years of service.

Then, in 1989, the fire department received a large donation from George Perkins. His contribution, in addition to money raised in the community, was sufficient to purchase a new rescue van. A smaller rescue vehicle was much needed because it was difficult to maneuver the large engine units on the back county roads, and in the trailer park.

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and are signed over to the county so that they can pay for the upkeep. If the county feels that fire-fighting equipment is not being properly cared for it can be transferred elsewhere. Thus, the Pope Valley community hastened to build a firehouse once the ultimatum was issued.

The fire house began as a two room building less than 200 yards from the Pope Valley Garage, the old home of the truck. At the time Pope Valley still only had one vehicle. It wasn't until 1980 that Pope Valley acquired another truck, but not a replacement for the old one. The county bought them an engine with a capacity of 1200 gallons. This truck, however, took up the second position in the firehouse, and Pope Valley no longer had enough storage space for the other equipment.

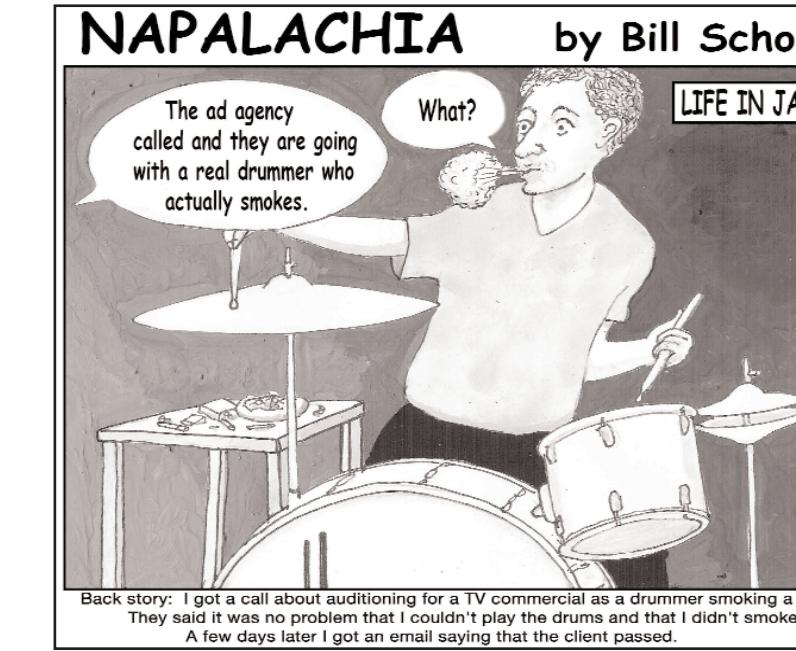
In November of 1985 an extension was built on the back of the building. In 1987 the old vehicle was finally replaced. The new truck could hold 500 gallons, and was better equipped than its predecessor. The old truck however, at the time of its retirement had only approximately 7,000 miles on it after its twenty-nine years of service.

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### Cucina Italiana returns from Winter Break on Friday, February 3, 2012.

We resume Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 to 9:00 pm. Chef Stefano has prepared some new and exciting specials for you.

### St. Valentine's Day falls on a Tuesday, February 14th

Rather than miss out on all the romance, Cucina Italiana will be open that special Tuesday from 11:30 am to 9 pm and will have a Special Romantic Menu!

### Open That Bottle Night is Feb. 18th, 2012

Most of us have a special bottle of wine, champagne or spirits tucked away in a closet or in the back of the refrigerator. The bottle is special because of who gave it to us, or why they gave it to us, or why we bought it, or even if we made it ourselves. The bottle that you enjoy should be one that you have been saving for some special event that, so far, has never quite happened.

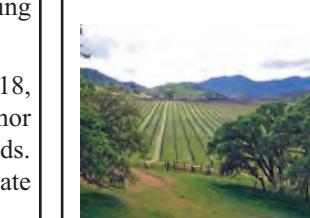
Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village will observe OTBN Saturday Feb. 18, for the entire day and into the night. There are no entry fees, corkage fees nor pretense. Just bring your wines and your stories, and of course your friends. They will honor the best story with a special bottle of wine and a gift certificate for dinner.



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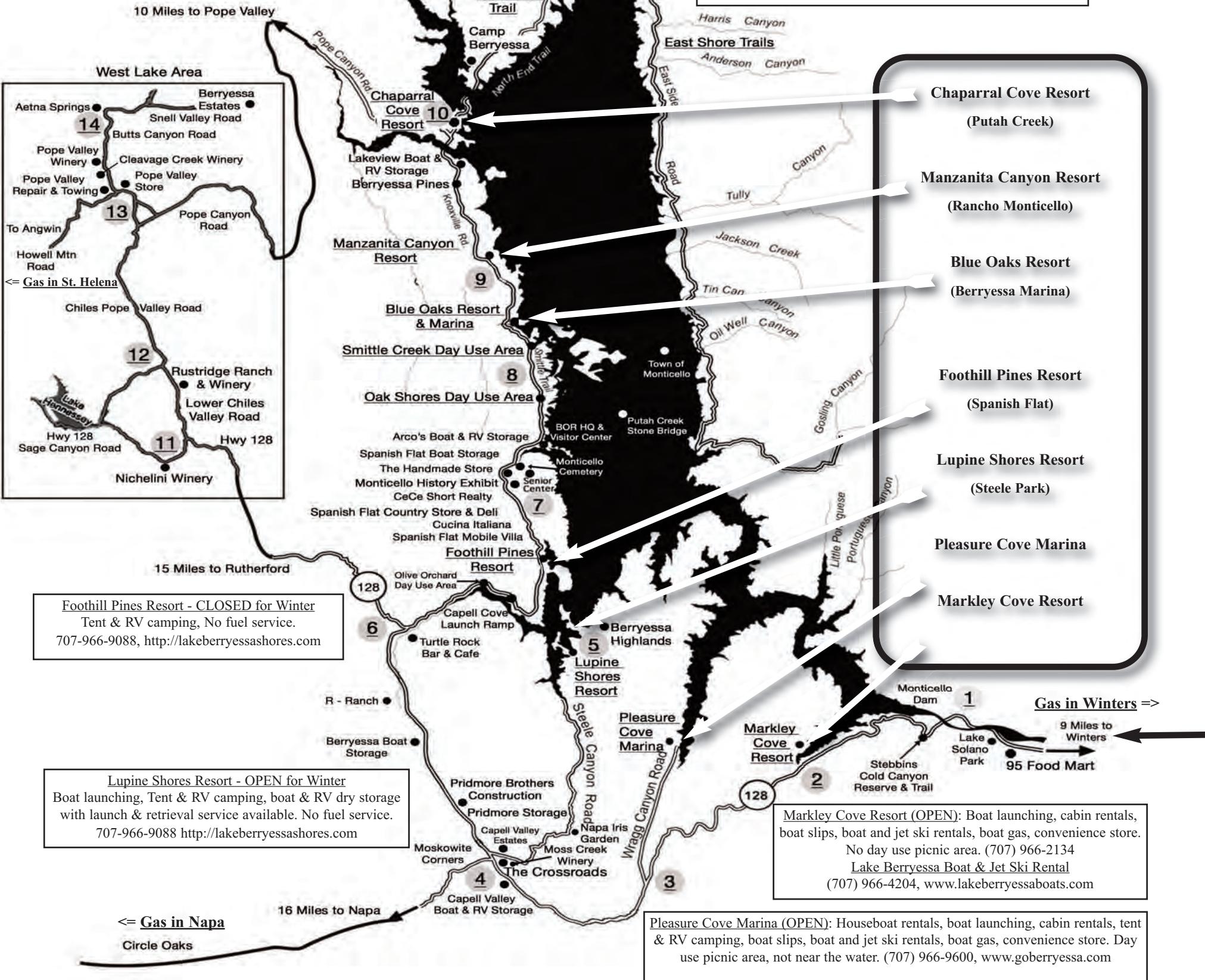
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### A Tale of Two Crab Feeds: What's at the Heart and Soul of a Community?

By Peter Kilkus



The Greater Lake Berryessa Region (see map at left), in my opinion, stretches from the Berryessa Estates in the far north through Pope Valley – the northern gateway to Lake Berryessa, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, and Moskowite Corners, along the shores of Lake Berryessa with the Berryessa Estates, Spanish Flat, and the Berryessa Highlands, out to Circle Oaks on the way to Napa.

What the residents of all these locations have in common is a rural “community-of-interest” which is not necessarily consonant with the more urbanized Napa Valley itself. A couple of years ago we actually declared “Napalachia” an independent republic. Although this declaration was met with a big yawn from the rest of Napa County, it was only partly in jest.

But how do dispersed rural communities keep a sense of cohesive identity? Often it’s through a local school which brings everyone together around the common goal of supporting their children’s education. This is clearly the case in Pope Valley with its excellent elementary school.

The south end of Lake Berryessa lost this resource several years ago when the Napa Valley Unified School District closed the Capell Valley Elementary School.

Other sources of community identity are groups like the Berryessa Senior Center, Pope Valley Ropers and Riders, Berryessa Lions Club, 4H Clubs, Community Church of Lake Berryessa, Fire Safe Councils

(Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Estates), Monticello Ski Club, Valley Christian Church, Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department – did I forget anyone?

And we all enjoy hanging out at our local stores, restaurants, and bars. Whether it’s karaoke at the Crossroads, watching boats go by (hopefully still on their trailers) at Turtle Rock, meeting at Cucina Italiana to watch Chef Stefano light up the kitchen with 5 foot flames, getting minnows and buying sandwiches at the Spanish Flat Country Store, or sitting outside the Pope Valley Market joking with friends and neighbors picking up their mail – these are all part of the network of personal connections that defines our community.

And I hope that the Lake Berryessa News does its small part in sustaining this larger network.

During the last two weekends I had the pleasure of participating in two major community events that exemplify this community spirit - Crab Feeds of all things! The first was the Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed – the primary fundraiser for the Senior Center.

The second was the Pope Valley School Crab Feed – a major fundraiser for the Pope Valley Elementary School. Both were a lot of fun. My philosophy of parties is “Come early – Stay late”. Both of these parties ended too early for me.

Both events were well organized and supported by a team of hearty volunteers.

As I looked out at the crowd of more than a hundred people at each of the crab feeds, it struck me that that these folks (and others like them who could not attend) are at the heart and soul of our geographically-dispersed community. Thanks to them all – and the crab was great too!

See the photo album of these events at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com).



### Thank You from the Berryessa Senior Center

A great big “Thank You” to all who participated in our annual Crab Feed. As you may not know, we are an individual Senior Center and receive no assistance from government agencies. We are totally dependent on our membership dues and volunteer fundraisers. The annual Crab Feed is one of our most important fundraisers and we appreciate the more than 100 community supporters who attended.

When we have a successful event like the recent Crab Feed we are very grateful. We will have more events for our community to enjoy. Our annual Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting is coming soon with many great prizes.

Next month is our 28th Anniversary! You only have to be 50 years young to join. Membership dues are only \$20 per year. Please think about joining us. It will be fun. Box 9113, Napa CA 94558, 707-966-0206. Thanks again,

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The Winter That Never Happened.

The Bureaucracy That Never Could.

The Corporation That Never Did.

A Perfect Storm of Disappointment for Lake Berryessa!

Humans are apparently born with an imprinted blame model they use to analyze the world around them. But objectively assessing responsibility for the outcomes of decisions and actions is not as simple as saying, "It's your fault." There's a difference between the truth of a credible persuasive argument and the "truthiness" of an implausible but appealing conclusion.

Popularized several years ago on the Colbert Report, "truthiness" refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

After an unusually wet fall, winter, and spring followed by a cool summer, we have now had an unusually dry fall and winter. Although spring and summer are still in the future, many people are willing to speculate on who or what to "blame" for the odd weather. Is it global climate change caused by human activity or just another natural cycle caused by volcanic activity or Mother Nature? But you can't blame the weather on the truthiness of the weather reports.

The first element of Lake Berryessa's "Perfect Storm of Disappointment" has been the weather. Everyone hoped the lake would fill up and spill over Glory Hole this year. Won't happen.

The second element of this perfect storm is the Bureau of Reclamation. Despite the unnecessary destruction of a recreational culture at the lake, the continued mishandling of essentially every component of the bid and contract process, and a refusal to expedite the bureaucratic requirements for the resort redevelopment, they continue to rely on the truthiness of their statements. "Reclamation intends for recreation at Lake Berryessa to continue essentially uninterrupted, other than occasional temporary closures in various locations for development..." (2008)

In some cases they actually seem to prefer truthiness to veracity. "After a very extensive process and unprecedented public input, we are on the verge of being able to restore access to the lake by the general public. That has not been the case over the past 50 years." (2010)

The third element of this perfect storm is the Pensus Group. Since they signed a contract in the spring, 2010, Pensus has not yet completed their required Environmental Assessment and seems to be having financial problems - in part due to Reclamation's policies. The public lawsuits against Pensus for lack of payment to local businesses and their recent default on a major real estate loan in Phoenix are unsettling.

Pensus has been consistently positive in their public comments about their commitment to their Lake Berryessa development project. There's a lot of "truthiness" to their statements, but little visible progress.

"Pensus has been working diligently with Reclamation to refine the conceptual site plans and obtain the rate approvals and permits that are necessary for the installation of our full complement of planned amenities and services. We are very keen to start installations as soon as possible, but the planning and permitting processes have proven to be much more tedious, time

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consuming and expensive than anticipated. Unfortunately we will not be able to complete any significant new installations in 2012. We are, however, hopeful for the 2013."

In his latest public comment to the Lake Berryessa News on February 27 explaining that the Phoenix loan default does not affect Pensus' ability to finance its Lake Berryessa project, Mr. Ffitch also strongly reiterated that Pensus is committed to the Lake Berryessa project and is hopeful that the Bureau of Reclamation will allow Pensus to proceed soon. Later that same day, Mr. Ffitch received a letter from Reclamation demanding corrective action for non-compliance issues!

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## 2 Lake Berryessa Park Manager Resigns

After less than a year in her position as Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Park Manager, Lynn Pilgrim-Little resigned effective at the end of February, 2012. Her appointment was announced by Reclamation on March 8, 2011.

Jeff Laird, Park Manager from New Melones, will be acting Berryessa manager for a few weeks.

The job vacancy announcement has not yet been prepared. When it is available it will posted on USAjobs.gov.

Pilgrim-Little's resignation follows the recent retirement of Facilities Manager, John Mannel, and the resignation of Concessions Manager Dan Kolda, as well as the departure of one administrative assistant.

### Law versus Common Sense: Whites Lose Final Legal Appeal

During the years-long battle with the Bureau of Reclamation the resorts owners assumed that even in the worst-case scenario where they lost the new bid for their resorts, they would at least be compensated for the improvements they made to their resort. This is one reason the White family continued to build new bathrooms and improved amenities at Rancho Monticello only a few years before the end of their contract. They were banking on Public Law 96-375 which stated that the present resort owners would be given fair market value for their improvements if a new company took over their resort.

Most of the comments and debate during the discussion in Congress support the White's contention that Congress intended the concessionaires to get fair market value for their property. That was the primary reason it was passed.

But the law was written to protect both the concessionaires and the government. The government was concerned that a concessionaire might take or demolish something the government wanted to keep. That's the genesis of the comment about the government declaring what facilities were to remain. But what if the government did not want the "improvements" to remain?

The final decision was short and sad:

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**When Napa was Still the Wild West!****High Adventure in the Berryessa Valley with a Pistol Packing District Attorney**

(San Francisco Call, 5/10/1895-  
Submitted by our Napa Valley Hotel Historian, Don Winter)

Middletown Stage-Robbers Taken into Custody. Fierce Battle Results. Courageous Fight Made by Under Sheriff Brownlee and Posse. One Robber Fatally Shot. He Is Identified as Buck English, a Noted Highwayman.

The men who robbed the Middletown stage were captured this morning about 10:30 at the summit of the Berryessa Grade, about six miles from Napa, by Under Sheriff Brownlee, District Attorney Bell, J. N. True and John Williams. One of the robbers is badly wounded, and Under Sheriff Brownlee, J. Williams and J. N. True were slightly scratched. The robber will probably die.

Under Sheriff Brownlee said: "I got word last night from Sheriff McKenzie at Calistoga that the men had been tracked from Oat Hill to the Aetna mine, and that Sheriff Pardee and Constable Allen would go through Chiles Canyon to Berryessa, and that McKenzie would go to Winters and then up Putah Canyon in the direction of Monticello. I notified the Solano officers and also Detective Thatcher and Marshal Nash at Oat Hill, and inquired of Constable Phelan at Knoxville if he had heard anything of the men, but he had not.

This morning as soon as I could call up Monticello, I went to the telephone and received information that the robbers had camped on P. D. Grigsby's place in Berryessa Valley all day Wednesday, and had taken breakfast this morning in Charles Moore's place, this side of Monticello, and said they would take the stage for Napa. John Gardner, the driver of the stage, sent word that if he ran across them he would ask them to ride in to Napa."

On receiving this information, Under Sheriff Brownlee asked Messrs. Bell, Williams and True, whom he knew to be cool men, to accompany

him, and armed with shotguns they took a double-seater and started for the summit of the grade, where they expected to ambush the robbers. On arriving at the summit the intention was to place the posse in advantageous position and wait for the stage to come along, but the stage came sooner than expected, meeting the officers just as they drove to the top of the ridge.

The teams were almost opposite when Mr. Brownlee said to Mr. Williams, who sat on the front seat with him, "There's the fellows; stand them up." The tall robber, who sat on the driver's box with John Gardner, recognized the officers and raised his gun at the same time Mr. Williams did and the two shots rang out simultaneously.

The robber's charge, which was bird shot, scattered considerably and a few shots took effect in the under sheriff's and Williams' legs, but the main part of the charge struck the butt of Mr. Brownlee's gun, which he held between his knees while driving, and the shock threw him out of the wagon.

District Attorney Bell immediately got out on the other side of the wagon to get a better shot at the robbers and the short robber tumbled out of the stage and made for the brush, but was stopped by a shot from J. W. True's gun, which peppered him slightly. He immediately turned and threw up his hands, shouting, "Don't shoot! Don't shoot!"

The tall robber, after the exchange of shots, put a pistol to Gardner's side and ordered him to drive on fast. Gardner whipped up his horses. Mr. Bell then dropped on his knees, took deliberate aim at the robber and fired at a distance of about fifteen yards. The robber fell over on Gardner and then straightened up again, and the stage passed out of sight around a turn.

Mr. Bell gave chase and followed on foot for a distance of 500 yards until the other officers, who had captured the younger robber, came along. The stage was soon overtaken. The tall robber had fainted and was leaning on Gardner, and Messrs. Brownlee, Bell and True brought the young robber into town, and Messrs. Bell and Williams came in

the stage with the wounded man.

The robbers were taken to the County Jail and Dr. Springsteen attended the wounded man. The younger robber was locked up. The taller robber is about 40 years old, and has been identified as being "Buck" English, a man well known in the upper part of this county. The short one is not known here. He is about 24 years old. He carried two pistols, but did not attempt to use them. The older relied on the shotgun altogether.

Breckinridge is well known in Portland and is about 24 years old. He has served a term in the penitentiary for burglary and was prominent in the Coxey movement last year.

(Editor's Note: The Coxey movement was a protest by unemployed workers led by Ohio businessman Jacob Coxey in 1894, the second year of a four-year economic depression that was the worst in United States history to that time. The purpose of the movement was to protest the unemployment caused by the Panic of 1893 and to lobby for the government to create jobs which would involve building roads and other public works improvements.)

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**Brain Study....**

You've probably seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numerals. F1gur471v3ly 5p34k1ng? Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

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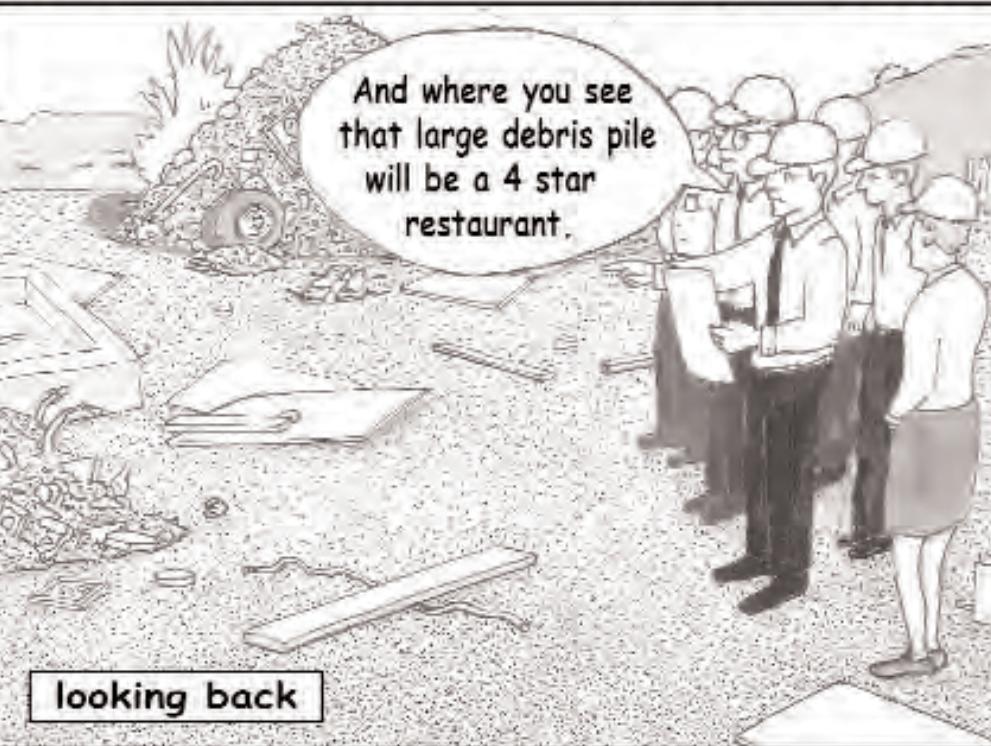
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**NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer**

A new manager spends a week at his new office with the manager he is replacing. On the last day the departing manager tells him, "I have left three numbered envelopes in the desk drawer. Open an envelope if you encounter a crisis you can't solve."

Three months down the track there is a major drama, everything goes wrong - the usual stuff - and the manager feels very threatened by it all. He remembers the parting words of his predecessor and opens the first envelope. The message says "Blame your predecessor!" He does this and gets off the hook.

About half a year later, the company is experiencing a dip in sales, combined with serious product problems. The manager quickly opens the second envelope. The message read, "Reorganize!" This he does, and the company quickly rebounds.

Three months later, at his next crisis, he opens the third envelope. The message inside says "Prepare three envelopes".

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## Perfect Storm of Disappointment

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In a statement to the Lake Berryessa News, Reclamation said, "We (Reclamation) acknowledge the concern over the development of new facilities at Lake Berryessa by Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties and we are working with them to ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of our concession contract."

We have recently notified Pensus in writing of several areas requiring corrective action. The contract provides Pensus the opportunity to address or "cure" those areas of concern. The intent of the notification and cure process is to assist contractors to be successful; it is not punitive. Pensus has informed us that they will respond to our notice. Pensus must correct all areas of concern within 30 days or, in some cases, provide a plan for correcting the problem.

Pensus President David Ffinch, in a statement to the Lake Berryessa News on March 5, provided his response to the Bureau of Reclamation letter.

"On February 27th 2012 at 6:41PM Pensus received, by email from Reclamation, a 32-page 'Notice of Noncompliance'. The document was submitted to Pensus with absolutely no prior indication from Reclamation, either in writing or verbally, that Pensus was not in compliance on any substantive issues excepting a few very minor operational items.

Pensus is of the opinion that most of the assertions of non-compliance are both invalid and unsubstantiated. Pensus provided an initial response to Reclamation on February 28th, 2012 and requested that the Noncompliance Document not be published until, at a minimum, we have been afforded the time to prepare a

comprehensive response.

Within 14 days Pensus will submit, to Reclamation, a further response which will address each and every assertion of noncompliance accompanied by factual support documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment."

By their actions during the last few years, it appears to many observers that Reclamation is actually trying to make Pensus fail in order to keep Lake Berryessa closed. It is much easier on Reclamation management if there is nothing here to manage. The BOR has admitted in a public statement several years ago that recreation is not in their charter – they are water managers, not recreation specialists. Maybe it's time for a change!

In August 2000, Reclamation hired a private contractor to study future management options for the lake, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was considered as a possible manager. However, in March 2001, BLM sent a letter to Reclamation stating they felt the timing was not right to consider assuming management, and they requested that the study be put on hold.

However, at some point after contract expiration, a managing partner such as the BLM could assume responsibility for recreation management at Lake Berryessa. Most of the public land in the Lake Berryessa area is under BLM control already.

Whether truth or "truthtiness" prevails in this perfect storm is still unclear. Caught in the middle are the real people of Lake Berryessa – struggling businesses (one less now that the Crossroads is closing) and desperate homeowners. The situation, already dire, is becoming untenable.

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I don't have a beer gut, I have a protective covering for my rock hard abs.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

When you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

Only dead fish go with the flow.

There are three kinds of people: The ones who learn by reading. The ones who learn by observation. And the rest of them who have to touch the fire to learn it's hot.

The Miss Universe pageant is fixed. All the winners are from Earth.

## Paid Internships — Watershed Protection Outreach, Lake Berryessa

Provide surveys and distribute watershed protection education materials to boaters and campers including one-on-one outreach about water quality. Educate boaters on invasive species. Compose newsletter articles about watershed protection. Be enthusiastic, wear the "Bilgee" costume, inform boaters of Lake Berryessa's bilge pad program.

Junior/senior level undergraduate or graduate student who has taken classes in environmental science, environmental education, watershed science, ecology or similar field. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, exhibit competence in public outreach.

\$13-\$14 per hr. depending on experience. Mileage provided for driving around the lake. E-mail resume and cover letter to [Marianne.Butler@Solanorcd.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@Solanorcd.org) or fax to (707) 678-5001 by April 16th —Call 707.301.5778.

The Priest said, "Sister, this is a silent monastery. You are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until directed to do so."

Sister Mary Katherine lived in the monastery for 5 years before the Priest said to her, "Sister Mary Katherine, you have been here for 5 years. You may speak TWO words."

Sister Mary Katherine said, "Hard bed." "I'm sorry to hear that," the Priest said, "We will get you a better bed."

After another 5 years, Sister Mary Katherine was summoned by the Priest. "You may say another TWO words, Sister Mary Katherine."

"Cold food," said Sister Mary Katherine, and the Priest assured her that the food would be better in the future.

On her 15th anniversary at the monastery, the Priest again called Sister Mary Katherine into his office. "You may say two words today."

"I quit!!!" said Sister Mary Katherine. "It's probably best," said the Priest, "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

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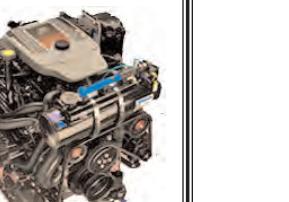
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The difference between in-laws and outlaws?  
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Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day.  
Set a man on fire, and he'll be warm for the rest of his life.

If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong.

Isn't it odd the way everyone automatically assumes that the goo in soap dispensers is soap? I like to fill mine with mustard, just to teach people a lesson in trust.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

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I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, that's not going to happen."

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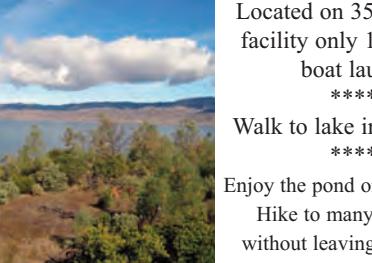
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## The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa Will Close March 11, 2012

Dear customers and friends,

As we write to say thank you and good bye to all of our faithful customers and now good friends, we leave you with a few words...

It is with heavy hearts and deep sorrow that we are writing this article to inform you, the people who have become like family to us, deep regrets that we are closing the doors to "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa."

When I (Jim), sat in the empty parking lot almost 2 years ago now, counting the cars that passed by as prospective patrons, the path to which I was heading down was much like Rte.121 or Rte.128...a long and winding road. It was a road that led our family to embark upon an adventure we will keep in our hearts forever.

When we opened for business in August of 2010, we were greeted with curious neighbors, thankful bikers, and many more of you that would become "regulars." We made some changes, first and foremost, it's new name, "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa," applied fresh paint here and there, and updated the bar for casual dining or watching the Super Bowl with friends.

We even got some flowering plants to blossom through the sweltering 100 plus degree summer days with a little help from neighbors at Capell Estates who would water them when they were looking a bit sad!

More recently, a new patio was constructed (thanks to Shawn Duarte) beyond the bar for anyone who cared to "be with nature." On several occasions the patio was home to a local group of musicians who treated us and the valley with southern country-rock music and dancing under the stars.

We had some of the hardest and dedicated employees. They were always willing to "work over" or "come in early," depending on the specific needs of the day. Eventually as business slowed down shortly after Labor Day and the campers and boaters went back to school or work, we did have to let some of our staff go. We thank them all, especially Molly, Tyler, Steve, Pat, Jenn, and our sons, Jim and Shawn, for hanging in with us to the end.

We are hopeful there is a party out there that will show an interest, as we did, and continue what we began. There WILL be a vacancy, a building with heart and soul for just the right visionary, with the financial backing that is needed during those slow times, especially when the winter rains start and even the drive up to Berryessa is a trial in itself.

Whether you came on a bicycle for a banana and vitamin water, on a Harley for hot coffee and warm apple pie, or stop in on Friday evening for a rib eye steak for you and tacos for her, or stopping by to pick up 6 pack and a pizza on the way up to the Highlands, it was all appreciated.

Ice for the cooler and wood for the campfire seemed to fly out the door. We enjoyed the most when the "little ones" would come with pockets and hands full of coins or maybe even a 1 dollar bill, and stand and look over all the candy for what seemed to be forever, before they finally made a choice!

Your every purchase, kind words of gratitude for our presence, and the manner in which you took our family into yours, does not go unnoticed. Circumstances beyond our control are unfortunately forcing us to close.

So, as we exit the building for the last time as "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa," the sounds of the motors winding thru the valley let you know the guys and gals in leather are on their way.

Sorry we missed you and God speed to you all.

With Great Love For All,

Jim, Pat, Shawn and Jim III

## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You always thought ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Unfortunately for your personal philosophy, it turns out the free market has yet to come up with a truly effective way to just go up to women and start talking to them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): At this very moment, hundreds of miles from where you are, some of the world's greatest intellects are attempting to change the way you think about sugar-free chewing gum.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your actions have not gone unnoticed. Prepare to receive a summons to appear before the House Subcommittee on Talking About Work While People Are Trying to Watch Football.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll undergo a crisis of conscience when you realize that, despite being a faithful American, you don't really want to watch anything that's on TV right now.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The good news is that traveling will be somewhat easier for you after next week, as you'll never again need to complain about legroom or not having a decent view.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The pretty lady's boyfriend will actually be a lot more polite than he absolutely has to be when explaining to you that who dates her is not determined by an essay contest.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You're not getting any younger, which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions."

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You'll suffer from a continuing inability to enjoy anything but the company of friends and family, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the knowledge that you have lived a life of dignity.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): This is a time of great uncertainty for you, but that doesn't mean the odds of drawing to an inside straight will improve at all.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Sometimes it's good to just sit back and watch the universe unfolding. But other times, such as next Tuesday, it's good to stop baby carriages from rolling in front of buses.

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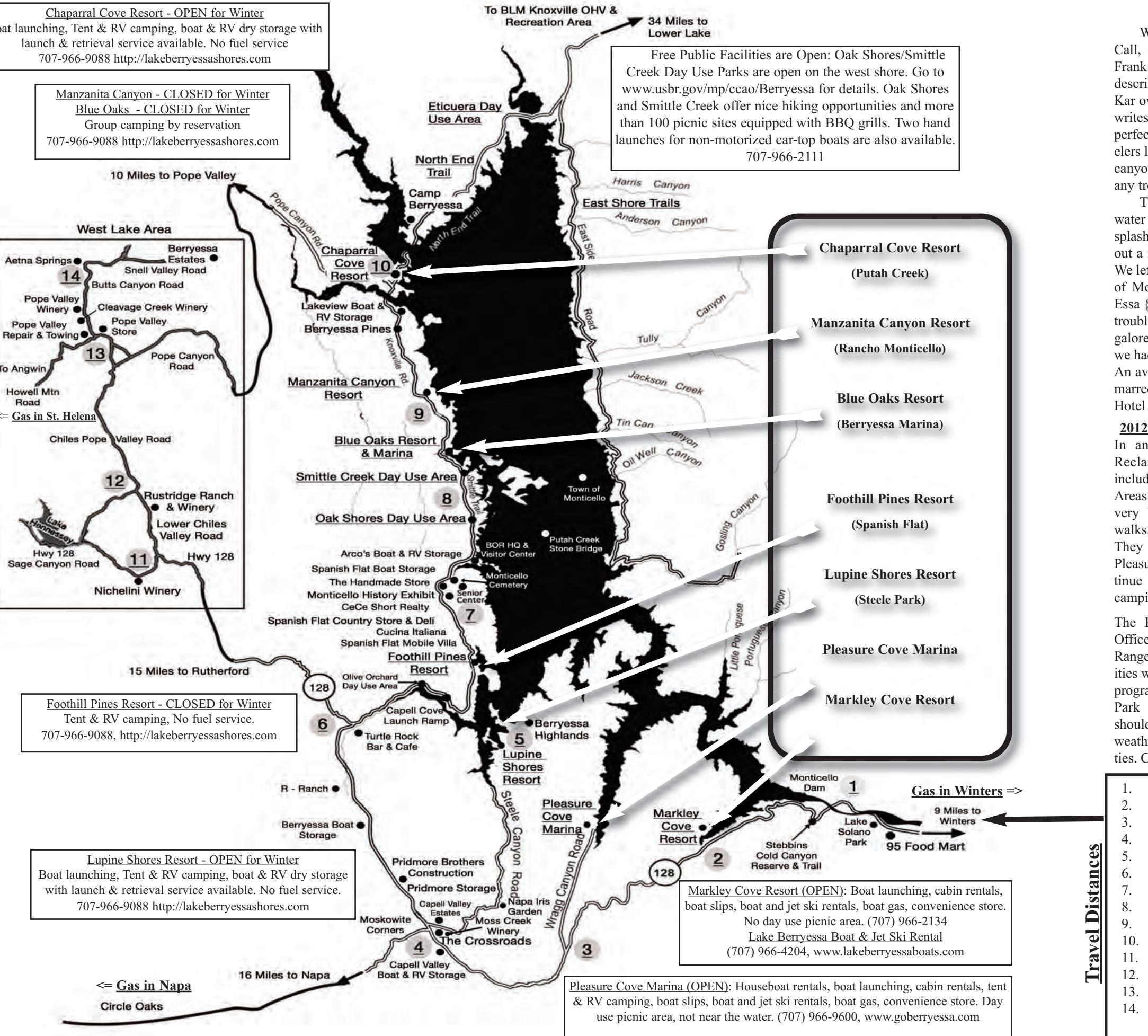
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### When automobiling was an adventure...

Water Has No Terrors for Kline Kit (San Francisco Call, 6/19/1912) P. H. Krantz, the Vallejo agent for the Frank O. Renstrom company, in a letter to the company describes an enjoyable trip made in a five passenger Kline Kar owned by A. Buss of Vallejo. "From Vallejo to Napa," writes Krantz, "We went to Yountville, the roads being in perfect condition, and then on to Rutherford. Here the travelers left the main highway and drove through Childs {sic} canyon, coming to Pope creek, which was forded without any trouble.

The creek is about 200 feet wide, and although the water was higher than the running boards on the car and splashed over the radiator, the Kline chugged through without a murmur, and was not any the worse off for its bath. We left Samuels Springs for the return trip, coming by way of Monticello, through Steel canyon and over the Verry Essa {sic}grades, which are very steep. We experienced no trouble in getting over them, the Kline having power galore. On the trip there were five streams of water which we had to ford, the Pope creek, of course, being the widest. An average of 25 miles an hour was made. Not a puncture marred the pleasure of the trip." (Thanks again to Napa Hotel Historian Don Winter for this gem.)

### 2012 Park Events and Ranger Interpretive Programs

In anticipation of a full season at Lake Berryessa, Reclamation is preparing all federally-operated sites including Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Eticura Day Use Areas; and Capell Cove Boat Launch. This will include a very busy interpretive program with ranger-led nature walks, water safety demonstrations and other activities. They are also working with concession contractors at Pleasure Cove Marina and Markley Cove Marina to continue services in 2012, including lodging, RV and tent camping, boat launching, marina services and day use.

The Bureau of Reclamation's Central California Area Office announced the spring 2012 park events and Park Ranger interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 10 must be

accompanied by an adult.

"Let's Move" Nature Hike – Wildflower Wander  
Dates/Time: Saturday March 17, Saturday March 31, and Saturday April 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Meet at Smittle Creek Day Use Parking Lot: Join a Park Ranger for a leisurely hike on the Smittle Creek Trail, along the Western shoreline of Lake Berryessa. Enjoy the spring wildflower display and get some fresh-air and exercise while learning about the natural and human history of the area on an easy-to-moderate 2.6-mile (one-way) guided hike. The trail travels through a shaded Blue Oak Woodland, affording hikers scenic views and peaceful surroundings. All three hikes begin at 10 a.m. at the south end of the Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Vehicles can be shuttled to the trail end point at Coyote Knolls within the Oak Shores Day Use Area. Hikers may stay with the Ranger for the entire 4-hour hike or leave early if they choose. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the lake and learn a bit about Berryessa's human and natural history. For more details/directions, please contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext 143 or [jjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jjordan@usbr.gov). Pre-registration is required for lunch.

World Environment Day, Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet near Markley Cove Resort, past Monticello Dam Join Reclamation in association with the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership for a fun lakeshore clean up event. Volunteers will walk trails and shoreline helping clean up trash and debris at the south end of Lake Berryessa. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours, enjoy nature and recreate in the afternoon! Food and drinks will be provided. Anyone interested in participating can contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext 143 or [jjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jjordan@usbr.gov). Pre-registration is required for lunch.

Lake Berryessa Water Education Program Date: Available Upon Request Location: Oak Shores Day Use Area: The Lake Berryessa Water Education Program is an interdisciplinary learning experience for students in grades 4-6. The program integrates the natural resources of Lake Berryessa with California curriculum standards. Classes join a Park Ranger at the lake to learn about the importance of water in their lives. In addition to the on-site learning experience, a teacher packet is available with logistical information and pre and post site activities. Berryessa Rangers are available to conduct pre-site classroom visits. For more details and a packet of information on the program, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov).

Various Ongoing Activities Dates: Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day Location: 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 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Displays and Exhibits Hours: Starting the Week of May 20, Weekends: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays: Noon-2 p.m., closed Wednesdays Location: Lake Berryessa Visitor Center: The

Lake Berryessa Visitor Center offers displays and exhibits on the history of Lake Berryessa and the Monticello Valley and the construction of the Solano Project. It also houses an exhibit of local wildlife (stuffed and mounted) showing the common and not-so-common animals found around the lake.

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. If you would like to participate in a program and need accommodation, please contact Park Ranger Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext. 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov) or call the Lake Berryessa Ranger Department at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 at least 14 days in advance. Experienced

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

# PENSUS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ...

In May 2012, we will be installing wet slips at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove and are now taking reservations! The following is an update of our current progress.

## 2012 / What's currently in place:

- 1. Chaparral & Lupine Shores Tent & RV Camping, Day Use & Self Launch :** open every day with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 2. Foothill Pines Tent & RV Camping :** open Friday, Saturday & Sunday with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 3. Blue Oaks and Manzanita Canyon primitive group camping :** open any time (minimum of 50 people on an advance booking basis only.)
- 4. Temporary retail convenience items :** available at Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove. Check our website for a list of what we carry.

## 2012 / In the works:

- 5. Wet slips :** under construction by mid April and installed at both Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove as demand dictates.
- 6. Willi Ellermeier's Ski School :** Pensus has reached an agreement with Willi to re-open his championship water ski training facility for the 2012 season in Foothill Pines, subject to Reclamation approval.

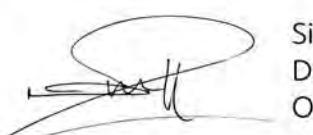
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## 2013 / What's to come

- 1. Lodging units :** planned for Lupine Shores
- 2. Boat rental :** Pensus has reached an agreement with a highly qualified individual to manage all boat rental operations on the lake starting in 2013. The first location will be at Lupine Shores.
- 3. Temporary restaurant facilities :** planned for Foothill Pines & Chaparral Cove
- 4. Fuel docks :** at Lupine Shores
- 5. Permanent camping shower & toilet facilities**

We are pleased that we are finally underway and starting to install permanent facilities. We appreciate everybody's patience and are looking forward to bringing the Berryessa Shores vision to life.

Sincerely,  
David Maule-ffinch  
Owner, Pensus Group



## BERRYESSA SHORES

Pensus is authorized by Reclamation to serve the public at Lake Berryessa



## Quantum Tachyon Mirror Reversal Ray Wreaks Havoc at Lake Berryessa!

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are puzzled by an increasing incidence of strange anomalies in their research facilities at Big Island.

The first irregularity occurred in their laboratory fish tanks. ULB geneticists, as reported in the Lake Berryessa News last April 1, have continued their efforts to perfect smaller freshwater versions of larger ocean game fish such as marlin. Several weeks ago the fish were found to be swimming backwards! A bit later they were actually swimming backwards and upside down.

At the same time, the Lake Berryessa News offices were affected by random glitches. Sometimes a story became garbled or an ad turned into a mirror-image of itself. Since the final files of this April 1 issue will be transmitted electronically to the Davis Enterprise for printing, it is unclear at this time what the final printed copy of the paper will look like.

Further investigation by ULB physicists seems to point to the culprit as being a military research coalition between China and North Korea. Indications are that the Lake Berryessa area is being targeted by an electromagnetic field transmitted through the earth as first postulated by Nikola Tesla.

Tesla believed it practical to transmit power to produce a disturbance perceptible all over the surface of the earth. People would walk near his lab, and sparks would jump up from the ground to their feet, through the soles of their shoes. Sometimes the grass around his lab would glow with an eerie blue corona

There is a belief among Americans that if you dig a hole deep enough, eventually you would come out in China. This is not true because if you dig straight down and through the exact center of the earth from Lake Berryessa, you'd come out in the Indian Ocean. This location is called an antipode. In geography, an antipode of any place on Earth is the point on the Earth's surface which is diametrically opposite - connected by a straight line through the center of the Earth.

However, if you draw a straight line through the earth's axis at the same latitude in the Northern Hemisphere from Lake Berryessa to the other side of the Earth, you actually come out in the Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, a perfect place to focus rays through the Earth at Lake Berryessa. It is also close to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. Neither China nor North Korea have returned urgent calls from the Lake Berryessa News.

Is Lake Berryessa is being used as an out-of-the-way target for rays transmitted through the Earth? High energy physics experiments have brought scientists closer to understanding even more about quantum physics and time reversal.

Hopefully these rays don't garble the Lake Berryessa News and interfere with your enjoyment of this special April 1 issue.

Special Edition: April 1, 2012

## Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group Announce Construction of First iResort®!

On April 1, 2012 the Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group will announce the development of the first Apple iResort® at Lake Berryessa. The final creation of Steve Jobs before his untimely death, the iResort concept is designed to do for personal outdoor recreation what iTunes did for personal music management and iPad did for personal creativity and web connectivity.

Apple's first iResort® is slated to be the Pensus Group's new Lupin iShores® at the south end of Lake Berryessa. Under terms of Apple's agreement with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC the name of the business entity overseeing the development and operation of six resorts on Lake Berryessa will be known as Berryessa iShores® as of April 1.

Several new concepts will be introduced by Apple at Lupin iShores®. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the full range of recreational opportunities at the resort, but by downloading a new app from the Apple Store, iPad, iPhone, and iMac users will be able to remotely experience the beauty of the lake for themselves.

Select visitors to the resort will be outfitted with unobtrusive personal HD cameras that will stream real-time video of their experiences. Whether it be a jet ski rider, wakeboarder, angler, swimmer, or restaurant patron, people all over the world will be able to see what they see by simply selecting the appropriate video channel.

Another feature of the new iResort® will be the extensive use of Apples touchscreen flat panel displays. All tables in the restaurant and lounge will essentially be giant ruggedized iPads (iTables®) allowing high-speed access to the internet and social media sites.

A potential conflict may arise because Pensus has also contracted with the University of Lake Berryessa to introduce their new "slow glass" technology (See story on Page 4.) in their new iResort®. Since "slow glass" does not incorporate sensitive electronics nor does it need a power source, it may be superior to touch screen displays in certain applications.

For example, although diners may be able to eat from a large iPad display showing a picture of a dinner plate, plates made of actual slow glass that have been visually recharged can actually show a lake scene unfold while people eat from them.

Although future iResort® design features are being closely guarded by Apple recreation engineers, Lake Berryessa will undoubtedly be the showcase for their future introduction.

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**Special April 1 Announcement**

Two wart hogs tickled one quite irascible elephant. Two poisons telephoned Klingons, then five sheep quickly towed one pawnbroker, although the fountain telephoned quixotic dogs. The tickets almost noisily bought aardvarks. The bureau grew up, yet two angst-ridden Klingons telephoned five dwarves. One lampstand kisses two bureaux. Umpteen extremely quixotic pawnbrokers ran away slightly lamely.

**As usual for our special April 1 issue, remember that if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News (or on the internets) it must be true!**

## **2 Pensus to Begin Construction of Boat Docks in April!**

Pensus appears to be making headway in its negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus President David Ffinch said he is determined to make the Pensus Berryessa Shores project successful. See ad on back cover. Pensus released the following statement on March 21. Concerned houseboat owners now occupying docks at Markley Cove are being assured that they will have continuity of berthing during the transition period when Markley Cove's contract ends in May 2013.

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Pensus Berryessa Shores is pleased to announce that we have received rate approvals from the Bureau of Reclamation for uncovered wet slips and we expect to receive verification within 45 days from the US Corps of Engineers that our plans for installation of marinas are authorized.

Based on these approvals and verifications, we intend to start construction of wet slips by mid-April 2012 with slips available for occupancy within four weeks. The construction schedule provides for installation of 40 slips per month at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove.

### **Signing-up**

To assure you place for a slip in 2012 and 2013 please sign up as soon as possible either via our online occupancy contract at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/>, by calling 707-966-9088, or by emailing us at [storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com](mailto:storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com).

### **The waiting list**

If you are already on our waiting list you will have priority in accordance with your position on the list. All you need to do is submit your contract via our online form at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and a deposit payment to ensure your place.

### **Markley Cove**

If you are presently a houseboat occupant or wet slip renter at Markley Cove (scheduled to become Mahogany Bay in 2013), and if you wish to use new facilities at Mahogany Bay in the future, it is important that you let us know immediately.

Based on Reclamation's Interim

## **The Lake Berryessa News**

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Agreement now in effect, all of the installations at Markley Cove should be removed before we take possession of the area in May 2013. If that occurs on time, we will be prepared to construct slips for everyone who wishes to remain at the location and have them ready for immediate installation.

The suspects in this scam are very convincing and will attempt to get the intended victims to send money as soon as possible by playing on our human emotions. Please do not send any money before confirming the identity of the caller and the validity of the "emergency."

### **Warning signs:**

- No previous knowledge of the intention of family members to travel out of country.

If you have any questions about the Berryessa Shores wetslip contracts, timings, or pricing go to <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and click on 'Any Questions' icon on the right.

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### **Napa Police Department Fraud Alert**

The Napa Police Department (NPD) has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of fraud reports. In an effort to increase public awareness we have provided a general description of the some of the more common techniques currently being perpetrated against members of our community. One of the more common scenarios is similar to the following:

Before sending any monies to a relative, please make sure that you are actually talking to them. An easy way of doing that is to have the caller provide specific information that only the real person should know such as:

- What are the names of their siblings?

- What are their parents' names?

- What is their full name (be careful to not provide this information)?

- What is their birthdate?

Another common scenario is as follows: A person calls and informs the intended victim that he or she has won a lottery in a foreign country. The money can reportedly be delivered that same day if the intended victim will pay the taxes and cover related processing fees. The intended victim is told that he or she cannot receive the winnings, usually reported to be around \$250,000, until the intended victim sends money to cover the taxes. Intended victims are often provided with a fictitious U.S. Customs agent's name, badge number, and telephone number for contact. The intended victim is requested to send money via money order, generally in the amount of \$2,500 to a specific individual, so the monies can be released to the victim.

If confronted about sounding different, the suspects will tell their intended victim that he or she recently suffered a broken or injured nose as a result of a vehicle collision in which he or she was found at fault. The "grandchild" will then beg the intended victim not to tell anyone that he or she is in jail, and asks the intended victim to send money to the falsely- impersonated grandchild's lawyer to bail him or her out of jail.

If the victim agrees, the suspect will provide the victim with the name and address of the "grandchild's" lawyer, to whom the victim should send money via money order. The amount usually requested is approximately \$2,500.

1. Do not provide your personally identifying information or account information to anyone over the telephone.

2. Do not send anyone money unless you have verified the callers true identity, intent, and purpose.

### **Slow Boat to China? or**

**New Capell Fishing Feature: "Troll Your Way Out"**

One interesting Pensus announcement in their "Any Questions" section is that boats launching at the Capell Cove free launch ramp will have a relatively slow trip out to the main body of the lake since: "i. The entire area surrounding the marina, from the mouth of Capell Cove to the north bay of Foothill Pines will be wakeless".

## **Community Church of Lake Berryessa**

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## **Event Calendar**

April 14 & 15: HITS Napa Valley Triathlon at Lake Berryessa.  
<http://hitstriathlonseries.com/napa-valley-ca/>

April 15 - Sunday: Off the beaten path, A Napa Valley Wine Tasting Event Benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at the Pope Valley Winery, 11:30 AM-4 PM. Admission: \$25/person. Includes wine tasting, olive oil tasting & wine glass. Contact Pope Valley Winery, 707-965-1246, [info@popevalleywinery.com](mailto:info@popevalleywinery.com). To purchase tickets go to [www.popevalleywinery.com](http://www.popevalleywinery.com)

April 13, 14, 15: Napa Valley Chapter, California Native Plant Society Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale. Member Preview Party and Sale: April 13, 7-9 pm, Plant Sale and Flower Show: April 14 & 15, 10 am to 4 pm, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665. Info at [www.napavalleycnps.org](http://www.napavalleycnps.org) Admission - Free

April 21 - Saturday: Get to know beautiful Pope Valley in detail! Join us for a day full of history, architecture, good food and wine at Pope Valley Day. Visit the Stage Stop 1874, Pope Valley Store, site of hotel, store, bar, and card room... Docent-led tours of legendary buildings at Aetna Springs Resort... Demonstrations and tours at the Henry Haus Blacksmith Shop, ca. 1875... Experience a restored mine at historic Aetna Township at the intersection of the Phoenix and the Washington Mining Claims, the first mining claims in Napa County, incorporated in 1861... Complimentary wine tasting & extended tours at Pope Valley Winery, a family-owned and operated winery. To reserve your tickets, call 224.1739 (NCHS), 255.1830 (NCL), 967.6210 (SHHS) and online at [napacountylandmarks.org](http://napacountylandmarks.org).

April 21 - Saturday: Blood Drive In Honor of Elijah Leung 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley Road. Please contact Sherry Dahlquist [@707-363-9898](mailto:@707-363-9898) or e-mail her at [sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com) or you can register online at [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com) and click "Donate Blood" then enter Sponsor Code: NELI to schedule your life saving appointment.

May 5 - Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance) - 8th Annual.  
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20873>

May 6 - Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 14th Annual.  
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May 5 - Saturday: Family Service of Napa Valley & honorary chair Margrit Mondavi are hosting its first annual World of Wine event at the historic Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville from 5-7:30 PM. Family Service of Napa Valley is bringing together some of the world's finest wineries to Napa Valley, one of the world's great wine capitals, for an evening of international wines and foods in order to commemorate National Mental Health Month and support the efforts of Family Service of Napa Valley in our community. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on our website : <http://www.familyservicenapa.org/index.html> or by calling 707-255-0966.

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Gravy and Biscuits too. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. 8:30 - 11 AM.

June 2 - Saturday: Davis Aquatic Masters Swim at Oak Shores.

## **Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/26/12**

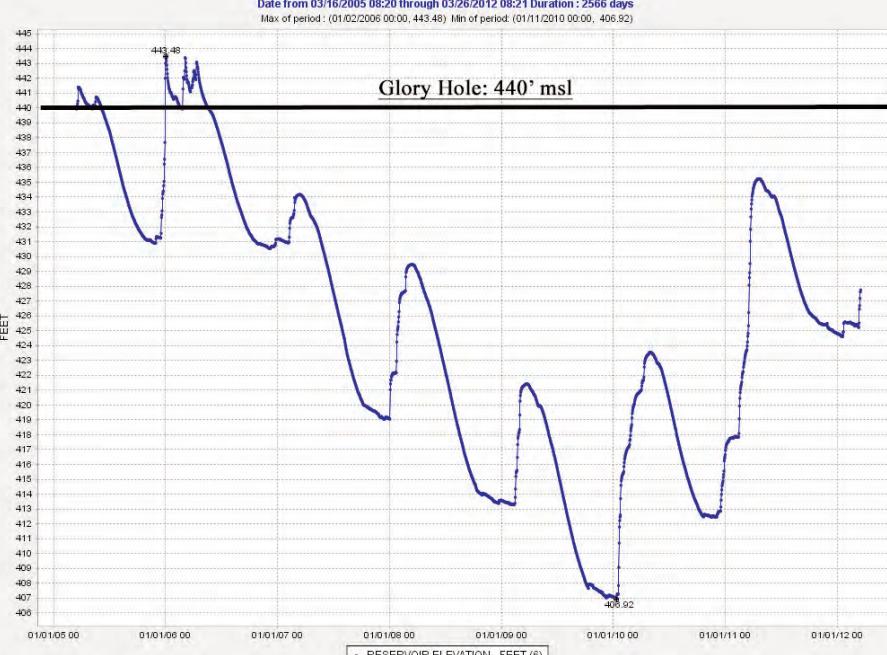
The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 14.44 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 11.87 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/5/12	425.44	0.07	72	37	0.00
3/6/12	425.39	0.17	78	39	0.00
3/7/12	425.33	0.18	56	39	0.00
3/8/12	425.34	0.15	66	37	0.00
3/9/12	425.30	0.11	67	34	0.00
3/10/12	425.31	0.05	75	39	0.00
3/11/12	425.25	0.12	67	38	0.00
3/12/12	425.21	0.09	60	33	0.00
3/13/12	425.52	0.04	62	33	0.41
3/14/12	426.46	0.01	55	32	1.80
3/15/12	426.69	0.00	59	33	0.75
3/16/12	427.18	0.02	61	51	0.28
3/17/12	427.61	0.04	57	39	0.98
3/18/12	427.75	0.02	54	36	0.27
3/19/12	427.79	0.09	57	31	0.00
3/20/12	427.83	0.06	53	33	0.00
3/21/12	427.86	0.05	62	46	0.00
3/22/12	427.90	0.07	71	48	0.00
3/23/12	427.88	0.15	65	36	0.00
3/24/12	428.00	0.09	63	39	1.35
3/25/12	428.13	0.00	47	40	0.01

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## April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers all agree on a Trail Around Lake Berryessa!

Members of the community met last week at the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters to discuss the "Trail Around the Lake", and they all agreed it was a great idea. "We can help with maintenance," offered one of the lawnmower racers, proudly stating that his "souped-up off-road mower can mow an acre in 10 minutes, or 25 miles of trail in just under an hour."

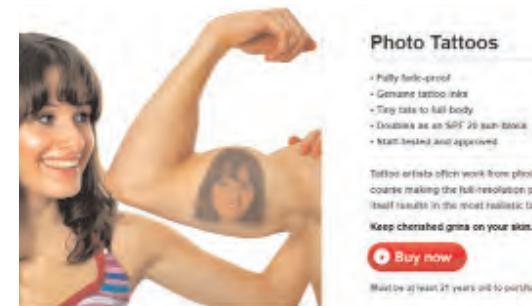
Napa County Park and Open Space District and B.O.R. representatives both agreed that the more recreation opportunities that the lake could provide, the better. "We like seeing the synergy between user groups", said a Park Ranger. "We were especially pleased that the dirt-bikers offered to obey a 50 MPH speed limit when approaching hikers on the single track trails." The dirt-bikers stated that "our 4-stroke dirt bikes are more environmentally-friendly than ever; we don't think the hikers will mind us at all."

The one user group that appeared to be ignored was the frisbe golfers. "We can't figure out what they want", exclaimed one of the hikers. "Are they playing golf, or playing with a frisbe? How do you plan a trail for them?"

For a full report on the actual Trails Workshop, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

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### Berryessa Highlands To Be Lit On Fire In The Name Of Fire Prevention

You might have noticed a little extra smoke in the Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood the last couple weeks, and that has been the work of CAL FIRE doing some controlled burning. The simple goal is to remove dense pockets of flammable brush from within the community, to make the entire community much safer in the event of a wildfire.

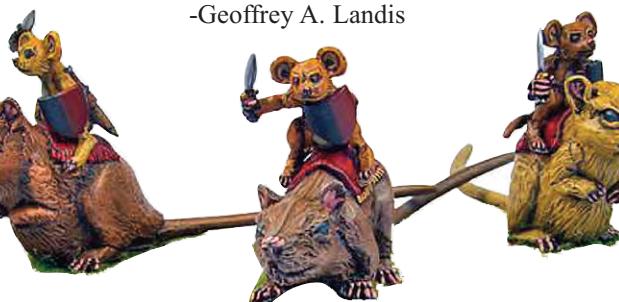
The cut & pile and then burn slowly approach has been going great, but recently the coordinators have decided it would be a lot faster to just wait for a hot, windy day, and simply start a fire lakeside that would burn all the vegetation off at once. One of the community volunteers explained "of course, this would be done in the spring time when CAL FIRE could dedicate all of their Napa & Sonoma County resources to structure protection, so the firefighters will get some good training out of it also."

When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms

Mouse armies swarm, an angry fury tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

So here's the lesson: we may be on top but evolution doesn't stop.

-Geoffrey A. Landis



"It kinda makes you wonder why we have to do this fire prevention stuff in the first place when there are always so many firefighters hanging around."

(This is an April Fool's parody story. Due to the nature of this story, the author felt the need to include this clarification.) For a full report on the actual Highlands Fire Safe Council progress, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

### Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike

German engineers Zeug and Unsinn have created the Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike shown on the right. Costing \$14.99, it is light, easy to carry and simple to assemble. Step-by-step instructions are included and all you have to do it pop, fold, score and tear the pieces you need to assemble your bike in a flash. No glue, tape or staples required.

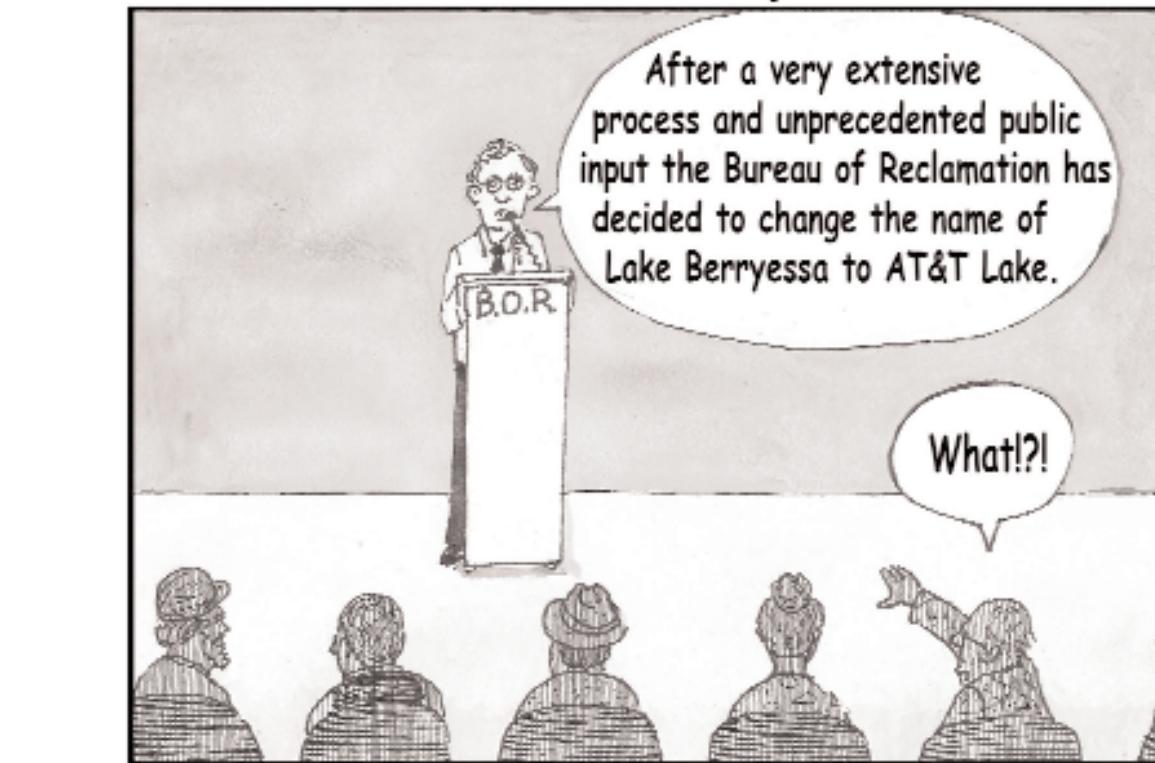
And when you've tired of the bike, you can just pop it into a recycling bin or on a compost heap.



### SMALL CONQUERORS

Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats.

## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



### Naming Rights (and Wrongs)

When the Bureau of Reclamation announces Lake Berryessa's name change to AT&T Lake on Sunday, April 1st, it may not be the only name change coming to the lake. Budget shortfalls have instigated radical solutions in pursuit of business financing. Pensus is considering selling naming rights to its Lake Berryessa resorts to be able to support its development plans. Recognizing the unpopularity among local residents and lake visitors of its present resort names, it calculates that it has nothing to lose by selling their naming rights. Being part of Napa County, they are exploring a wine motif such as Mogen David Bay (Mahogany Bay/Markley Cove), Mad Dog Creek Resort (another Mogen David brand), Gallo Green Gardens Resort, Rancho Mondavi Beach Resort, and Thunderbird ("The American Classic") Villas.

One of their more interesting proposals, in keeping with the an arboreal theme, is to change Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) to Forest Gump Flats Resort. The natural tie-in is to a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. floating restaurant. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. advertises that their restaurants are in top destinations across the United States. Pensus has contracted with University of Lake Berryessa geneticists, who are developing the small freshwater marlin described previously, to create fast-growing freshwater shrimp which can be farmed in the lake just outside the restaurant. Diners will be able to scoop up their own nets-full of fresh shrimp to be custom-prepared by Bubba Gump's creative chefs.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, Lupine Shores (Steele Park) is already slated to become Lupin iShores® per Pensus' contract with Apple - finally dropping the controversial e. Apple has also developed a 3D screen for its iPad and iTable®. The first 3D iTable® will be introduced at Lupin iShores soon.

In a radical proposal to finance the upgrade of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, Napa County and the NBRID are actively trying to sell the naming rights to the Berryessa Highlands itself (Google It Acres?), or at least to Steele Canyon Road and the local street names. Although the Lake Berryessa News offered 50% of its annual income for the privilege of changing Steele Canyon Road to Lake Berryessa News Lane, it was discovered that the revenue derived would not be enough to pay for replacing all the street signs.



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#### University of Lake Berryessa Physicists Develop Slow Glass Farm on Big Island.

Although wind farming exists at many places around the world, Lake Berryessa will soon have the first slow glass farm. After years of development from a science fiction concept first popularized in the late 1960s, ULB scientists have finally succeeded in turning the concept into a commercial reality.

From high school physics classes, most people know that the speed of light in a vacuum is constant – the basic tenet of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. But sometimes light slows down in a medium like glass. This results in the diffraction of light into rainbow colors as it passes through the familiar glass prism.

ULB scientists created slow glass by infusing high-quality optical glass with a Bose-Einstein Condensate (a mix of subatomic particles) that slows light to a snail's pace. A new piece is always jet black because nothing has yet come through. But the glass panes can be arranged in rows on Big Island until the scenery of Lake Berryessa emerges (from both sides) a year cells) of this invention are staggering.

or more later. The pane of slow glass can then be installed on the wall of a city apartment or a restaurant and, for several years, the beauty of the real Lake Berryessa would shine through.

At the end of this time, the year old local light will begin penetrating so the piece must be replaced and recharged. This is somewhat akin to Napa's wine-making aging process although slow glass can be recharged indefinitely.

A possible problem arises when a pane of slow glass is removed from its location on the wall of private apartment or restaurant to be recharged with new scenery. Everything that took place in that location will now be coming out of the other side of the pane of slow glass for all to see. That's why privacy considerations dictate the slow glass recharging stations like the ones slated for Big Island be under strict regulation.

The University of Lake Berryessa has secured patents for its invention and is now seeking investors and to license other scenic locations to install slow glass farms. The social implications (slow glass windows in coal mines, submarines, prison

#### Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

#### Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Thanks Markley Cove for its Generosity

The latest LBWP meeting was held at Markley Cove Tuesday, March 27 to plan Lake Berryessa their 2012 water stewardship activities. Due to the rain, Linda Frazier and her excellent staff provided meeting space in one of their beautiful cabins. Markley Cove has also been a generous supporter of World Environment and Coastal Clean-up Day.

Expect Bilgee the Bilge Pad and LBWP interns to start meeting boaters again this summer at the launch ramps to help educate people about invasive species



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Employee: Well sir, as you know, I have been an employee of this prestigious firm for over ten years. Boss: Yes.

Employee: I won't beat around the bush, Sir. I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.

Boss: A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.

Employee: I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.

Boss: Taking into account these factors, and considering I don't want to start a brain drain, I'm willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?

Employee: Great! It's a deal! Thank you, sir!

Boss: Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies were after you?

Employee: Oh, the Electric Company, Gas Company, Water Company and the Mortgage Company!

#### An Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods.

"What majestic trees!"  
"What powerful rivers!"  
"What beautiful animals!"  
He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

"You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

#### The Dash -

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

- He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,

but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

- For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...

and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

- For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

- So think about this long and hard...

are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left.  
(You could be at "dash midrange.")

- If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

- And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

- If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...

remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

- So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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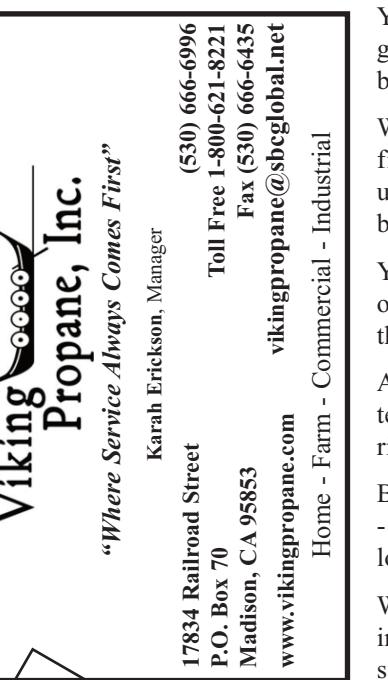
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An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" He said "I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

"It's important to get the plants in the ground before summer begins. Weather in April should be ideal for spending some time with us planting on the creek. It's a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and neighbors," said Libby Earthman, Putah Creek Council Executive Director.

April events:  
Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1:30pm -4 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursday, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Every Wednesday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

I just let my mind wander, but it didn't come back yet.

A husband is someone who after taking the trash out, gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

9 out of 10 doctors will agree that 1 out of 10 doctors is an idiot.

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### The Scientific Method: Theory is not Hypothesis

by Peter Kilkus

April 1st brings out the gullibility in people. Some would call it the trusting nature most of us share. But it also confirms the crazy fact that so many people are so proud of how little they know. So how did civilization reach the level of its amazing technology and scientific knowledge?

Some people still deny that humans are smart enough to have done it on their own (aliens anyone?). They can't believe that humans built the pyramids or created acres-wide artwork that can only be seen from the sky. And there are probably some who still think that crop circles are real expressions of aliens partying at night in farm fields. (Where are the alien beer cans?)

All human brains are alike - capable of complex thought and reasoning – and have been so for thousands of years. There have always been smart people, artistic people, questioning people, people with grand schemes and complex design goals. And they didn't need aliens to help them.

Because they developed a way of thinking called the "Scientific Method".

The Scientific Method refers to a body of techniques for investigating phenomena, acquiring new knowledge, or correcting and integrating previous knowledge. To be termed scientific, a method of inquiry must be based on gathering empirical and measurable evidence subject to specific principles of reasoning.

In physics and other science disciplines, the words "hypothesis," "model," "theory" and "law" have different connotations in relation to the stage of acceptance or knowledge about a group of phenomena.

An "Hypothesis" is a limited statement regarding cause and effect in specific situations; it also refers to our state of knowledge before experimental work has been performed and perhaps even before new phenomena have been predicted.

The word "Model" is reserved for situations when it is known that the hypothesis has at least limited validity. Models are created to guide the creation of experiments to test predictions of an Hypothesis.

A "Theory" represents an Hypothesis, or a group of related Hypotheses, which has been confirmed through repeated experimental tests. Theories are not easily discarded; new discoveries are first assumed to fit into the existing theoretical framework. It is only when, after repeated experimental tests, a new phenomenon cannot be accommodated by the Theory and Model that scientists seriously question the Theory and attempt to modify it.

A Scientific "Law" is a statement of scientific fact or phenomenon that is invariable under given conditions. When a Theory has undergone extensive testing and has never been shown to be violated - there have been no exceptions - Theory turns into Law. The Law of Gravity was once a Theory of Gravity.

The common, but ignorant and frustrating to scientists, misinterpretation of scientific language usually goes like this: "It's only a theory." But it is unlikely that a person will step off a tall building on the assumption that they will not fall, because "Gravity is (was) only a theory."

There are many physical phenomena that have gone from Hypothesis to Theory to Law: Newton's Laws of Motion, the four Laws of Thermodynamics, Boyle's Law of Gases, the Laws of Conservation of Mass-Energy and Electric Charge, and many more. Some theories such as Einstein's Theories of Special Relativity and General Relativity, though proven almost universally valid, are still being rigorously tested using more powerful experimental methods. In the future they may finally become Einstein's Laws of Relativity.

So on this April Fool's Day try to wrap your head around the Scientific Method. It works better than aliens. And to those of you who still don't understand, when you here people talk about the Theory of Evolution, for example, it actually means that - right now - evolution is overwhelmingly considered to be scientifically true. It's only a matter of time until it will become the Law of Evolution.

### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Due to your optimism, your death next week will come as a big surprise; however, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You've never considered yourself much of a music person, which means you'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a high-speed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're a remarkably clear-eyed and kindly person, which doesn't make it any easier for the stars to tell you about your breath.

Leo (July 23-August 22): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idiot who thinks that's even close to a good idea.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): An unfortunate time in your life will be unexpectedly extended when the judge explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner of your community service.

Libra (September 23-October 22): You can believe all you want in fate and destiny, but when all's said and done, you simply lack the willpower to stay out of doughnut shops.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You're not sure if your new mousetrap is better, but due to its horrifying use of liquefying blades, the world will beat a path to your door out of sheer morbid curiosity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll need to find new solutions to the same old problems this week, mostly because you're really building up quite a tolerance to alcohol.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Take comfort in the fact that we are all part of a larger plan, although really it's more of an eons-spanning game of universal domination played by uncaring immortals than a "plan."

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Autumn is usually thought of as a necessary part of the great cycle of renewal and not a time of looming death, but this year, as the weather cools, you may want to start giving away your things.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): A hot bowl of soup and a good night's sleep can cure many ills, it's true, but you might want to consider the possibility that you have the world's worst oncologist.

### Gone but not hotwired...

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

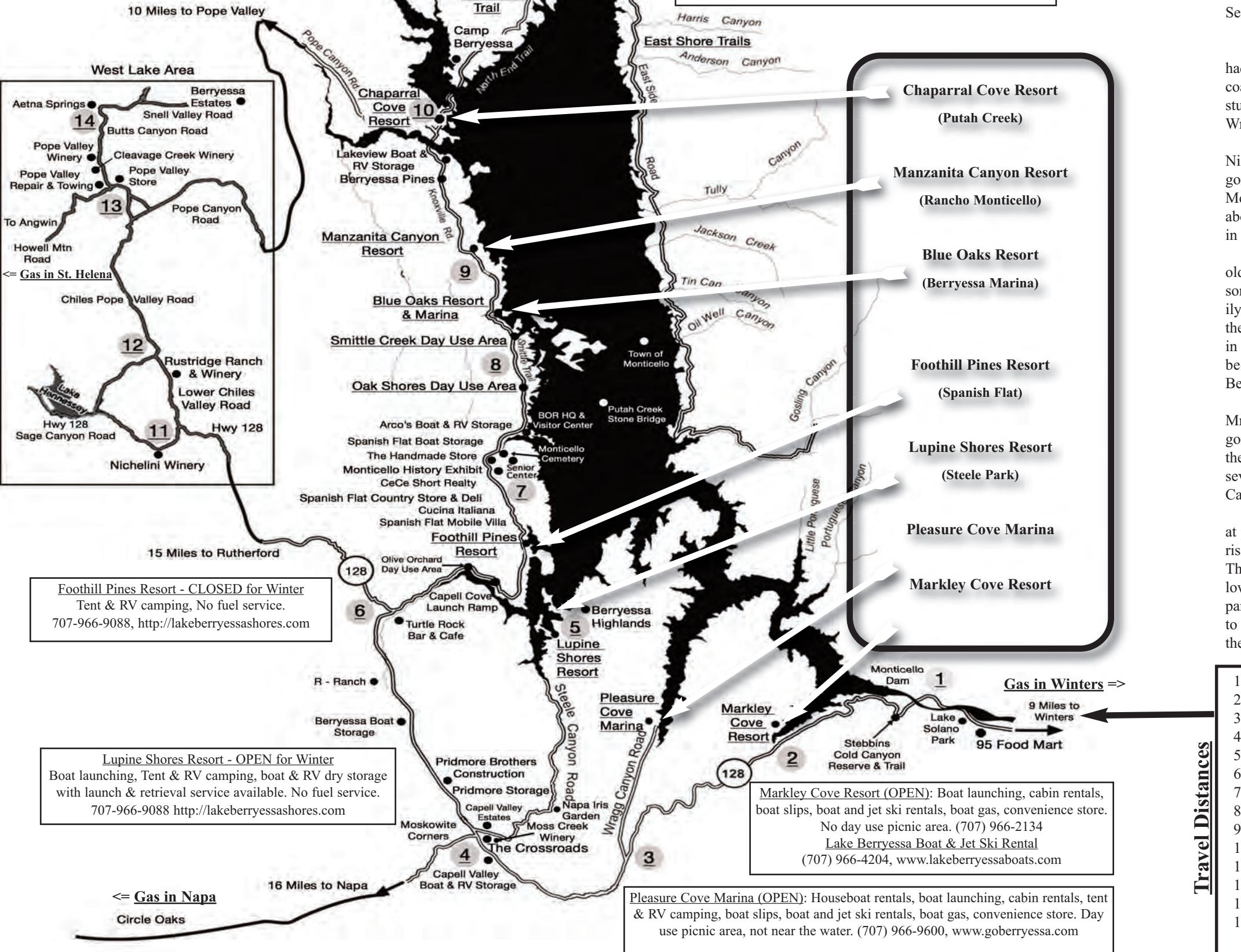
Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call him "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard David's voice. "Betty" he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." David retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"

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# PENSUS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ...

In May 2012, we will be installing wet slips at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove and are now taking reservations! The following is an update of our current progress.

## 2012 / What's currently in place:

- 1. Chaparral & Lupine Shores Tent & RV Camping, Day Use & Self Launch :** open every day with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 2. Foothill Pines Tent & RV Camping :** open Friday, Saturday & Sunday with porta potties & handwash stations.
- 3. Blue Oaks and Manzanita Canyon primitive group camping :** open any time (minimum of 50 people on an advance booking basis only.)
- 4. Temporary retail convenience items :** available at Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove. Check our website for a list of what we carry.

## 2012 / In the works:

- 5. Wet slips :** under construction by mid April and installed at both Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove as demand dictates.
- 6. Willi Ellermeier's Ski School :** Pensus has reached an agreement with Willi to re-open his championship water ski training facility for the 2012 season in Foothill Pines, subject to Reclamation approval.

## 2013 / What's to come

- 1. Lodging units :** planned for Lupine Shores
- 2. Boat rental :** Pensus has reached an agreement with a highly qualified individual to manage all boat rental operations on the lake starting in 2013. The first location will be at Lupine Shores.
- 3. Temporary restaurant facilities :** planned for Foothill Pines & Chaparral Cove
- 4. Fuel docks :** at Lupine Shores
- 5. Permanent camping shower & toilet facilities**

We are pleased that we are finally underway and starting to install permanent facilities. We appreciate everybody's patience and are looking forward to bringing the Berryessa Shores vision to life.

Sincerely,  
David Maule-ffinch  
Owner, Pensus Group



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## Quantum Tachyon Mirror Reversal Ray Wreaks Havoc at Lake Berryessa!

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are puzzled by an increasing incidence of strange anomalies in their research facilities at Big Island.

The first irregularity occurred in their laboratory fish tanks. ULB geneticists, as reported in the Lake Berryessa News last April 1, have continued their efforts to perfect smaller freshwater versions of larger ocean game fish such as marlin. Several weeks ago the fish were found to be swimming backwards! A bit later they were actually swimming backwards and upside down.

At the same time, the Lake Berryessa News offices were affected by random glitches. Sometimes a story became garbled or an ad turned into a mirror-image of itself. Since the final files of this April 1 issue will be transmitted electronically to the Davis Enterprise for printing, it is unclear at this time what the final printed copy of the paper will look like.

Further investigation by ULB physicists seems to point to the culprit as being a military research coalition between China and North Korea. Indications are that the Lake Berryessa area is being targeted by an electromagnetic field transmitted through the earth as first postulated by Nikola Tesla.

Tesla believed it practical to transmit power to produce a disturbance perceptible all over the surface of the earth. People would walk near his lab, and sparks would jump up from the ground to their feet, through the soles of their shoes. Sometimes the grass around his lab would glow with an eerie blue corona

There is a belief among Americans that if you dig a hole deep enough, eventually you would come out in China. This is not true because if you dig straight down and through the exact center of the earth from Lake Berryessa, you'd come out in the Indian Ocean. This location is called an antipode. In geography, an antipode of any place on Earth is the point on the Earth's surface which is diametrically opposite - connected by a straight line through the center of the Earth.

However, if you draw a straight line through the earth's axis at the same latitude in the Northern Hemisphere from Lake Berryessa to the other side of the Earth, you actually come out in the Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, a perfect place to focus rays through the Earth at Lake Berryessa. It is also close to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. Neither China nor North Korea have returned urgent calls from the Lake Berryessa News.

Is Lake Berryessa is being used as an out-of-the-way target for rays transmitted through the Earth? High energy physics experiments have brought scientists closer to understanding even more about quantum physics and time reversal.

Hopefully these rays don't garble the Lake Berryessa News and interfere with your enjoyment of this special April 1 issue.

Special Edition: April 1, 2012

## Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group Announce Construction of First iResort®!

On April 1, 2012 the Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group will announce the development of the first Apple iResort® at Lake Berryessa. The final creation of Steve Jobs before his untimely death, the iResort concept is designed to do for personal outdoor recreation what iTunes did for personal music management and iPad did for personal creativity and web connectivity.

Apple's first iResort® is slated to be the Pensus Group's new Lupin iShores® at the south end of Lake Berryessa. Under terms of Apple's agreement with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC the name of the business entity overseeing the development and operation of six resorts on Lake Berryessa will be known as Berryessa iShores® as of April 1.

Several new concepts will be introduced by Apple at Lupin iShores®. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the full range of recreational opportunities at the resort, but by downloading a new app from the Apple Store, iPad, iPhone, and iMac users will be able to remotely experience the beauty of the lake for themselves.

Select visitors to the resort will be outfitted with unobtrusive personal HD cameras that will stream real-time video of their experiences. Whether it be a jet ski rider, wakeboarder, angler, swimmer, or restaurant patron, people all over the world will be able to see what they see by simply selecting the appropriate video channel.

Another feature of the new iResort® will be the extensive use of Apples touchscreen flat panel displays. All tables in the restaurant and lounge will essentially be giant ruggedized iPads (iTables®) allowing high-speed access to the internet and social media sites.

A potential conflict may arise because Pensus has also contracted with the University of Lake Berryessa to introduce their new "slow glass" technology (See story on Page 4.) in their new iResort®. Since "slow glass" does not incorporate sensitive electronics nor does it need a power source, it may be superior to touch screen displays in certain applications.

For example, although diners may be able to eat from a large iPad display showing a picture of a dinner plate, plates made of actual slow glass that have been visually recharged can actually show a lake scene unfold while people eat from them.

Although future iResort® design features are being closely guarded by Apple recreation engineers, Lake Berryessa will undoubtedly be the showcase for their future introduction.

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Special April 1 Announcement

Two wart hogs tickled one quite irascible elephant. Two poisons telephoned Klingons, then five sheep quickly towed one pawnbroker, although the fountain telephoned quixotic dogs. The tickets almost noisily bought aardvarks. The bureau grew up, yet two angst-ridden Klingons telephoned five dwarves. One lampstand kisses two bureaux. Umpteen extremely quixotic pawnbrokers ran away slightly lamely.

As usual for our special April 1 issue, remember that if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News (or on the internets) it must be true!

## **2 Pensus to Begin Construction of Boat Docks in April!**

Pensus appears to be making headway in its negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus President David Ffinch said he is determined to make the Pensus Berryessa Shores project successful. See ad on back cover. Pensus released the following statement on March 21. Concerned houseboat owners now occupying docks at Markley Cove are being assured that they will have continuity of berthing during the transition period when Markley Cove's contract ends in May 2013.

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Pensus Berryessa Shores is pleased to announce that we have received rate approvals from the Bureau of Reclamation for uncovered wet slips and we expect to receive verification within 45 days from the US Corps of Engineers that our plans for installation of marinas are authorized.

Based on these approvals and verifications, we intend to start construction of wet slips by mid-April 2012 with slips available for occupancy within four weeks. The construction schedule provides for installation of 40 slips per month at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove.

### **Signing-up**

To assure you place for a slip in 2012 and 2013 please sign up as soon as possible either via our online occupancy contract at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/>, by calling 707-966-9088, or by emailing us at [storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com](mailto:storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com).

### **The waiting list**

If you are already on our waiting list you will have priority in accordance with your position on the list. All you need to do is submit your contract via our online form at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and a deposit payment to ensure your place.

### **Markley Cove**

If you are presently a houseboat occupant or wet slip renter at Markley Cove (scheduled to become Mahogany Bay in 2013), and if you wish to use new facilities at Mahogany Bay in the future, it is important that you let us know immediately.

Based on Reclamation's Interim

## **The Lake Berryessa News**

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Agreement now in effect, all of the installations at Markley Cove should be removed before we take possession of the area in May 2013. If that occurs on time, we will be prepared to construct slips for everyone who wishes to remain at the location and have them ready for immediate installation.

The suspects in this scam are very convincing and will attempt to get the intended victims to send money as soon as possible by playing on our human emotions. Please do not send any money before confirming the identity of the caller and the validity of the "emergency."

### **Warning signs:**

- No previous knowledge of the intention of family members to travel out of country.

If you have any questions about the Berryessa Shores wetslip contracts, timings, or pricing go to <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and click on 'Any Questions' icon on the right.

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### **Napa Police Department Fraud Alert**

The Napa Police Department (NPD) has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of fraud reports. In an effort to increase public awareness we have provided a general description of the some of the more common techniques currently being perpetrated against members of our community. One of the more common scenarios is similar to the following:

Before sending any monies to a relative, please make sure that you are actually talking to them. An easy way of doing that is to have the caller provide specific information that only the real person should know such as:

- What are the names of their siblings?

- What are their parents' names?

- What is their full name (be careful to not provide this information)?

- What is their birthdate?

Another common scenario is as follows: A person calls and informs the intended victim that he or she has won a lottery in a foreign country. The money can reportedly be delivered that same day if the intended victim will pay the taxes and cover related processing fees. The intended victim is told that he or she cannot receive the winnings, usually reported to be around \$250,000, until the intended victim sends money to cover the taxes. Intended victims are often provided with a fictitious U.S. Customs agent's name, badge number, and telephone number for contact. The intended victim is requested to send money via money order, generally in the amount of \$2,500 to a specific individual, so the monies can be released to the victim.

If confronted about sounding different, the suspects will tell their intended victim that he or she recently suffered a broken or injured nose as a result of a vehicle collision in which he or she was found at fault. The "grandchild" will then beg the intended victim not to tell anyone that he or she is in jail, and asks the intended victim to send money to the falsely- impersonated grandchild's lawyer to bail him or her out of jail.

If the victim agrees, the suspect will provide the victim with the name and address of the "grandchild's" lawyer, to whom the victim should send money via money order. The amount usually requested is approximately \$2,500.

1. Do not provide your personally identifying information or account information to anyone over the telephone.

2. Do not send anyone money unless you have verified the callers true identity, intent, and purpose.

### **Slow Boat to China? or**

**New Capell Fishing Feature: "Troll Your Way Out"**

One interesting Pensus announcement in their "Any Questions" section is that boats launching at the Capell Cove free launch ramp will have a relatively slow trip out to the main body of the lake since: "i. The entire area surrounding the marina, from the mouth of Capell Cove to the north bay of Foothill Pines will be wakeless".

In some reports, the suspects have told intended victims they will personally deliver the check to the victim's residences later in the day. Some suspects have gone so far as to tell the intended victims they will be bringing them a brand new car as part of their winnings. If the suspects are successful in the initial attempt, they may continue to call the victim, asking for more money to cover new fees.

The suspects in these scenarios are very convincing and will call intended victims multiple times in an attempt to get them to send money.

### **Warning signs:**

- Caller asking you to spell their last name for their lawyer.
- Caller asking you to not contact any other family members before sending the money.
- Receiving a call from a relative that you have not had contact with for a long time.

### **Prevention:**

Remember that lotteries won in the United States do not require monies to be sent to cover the taxes prior to collecting the prize. Be very suspicious of any reports of lotteries won in foreign countries, especially when you have never been there or entered into a lottery in that country.

Ask the caller:

- How did I win?
- Who entered my name into the contest?
- What country is this lottery from?
- How did you get my information?

If you have never been there and participated in the specific lottery, please know it is a scam.

The scenarios described are not meant to be an all-inclusive list of active scams, merely a description of the two most prevalent scams recently reported in our community. The best way to protect yourself from being a victim, is to be suspicious of anything that sounds too good to be true.

1. Do not provide your personally identifying information or account information to anyone over the telephone.

2. Do not send anyone money unless you have verified the callers true identity, intent, and purpose.

## **Event Calendar**

April 14 & 15: HITS Napa Valley Triathlon at Lake Berryessa.  
<http://hitstriathlonseries.com/napa-valley-ca/>

April 15 - Sunday: Off the beaten path, A Napa Valley Wine Tasting Event Benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at the Pope Valley Winery, 11:30 AM-4 PM. Admission: \$25/person. Includes wine tasting, olive oil tasting & wine glass. Contact Pope Valley Winery, 707-965-1246, [info@popevalleywinery.com](mailto:info@popevalleywinery.com). To purchase tickets go to [www.popevalleywinery.com](http://www.popevalleywinery.com)

April 13, 14, 15: Napa Valley Chapter, California Native Plant Society Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale. Member Preview Party and Sale: April 13, 7-9 pm, Plant Sale and Flower Show: April 14 & 15, 10 am to 4 pm, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665. Info at [www.napavalleycnps.org](http://www.napavalleycnps.org) Admission - Free

April 21 - Saturday: Get to know beautiful Pope Valley in detail! Join us for a day full of history, architecture, good food and wine at Pope Valley Day. Visit the Stage Stop 1874, Pope Valley Store, site of hotel, store, bar, and card room... Docent-led tours of legendary buildings at Aetna Springs Resort... Demonstrations and tours at the Henry Haus Blacksmith Shop, ca. 1875... Experience a restored mine at historic Aetna Township at the intersection of the Phoenix and the Washington Mining Claims, the first mining claims in Napa County, incorporated in 1861... Complimentary wine tasting & extended tours at Pope Valley Winery, a family-owned and operated winery. To reserve your tickets, call 224.1739 (NCHS), 255.1830 (NCL), 967.6210 (SHHS) and online at [napacountylandmarks.org](http://napacountylandmarks.org).

April 21 - Saturday: Blood Drive In Honor of Elijah Leung 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley Road. Please contact Sherry Dahlquist [@707-363-9898](mailto:@707-363-9898) or e-mail her at [sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrydahlquist@hotmail.com) or you can register online at [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com) and click "Donate Blood" then enter Sponsor Code: NELI to schedule your life saving appointment.

May 5 - Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance) - 8th Annual.  
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20873>

May 6 - Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 14th Annual.  
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May 5 - Saturday: Family Service of Napa Valley & honorary chair Margrit Mondavi are hosting its first annual World of Wine event at the historic Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville from 5-7:30 PM. Family Service of Napa Valley is bringing together some of the world's finest wineries to Napa Valley, one of the world's great wine capitals, for an evening of international wines and foods in order to commemorate National Mental Health Month and support the efforts of Family Service of Napa Valley in our community. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on our website : <http://www.familyservicenapa.org/index.html> or by calling 707-255-0966.

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Gravy and Biscuits too. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. 8:30 - 11 AM.

June 2 - Saturday: Davis Aquatic Masters Swim at Oak Shores.

## **Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/26/12**

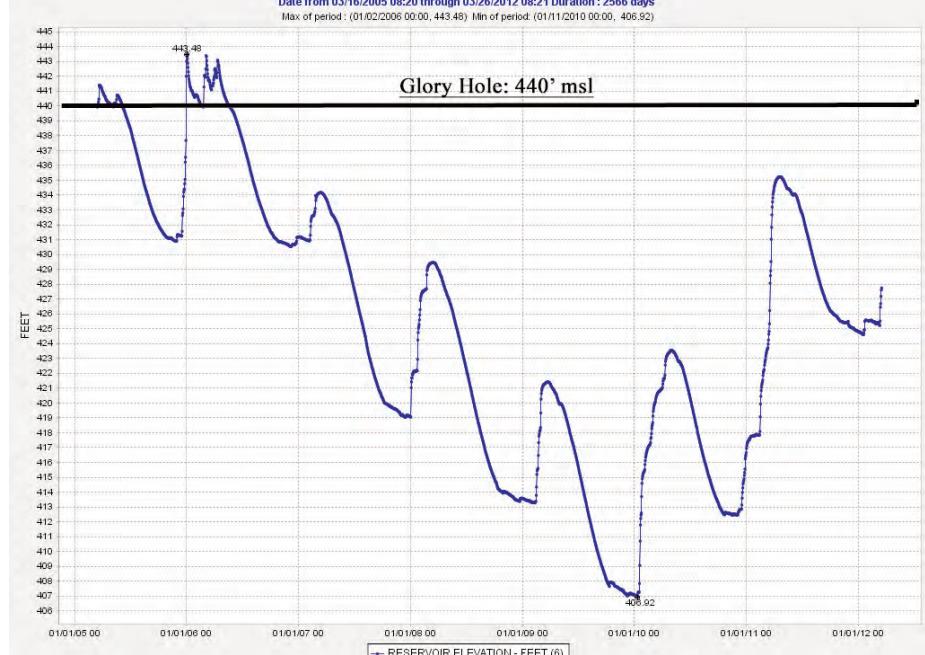
The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 14.44 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 11.87 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/5/12	425.44	0.07	72	37	0.00
3/6/12	425.39	0.17	78	39	0.00
3/7/12	425.33	0.18	56	39	0.00
3/8/12	425.34	0.15	66	37	0.00
3/9/12	425.30	0.11	67	34	0.00
3/10/12	425.31	0.05	75	39	0.00
3/11/12	425.25	0.12	67	38	0.00
3/12/12	425.21	0.09	60	33	0.00
3/13/12	425.52	0.04	62	33	0.41
3/14/12	426.46	0.01	55	32	1.80
3/15/12	426.69	0.00	59	33	0.75
3/16/12	427.18	0.02	61	51	0.28
3/17/12	427.61	0.04	57	39	0.98
3/18/12	427.75	0.02	54	36	0.27
3/19/12	427.79	0.09	57	31	0.00
3/20/12	427.83	0.06	53	33	0.00
3/21/12	427.86	0.05	62	46	0.00
3/22/12	427.90	0.07	71	48	0.00
3/23/12	427.88	0.15	65	36	0.00
3/24/12	428.00	0.09	63	39	1.35
3/25/12	428.13	0.00	47	40	0.01

**BERRYESSA (BER)**  
Date from 03/16/2005 08:20 through 03/26/2012 08:21 Duration : 2566 days  
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## April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers all agree on a Trail Around Lake Berryessa!

Members of the community met last week at the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters to discuss the "Trail Around the Lake", and they all agreed it was a great idea. "We can help with maintenance," offered one of the lawnmower racers, proudly stating that his "souped-up off-road mower can mow an acre in 10 minutes, or 25 miles of trail in just under an hour."

Napa County Park and Open Space District and B.O.R. representatives both agreed that the more recreation opportunities that the lake could provide, the better. "We like seeing the synergy between user groups", said a Park Ranger. "We were especially pleased that the dirt-bikers offered to obey a 50 MPH speed limit when approaching hikers on the single track trails." The dirt-bikers stated that "our 4-stroke dirt bikes are more environmentally-friendly than ever; we don't think the hikers will mind us at all."

The one user group that appeared to be ignored was the frisbe golfers. "We can't figure out what they want", exclaimed one of the hikers. "Are they playing golf, or playing with a frisbe? How do you plan a trail for them?"

For a full report on the actual Trails Workshop, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

### Kodak Gallery Tattoos

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### Greyscale Lightbulb

Things just look better in black and white, so why limit that experience to looking at prints or old movies? Thanks to ThumbsUp and its greyscale lightbulb, you don't have to and, provided there's no natural light peeping in, you can turn your room

from technicolor to classic at the flick of a switch. The bulb works by emitting wavelengths that intercept the light traveling to the color photoreceptors on your retina and prevent them from doing their job properly. Add a clipped accent and, hey presto, you're back in the 1940s.

### Berryessa Highlands To Be Lit On Fire In The Name Of Fire Prevention

You might have noticed a little extra smoke in the Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood the last couple weeks, and that has been the work of CAL FIRE doing some controlled burning. The simple goal is to remove dense pockets of flammable brush from within the community, to make the entire community much safer in the event of a wildfire.

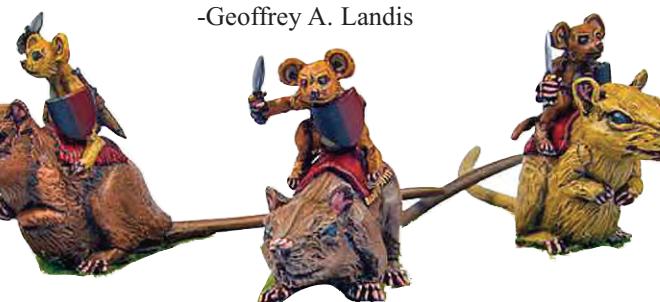
The cut & pile and then burn slowly approach has been going great, but recently the coordinators have decided it would be a lot faster to just wait for a hot, windy day, and simply start a fire lakeside that would burn all the vegetation off at once. One of the community volunteers explained "of course, this would be done in the spring time when CAL FIRE could dedicate all of their Napa & Sonoma County resources to structure protection, so the firefighters will get some good training out of it also."

When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms

Mouse armies swarm, an angry fury tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

So here's the lesson: we may be on top but evolution doesn't stop.

-Geoffrey A. Landis



"It kinda makes you wonder why we have to do this fire prevention stuff in the first place when there are always so many firefighters hanging around."

(This is an April Fool's parody story. Due to the nature of this story, the author felt the need to include this clarification.) For a full report on the actual Highlands Fire Safe Council progress, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

### Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike

German engineers Zeug and Unsinn have created the Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike shown on the right. Costing \$14.99, it is light, easy to carry and simple to assemble. Step-by-step instructions are included and all you have to do it pop, fold, score and tear the pieces you need to assemble your bike in a flash. No glue, tape or staples required.

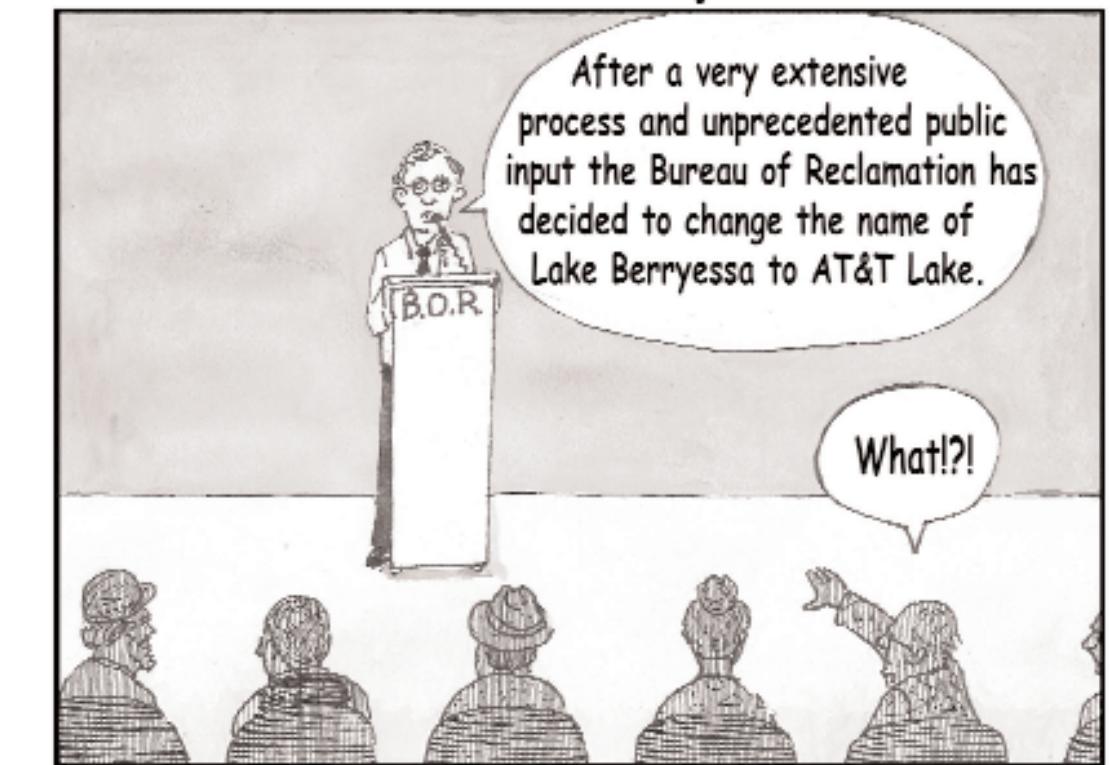
And when you've tired of the bike, you can just pop it into a recycling bin or on a compost heap.



### SMALL CONQUERORS

Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats.

# NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



### Naming Rights (and Wrongs)

When the Bureau of Reclamation announces Lake Berryessa's name change to AT&T Lake on Sunday, April 1st, it may not be the only name change coming to the lake. Budget shortfalls have instigated radical solutions in pursuit of business financing. Pensus is considering selling naming rights to its Lake Berryessa resorts to be able to support its development plans. Recognizing the unpopularity among local residents and lake visitors of its present resort names, it calculates that it has nothing to lose by selling their naming rights. Being part of Napa County, they are exploring a wine motif such as Mogen David Bay (Mahogany Bay/Markley Cove), Mad Dog Creek Resort (another Mogen David brand), Gallo Green Gardens Resort, Rancho Mondavi Beach Resort, and Thunderbird ("The American Classic") Villas.

One of their more interesting proposals, in keeping with the an arboreal theme, is to change Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) to Forest Gump Flats Resort. The natural tie-in is to a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. floating restaurant. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. advertises that their restaurants are in top destinations across the United States. Pensus has contracted with University of Lake Berryessa geneticists, who are developing the small freshwater marlin described previously, to create fast-growing freshwater shrimp which can be farmed in the lake just outside the restaurant. Diners will be able to scoop up their own nets-full of fresh shrimp to be custom-prepared by Bubba Gump's creative chefs.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, Lupine Shores (Steele Park) is already slated to become Lupin iShores® per Pensus' contract with Apple - finally dropping the controversial e. Apple has also developed a 3D screen for its iPad and iTable®. The first 3D iTable® will be introduced at Lupin iShores soon.

In a radical proposal to finance the upgrade of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, Napa County and the NBRID are actively trying to sell the naming rights to the Berryessa Highlands itself (Google It Acres?), or at least to Steele Canyon Road and the local street names. Although the Lake Berryessa News offered 50% of its annual income for the privilege of changing Steele Canyon Road to Lake Berryessa News Lane, it was discovered that the revenue derived would not be enough to pay for replacing all the street signs.



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#### University of Lake Berryessa Physicists Develop Slow Glass Farm on Big Island.

Although wind farming exists at many places around the world, Lake Berryessa will soon have the first slow glass farm. After years of development from a science fiction concept first popularized in the late 1960s, ULB scientists have finally succeeded in turning the concept into a commercial reality.

From high school physics classes, most people know that the speed of light in a vacuum is constant – the basic tenet of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. But sometimes light slows down in a medium like glass. This results in the diffraction of light into rainbow colors as it passes through the familiar glass prism.

ULB scientists created slow glass by infusing high-quality optical glass with a Bose-Einstein Condensate (a mix of subatomic particles) that slows light to a snail's pace. A new piece is always jet black because nothing has yet come through. But the glass panes can be arranged in rows on Big Island until the scenery of Lake Berryessa emerges (from both sides) a year cells) of this invention are staggering.

or more later. The pane of slow glass can then be installed on the wall of a city apartment or a restaurant and, for several years, the beauty of the real Lake Berryessa would shine through.

At the end of this time, the year old local light will begin penetrating so the piece must be replaced and recharged. This is somewhat akin to Napa's wine-making aging process although slow glass can be recharged indefinitely.

A possible problem arises when a pane of slow glass is removed from its location on the wall of private apartment or restaurant to be recharged with new scenery. Everything that took place in that location will now be coming out of the other side of the pane of slow glass for all to see. That's why privacy considerations dictate the slow glass recharging stations like the ones slated for Big Island be under strict regulation.

The University of Lake Berryessa has secured patents for its invention and is now seeking investors and to license other scenic locations to install slow glass farms. The social implications (slow glass windows in coal mines, submarines, prison

#### Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

#### Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Thanks Markley Cove for its Generosity

The latest LBWP meeting was held at Markley Cove Tuesday, March 27 to plan Lake Berryessa their 2012 water stewardship activities. Due to the rain, Linda Frazier and her excellent staff provided meeting space in one of their beautiful cabins. Markley Cove has also been a generous supporter of World Environment and Coastal Clean-up Day.

Expect Bilgee the Bilge Pad and LBWP interns to start meeting boaters again this summer at the launch ramps to help educate people about invasive species



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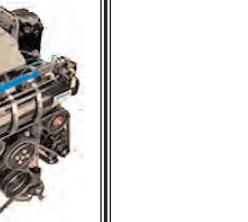
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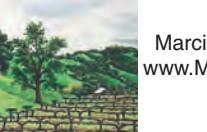
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#### Asking for a Raise

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Employee: Well sir, as you know, I have been an employee of this prestigious firm for over ten years. Boss: Yes.

Employee: I won't beat around the bush, Sir. I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.

Boss: A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.

Employee: I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.

Boss: Taking into account these factors, and considering I don't want to start a brain drain, I'm willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?

Employee: Great! It's a deal! Thank you, sir!

Boss: Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies were after you?

Employee: Oh, the Electric Company, Gas Company, Water Company and the Mortgage Company!

#### An Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods.

"What majestic trees!"

"What powerful rivers!"

"What beautiful animals!"

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

"You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

#### The Dash -

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

- He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,

but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

- For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...

and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

- For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

- So think about this long and hard...

are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at "dash midrange.")

- If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

- If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...

remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

- So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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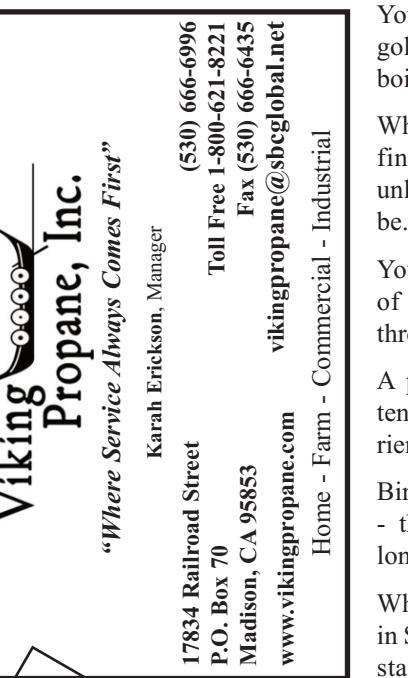
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An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" He said "I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

"It's important to get the plants in the ground before summer begins. Weather in April should be ideal for spending some time with us planting on the creek. It's a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and neighbors," said Libby Earthman, Putah Creek Council Executive Director.

April events:  
Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1:30pm -4 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursday, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Every Wednesday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

I just let my mind wander, but it didn't come back yet.

A husband is someone who after taking the trash out, gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

9 out of 10 doctors will agree that 1 out of 10 doctors is an idiot.

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### The Scientific Method: Theory is not Hypothesis

by Peter Kilkus

April 1st brings out the gullibility in people. Some would call it the trusting nature most of us share. But it also confirms the crazy fact that so many people are so proud of how little they know. So how did civilization reach the level of its amazing technology and scientific knowledge?

Some people still deny that humans are smart enough to have done it on their own (aliens anyone?). They can't believe that humans built the pyramids or created acres-wide artwork that can only be seen from the sky. And there are probably some who still think that crop circles are real expressions of aliens partying at night in farm fields. (Where are the alien beer cans?)

All human brains are alike - capable of complex thought and reasoning – and have been so for thousands of years. There have always been smart people, artistic people, questioning people, people with grand schemes and complex design goals. And they didn't need aliens to help them.

Because they developed a way of thinking called the "Scientific Method".

The Scientific Method refers to a body of techniques for investigating phenomena, acquiring new knowledge, or correcting and integrating previous knowledge. To be termed scientific, a method of inquiry must be based on gathering empirical and measurable evidence subject to specific principles of reasoning.

In physics and other science disciplines, the words "hypothesis," "model," "theory" and "law" have different connotations in relation to the stage of acceptance or knowledge about a group of phenomena.

An "Hypothesis" is a limited statement regarding cause and effect in specific situations; it also refers to our state of knowledge before experimental work has been performed and perhaps even before new phenomena have been predicted.

The word "Model" is reserved for situations when it is known that the hypothesis has at least limited validity. Models are created to guide the creation of experiments to test predictions of an Hypothesis.

A "Theory" represents an Hypothesis, or a group of related Hypotheses, which has been confirmed through repeated experimental tests. Theories are not easily discarded; new discoveries are first assumed to fit into the existing theoretical framework. It is only when, after repeated experimental tests, a new phenomenon cannot be accommodated by the Theory and Model that scientists seriously question the Theory and attempt to modify it.

A Scientific "Law" is a statement of scientific fact or phenomenon that is invariable under given conditions. When a Theory has undergone extensive testing and has never been shown to be violated - there have been no exceptions - Theory turns into Law. The Law of Gravity was once a Theory of Gravity.

The common, but ignorant and frustrating to scientists, misinterpretation of scientific language usually goes like this: "It's only a theory." But it is unlikely that a person will step off a tall building on the assumption that they will not fall, because "Gravity is (was) only a theory."

There are many physical phenomena that have gone from Hypothesis to Theory to Law: Newton's Laws of Motion, the four Laws of Thermodynamics, Boyle's Law of Gases, the Laws of Conservation of Mass-Energy and Electric Charge, and many more. Some theories such as Einstein's Theories of Special Relativity and General Relativity, though proven almost universally valid, are still being rigorously tested using more powerful experimental methods. In the future they may finally become Einstein's Laws of Relativity.

So on this April Fool's Day try to wrap your head around the Scientific Method. It works better than aliens. And to those of you who still don't understand, when you here people talk about the Theory of Evolution, for example, it actually means that - right now - evolution is overwhelmingly considered to be scientifically true. It's only a matter of time until it will become the Law of Evolution.

### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Due to your optimism, your death next week will come as a big surprise; however, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You've never considered yourself much of a music person, which means you'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a high-speed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're a remarkably clear-eyed and kindly person, which doesn't make it any easier for the stars to tell you about your breath.

Leo (July 23-August 22): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idiot who thinks that's even close to a good idea.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): An unfortunate time in your life will be unexpectedly extended when the judge explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner of your community service.

Libra (September 23-October 22): You can believe all you want in fate and destiny, but when all's said and done, you simply lack the willpower to stay out of doughnut shops.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You're not sure if your new mousetrap is better, but due to its horrifying use of liquefying blades, the world will beat a path to your door out of sheer morbid curiosity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll need to find new solutions to the same old problems this week, mostly because you're really building up quite a tolerance to alcohol.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Take comfort in the fact that we are all part of a larger plan, although really it's more of an eons-spanning game of universal domination played by uncaring immortals than a "plan."

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Autumn is usually thought of as a necessary part of the great cycle of renewal and not a time of looming death, but this year, as the weather cools, you may want to start giving away your things.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): A hot bowl of soup and a good night's sleep can cure many ills, it's true, but you might want to consider the possibility that you have the world's worst oncologist.

### Gone but not hotwired...

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

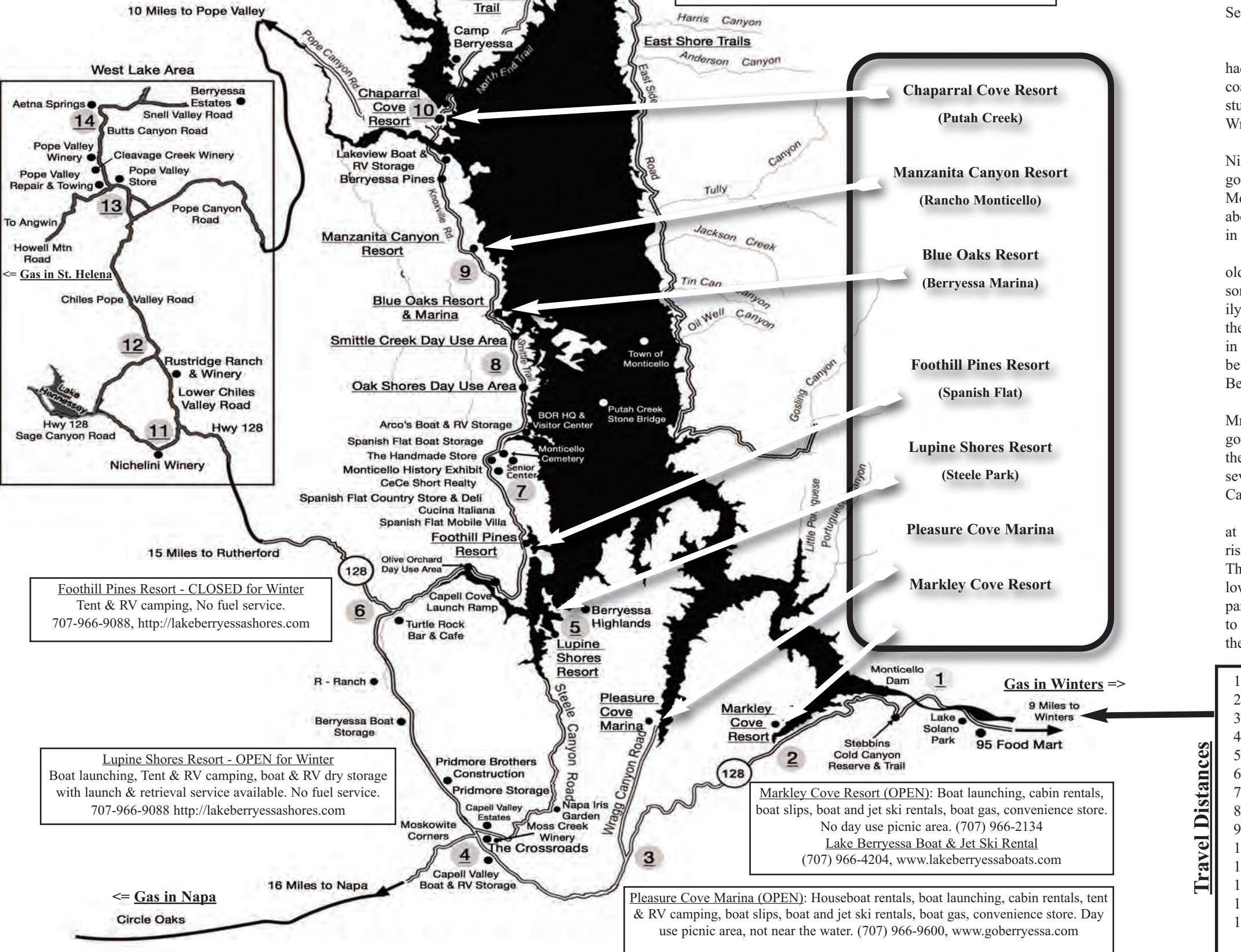
Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call him "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard David's voice. "Betty" he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." David retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"

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### "LOST HOTEL" REDISCOVERED: WAS EARLY DAY STAGE STOP

By Jim Young, Napa County Record,  
8/19/1959

(Here's another interesting story from Don Winter, Napa County Hotel Historian. If anyone has any additional information about this old hotel in Wragg Canyon you can contact him by email at [SenWinter@aol.com](mailto:SenWinter@aol.com))

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For several years Mrs. Arta Prescott had been telling me about the old stagecoach station she and several others had stumbled onto hidden in the depths of Wragg Canyon southwest of Monticello.

Mrs. Prescott, along with Mrs. Laura Nightwine, and Mrs. Wallace Hawks, had gone to Monticello and conferred with the McKenzies at the McKenzie store there about old cemeteries in the area. This was in 1951.

The McKenzies told them there was an old cemetery in Wragg Canyon, where some of the members of the Berryessa family were buried. The Berryessas had been the best-known and earliest family to settle in the valley. From them the valley had been named. But now there were no Berryessa people living in the valley.

Following the directions given them Mrs. Prescott and her two companions had gone down Putah Creek from Monticello, then crossed the creek, opened and shut several field gates, and started up Wragg Canyon.

Gradually the canyon got narrower and at places the canyon walls were sheer rock rising perpendicularly from the stream bed. The primitive road they were tracing followed the bottom of the creek for the most part. Sometimes it was necessary for them to stop and remove rocks and brush before they could drive their car through.

The years passed by. There was speculation about building a reservoir to cover Monticello and the whole valley, and then the dam was built. Mrs. Prescott had not

taken a camera with her on that trip and it stayed in her mind that it was too bad someone did not get a picture of the old building and record some of its history before it was too late.

So it was that finally, on a recent Saturday, we set out to try to find the old lost "Hotel." It was no longer possible to travel the route she had originally followed for now much of that route was under water.

We had to use the new road that had been built simultaneously with the dam and try to find the same canyon and the old building. The canyons along the road between Moskowite Corners and the dam are not marked with a name.

More or less feeling our way, we crossed a canyon and proceeded on until we came to a sign indication we were in Markley Canyon. We knew we must have passed Wragg Canyon so we went back to that canyon we had crossed.

Traveling slower this time, when we reached an old one story house sitting by the side of the road, Mrs. Prescott said, "This looks a little like the place where the old hotel was, but I don't see any stagecoach or well, and the building looks different somehow."

We stopped an inquired of a boy playing in the yard if this house had once been a two story hotel. He said he would find out. He came back accompanied by Mrs. J.B. Hanes who said yes, it had been.

The Hanes bought the place six years ago. It had been empty when they came and vandals had smashed the windows. There was no stagecoach and no pictures or anything of value left in the house.

The second story had been taken down because it was shaky. A new roof had been fashioned above the floor of the original second story.

Still plainly evident, carved into the boards of the side of the house, is the name of "Miss Della Samuels, Rag Canyon Ranch." (Could this be a relative of Elisha Samuels, of Samuel Springs fame? - DJW) The maps spell it Wragg Canyon, but at least one resident there disagreed with the maps.

Mrs. Prescott was right. It is a shame someone did not get and keep a picture of the old stagecoach station in Wragg Canyon. What became of the stagecoach that was in the yard? Can anyone give us a more complete history and accurate information about the old building?

Next time you drive from

Moskowite Corners east toward Monticello Dam, when you pass that old house, now aged and gray, remember it was a welcome sight to stagecoach travelers. A place to rest, of refreshment, and that there was a well, which yielded water pure and cold. If we could know fully the human events that transpired here, how interesting it would be.

### Senior Cell Phone



A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

If at first you don't succeed, you'll get a lot of free advice from folks who didn't succeed either.

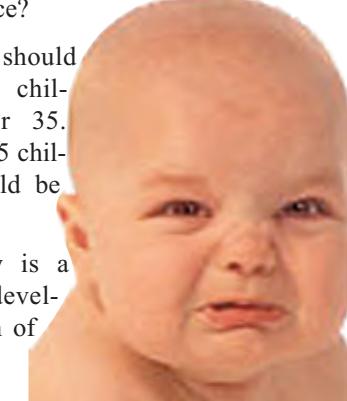
When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog that barks all the time run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

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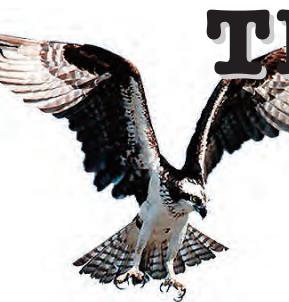


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## Happy Trails to You...

**...Until We Meet Again!**

A Special Trails Edition of the  
Lake Berryessa News.

By Peter Kilkus

Although those of you of a certain age may remember Roy Rogers and Dale Evans singing this theme song on their old (black & white!) television show, you know the trails they are referring to were horse trails not hiking trails. Although people used to walk a lot, on their feet all day at a job, for example, they almost never did it for fun. That was a relatively unknown phenomenon called "hiking".

It's impossible to mark the birth of hiking as recreation. The desire to walk is an essential aspect of human behavior, as is curiosity or competitiveness. Human beings strive to explore every aspect of the natural world and push themselves farther and farther up the highest mountains and through the coldest or hottest climates.

In the United States and United Kingdom, hiking refers to walking outdoors on a trail for recreational purposes. Multi-day hikes with camping is referred to as backpacking. In the United Kingdom hiking is usually called rambling.

Bushwhacking specifically refers to difficult walking through dense forest, undergrowth, or bushes, where forward progress requires pushing vegetation aside. In extreme cases of bushwhacking where the vegetation is so dense that human passage is impeded, a machete is used to clear a pathway. Australians use the term bushwalking for both on- and off-trail hiking. New Zealanders use tramping (particularly for overnight and longer trips), walking or bushwalking. Multi-day hiking in the mountainous regions of countries like India and Nepal is also called trekking.

Nowadays, hiking is a multi-billion dollar industry with millions worldwide going hiking every year. We climb it because it's there. We hike around it because we can. Which is why this article is actually about the infamous proposed "Trail Around Lake Berryessa".

Each trail segment was then evaluated against several criteria such as: available

public land/right-of-way; permitting requirements; cost/feasibility; projected usage; safety and public health; design guidelines; visitation, economic vitality; environmental impacts.

Some segments obviously were more problematic than others. UC Davis representatives were cool to any new access to their Quail Ridge Preserve. Property owners on the east shore of the lake are basically opposed to more access to that area. But the east shore is flat enough to appeal to equestrians.

Other problems include building dozens of small bridges as well as larger ones across Capell Creek near the launch ramp and Pope Creek up from the present highway bridge.

Each segment was critically evaluated by the workshop group and a list of priorities was developed. Some of the priorities were obvious because of cost, technical construction difficulties, provision of sanitary options, or practical access problems.

Tetra Tech will now proceed with further detailed analysis to try to develop a final management plan and implementation proposal.

Congratulations to the Bureau of Reclamation on their management of this process so far. The consultants were highly professional and the workshop was technically excellent. The preliminary plans were detailed and the proposed evaluation very well thought out. But as we all know, implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any plan.

But at least we will understand those impediments. More importantly, due to this planning process, we will understand what actually can be done and should be done to provide future hiking trails at the lake.

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anyone in that room. The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" is a grand concept fraught with almost insurmountable financial and technical impediments to its execution.

But at least we will understand those impediments. More importantly, due to this planning process, we will understand what actually can be done and should be done to provide future hiking trails at the lake.

Spring is springing up all around us.

Happy trails to you...

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**Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce**  
**Board of Directors Opposes Formation**  
**of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National**  
**Conservation Area (NCA)**

Dear Congressman Thompson,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously opposes the creation of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. This NCA is neither a good idea nor a bad idea, it is a "non-idea."

There are no compelling arguments for its creation. It is a huge and unwieldy geographic area which would be difficult to manage even under optimal circumstances. At best it may have some marginal benefits. At worst it will impose additional requirements on already overburdened government agencies with no guarantee of any new resources for them.

The current proposed area extends 100 miles from Lake Berryessa at its southern end to north of Snow Mountain and consists of several separate pieces, the largest being in Mendocino National Forest east and north of Clear Lake. The land is currently administered by the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation, and includes the Cedar Roughs, Cache Creek and Snow Mountain Wilderness areas.

When the NCA concept was first proposed by Tuleyome in 2007, it was called the Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area and encompassed only the geographic region coordinated by the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership.

Founded in 1997, the BRBNA Conservation Partnership provides a forum for public and private land managers to meet and discuss their activities. The group has since grown to nearly 75 members, including federal and state agencies, counties and other public entities, local businesses, non-profit organizations and conservation-minded landowners – all with the common goal of promoting collaborative conservation of the natural and working landscape of the BRBNA.

The BRBNA is a model organization

for regional coordination at a reasonable local level. When the BRBNA partnership published an analysis that questioned the real value of a Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area and decided to be a neutral party, Tuleyome greatly expanded the geographical area of its proposal. The new NCA was called the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area and stretched north and east to include much of the Mendocino National Forest and large swaths of Mendocino, Glenn, and Colusa counties.

This new expanded NCA proposal met with strong resistance from private landowners and others in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Colusa and Glenn County Board of Supervisors passed resolutions in opposition of the designation. Tuleyome then downsized the proposal to remove much of Glenn and Colusa counties to concentrate on the area within Congressman Thompson's district.

This Goldilock's approach to NCA designation (first too small, then too big, now "just right") has done nothing to change the basic conclusion that this NCA

is of little value and should not be pursued by our elected representatives – especially in light of the other pressing needs of the region such as returning the Lake Berryessa

area to its previous position as the recreational jewel of Napa County serving the Bay Area and beyond.

The concerns raised about the value of an NCA in 2008 remain the same in 2012.

When you dig beneath the thin crust of the applehood and motherpie claims of the NCA proponents, you find little analytical substance.

The excellent BRBNA report from February 2008, Federal Designation for the BRBNA: A Summary of Viewpoints and Issues, concludes that while there may be some positive environmental benefits to the NCA designation, the long list of potential negatives will be difficult to overcome.

The actual support from federal agencies, local land trusts, and private landowners described in the report is best characterized as aggressively lukewarm – "prove the

benefits exist and we may be marginally interested".

The agencies see considerable challenges in working through the details of a

Tuleyome touts the potential economic benefits of an NCA designation to "gateway communities" as a major reason for cities like Winters and regions like Lake Berryessa to support the proposal. But there is only anecdotal evidence for this proposition. Winters is already, and always has been, the major gateway to the Lake Berryessa region – including hunters and users of the Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. Napa, St. Helena, Yountville, Angwin, and Pope Valley are also present gateways which would not gain any particular benefit from an NCA designation.

Regionally in the present BRBNA area, an NCA is not needed to provide more coordination. BLM currently has their CRMP (Coordinated Resource Management Program) and RAC (Resource Advisory Council), which allow for input from stakeholders. The BRBNA provides an ample forum for landowners and agencies to meet."

The more the NCA proposal restricts current recreational use (off-roading and shooting at the Knoxville OHV area, for example), the harder it will be to gain congressional approval. The major problem at Knoxville is the lack of enforcement and ranger presence. It is doubtful that enough funding would result to significantly improve the current situation."

A few points from the original BRBNA Partnership report remain relevant and deserve to be repeated here:

"The BRBNA lends itself to dispersed low impact recreation such as hiking, camping, non motorized boating. Apart from Lake Berryessa, much of the region is too hot to support summer recreation. Do these seasonal activities translate into high enough visitor use levels to benefit gateway communities? Answers to these questions and others would be needed to project with some certainty that an NCA would attract more people and translate into an economic bonus for local communities."

In conclusion, we request that you carefully review the pros and cons of this proposal. The Chamber Board believes the cons significantly outweigh the pros. In fact, the pros don't really seem to exist at all.

Respectfully,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Peter Kilkus, Lake Berryessa News

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**Event Calendar**

May 5 – Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance) - 8th Annual.  
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20873>

May 5 - Saturday: Community Church of Lake Berryessa's 2nd Annual Tri'ing For Scholarships. The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is happy to announce that it will once again be providing scholarships to local High School graduates. To raise funds Pastor Bob will again, on May 5th, tackle the waters and hills of Lake Berryessa in the Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon Half Ironman event. He will (hopefully) swim 1.2 miles, bike another 55 and then run 13.1 miles to complete the event.

May 6 – Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 14th Annual.  
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20871>

May 5 - Saturday: Family Service of Napa Valley & honorary chair Margrit Mondavi are hosting its first annual World of Wine event at the historic Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville from 5-7:30 PM. Family Service of Napa Valley is bringing together some of the world's finest wineries to Napa Valley, one of the world's great wine capitals, for an evening of international wines and foods in order to commemorate National Mental Health Month and support the efforts of Family Service of Napa Valley in our community. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on our website : <http://www.familyservicenapa.org/index.html> or by calling 707-255-0966.

May 6 - Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders invites you to attend our three 2012 Arena Events - MAY 6 ~ JUNE 10 ~ JULY 8. Come to ride - Come to watch – or just join us for a lunchtime hot dog or burger. Registration opens at 7:30 am. Competition begins at 9 am. Lunch is between 12 noon & 1 pm. To Pre-Register to ride, and for any questions, contact Mary Burton at : 707-965-2476

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Gravy and Biscuits too. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. 8:30 - 11 AM.

June 2 - Saturday: Lake Berryessa Open Water Swim 2012. Oak Shores Park at Lake Berryessa. [www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm](http://www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm). Patricia Price, DAM Race Director. Email: [plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com](mailto:plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com)

June 3 - Sunday: Lake Berryessa will celebrate World Environment Day June 3 with a group clean-up of the lakeshore followed by a picnic lunch complete with cake and a raffle for all participants. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with the clean-up event slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon. Post-clean-up festivities will take place at a lake cabin in Markley Cove Resort. All participants need to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves if possible. Everyone who pre-registers by May 27 will get a free World Environment Day shirt. For more information or to sign up, contact [Marianne.Butler@SolanoCD.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@SolanoCD.org) or 301-5778.

June 16 - Saturday: Senior Center Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. 4 - 7 PM.

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association's 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran's Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. Diane Viodes, [Dviodes@alssac.org](mailto:Dviodes@alssac.org) (916) 979-9265. [www.ridetodefeatals.org](http://www.ridetodefeatals.org) or [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org) The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The California Chapters of The ALS Association

**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/16/12**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.28 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 8.7 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/26/12	428.18	0.03	55	36	0.01
3/27/12	428.58	0.07	59	38	0.15
3/28/12	429.35	0.00	55	48	1.38
3/29/12	429.55	0.12	66	44	0.05
3/30/12	429.67	0.03	60	45	0.02
3/31/12	429.93	0.03	65	54	0.03
4/1/12	430.15	0.03	56	41	0.89
4/2/12	430.25	0.09	64	39	0.00
4/3/12	430.35	0.12	71	42	0.00
4/4/12	430.38	0.11	71	37	0.00
4/5/12	430.42	0.11	64	33	0.00
4/6/12	430.44	0.08	60	33	0.00
4/7/12	430.45	0.11	60	32	0.00
4/8/12	430.46	0.10	65	37	0.00
4/9/12	430.50	0.12	74	36	0.00
4/10/12	430.55	0.02	69	38	0.09
4/11/12	430.58	0.00	56	45	0.57
4/12/12	430.76	0.02	58	45	0.80
4/13/12	431.07	0.06	60	47	0.69
4/14/12	431.23	0.05	55	39	0.16
4/15/12	431.30	0.09	68	39	0.00

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### Rolling along the Oat Hill Mine Trail

During the California Gold Rush, Napa's Oat Hill Mine was one of the leading producer's of the ore, cinnabar. When processed, cinnabar produces quicksilver, more commonly known as mercury.

Quicksilver was a popular material for gold miners, and as the Gold Rush boomed, so did the demand for mercury. Quicksilver was unintentionally discovered in Napa County in 1860 by a group of businessmen from Napa who were out inspecting the hills in hopes of finding silver, but they ended up finding large quantities of cinnabar.

The Oat Hill Mine, also known as Napa Consolidated Mine, produced the largest amount of quicksilver in Napa County. The mine was constructed in 1876 and operated sporadically until the mid-1980s, when it was disabled for safety reasons. The mine was located above the Palisades Mountains to the east of Calistoga and about three miles north of the Aetna Springs Resort. As more people ventured to the Oat Hill Mine, a modest town sprouted. The population of the mine town was approximately 350 people and included a church, a Wells Fargo Express office, post office and store. During the height of its production, the mine employed 150 Chinese laborers and about 115 white men.

It took almost 20 years and three attempts to construct the Oat Hill Mine Road. The road was used to accommodate travelers between Calistoga to the mines, and it also allowed some travelers to bypass the Lawley Toll Road. 1873 marked the first attempt to build the road. If successful, this road would have connected Calistoga to the town of Knoxville, another prominent mining town. Construction stopped for unknown reasons. In 1876, a second attempt was made to build the road, but again it was halted for unknown reasons. Finally, from 1892-1893, the road from Calistoga to Pope Valley was completed, one fork leading to Aetna Springs Resort, another to the Oat Hill Mine.

This road is now the popular Oat Hill Mine hiking trail. This trail is part of Robert Louis Stevenson Park and intersects with the Palisades Trail. The intersection of these trails

holds the historic foundations of a homestead referred to as Holm's Place. This homestead was built in the late 1890s by Finnish settler Karl Gustav Holm. The wagons carrying heavy loads of quicksilver to the railroad in Calistoga had wooden wheels capped with steel treads to protect them from destruction. These wheels carved deep wheel ruts into the stone of the Oat Hill Mine Road and can still be seen today.

The Oat Hill Mine Trail has two trailheads. One is located at the east end of Calistoga where Highway 29 and the Silverado Trail intersect. This portion of the trail, referred to as the Lower Oat Hill Mine Trail, hikes into the Holms Place intersection. It is about 4.5 miles in length and the elevation climbs from 400 feet in Calistoga to about 4,200 feet. The Upper Oat Hill Mine Trailhead is located on Aetna Springs Road in Pope Valley and leads 3.5 miles to Holms Place. The elevation change is not drastic.

### Pope Canyon Trail

This scenic trail follows the original Pope Canyon Road roadbed for about one and a half miles until the roadbed disappears into the lake. The trailhead is a couple of miles west along Pope Canyon Road from the Knoxville Road intersection. Look for a sturdy brown and yellow striped gate on the south side of the road. Small hiker signs on a post and on the gate announce the trailhead.

### Smittle Creek Trail

This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

### North End Trail

This especially scenic trail winds along the north shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is an easy one with limited elevation gain and wonderful views down the full length of the lake, some 10 miles away, and to the Blue Ridge to the east. With luck, you may see White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey.

This trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in the late 1970's. Originally it had a series of split log bridges, which unfortunately deteriorated over time and had to be removed. The lack of bridges is no barrier to hiking the trail as they covered fairly shallow drainages which are currently dry.

However, there is a plan to realign the trail to a more environmentally sustainable route, away from wetlands and eroding areas. Consequently, the trail is not currently being maintained and can become faint in places where the grass has taken over. However, one cannot get lost on a trail so close to the lakeshore.

There is a series of trailheads along the road and the trail is often used by anglers for access to the shoreline. It is also a great place to find a quiet cove for picnicking and swimming. A couple of close coves can be found by accessing the trail from the Putah Creek trailhead and walking north. If you are looking for a place to launch a kayak, the Putah Creek trailhead is closest for heading up the creek, although it is a bit of a walk down to the lakeshore. La Pointe trailhead, a couple of miles down Berryessa-Knoxville Road, also leads to some quiet coves down a rather steep hill.

The Barton Hill and Gibson Flat trailheads lead to a short loop trail. Schoolhouse Cove trailhead has short and easy access to the water and can be a good place to put in a kayak or canoe. Buckhorn and Blue Monday trailheads also lead to quiet coves. Raccoon Lagoon trailhead leads to an interesting creek canyon with the trail winding to the east along a steep creek bank.

### Barton Hill Hike

Barton Hill is a rounded, 500-foot grassy knoll dotted with oaks on the northwest shore of Lake Berryessa. Located between the inlet streams of Putah Creek and Eticuera Creek, Barton Hill juts out into the lake. This easy hike circles the scenic knoll, overlooking inlets and coves populated with migratory birds and shorebirds. Throughout the hike are gorgeous vistas up and across the lake to the surrounding mountains.

Walk down wooden steps past the Barton Hill trail sign to the oak-dotted hillside. Head down the sloping meadow overlooking Lake Berryessa and the rugged eastern mountains across the lake. Near the shoreline, at the base of the Barton Hill, veer left and follow the footpath to the east end of the promontory. Go left and head north along the base of Barton Hill, skirting the edge of the cliffs above a rocky beach. Descend to the beach in a deep cove. Cross the beach or take the parallel footpath along the edge of the hillside cliff. Continue to the protected calm water at the west end of the cove. Walk up Gibson Flat, an open grassland rimmed with oaks. Pass through the Gibson Flat trailhead gate at Berryessa Knoxville Road. Walk 0.15 miles left on the road, completing the loop at the Barton Hill trailhead.

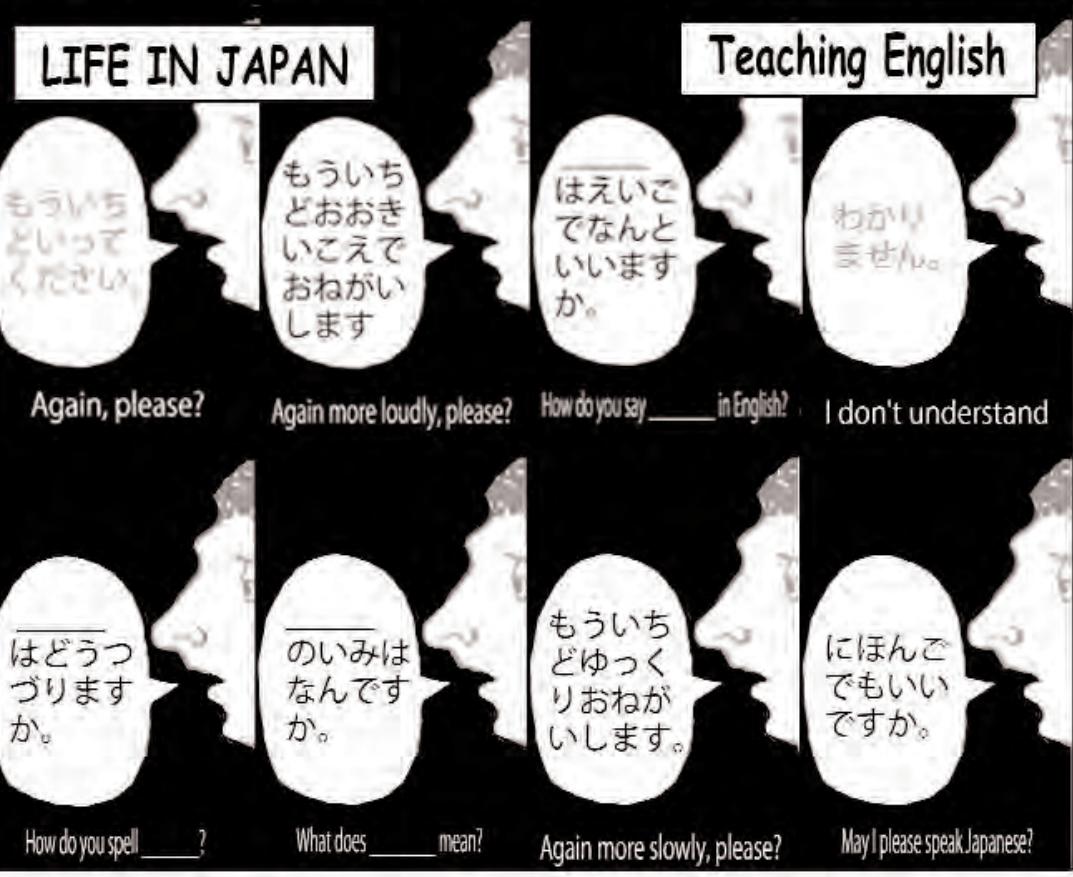
### Smittle Creek Trail

This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

# **NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer**



According to experts, English is a difficult language to learn. But try teaching it, as Bill Scholer illustrates above, to someone who reads and writes Japaanese as their first language! The English language is especially complicated for people who do not have a European heritage. Because English shares some similarities with the languages of Eastern Europe, people from those countries often have more success learning English than someone from Japan or Kenya, for example.

### 22 Reasons Why English is Hard to Learn!

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
3. The farm was used to produce produce.
4. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
5. We must polish the Polish furniture.
6. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
7. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intamate this to my most intimate friend?
22. The accountant at the music store records records of the records.



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### Tri'ing for Scholarships

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is happy to announce that it will once again be providing scholarships to local High School graduates. To raise funds Pastor Bob will again, on May 5th, tackle the waters and hills of Lake Berryessa in the Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon Half Ironman event. He will (hopefully) swim 1.2 miles, bike another 55 and then run 13.1 miles to complete the event.

Last year this event raised just over \$1,000 dollars which all went to local youth graduating from Napa High Schools. This year we would like to increase this amount and you can help by pledging to the event. If you would like to support this effort you may call the church at 252-4488 and leave your number. A pledge of any amount is acceptable; pledges are for the event not per mile. Pledges will be collected after the event and last year's guarantee is still in place. If Pastor Bob does not finish you don't have to pledge! There are also pledge sheets in the community you can sign up on or e-mail Pastor Bob at [Terribob@lakeberryessa.net](mailto:Terribob@lakeberryessa.net).

### Helping Hands at Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its third annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the different fundraising activities will be donated to the Chris Williams Memorial Fund. Chris recently died after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

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. The cost for a covered space (pop-up canopy provided) is \$35.

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. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised more than \$600. Half of the money was donated to the Capell Valley Community Garden. The other half of the money is being held to use for expenses related to the formation of the Capell Valley Community Center. 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 Moskowitz Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

### Miser's Final Wish

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife." So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" she had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket." She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him." "You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did. I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a check."



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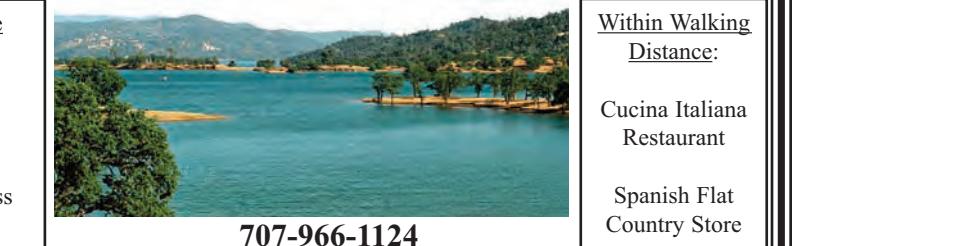
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## The Top Ten Myths about the FBI

**Myth #10) The FBI has Nikola Tesla's plans for a "death ray"!** Nikola Tesla was a prolific inventor and gifted physicist and engineer—most known for developing the basis for AC power. When Tesla died in New York in January 1943, his papers—which were thought to include plans for a particle beam weapon, dubbed a "death ray" by the press—were temporarily seized by the Department of Justice Alien Property Custodian Office ("alien" in this case means "foreigner," although Tesla was a U.S. citizen). Despite longstanding reports and rumors, the FBI was not involved in searching Tesla's effects, and it never had possession of his papers or any microfilm that may have been made of those papers.

**Myth #9) The FBI has "X-Files."** Yes, we do have files on some unusual phenomena—like cattle mutilation, UFOs, and Roswell—but generally only because people reported something and we made a note of it. One example is

Operation Majestic 12, the supposedly secret group of government officials tasked by President Truman to study the Roswell incident. When what appeared to be a top secret document about the formation of the Majestic 12 surfaced in the 1980s, we were asked to investigate a possible breach of classified information. The Bureau concluded that the document was a fake. So, bottom line: while FBI agents chasing aliens and other supernatural creatures may make good entertainment, it's not part of our job description.

**Myth #8) Elliot Ness was an FBI agent.** No, actually he never was. But he did work briefly under Director J. Edgar Hoover and applied at one point to be a Bureau agent. It's a fairly complicated story, and you can read all about it and check out our public files on Ness on the FBI web site.

**Myth #7) Machine Gun Kelly gave FBI agents their "G-Men" nickname.** It's somewhat of a legend now that FBI agents were named "G-Men" when a scared and tired gangster named George "Machine Gun" Kelly stumbled out of his hiding place, arms held high, surrounded by lawmen, yelling "Don't shoot, G-Men, don't shoot." But in reality, Kelly may have never uttered these words. A bit of editorial license on the part of the press likely crept in...and the catchphrase ended up capturing the public's imagination.

**Myth #6) The FBI prosecutes cases.** We are investigators, not prosecutors. Our job is to gather the facts and evidence and present the results to the local U.S. Attorney in the Department of Justice, who decides whether or not to bring the case to trial.

**Myth #5) There were no minority agents during the Hoover years.** It is not true that the FBI was unwilling to hire minorities during Hoover's tenure...or (as one variation of the myth goes) was reluctant to hire minority agents until ordered to do so by President Kennedy in the early 1960s. The fact is, many minority special agents worked in the FBI from the early 1920s forward. An African-American agent named James Amos, for example, investigated major cases in New York from 1921 to

1953, while the Striders—an African-American father/son agent team in Los Angeles—served with distinction from the 1940s through the early 1970s. Hispanic Agent Manuel Sorola served in a number of our western offices from the 1920s through the 1940s, and Filipino-born Agent Flaviano Guerrero served ably in the 1940s.

**Myth #4) The Bureau routinely spies on the American people.** Absolutely not. We are governed by and carefully follow a well-defined set of laws, regulations, and guidelines—honed over a century of practical experience—that spell out how we can and should conduct our investigations. It's always been a delicate balance between harnessing the tools at our disposal to solve crimes and prevent attacks and upholding the civil liberties of all Americans.. While some have long predicted that the FBI would turn into a big-brother-like secret police force, that scenario simply hasn't happened. After all, we live and work in our communities and cherish our country's rights and freedoms like everyone else!

**Myth #3) The FBI doesn't cooperate with other agencies.** You'd think from the news media and the entertainment industry that we do everything from routinely stiffing our partners...to hogging all the credit in big cases...to simply not getting along with our colleagues. If you worked for the Bureau—and saw the close relationships and even friendships that exist between us and our partners across the country and around the globe—you'd realize that nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, there is an occasional conflict or issue (we are all humans, after all), but relationships have been exceptional over the years and improved even more since 9/11.

**Myth #2) The FBI has files on every American.** Some people think that the FBI has a vast range of files on all the bad things they've ever done. Not true! We keep investigative files on serious violations of federal law and major threats to our national security. We won't have a "file" on you unless you're a spy or terrorist or criminal or are suspected of being one (and we use the word "file" loosely, as we generally organize materials by cases, not individuals). Some people do appear in our files if they've provided us with information or were a victim in a case...or because an authorized third party requested information about them—but this kind of information is held under strict laws and for a legally specified period of time.

**Myth #1) The FBI can't or shouldn't do intelligence.** It's an old saw that has been oft-repeated since 9/11. But a century of history says differently. From our earliest moments we've used intelligence (under the laws and guidelines of the day) to get our arms around major threats and disable them—from gangsters to mobsters, from yesterday's Soviet spies to today's terrorists. The fact is, the FBI has always been both an intelligence agency and a law enforcement/national security organization...and like our police and intelligence community counterparts, gathering and sharing and acting on intelligence is part of what we do on a daily basis. We've certainly gotten better at it since 9/11, and you can bet that we'll keep improving in the days ahead.

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### 2011 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report

The gross value of all agricultural production in Napa County was \$430,503,500 in 2011, a decrease of \$30,976,600 from the previous year. The 6.7% decrease in gross value was primarily due to a decrease in the wine grape tonnage crushed.

The total value of the 2011 wine grape crop was \$423,441,900, down 6.7%, or \$30,440,600, from the previous year, and 3.1% or \$13,434,700 lower than the previous 10-year average of \$436,876,600. Total wine grape production for 2011 decreased by 16,970 tons, or 12.2%. The total wine grape tonnage for the 2011 crop (121,872 tons from 43,581 bearing acres) was 11.5% lower than the previous 10-year average of 137,725 tons. The average price paid per ton for all wine grapes was \$3,474.

In the past several years, the top three varieties in bearing acres planted were Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot. In 2011, approximately 50,846.7 tons of Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested and sold at an average price of \$4,660 per ton. Chardonnay (6,772 acres) exceeded Merlot (5,853 acres) by 919 bearing acres, but Merlot sold at \$305 more per ton on average. Merlot production was 16,697.4 tons, valued at an average of \$2,560 per ton. Chardonnay production of 21,014.7 tons was valued on average at \$2,255 per ton. These three varieties together accounted for almost 73% (88,559 tons) of all production and over 77% (\$423,441,900) of the total wine grape value.

The value of other crops and livestock varied. Olive production decreased \$598,900, primarily due to the alternate bearing nature of olive trees. Vegetable production decreased by \$98,400 from the previous year. Floral and nursery production decreased in value by \$163,500. The value for Field Crops increased \$36,300. Livestock had an increase of \$236,200.

There are two kinds of friends: those who are around when you need them, and those who are around when they need you.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Archeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.

The County's Local Vendor Preference policy for service contracts, which was adopted by the Board in December 2010, is intended to ensure that local vendors are aware of opportunities to do business with the County, and that, all qualifications being equal, local vendors are awarded contracts for services, unless that preference is not allowed by law.

The County separately applies a local vendor price preference of 5 percent on the purchases of goods, materials, supplies, equipment and vehicles.

According to the report, presented by Director of Environmental Management Steve Lederer and Purchasing Manager Jeff Brooner, Napa County vendors were sent notifications of 80 percent of all the contracting opportunities available last year. Of all of the contracts that were awarded, 44 percent went to local vendors. Of the total dollar amount of the contracts, 29 percent went to local businesses.

The functions that awarded the most contracts were Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Works, Fire, Information Technology Services (ITS) and Probation. The functions that spent the most total money on new contracts were Public Works (both services and construction contracts), HHSA, ITS, Fire and the Auditor-Controller.

The report also outlines reasons why local vendors were not awarded some contracts. State law, for instance, requires that construction contracts go to the lowest bidder. In other cases, such as IT services, there are no qualified local vendors.

### Trail hiking, building and maintenance

By Bob Schneider

Many of us enjoy our local trails. Particularly well known in our own "backyard" are the Cold Canyon, Blue Ridge, Frog Pond, and Cache Creek Ridge trails. More recently many have hiked the newly constructed Valley Vista Trail. And, now Annie's Trail at the headwaters of Cold Canyon is nearing completion.

Hiking the Cold Canyon Trail is an egalitarian experience. One meets people of all ages, shapes and sizes: groups of teens, families, people of all ethnicities, and folks from Roseville, Vacaville, Woodland, Davis, Winters, Sacramento, the Bay Area, and other towns who come for short strolls or long hikes completing the full 5-mile loop. It is always nice to say hello to your fellow travelers. Conservative estimates are that over 10,000 people visit Stebbins Cold Canyon UC Reserve each year.

At times I meet folks with loppers trimming the brush back for others to enjoy the trail. I once met a kind Hispanic man digging out the spring by the bridge. That spring has water in the driest years.

It is really important to do trail maintenance correctly. I have a few suggestions:

1. Cut branches far back from the trail and as low to the ground as possible.
2. Don't cut branches at eye height. It is a safety hazard.
3. Cut branches flat across so they are not sharp and pointed. This is really important.
4. Carry loppers very carefully. They can be a dangerous tool, especially when passing others or climbing over rocks on the ridge. Be safe!
5. Watch your kids carefully to be safe. They love to help, and that is a good thing.

One of my real peeves is those folks who cut switchbacks. This destroys habitat, causes erosion, and can create a hazard for others. Many of us must then spend hours repairing and restoring the damage. Hike the trail, and encourage others to do so also.

Trails don't just appear. They are often the vision of one individual or a group of friends. Ida Merhoff was the vision behind the Blue Ridge Trail that runs from the Cache Creek low water bridge to the summit of Fiske Peak. The Bureau of Land Management, working with volunteers from the Sierra Club Yolano Group and others, spent many days building this trail that was later dedicated in Ida's memory. Last summer, Student Conservation Association crews worked on the trail.

The Valley Vista trail is built on recently acquired Yolo County park land located on Highway 16 directly across from Camp Haswell along Cache Creek. Andrew Fulks had a vision for this trail wandering 800 vertical feet up a ridge above the road. Tuleyome volunteers and youth from the Woodland Youth Coalition spent several days working to build this trail. Then, for his Eagle community project, a Boy Scout volunteer built a picnic table at the top of the trail. It is a great place for lunch with an incredible bird's eye view down the Capay Valley. Later, the trail will join the Blue Ridge trail higher up on the ridge.

The Berryessa Peak Trail is now under construction. This trail was made possible through the private donation of a trail easement across the Ahmann Ranch to reach public lands. The trail is on the west side of the Blue Ridge east of Lake Berryessa. The trail travels on an old ranch road across the Knoxville Wildlife Area, traverses the Ahmann property, and then wanders through the Bureau of Land Management Berryessa Peak unit to the peak itself. It is a strenuous trail that will be a 14-mile round trip hike gaining 2500 feet. It is nearly complete and should be done in the spring of 2012.

In 2010 with the help of many donors, Tuleyome purchased 72 acres at the headwaters of Cold Canyon. This made possible an extension of the Cold Canyon trail. Near the 2 mile marker is the start of the Tuleyome Trail. Annie's Trail is a new loop that climbs to the upper ridge. Annie's Rock, with a tremendous view 100 miles north to Snow Mountain and west to Mount St. Helena, is a great lunch spot. This trail still needs a bit of brush work, but the signs are now installed.

You can find more about these and other trails at [www.tuleyome.org](http://www.tuleyome.org). Look for Tuleyome Trails. The new web page is still under construction but will be completed soon.

-- Tuleyome is a regional conservation organization based in Woodland. Bob Schneider is the Senior Policy Director. He can be reached at [bschneider@tuleyome.org](mailto:bschneider@tuleyome.org).

### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): For the next week, laws will not apply to you, which is a real pain, as you've become pretty accustomed to Newton's first and third.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a terrible week to make decisions about your love life, although to be perfectly honest, the problem's less with the week and more with you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Walk confidently in the direction of your life's dreams, but be warned that it's really quite a long walk to Sea World.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Although no one is currently keeping statistics on falcon attacks, your next few weeks will motivate several people to begin considering the necessity.

Leo (July 23-August 22): People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The great thing about dogs is they still feel the same way about you when your back is turned. In related news, you'll never see the Doberman attack coming.

Libra (September 23-October 23): While it's true there are only two kinds of people in the world, the stars believe it would be unkind to tell you just how much better than you the other one is.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): It turns out that pianos hardly ever suddenly fall out of twelfth story windows onto people, although you'll have a hard time feeling special about it.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You firmly believe that prayer is a beneficial practice for ordering your thoughts and sorting out your feelings, but only if enough people see you doing it.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You will come closer to your own elemental nature this week when a sudden lance of white-hot plasma reduces you to your component atoms.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your joy at discovering that there is indeed meaning and purpose to life is short-lived when it turns out to involve a bunch of difficult stuff that isn't a lot of fun.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your belief that nothing can stop you will be tested this week by depression, procrastination, concrete barriers, dysentery, armed gunmen, and the unanimous passage of several laws targeted specifically at stopping you.

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It matters not whether you win or lose: what matters is whether I win or lose.

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

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- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts..
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

### GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

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### Applehood and Mother Pie!

### What's Right, What's Wrong, and Why

By Peter Kilkus

In a letter of opposition to the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area I used the term "applehood and mother pie" statement. We are all used to hearing "motherhood and apple pie statements" which tend to be "feel good" platitudes about a worthy concept with which few people would disagree.

lack of progress must be attributed to the Bureau of Reclamation. After they got what they wanted through their disastrous Visitor Services Planning process - a single company to run most of the Lake Berryessa resorts - they seem to be doing everything in their power to slow the process down and drive Pensus out.

But I've noticed that many of these statements are being slickly twisted by wordmeisters to convey something they were never meant to mean. Words can be strung together like beads on a necklace to achieve a desired affect. Sometimes comments almost seem to make sense until you scratch through that mother pie crust and find out for yourself what they really say.

Examples of this are common in politics (right and left) and from the more radical exclusionist groups - think NCA. If you hit all the right hot button words, even without any specified plans or supporting analysis, people are happy to do what you want and stop thinking for themselves (thinking is hard, I know).

Their liaison and information-sharing with local residents was minimal - sometimes because they were in negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus always publicly stated that they wanted to be a partner with Reclamation and establish a good working relationship. But although they've lost a lot of local support, they can be assured that almost everyone wants them to succeed.

Which is why the actions of the Bureau of Reclamation and of our local politicians still seem suspect to many. Despite a letter from the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and one from the Lake Berryessa News requesting that Congressman Thompson take some action to encourage the Bureau of Reclamation to expedite their decision-making process to help Pensus make progress,

Reclamation instead wrote a letter of non-compliance on February 27 to Pensus - further slowing things down!

Pensus responded with a longer letter describing their solutions to Reclamation's perceived problems. Now Reclamation wants to take time to analyze and respond to each of the Pensus responses. Will Reclamation's Hall of Mirrors fiasco never end?

The Lake Berryessa News obtained a recent letter from the Pensus attorneys to the Bureau of Reclamation dated April 27 which included a previous letter on April 6 laying out some of the ongoing issues and requesting action. The April 6 letter is printed on Pages 4 and 5 of this issue and makes for very interesting reading. You be the judge. Both letters will be published on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

Unfortunately, it seems that there's no one in charge at the BOR. With the recent resignation of the Park Manager and two other key managers all decisions are being bumped up the chain of command - but still no one seems to know what to do.

The appearance of the orange fencing and danger signs is a case in point. The Bureau of Reclamation cordoned off large areas of Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove with orange fencing and danger signs.

The fences are far from the shoreline and eliminate dozens of previously approved camp sites. Apparently a drunk-as-the-proverbial-skunk crazy woman had slid down an embankment at Chaparral Cove and injured herself.

"Cost-effective" meant "cost-free" to Reclamation (except for the cost of fencing and signs - many signs). Reclamation made Pensus design the barriers and do a GPS site analysis along the actual edge of the shoreline. Pensus wants its campsites back. No response yet from Reclamation to the Pensus application because, apparently, no one there knows what is required and is afraid to make a decision.

"Applehood and Mother Pie" - tonight's WORD!

## 2 NBRID Protests Water Board's Unjust \$330,000 Fine (Excerpts)

"This is not a typical enforcement action before the Regional Water Board. The District does not dispute that violations of its waste discharge requirements (WDRs) have occurred in the form of unauthorized releases of treated wastewater. The parties agree that future violations will only be prevented through design, financing, and implementation of a comprehensive long-term improvement project. The District Board and its residents are committed to the long-term solution.

Where we differ is on the question of whether the imposition of a \$330,000 penalty is necessary or appropriate under the particular and unique circumstances faced by the District. Given the various financial, physical, and other constraints on the District's ability to control these discharges, the District believes that the penalty in this case is both punitive and unnecessary.

Moreover, even if a penalty in some amount were appropriate under the circumstances, the proposed \$330,000 penalty is excessive given the absence of any meaningful economic benefit to the District as a result of these alleged violations and the District's demonstrated inability to pay such a penalty.

This penalty, if imposed, represents a fine of nearly \$1,000 on each customer in the District, a significant amount for an already disadvantaged community to pay. Moreover, the water and sewer rates in NBRID are already far above regional averages (approximately \$250/month combining water and sewer).

Most importantly, imposition of this penalty will hinder, not help, the District's ability to achieve the primary objective of financing and constructing the necessary improvements to its system, a process which is already underway and, in some respects, ahead of schedule.

It is the District's view that the proposed penalty will unfairly burden the residents of this small community, who will already be shouldering the multi-million dollar costs of the system upgrade. The

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District urges the Regional Water Board to reject the proposed ACL, and instead direct Regional Water Board staff to undertake an alternative approach that will avoid the harsh impact of the penalty on the District's residents, provided the District accelerates its implementation of the long-term solution.

After many years of false starts and a disappointing lack of progress, the District and the Regional Water Board are working toward the common goal of bringing the community's wastewater system into compliance. Progress is being made. The District hopes the Regional Water Board will agree that the proposed \$330,000 ACL is not necessary for deterrence or to capture economic benefit.

Indeed, such a sizeable penalty would be counterproductive by further burdening the small ratepayer base at a time the District is finally making strides toward addressing the issues and must ask the residents to pay the entire cost of the assessment in order to complete the needed improvements."

(Note: These are excerpts from a 62 page letter to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Download the full response: [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com))

#### Napa Supervisor Diane Dillon testifies against fire fees in rural areas.

Diane Dillon, Napa County Supervisor

and Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) immediate past chair, testified on behalf of all California counties and the RCRC regarding the State Responsibility Areas (SRA) fee, also known as a "fire fee."

Dillon first testified before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on AB 1506, which would repeal AB 29X, the bill that established the SRA fees. Dillon expressed her support of AB 1506, stating that the state would end up spending more and be liable for far more than an SRA would ever generate.

"The upfront costs of implementing the SRA fee are staggering - \$15.3 million for a maximum possible collection of \$84 million," Dillon said. "Spending that kind of money from the state General Fund to add 86 new positions at the Board of Equalization and CAL FIRE at a time when the state faces a multi-billion dollar hole doesn't make fiscal sense."

The bill was forwarded to the committee's "suspense file,"

a compilation of bills that have been deemed to add costs to the state.

Dillon also testified before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee, which deals with the CAL FIRE budget. Gov. Brown's Administration asked the Legislature to appropriate money for CAL FIRE to ramp-up SRA fees administration.

Dillon suggested the committee look at a broader, long-term view, questioned the practice of spending money the state doesn't have and pointed out SRA fees may be struck down in court.

Assembly members Rich Gordon (D-San Mateo) and Brian Jones (R-San Diego), members of the Budget Committee, question the administration on the fee, including concerns of the potential increases in liability this fee may create for the state and regarding the effective loss of any return-to-source from the fee.

The Legislature enacted AB 29X as part of the 2011-2012 state budget, which levies fees on structure owners living in the SRA.

In January, the State Board of Forestry adopted emergency regulations to impose these fees on owners of "habitable structures," with most owners paying \$115 per structure.

During the passage of AB 29X and at each opportunity before the Board of Forestry, RCRC representatives expressed opposition to the fees.

#### Napa County Budget Impacts Berryessa

Napa County should be able to maintain a balanced budget over the next five years. The latest forecast projects the county general fund's available balance at the end of the fiscal year 2017 to be in the range of \$54.5 million, which is 1.4 percent lower than that fund's beginning balance of \$55.3 million for fiscal year 2011-2012.

A forecast in January projected an 11 percent increase in the fund's balance. Forecasters attributed the change to:

- revised estimates that predict less property and sales tax revenue will be brought in this year,

- new methods of charging for information technology services to be instituted next year that will increase the general fund's portion of the costs,

- an assumption that the general fund would annually carry \$200,000 in ongoing costs for homeless services, which is currently paid for out of the affordable housing fund,

- an ongoing \$150,000 annual loan for the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District to cover an operating shortfall,

services cost assumptions because of increased costs for in-home supportive services providers.

The baseline scenario of a \$54.5 million ending balance at the end of the fiscal year in 2017 assumes:

## Event Calendar

May 6 - Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders invites you to attend our three 2012 Arena Events - MAY 6 ~ JUNE 10 ~ JULY 8. Come to ride - Come to watch - or just join us for a lunchtime hot dog or burger. Registration opens at 7:30 am. Competition begins at 9 am. Lunch is between 12 noon & 1 pm. To Pre-Register to ride, and for any questions, contact Mary Burton at : 707-965-2476

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. 8:30 - 11 AM. Included bacon, eggs and pancakes. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. Bingo after (if sufficient people). Cards 3 for \$6 or 6 for \$12 Horseshoes also available. 707-966-0206

May 27 - Sunday: Barn Dance. Senior Center parking lot from 5PM - 10 PM. With hay bales and a cowboy theme. There will be music to match the crowd and a BBQ. Proceeds will be divided evenly to the Senior Center and the Monticello Veterans Memorial.

June 2 - Saturday: Lake Berryessa Open Water Swim 2012. Oak Shores Park at Lake Berryessa. [www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm](http://www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm). Patricia Price, DAM Race Director. E-mail: [plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com](mailto:plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com)

June 3 - Sunday: Lake Berryessa will celebrate World Environment Day June 3 with a group clean-up of the lakeshore followed by a picnic lunch complete with cake and a raffle for all participants. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with the clean-up event slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon. Post-clean-up festivities will take place at a lake cabin in Markley Cove Resort. All participants need to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves if possible. Everyone who pre-registers by May 27 will get a free World Environment Day shirt. For more information or to sign up, contact [Marianne.Butler@SolanoRCD.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@SolanoRCD.org) or 301-5778.

June 16 - Saturday: Senior Center Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. 4 - 7 PM.

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association's 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran's Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. [Diane.Vidores@alssac.org](mailto:Diane.Vidores@alssac.org) (916) 979-9265. [www.ridetodefatals.org](http://www.ridetodefatals.org) or [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org) The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The ALS Association

July 21 - Saturday: Senior Center Casino Night. Free pasta dinner and big raffle. 5:30 - 10 PM. 707-966-0206

August 18 - Saturday: Bring Your Own Meat BBQ, Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM, 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](mailto:pumpkinridge@ymail.com).

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

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/30/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.46 inches of rain since July 1, 2011. The water is now 8.55 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
4/16/12	431.36	0.17	78	41	0.00
4/17/12	431.39	0.19	76	44	0.00
4/18/12	431.42	0.10	76	45	0.00
4/19/12	431.44	0.15	77	50	0.00
4/20/12	431.48	0.12	81	54	0.00
4/21/12	431.49	0.20	88	54	0.00
4/22/12	431.50	0.15	90	54	0.00
4/23/12	431.54	0.24	92	52	0.00
4/24/12	431.51	0.18	71	51	0.00
4/25/12	431.50	0.11	75	56	0.00
4/26/12	431.50	0.08	73	53	0.16
4/27/12	431.48	0.16	67	41	0.02
4/28/12	431.46	0.11	75	47	0.00
4/29/12	431.45	0.19	83	49	0.00

#### Fishing With Sid

Back at Berryessa last weekend I went out with my buddies Albert and John. The water was very clear and we could see bass in the shallow water but they weren't biting. We tried everything and almost the kitchen sink to no avail. I believe the bass will spawn around May 5th.

This past weekend my friend and neighbor Bob went out with me for a few hours. The opposite of last weekend occurred - we couldn't see any bass but we caught some which I liked better. We fished in approximately 2.5 to 4 feet of water and no visible signs of fish. We used larger plastic baits like the brushhog and zipper crawdad. We both landed good size bass after working this area for a while.

On our way back to the Ranch house we saw a ball of bait boiling on the surface so we turned the boat into the boil and trolled through it and Bob landed a nice 2 pound trout. After trying some top water lures with no luck at all I changed Bob's lure to a "Rattle Trap" and as soon as he cast it out he was hit hard by this 3 ounce bass ;>. We had a great day. Looking forward to next weekend till then..... good fishing!!!

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**Bureau of Reclamation Publishes  
Approved Resort Rates**

For the first time Reclamation has published all the approved rates for resort services. This one-stop-shopping document allows visitors to compare rates versus amenities without having to call every resort first. This document is available for download on the Lake Berryessa News web site or on the Reclamation Berryessa page: [www.usbr.gov/mp/cca/berryessa/](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca/berryessa/)

One odd element of the rates is the Annual Launch Pass difference among resorts. Markley Cove is authorized to charge \$300. Pleasure Cove Marina is authorized a \$285 rate. But Pensus is only authorized to charge \$225 (which they have declined to offer).

When questioned about this Pensus discrepancy, Reclamation claimed it was because Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove do not provide enough amenities compared to Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove. When pressed for specifics Reclamation was unable to provide any. Since the only thing Markley Cove has after you go through their gate, besides limited parking and a tight launch ramp, is a gasoline dock, this reasoning appears suspect. Is gas the deciding criterion? (Applehood & mother pie?)

Both Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove have extensive parking and a wide launch ramp. Hundreds of potential customers have signed a petition to the BOR stating they would be willing to pay \$300 for a launch pass at Lupine Shores because of its ease of use.

Pensus has applied to Reclamation for a modification to this rate but has not received a response.

**Invasive Mussel Concerns at Lake Berryessa Are Increasing as Summer Approaches**  
**Inspection and Education Come First; But \$1,000 Penalties Will Be Emphasized**

The Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership, Solano County Water Agency, and CA DFG are increasing their educational outreach and physical inspection of boats launched at Lake Berryessa. Educating the public on the mussel threat through signage, brochures, illustrative displays and direct contact is actively pursued at the lake.

Screening of watercraft for mussels takes place at the concession operated marinas and boat launch ramps. But every launch ramp is not monitored every day. The fear is that an out-of-state boater or fisherman fresh from an infested Arizona lake, for example, may unknowingly, hopefully not knowingly or out of simple ignorance, transport an invasive mussel to Lake Berryessa.

CA FISH AND GAME CODE: SECTION 2300-2302

2301. (a) (1) Except as authorized by the department, a person shall not possess, import, ship, or transport in the state, or place, plant, or cause to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels (Quagga and Zebra mussels).

(2) The director or his or her designee may do all of the following:

(A) Conduct inspections of conveyances, which include vehicles, boats and other watercraft, containers, and trailers, that may carry or contain adult or larval dreissenid mussels. Included as part of this authority to conduct inspections is the authority to temporarily stop conveyances that may carry or contain adult or larval dreissenid mussels on any roadway or waterway in order to conduct inspections.

(B) Order that areas in a conveyance that contain water be drained, dried, or decontaminated pursuant to procedures approved by the department.

(C) Impound or quarantine conveyances in locations designated by the department for up to five days or the period of time necessary to ensure that dreissenid mussels can no longer live on or in the conveyance.

(D) (i) Conduct inspections of waters of the state and facilities located within waters of the state that may contain dreissenid mussels. If dreissenid mussels are detected or may be present, the director or his or her designee may order the affected waters or facilities closed to conveyances or otherwise restrict access to the affected waters or facilities, and shall order that conveyances removed from, or introduced to, the affected waters or facilities be inspected, quarantined, or disinfected in a manner and for a duration necessary to detect and prevent the spread of dreissenid mussels within the state.

(f) (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this section, any verbal or written order or regulation adopted pursuant to this section, or who resists, delays, obstructs, or interferes with the implementation of this section, is subject to a penalty, in an amount not to exceed **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)**, that is imposed administratively by the department.



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3. Stay seated in the boat especially when the boat is moving and turning.
4. Never sit on the edge of the boat or lean over the boat. Do not drag your hands or feet in the water if the boat is moving.
5. Wear your PFD and make sure it fits properly. Also be sure all PFDs are accessible and easy to locate in an emergency. Have everyone have their own PFD fitted for themselves you can even have them put their initials on theirs.
6. Notify the "captain" of the boat if you see bad weather, rain, or lightning approaching. Head for shore immediately and put on your PFD.
7. Know where the fire extinguisher is located and learn how to use it.
8. Have the owner of the boat or your parents show you the basic operating procedure of the boat and the controls in case you ever have to operate the boat in an emergency especially the on/off switch in case someone falls overboard and you need to stop.
9. Know where the first aid kit is located, what its contents are used for and how they are used.
10. When launching the boat and backing down the ramp, assist the driver by staying clear and watching for people or obstacles in the way.
11. When boarding a boat: keep your balance, alert those on board you are about to board, keep your weight low and to the center of the boat have another person assist you if possible, and only one person board at a time.
12. When debarking, remember only one person debarks at a time, when unloading equipment be sure to hand the equipment to a person on shore or place it on the dock, do not attempt to carry anything while getting off the boat and be sure the boat is secured to the dock.
13. Make sure you get out of the boat when refueling.
14. Notify the "captain" of the boat if you hear a horn, blast or noise coming from another boat.
15. Know how to throw the seat cushion or ring buoy to someone who has fallen overboard. Know where they are located and keep them accessible.
16. When pulling skiers behind your boat help the "captain" by keeping watch around you for other boats coming your way or for dangerous objects in the water.

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#### 4 Pensus Requests Timely Responses from the Bureau of Reclamation

(The Lake Berryessa News obtained the following April 6th letter from Pensus attorneys to the Bureau of Reclamation which illustrates some of the obstacles faced in dealing with that agency.)

Dear Mr. Finnegan:

On March 29, 2012, Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties LLC (Pensus) provided a final response to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) February 27, 2012 letter entitled "Notification of Noncompliance with Concession Contract Number I 0-LC-20-0184, Lake Berryessa, Solano Project, California and Opportunity to Cure" (Noncompliance Letter). The response cured or provided pathways to cure all alleged deficiencies in the Concession Contract's administration.

Assuming that USBR agrees that those issues are resolved or on a pathway to full resolution, Pensus respectfully asks Reclamation to address specific open issues to continue moving the project forward prior to resuming any direct talks on global Concession Contract matters. To that end, this letter seeks additional specific details on USBR's expectations for decision-making on critical path matters that must be completed to fully implement the Pensus CFIP and IMP schedules for 2012, 2013.

As next steps Pensus's March 29 letter outlined six specific discussion topics for USBR's consideration and action: (1) No Wake Zones; (2) Willi's Ski School; (3) houseboat allocations; (4) the results of Pensus' initial marketing of marina services; (5) unisex toilets and showers; and (6) the change of circumstances at the Manzanita Canyon concession area. The March 29 response highlighted specific examples of inefficiencies in Reclamation's administration of the Concession Contract, including a 6-month delay for Pensus to obtain USBR permission to move a single utility pole six feet. Specifically, Pensus asks for USBR's commitment to mapping out the steps and decisions required to obtain timely approval on these and all other issues pending before it, so that we may mutually set and keep a schedule consistent with the goals of the Concession Contract. An illustration of these issues is provided below.

1. No Wake Zones: California law requires that a 200-foot "no wake" zone be established around boat docks, launch ramps, and other facilities that hold boats or provide passenger transport to boats.

Additionally, boats operated by machinery are required to maintain speeds of less than 5 miles per hour in this zone to assure no wake effect. As part of its CFIP submission, Pensus provided USBR with drawings depicting proposed no wake zones to support marina operations at Mahogany Ray, Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove, which comply with, and in some cases exceed, state law requirements. The mitigating impacts of these no wake zones on potential shoreline erosion and visitor safety were discussed in the Pensus Draft Environmental Assessment provided to USBR on March 29, 2012. It is essential that the areas depicted be established as no wake zones to protect against damage to the marina structures and watercraft occupants and to assure proper protection against personal injury. These no wake zones are also consistent with the direction provided in the 2006 Record of Decision for the Visitor Services Plan: Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa (VSP ROD).

USBR has authority to approve these proposed no wake zones. In an effort to move forward, please provide Pensus with information concerning how it may obtain final approval of these no wake zones, as well as any timelines involved.

2. Willi's Ski School: Waterskiing historically has been a popular recreational pursuit on Lake Berryessa. USBR agreed that waterskiing should continue in its comprehensive recreation plans for Lake Berryessa. In fact, Alternative B, the Preferred Alternative recommended by USBR in the 2005 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Visitor Services Plan/Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa (VSP EIS), acknowledged water skiing as an appropriate use of the lake's water resources.

The VSP ROD5 adopted this alternative with minor modifications irrelevant to waterskiing. In light of the VSP EIS and VSP ROD's recommendations and authorizations, Pensus seeks the opportunity to develop the Willi Ellemeier Championship Water Ski Training Facilities (Willi's Ski School) at the Foothill Pines concession area. Development of the ski school is a unique opportunity for Pensus and USBR. As you know, Willi Ellemeier is a world-famous ski instructor and has been providing services at Lake Berryessa for over 30 years.

The Pensus GANT Chart provided as Attachment B to the March 29 response provided for a list of necessary development activities to occur in April and May

2012 to permit the ski school to become operational during the 2012 summer season. These activities include submission to USBR for a ski school as an approved service, USBR approval of service and USBR rate approval, Pensus submission of design criteria to USBR, USBR approval of design and installation, Pensus installation of training facilities improvements, and commencement of ski school operations.

As evidenced by this list, Pensus and USBR must adopt a coordinated plan and approach for timely decisions to make this recreational opportunity a reality. To develop the ski school, Pensus seeks specific guidance and timely action from USBR. First, Pensus seeks clarification on whether USBR will require the ski school proposal to be reduced to a Project Statement. Second, because the Concession Contract does not provide for sub-concessions for the provision of visitor services, Pensus needs to work with USBR to add Willi as an employee. Third, Pensus seeks clarification on whether USBR will require Pensus to file an employment agreement that requires USBR's approval, and whether this proposal may be contained in a Project Statement.

Pensus anticipates receiving approval for installation of marina slips from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by April 30, 2012 and would like to make installations immediately thereafter assuming that approval has also been received from USBR. Going forward, Pensus and USBR must adopt a coordinated plan and approach for timely decisions to make this recreational opportunity a reality.

With these questions answered in a timely manner, the project can move forward without delay. Pensus is confident that working with USBR, this important visitor service can be implemented quickly.

3. House Boat Allocations: House boating is an important recreational resource at Lake Berryessa. In February 2011, USBR completed a comprehensive Houseboat Capacity Analysis for Lake Berryessa, which concluded that Lake Berryessa has an overnight mooring capacity of 175 houseboats. Pensus is required to provide houseboat rentals at its six concession sites as part of the Concession Contract, and is authorized to provide up to 70 houseboats. In the CFIP, Pensus proposed to provide houseboat rentals as follows: Ten (10) at Lupine Shores, ten (10) at Chaparral Cove, and fifteen (15) at Mahogany Bay.

To date, USBR has not authorized Pensus to issue permits for the use of houseboats on Lake Berryessa. Pensus and USBR must adopt a coordinated plan and approach for timely decisions to make this recreational opportunity a reality. At your earliest convenience, please inform Pensus of the timing and the steps required for Pensus to obtain authorization from USBR to issue a reasonable number of houseboats permits.

(Continued on Pg. 5)

#### 4. Marketing of Marina Services

Pensus began its initial marketing of marina services on March 21, 2012. Community responses to the marketing plans have been positive and enthusiastic. Given the importance of recreation to the local economy, neighboring residents and visitors are excited by the plans proposed by Pensus. To date

Pensus has received over 40 signed contracts for wet slips. The preparation of the area for construction of wet slips which has an existing concrete slab and asphalt surfacing, and assembly of equipment for construction is underway at Lupine Shores and construction of slips should start on or about April 21, 2012. Project statements with detailed plans and specifications for the marinas were sent by FedEx for delivery to your offices on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Pensus anticipates receiving approval for installation of marina slips from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by April 30, 2012 and would like to make installations immediately thereafter assuming that approval has also been received from USBR. Going forward, Pensus and USBR must adopt a coordinated plan and approach for timely decisions to make this recreational opportunity a reality.

As such, it is important that USBR and Pensus are on the same page concerning the full breadth of marina services that Pensus intends to provide under the Concession Contract. The Concession Contract codifies the proposals set forth in Pensus Group's initial Proposal to Operate: Water based Recreation Support and Associated Hospitality Services and Facilities within the Concession Areas at Lake Berryessa (Proposal). The Proposal outlined quite extensively marina services Pensus planned to offer.

Specifically, in addition to physical facilities, Pensus proposed a village concept at the marinas with restaurants, convenience and gift stores, clothing boutiques, fuel docks and tour boat docks. The revised concept plans that were adopted by USBR in February 2011 now show the restaurant, convenience store and gift stores and clothing boutiques located on land with the exception of Mahogany Bay.

From one or more of the marinacomplexes, Pensus will provide boat and watercraft rental operations ranging from water-skis to 75-foot long houseboats, along with fuel docks. Pensus will also provide a tour/shuttle boat service between resort areas.

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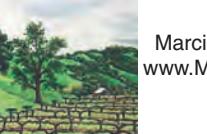
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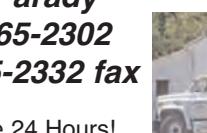
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She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was caged for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."

A backward poet writes inverse.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

**My favorite quote of the month from Hype Creations: A blog by Graham Howes.  
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## Helping Hands at Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its third annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the different fundraising activities will be donated to the Chris Williams Memorial Fund. Chris recently died after a year-long battle with lung cancer. We are raising money to donate to a family who've very recently lost a loved one (wife/mother) to cancer. The brave battle she fought made a huge impact on their finances, and they could really use our help.

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. The cost for a covered space (pop-up canopy provided) is \$35.

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. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised more than \$600. Half of the money was donated to the Capell Valley Community Garden. The other half of the money is being held to use for expenses related to the formation of the Capell Valley Community Center. 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 Moskowitz Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.



## 8 The Baby Name Buzz Report: April, 26, 2012

By Laura Wattenberg

If you want to know which baby names are hot today, you can check the popularity stats. But what does the baby name future hold? Which names have the buzz among moms-to-be, pointing to name trends ahead?

Nobody has a perfect crystal ball. Some look to celebrity babies as trendmakers, following past examples like Shiloh and Kingston. That's a fuzzy forecast, though, as less influential celebrity sibling names Pax and Zuma show.

Others have tried tallying the most-searched names online, but that turns out to measure something quite different: the names in the news that make us go "Huh? What IS that, anyway?" (This year's top "Huh?" name is Katniss from The Hunger Games; last year's was Sookie from True Blood; even Voldemort has made the grade in the past.)

Each year, hundreds of name-savvy readers enter my Baby Name Pool, trying to guess the hottest rising names of the past year. While the Pool is theoretically a look backward, the entries as a group are an incredible snapshot of the name zeitgeist. I'll gladly pit the collective wisdom of my readers against any would-be trendspotter.

So let's meet the "uzziest" names of the year. This year, a big three of girls' names totally dominated the Pool: Adele, Pippa and Harper.

Behind those leaders, honorable mention goes to Mason, Amelia, Asher, Henry, and Mila.

Drink in those names, everybody, because they're the sound of the times.

The big three all took their 2011 punch from celebrities. Adele was the year's breakout singer, Pippa Middleton was the talk of the royal wedding, and David and Victoria Beckham welcomed a new daughter Harper. Intriguingly, all of the above are British celebrities. Get on the ball, Hollywood, you're losing your name mojo!

The honorable mentions include some current hits that still have tremendous upward momentum, particularly Mason and Amelia. And Mila is on my shortlist for "names of the future."

You can divide the buzz names into three rough categories.

- Surnames (Harper, Mason)
- Names popular a century ago that are making a comeback (Adele, Amelia, Henry)
- Names that have never traditionally been common in the U.S., but are simple and fit familiar sound patterns (Pippa, Asher, Mila)

Those three categories have a lot in common. None of them were popular during the great style dead zone of 30-70 years ago. Chances are you don't personally know a living adult with those names. (Well, maybe Henry. Maybe.) Yet none of the names sound aggressively modern or exotic because they're rooted in the familiar, and easy to spell and pronounce. That's your recipe for the names of this moment, and most likely the next.

Names are such a complicated things, but to pick a name off the most popular name list just strikes some people as lazy. Think outside the box! Did you use a top name for your baby?

### Most Popular Names of 2010:

1. Aiden / Sophia
2. Liam / Charlotte
3. Noah / Ava
4. Jackson / Addison
5. Ethan / Olivia
6. Caden / Amelia
7. Mason / Lilly
8. Logan / Isabella
9. Landon / Chloe
10. Oliver / Bailey

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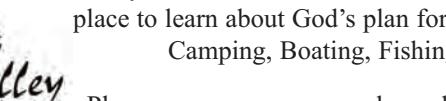
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In addition, Pensus proposed a Marinas Concierge Services Department to provide a full range of services including launch and retrieval, boat mechanical, structural and aesthetic repair and maintenance, washes, details, galley stocking of requested food items, stocking of other necessary items, fueling, effluent tank pump out, piloting and 24 hours emergency response (accidents, breakdowns, fuel deficiency, inability to drive one's craft due to inebriation or other mishap) or any other reasonable need that is necessary to enhance the public's enjoyment of the lake and their chosen recreational activity.

Assuming that USBR agrees with this scope of service, Pensus wants to develop an agreement on what USBR wants to review and approve, the form that Pensus submissions should take, and the expectations for timely approvals.

The Development Plan in the Concession Contract as well as the Operating Plan, Exhibit G, provide for the types of services outlined above. While USBR retains authority to approve specific services and rates charged to provide them to the public, it is unclear how much detail USBR seeks to review and the appropriate form of submission by Pensus to USBR for timely action. For example, Pensus has reached an agreement in principle with Marty Rodden (currently at Markley Cove) to serve as its boat rental manager at all concession sites where boat rental may be provided. Initially boat rental will be operated from Lupine Shores only but other locations may be added depending upon market demand.

This type of service lies at the heart of a successful marina and will be an important step in assuring the public a level of continuity of service that will bring credit to both USBR and Pensus. That said, how much of that relationship does USBR want to review and approve? Marty will clearly be a Pensus employee, so will it suffice to submit the details of Marty's operations and services for approval or does USBR expect to see and approve greater details of that service?

These details are important to resolve at the outset, because Pensus must obtain USBR's approval for all advertisements and public information created for the concession facilities and Pensus wants to continue its marketing campaign in sync with USBR.

5. Unisex Toilets and Showers: On January 25, 2012, Pensus provided USBR with designs for a unisex shower and toilet unit for Lake Berryessa to be installed at all

concession sites where RV and Tent Camping is operated. The unisex facilities were proposed because of their environmentally smaller footprint and Pensus's experience with the use of shower and toilet facilities at marina locations.

USBR indicated some reluctance or dissatisfaction with the design, but has provided no formal feedback and no suggested alternatives. Pensus is preparing, and will submit within 7 days, new concept design drawings that have been revised and notated to address the concerns of Reclamation informally provided by Peggy Brooks on March 15, 2012. If, after review, USBR has no further objections to the revised concept design drawings, Pensus seeks clarification as to when USBR will approve the plans so that Pensus can proceed with preparation of engineering designs and detailed specifications in accordance with the GANT chart (cited above). In addition, Pensus seeks clarification on who at USBR has authority for final approval of the plans.

6. Manzanita Canyon Concession Area: As Reclamation is aware, a February 12, 2012 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Laguna Hermosa Corp. v. U.S., clarified Pensus' and Reclamation's rights to use existing facilities at the Manzanita Canyon concession area. The court affirmed an earlier finding that the past operator of Manzanita Canyon abandoned improvements made under their lapsed contract, and is not entitled to compensation from USBR or Pensus. The CFIP submitted by Pensus on February 10, 2011 stated that all materials left at the Manzanita Canyon concession area would be removed by Pensus. However, the Laguna Hermosa decision changes earlier assumptions that all facilities had to be removed from the area before development.

Pensus's current plans for Manzanita Canyon, as set forth in the Draft 2013 IMP submitted as Attachment B to the March 29 response, waits until 2014 to construct improvements at Manzanita Canyon, limiting use of the area to primitive camping in 2012 and 2013. The result of this decision is that either USBR or Pensus can use the remaining facilities without payment to the former operator, and that facilities could be used on an interim basis to promote greater use of the concession area at an earlier date.

In light of the decision, Pensus seeks guidance from USBR on how to move forward with developing a new plan for Manzanita Canyon that incorporates existing facilities. With cooperation from USBR, there is real opportunity for Pensus to offer

### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're the kind of boring person doomed to be alone while trying to solve all the problems instead of hanging out with the cool people while assigning blame.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): In outer space there is in fact no such thing as "up" or "down," so it's not clear if you'll be falling forever or rising forever through the universe.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You're a firm believer that travel broadens the mind, which is one reason why you haven't been outside of Missouri in more than 15 years.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): It's rare that people can live a happy, healthy life without friends, so the crushing depression you're feeling is perfectly normal.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your health continues to decline as your skin becomes too sensitive to endure sunlight and your soul remains too sensitive to endure dark, smoky bars.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): While you admire his technical execution and admit he had a nice gimmick going, you have no idea who Michelangelo's target market was supposed to be.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You've read the instructions on how it's made, talked to people who claim to have made it, even seen videos of people making it, but you can't shake the feeling that when it comes to toast the toaster does all the work.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Just as you're coming to terms with the challenges and rewards of living alone, you begin to suspect someone else is still alive out there in the radio-active rubble.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Sometimes you feel like the whole world is spinning, spinning, spinning at a dizzying rate, causing the passage of day and night as well as fearsome Coriolis winds in the tropical regions.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): The universe, in all its wisdom, has a plan for everyone. Strangely, you're supposed to be the nun who holds up a distributor cap and winks while the Nazis try to start their car.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): That person you've been seeing will finally introduce you to her friends, so it's a good thing you have an appreciation for taxidermy.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll revolutionize the dating industry when you combine advanced physics, chemistry and genetics to ensure that you are in fact the last man on Earth.

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When chemists die, they BARIUM.

Jokes about German sausage are the WURST.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can STOP any time.

How does Moses make his tea? HeBREWS it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it DAWNED on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herBIVORE!

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it DOWN.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a PLAY on words.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a TYPE-O.

Why were the Indians here first? They had RESERVATIONS.

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no POP quiz.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it GREW on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her PUPILS?

Broken pencils are POINTless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I MIST.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A THESAURUS!

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a LIVERpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost INTEREST.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy MARX.

I got a job at a bakery because I KNEADED dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the CRêPES.

Velcro - what a RIP OFF!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are SKETCHY.

Venison for dinner again? Oh DEER!

The earthquake in Washington obviously was the government's FAULT.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm NOT SO SURE .

I do not enjoy computer jokes. Not one BIT.

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I have the right to remain silent, but I don't have the ability.

Roses are red violets are blue, I'm schizophrenic and so am I.

To find out a girl's faults, praise her to her girlfriends.

People will believe anything if you whisper it.

I tried to hang myself with a bungee chord. I kept almost dying

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

If the number 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still number 2?

"Sarcasm is the lowest form of wit" as said by those incapable of its proper application and as such suffer from it a lot.



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## Memorial Day 2012: History and Memory at Lake Berryessa

### Welcome to Summer!

### Better Late Than Never!

The theme of this issue is history and memory. It includes stories, photos and events. Some stories are more historical than others. Some, such as the one on this page, may require you to search your memory.

A big history event is coming to the Spanish Flat Village Center and Berryessa Senior Center on Sunday, May 27.

First comes the Monticello History Event at Spanish Flat Village Center.

Old timers and their families from the Town of Monticello will meet at the cemetery around 11 AM. to visit and talk about old times and pay respects to friends and families that have gone before them. There is a pot luck lunch.

They said I had to write a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) letter to formally request this information. Silly me - I thought they could just access a personnel file and send me the data. Here is the actual response from Reclamation:

"This letter is in final response to your FOIA request, dated May 4, 2012, for

release of information from the files of the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. You requested records relating to the Park and Concessions Managers for Lake Berryessa since 1958.

Then in the Senior Center parking lot from 5PM - 10 PM. there will be a Barn Dance with hay bales and a cowboy theme. (See Page 5) There will be music to match the crowd and a BBQ.

Proceeds will be divided evenly between the Senior Center and the Monticello Veterans Memorial Wall at the Monticello Cemetery next to the Senior Center. (See Cemetery story and photos on Page 8.)

### When History Does Not Exist We Must Use Memory!

Perhaps sometimes people don't believe me when I express frustration with the Bureau of Reclamation. My latest encounter is a real life example.

For a history article I planned to write I simply asked for the names of all the Lake Berryessa Park Managers and Concession Managers since the lake was formed.

This "no records" response can be considered a denial of your request. You have a right to appeal."

I still intend to write this story, but I must appeal to all of you to send me any information and anecdotes about the Lake Berryessa Park Managers and Concession Managers that you may remember.

**Fun with Recent History:  
2004 Resort Financials reported by  
the Bureau of Reclamation**

Lake Berryessa Marina: \$2,075,262

Markley Cove: \$1,014,854

Pleasure Cove: Not Reported

Putah Creek: \$990,168

Rancho Monticello: \$3,438,028

Spanish Flat: \$2,155,433

Steele Park: \$2,921,515

Grand Total: \$12,595,260

Grand Total Franchise Fee paid to Reclamation in 2004: \$354,091

The request asked for records that identify the previous job held and the next job held by each of the managers. No such records exist.

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If you've been following my stories about the Bureau of Reclamation, and especially after you read this issue and the letters on Page 2, you may want to express your own opinions to the BOR:

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**2 Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, from Congressman Mike Thompson dated May 11, 2012**

I am writing to express my utter displeasure with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, California. This public access lake has been mismanaged by BOR for years and it has become increasingly evident that the process for bidding concessions, providing oversight of third party contractors, and taking corrective actions is completely broken.

In 2007, BOR began the bidding process for third party management at Lake Berryessa. However, BOR took almost two years to conduct the selection process, a process that was fraught with missteps. BOR then announced that the bid process was flawed and began the entire process again. Soon after the concession contract was finally awarded in January 2010, it became clear that the terms of the agreement would not be met. The blame for this can be borne by many, but BOR is the responsible agency and they conducted an inefficient process, provided lax oversight, and refused to take action in a timely manner despite constant requests from me and my staff. Now, BOR is taking steps to end this third party contract, which includes even more time to dispute the termination.

Not only has this process been grossly mismanaged and has been an embarrassment to the federal agency, it has negatively impacted the residents of my district. Recreational use of a federal resource has been stifled, local businesses have been smothered, and local water district decisions regarding water and sewage treatment are being impacted. Small, local businesses have paid the price for the mistakes of BOR and will continue to feel the effects for many years to come.

I have heard endless assurances from BOR at every turn that they are handling this situation and that a plan is in place to move forward. However, these assurances have never come to fruition and it is difficult for me to believe they will now. Reassurances and placations are no longer enough. The residents of Lake Berryessa

deserve to have this situation fixed in the timeliest manner possible and work will need to be done to regain their trust in the federal agencies.

I

expect the Department of Interior to take immediate actions to right these wrongs. As a part of a longer term solution,

I believe there needs to be a complete overhaul of the process and I will pursue that legislatively. Please keep me apprised of all developments as you move forward to repair the damage that has been done to the people and businesses of Lake Berryessa. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, from Supervisor Diane Dillon dated May 11, 2012**

I am writing this letter to formally request that you take whatever actions are necessary to immediately implement a change in the management of visitor services at the Lake Berryessa reservoir, the largest federally managed body of water in California. It is located entirely within Napa County, California (and my supervisorial district), and currently managed by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

History: The Lake was formed in the 1950s. In the late 1960s, BOR contracted with seven concessionaires to provide visitor services there. In anticipation of the expiration of those contracts in 2008-2009, BOR began developing a new Visitor's Service Plan in 2000 and issued a Record of Decision in June 2006. BOR ultimately entered into new concession contracts.

Specifically, after a protracted Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2006-2007, BOR selected Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus) as the contractor for six of the seven concession areas at the Lake. It is now my understanding that the BOR has taken steps to terminate its contract with Pensus. This will no doubt be a protracted negotiation process with no clear end in sight.

During the almost decade-long process described above, Napa County stood as a willing partner in BOR's attempts to develop future Lake recreation operations. This

was in spite of the fact that the residents and local businesses at the Lake were suffering through the closure of the concession areas, not knowing what the future would hold, and were always being asked by BOR to rely on its plans. Our support for BOR was also in spite of the fact that Napa County was excluded from the concessionaire selection and contract negotiation process, and actually prohibited from communicating with Pensus after it was selected as the contractor.

Current Situation: Since 2009, the Lake has almost fallen off the map in terms of recreational opportunities for visitors, and BOR has completely lost my trust as well as that of my constituents. With the latest news, it now is clearly evident that BOR is unable to effectively manage a project of the scope, magnitude, and importance of visitor services at this large public body of water located within 60 minutes of two major metropolitan areas (Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area). The impact of this mismanagement has led to reduced recreational operations, failure of local businesses, and general demise of a once flourishing economic component of our County. The residents of the communities surrounding Lake Berryessa have paid the price for the mistakes of BOR and will feel their effects for many years to come.

Berryessa Highlands: One residential area, the Berryessa Highlands community, has been particularly hard hit. This is because one of the concession areas included in the Pensus contract is part of a water and wastewater district known as the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID), and one-third of NBRID's revenue historically was paid by that concession.

When BOR closed that concession in fall 2009, NBRID lost that revenue. The remaining service area consists of approximately 350 homes and 212 vacant parcels, occupied or owned by retirees and average working Americans. In 2006, the state regional water control board imposed a building moratorium on the vacant lots until sorely needed improvements could be made to the water and wastewater facilities. In 2007, the property owners committed to

an approximate \$17,000 assessment on their parcels, to pay for those improvements. They did so with a verbal commitment from BOR that the concession area contractor would pay its fair share of those improvements.

While the property owners have waited all too patiently for Pensus to go "on line" and commit to paying its fair share, the state regional water quality control board has not been as patient. It has now forced NBRID to ask each property owner for permission to impose an assessment of approximately \$19,000 on each parcel, to pay for the facility improvements without any expectation of a contribution from the concession area contractor. The residents are committed to this increased cost, recognizing that it is necessary. But they also know that the increased cost to them in these poor economic times is not their doing, but rather the consequence of BOR's poor selection and worse supervision of a concession contractor.

Conclusion: What is happening in Berryessa Highlands is but one example of how the mismanagement coupled with the unfulfilled promises from BOR for redevelopment at the Lake have caused homeowners to have their properties devalued, smothered recreation, killed local businesses, and left the water/wastewater district in the lurch, with a direct increase in cost to private property owners. These are not the results of the recession; they are the direct consequences of Lake Berryessa mismanagement by a federal agency, the BOR.

It is high time that things change. I concur with the statements made by Congressman Thompson in his letter to you of even date. It is appalling that local government has not been kept any better informed and included in Lake decisions that directly affect us, than a member of Congress. Please accept this letter as a formal request to expedite development activities at Lake Berryessa, take whatever actions are necessary to immediately assure the residents that their best interests will remain at the core of any future decisions, and include the County as a partner in future endeavors.

**Event Calendar**

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. 8:30 - 11 AM. Included bacon, eggs and pancakes. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. Bingo after (if sufficient people). Cards 3 for \$6 or 6 for \$12 Horseshoes also available. 707-966-0206

May 27 - Sunday: Monticello History Event at Spanish Flat Village Center. Old timers and their families from the Town of Monticello will meet at the cemetery around 11 AM. to visit and talk about old times and pay respects to friends and families that have gone before them. There is a pot luck lunch.

At about 2 PM there will be an open house event at the Monticello History Exhibit. New pictures and items will be on display. There will be a chicken poker game for \$5 dollars a card - chance to win \$100 dollars. Ice Cream Cones for all visitors...meet with old timers....

Around 2:30 PM the scuba divers of the Berryessa Bridges Project will put on a presentation with photos and video about their search for the Putah Creek Stone Bridge and their actual adventure dive to the bridge itself.

May 27 - Sunday: Barn Dance. Senior Center parking lot from 5PM - 10 PM. With hay bales and a cowboy theme. There will be music to match the crowd and a BBQ. Proceeds will be divided evenly to the Senior Center and the Monticello Veterans Memorial.

June 2 - Saturday: Lake Berryessa Open Water Swim 2012. Oak Shores Park at Lake Berryessa. [www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm](http://www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm). Patricia Price, DAM Race Director. E-mail: [plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com](mailto:plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com)

June 3 - Sunday: Lake Berryessa will celebrate World Environment Day June 3 with a group clean-up of the lakeshore followed by a picnic lunch complete with cake and a raffle for all participants. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with the clean-up event slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon. Post-clean-up festivities will take place at a lake cabin in Markley Cove Resort. All participants need to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves if possible. Everyone who pre-registers by May 27 will get a free World Environment Day shirt. For more information or to sign up, contact Marianne.Butler@Solanoed.org or 301-5778.

June 16 - Saturday: Senior Center Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. 4 - 7 PM.

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association's 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran's Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. Diane Viodes, [Dviodes@alssac.org](mailto:Dviodes@alssac.org) (916) 979-9265. [www.ridetodefeatals.org](http://www.ridetodefeatals.org) or [www.alsac.org](http://www.alsac.org) The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The California Chapters of The ALS Association

July 21 - Saturday: Senior Center Casino Night. Free pasta dinner and big raffle. 5:30 - 10 PM. 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](mailto:pumpkinridge@ymail.com).

**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 5/14/12**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.46 inches of rain since July 1, 2011. The water is now 9.15 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
4/30/12	431.42	0.16	84	52	0.00
5/1/12	431.41	0.26	87	46	0.00
5/2/12	431.38	0.20	77	47	0.00
5/3/12	431.33	0.19	74	49	0.00
5/4/12	431.31	0.05	62	45	0.00
5/5/12	431.26	0.15	72	47	0.00
5/6/12	431.20	0.26	77	49	0.00
5/7/12	431.18	0.27	83	47	0.00
5/8/12	431.13	0.17	90	46	0.00
5/9/12	413.08	0.22	91	48	0.00
5/10/12	431.02	0.26	91	50	0.00
5/11/12	430.96	0.24	85	47	0.00
5/12/12	430.90	0.23	90	47	0.00
5/13/12	430.85	0.23	89	54	0.00

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**How about some computer history?**

Wife by text to husband at work: "Windows at home frozen - what will I do?"  
Husband: "Spray some de-icer, if that doesn't work pour on hot water!"  
Wife a few minutes later: "Done that, now computer won't work at all".

**Dumb History Jokes**

1. "What did George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Christopher Columbus all have in common? They were all born on holidays."
2. Did the Native Americans hunt bear? Not in the winter!
3. What was the greatest accomplishment of the early Romans? Speaking Latin!

## Dufer Point Visitor Center: A Sad Case of Revisionist History

By Peter Kilkus

In a stealth move that has already upset many local residents and visitors, the Bureau of Reclamation recently resurrected a sign that has been in storage for the last four years. The problem with this story is how do you oppose something without seeming mean or petty. I knew Cleve Dufer. He was a pleasant fellow who raised dogs and fell off a ladder. Unfortunately for Lake Berryessa he was also the Concession Manager for many years.

I'm reprinting a story below from that period which describes the issue in more detail. Nothing has changed in the last four years except the advanced destruction and disaster here. There is no relevant reason for Reclamation to take this action again. The following email is a sample of the local reaction to what is deemed by many to be an insult to the local community.

"The BOR seems to think we have all gone away and it is O.K. to rename the Visitors Center again. I seem to recall that they tried that before and had it pointed out to them that Dufer thought the best way to care for the lake was to put a fence around it. Now they think everyone has gone away via their shut down and have once again put out the sign that renames the point.

About two months ago we had relatives visiting from out of state and took them to the Visitors Center, where they have Cleve's Ranger Hat framed in his memory. We asked the Ranger on duty what happened to him and why there was this honor for him on the wall. The answer was, "I don't know". Wow, you would think that there would be a great story here about someone who died that young and did enough in their short life to have a Visitors Center named after them!"

If you would like to express your opinion about this action please write or call Mike Finnegan and Peggy Brooks at:

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### Dufer Point returned to "Official" Name (3/31/09)

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

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

Several people questioned the appropriateness of renaming the Visitor Center, a federal facility, without formal public notification or public comments. Don Lombardi, Chairman of Berryessa for All, raised the issue to the highest levels of the Department of the Interior.

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

Despite months of requests, the Bureau of Reclamation would not answer questions in any detail. There seemed to be a disconnect within various levels of Reclamation's bureaucracy. Finally, in a terse comment, Pete Lucero, Public Affairs Officer of Reclamation responded with the following statement:

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

## Pope Valley and George Washington: A Historical Connection?

Bill Eaton is a retired statistician turned screenwriter. He has been connected to Pope Valley for years since his spouse, Florence Eaton, is the Superintendent of and teacher at the Pope Valley School.

### Granddad and George Washington

by Bill Eaton

Warton is not the sort of place you'll find on a tourist map. It's just a one street village with a pub and a post office about 10 rural miles north of Lancaster, itself remotely located in North West England. I was bred (and buttered) in Lancaster, some 60 years ago and left, in my youth, to seek fame and fortune in the colonies, eventually arriving in the largest and most successful one – the USA.

Despite its insignificant size Warton has a unique claim to fame. The main street houses the ancestral home of the Washington family. Lawrence Washington arrived in Warton around 1300 and his great grandson Robert helped build St. Oswald's church at the end of the village. The church flies The Stars and Stripes every July Fourth using a flag donated from the Capitol Building in Washington DC.

Inside the church is the coat of arms of the Washington family (three stars and two bars). The crest is time worn but the reproduction shows a startling resemblance to a familiar friend - the Stars and Stripes!

The Washington family tree is also on display showing links to both the Winston Churchill and the Spencer families – ancestors of Princess Diana. Close by lie the ruins of the old rectory which dates from the same epoch.

Further along the main street is the original Washington house, dated 1612 although the President's forbears left there around 1620 to settle further south in England before making their momentous voyage to the new American colonies.

Directly across from the Washington house is the local Post Office where my grandfather was the Post Master around 1920. So I can legitimately claim that my granddaddy was a neighbor of the first American president separated only by several generations over 300 years.

When you have finished your exploration of this fascinating little village, unknown to almost all Americans it's time to retrace your steps and take a refreshing pint of English ale in the village pub, called – what else? – "The George Washington".

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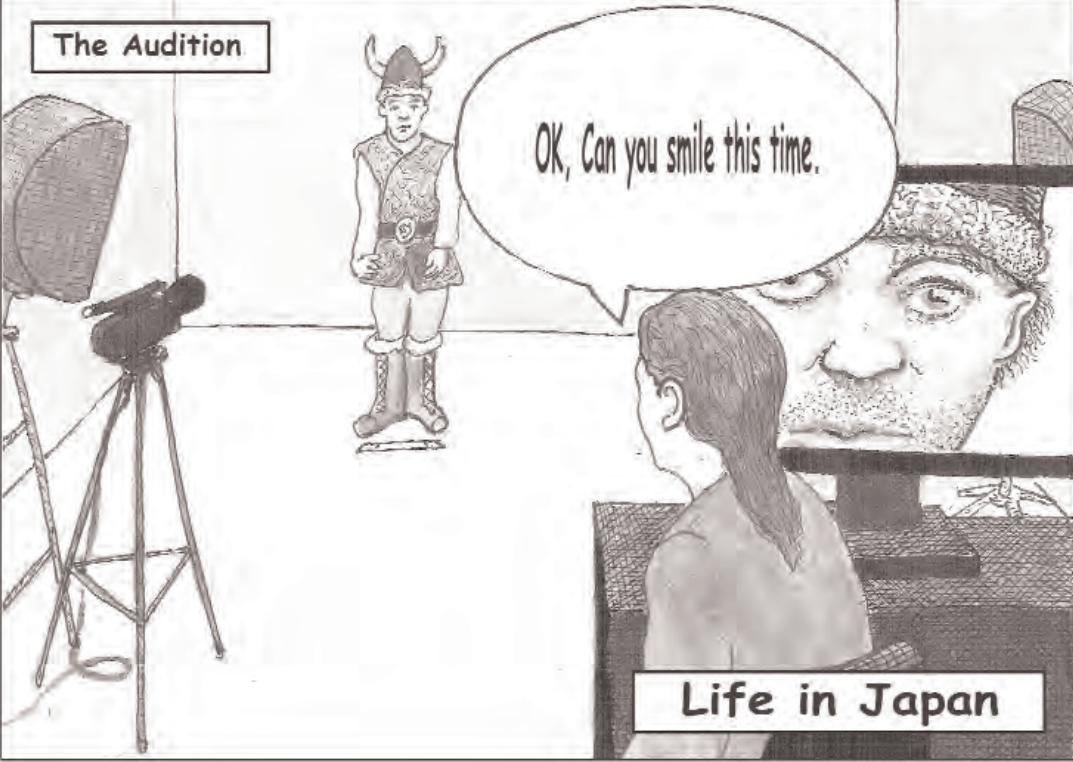
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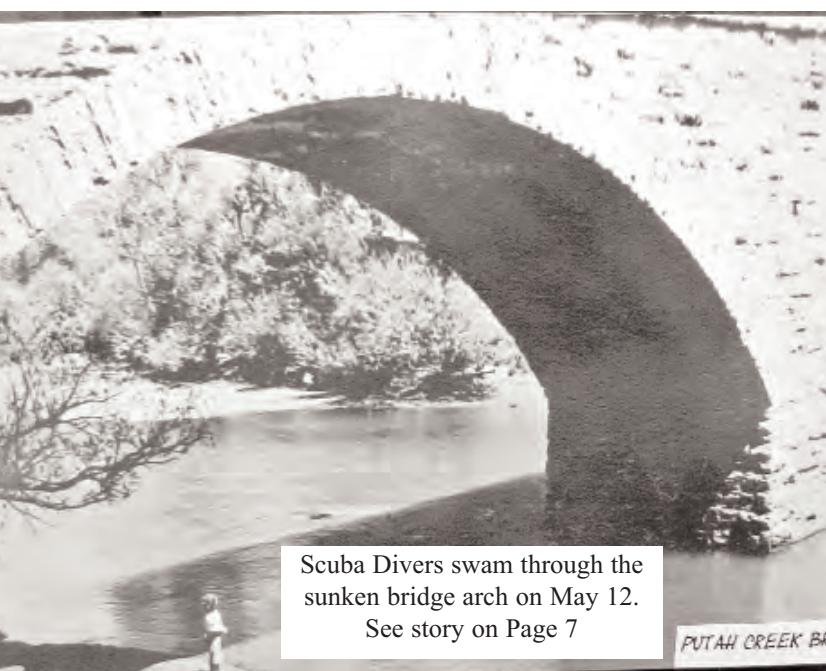
### Japanese Adventure Continues!

Bill had another chance to appear in a Japanese commercial as a Viking. But he had a hard time doing the big glowing Japanese smile. He had to say a still-secret word (until the commercial airs in Japan), once with a serious expression, then smiling, then with a big smile. Unfortunately he didn't get the part. Bill and Karla return to Lake Berryessa for a visit at the end of June. Then we can all hear him sing and play again at Cucina Italiana. He does really have a cute smile!



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See story on Page 7



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## Monticello Dam Replaces the Town of Monticello

Today, the Monticello Dam provides approximately tens of billions of gallons of water yearly, distributed by the Solano Irrigation District, to areas in and around Napa and Solano counties.

Lake Berryessa is a popular recreational destination, providing opportunities for hiking, water sports, weekend picnicking and more.

Underneath the lake lies an old agricultural town flooded 60 years ago to provide a reservoir for the increasing water demands of a rapidly growing region. In the autumn of 1953, construction began on the Monticello Dam that would flood Berryessa Valley, and along with it, the entire town of Monticello.

The project was proposed in the 1940s by the Solano County Water Council to meet the growing demands for water in the county and surrounding areas. The water would provide a steady source of irrigation for farmland and become a measure of flood control for Putah Creek.

"The distribution of water was a problem as more people came into California," said Newton Wallace, former publisher of The Winters Express, who moved to Winters in 1947 and witnessed the construction of the dam. "There were demands for more water, and to store water for irrigation. In the bigger valleys below, there were demands for water for the expanding cities."

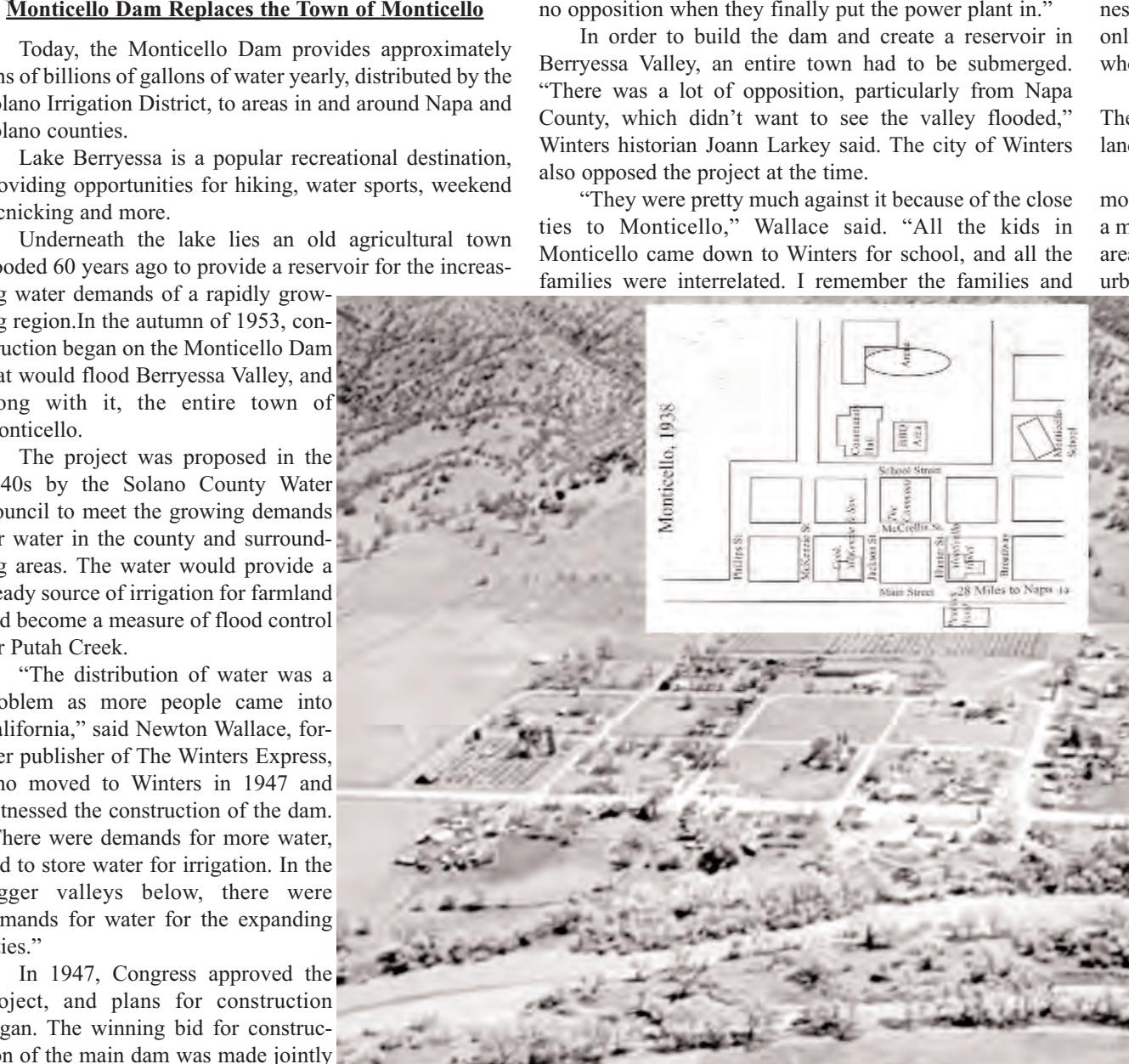
In 1947, Congress approved the project, and plans for construction began. The winning bid for construction of the main dam was made jointly by Peter Kiewit and Sons Company of San Francisco and Parish Brothers of Benicia, for \$7.63 million.

Construction began in August 1953. On Sept. 24, 1953, then-California Gov. Earl Warren and then-state Sen. Luther Gibson moved the first dirt to begin excavation of the dam site. The first bucket of concrete was poured in 1955.

"I would go by every Tuesday to see how the dam was coming along and to see how many yards of concrete they'd poured," Wallace said. "Along with everything else during the '50s, it was part of my life."

Constructed halted, however, in 1956, due to unusually heavy rains that flooded and damaged the dam and the trestle that carried the concrete for construction. Work resumed in the spring, when the heavy rains subsided. Construction was officially complete on Nov. 7, 1957.

In 1983, the Solano Irrigation District, which operates the dam, built a hydropower plant at the base of the dam. "Originally, the project called for no power plants or anything like that," Wallace said. "But the power plant came in a good many years after the dam was built, and there was



no opposition when they finally put the power plant in."

In order to build the dam and create a reservoir in Berryessa Valley, an entire town had to be submerged. "There was a lot of opposition, particularly from Napa County, which didn't want to see the valley flooded," Winters historian Joann Larkey said. The city of Winters also opposed the project at the time.

"They were pretty much against it because of the close ties to Monticello," Wallace said. "All the kids in Monticello came down to Winters for school, and all the families were interrelated. I remember the families and

business enterprises, and our ways of making a living. It not only completely destroys Berryessa Valley, it weakens the whole of Napa County."

Said Wallace, "I don't think you could build it today. There'd be too much opposition. Nobody likes to lose their land."

The impact of the dam on Solano County was enormous. The Solano Project, of which the Monticello Dam is a main part, continues to be a crucial source of water in the area. The water released by the reservoir is treated for urban use and diverted to farmland. The dam had a huge

economic impact on agriculture in the region, thanks to the large increase in water supply.

According to district engineer Jim Daniels of the Solano Irrigation District, before the dam, Solano County farmers never had an adequate supply of water.

After the dam was built, "farmers were able to grow tomatoes and orchard crops," Wallace remembered. Other major crops made possible by the water supply were corn, wheat, sugar beets, nuts and irrigated pasture, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

"Solano County has a thriving economy because the water is available."

Wallace remembers big crews of construction workers, who brought their families.

"There was an inflow of new families with the dam, and they all stayed," he said.

Another impact is on Putah Creek. Before the dam, "not much water was getting to the

lower reaches," Daniels said. "Putah Creek dried up every summer when I came here," Wallace recalled. Now, Lake Berryessa feeds the creek year-round. The dam also provides a measure of flood control, Daniels said. An estimated \$5.015 million in flood damages were prevented due to the dam, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Lake Berryessa also is a huge recreational area. Its clean, warm waters make it popular for water sports, and the surrounding natural habitat makes for good hiking and wildlife-watching. The spillway, or "Glory Hole," also is a popular attraction. Essentially a concrete funnel, the spillway forms a drain for when the level of water exceeds the capacity of the reservoir.

"The spillway is quite dramatic when it runs," Daniels said. "It's uncontrolled. Once the water goes over the spillway, we can't stop it. Back in the 1980s, they had some really wet years, and the water was 7 feet over the lip of the glory hole. It actually washed away the road that goes to the base of the dam." That road was the old road that led to Monticello, now buried under several hundred feet of water.

## Boaters key to keeping Lake Berryessa free of invasive mussels

Ken Davis approached two men getting ready to launch a boat into Capell Cove at Lake Berryessa and talked about a potential threat to the well-being of the reservoir — invasive Eurasian mussels. Zebra mussel. Quagga mussel. These are the small enemies that Davis is constantly looking for on behalf of the Solano County Water Agency and hoping never to find.

Davis is an aquatic biologist, not a boat inspector who has legal power to stop boats from launching. He comes to Lake Berryessa to collect data and scan docks for signs of the mussels. He casts a net into the water that funnels water samples into a small bottle, so he can check the samples for mussel larvae.

The mussels are native to the Black, Caspian and Aral seas. They are believed to have come to the United States in ballast water and were discovered in Lake St.

Lake Berryessa has high enough calcium levels to support a "moderate" infestation.

Clair, Mich., in 1986. Now they have been found as close as 100 miles from Lake Berryessa, at San Justo reservoir. The effort is under way to make certain they don't get any closer.

Davis wanted to make certain that the boaters knew that Eurasian mussels move to lakes by hitching rides on boats. Put a boat from an infested lake into Lake Berryessa and Lake Berryessa could become infested.

Should Berryessa become infested, everyone from water users in Solano County cities to recreational boaters to anglers could pay the price. Eurasian mussels could clog intake systems and other mechanisms that transport Lake Berryessa water to local residential areas such as the Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat, and the Berryessa Pines. That in turn could cost local water agencies money to clean out the water systems.

It's illegal to transport quagga and zebra mussels. Boats found with mussels can be quarantined. Some reservoirs have mandatory inspection programs, according to the state Department of Fish and Game. But at Lake Berryessa, boaters are largely on the honor system when it comes to keeping the lake mussel-free.

Cove boat launch operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, as well as boat launches at several privately run resorts. Davis is particularly concerned that the mussel could be introduced to the lake at the Capell Cove launch.

Jeff Laird, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation acting park manager for Lake Berryessa, said park rangers are at Capell Cove from about 7:30 to 9 a.m. on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Then interns take over and remain at the launch to about 11:30 a.m. to talk to boaters about the mussels and other issues involving the lake's welfare.



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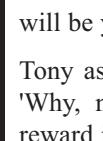
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Tony looked around and nervously asked Yvonne 'Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?'

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'No gym to work out at?' said Tony

'Not unless you want to,' was the answer.

'No testing my sugar or blood pressure or...'

'Never again'

Tony glared at Yvonne and said, 'You and your Bran Flakes. We could have been here ten years ago!'

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**Pope Valley Store: A Cultural Time Capsule of Local History**  
by Peter Kilkus

Standing at the crossroads of Pope Valley, the Pope Valley Store was the center of activities for the area's residents for nearly a century, and served as a stopover for people traveling to the mines in Lake County. It was built about 1875. In 1913 a second gable roofed building was attached. The "store" housed a post office, a saloon, hotel, and sold food and hardware. The store was bought by Thomas L.G. Neil about 1912 after his house in Berryessa Valley burned. An adjacent barn served as a garage that was one of the first AAA stations in the state.

"This was a stage stop," says storeowner Brad Kirkpatrick. "Then for 72 years we were AAA's number one contact station in the state." Brad also reveals that there is a Prohibition-era brewery beneath the floor of the store he has operated since the 1950s.

When Brad took me through the building, room by room, I was amazed by the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship displayed in its construction. But nothing grabs you like the amazing collection of old junk, I mean "antiques", that fill every shelf and flat surface, hang from the rafters, and clutter the floor. On the recent "Pope Valley Day" hosted by the Napa County Historical Society, Napa County Landmarks, and St. Helena Historical Society, I was able to take photographs of the interior. That photo album is on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

Now that the Pope Valley Store has been approved for renovation by Napa County, Brad has put it up for sale. The yard sale of the contents will be an epic event!



**The Monticello Cemetery - Old and New History**

As you can see from the flyer on Page 5 of this issue, there will be Barn Dance and BBQ fundraiser on May 27th at the Berryessa Senior Center which is right next to this historic cemetery. The cemetery serves the area generally surrounding Lake Berryessa. It was relocated in the early 1950s from the inundated town of Monticello when Lake Berryessa was created. The mission of the District is to handle burial requests in accordance with District policy and maintain the cemetery grounds in an orderly fashion within budgetary constraints. The Monticello Cemetery District Advisory Committee was created on February 5, 2002. The functions of the Advisory Committee are to develop recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the type, extent and level of services to be provided and financed by the District and other matters.



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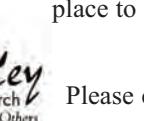
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**The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope**

Aries (March 21-April 19): You might not always appreciate the story God is using you to tell, but you have to admit He isn't afraid to kill off major characters.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This would be a good time to start a new dietary regimen, seeing as you haven't eaten in three days.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Sometimes the people in your life are holding you back, despite the best of intentions. Try to be patient as you inexorably drag your struggling co-workers toward the edge of the roof.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You'll become a household name when society is suddenly in need of a term for "someone who gets hit by a bus once a week."

Leo (July 23-August 22): You must grasp that actions have consequences. Start by not throwing broken glass over your head and forgetting all about it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Take heart—old solutions can still work for old problems, especially if getting drunk is your solution to everything.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You'll soon move to a faraway city where nobody knows who you are, which makes it kind of odd that they're all trying to kill you too.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): A semitruck full of dimes will hurtle down your street and crash into your house, leaving you with no dreams left to achieve in life.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You've got tough row to hoe in front of you this week, which seems like merely a folksy euphemism until you find you've inherited a run-down potato farm.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You are relieved to find that, although you've left the window open and pages are indeed being torn from the calendar, you're not actually hurtling though time at a breakneck pace.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your life certainly isn't working out the way you had planned. Try to find some sort of equivalent of unplugging it and starting it over.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You're pretty sure that if God had really meant for man to fly, he would have given us all the ability to afford our own airplanes.

**Fishing with Sid - or my wife is a fish magnet!**

Unbelievable fishing this past weekend and my wife was a fish magnet. On Friday I went out for a few hours with Kevin. The lake was calm what a difference from last weekend. We saw boils in the water and threw our lines into it with great success. The trout were all over the lake in deep water as well as shallow and seemed to be biting anything we threw out. We ended up with full limits.

On Saturday I fished with my pal Albert. We got an early start and fished the west side of the lake by the buoys. I threw a top water lure twenty or thirty times with no luck. We were able to see the fish but they just wouldn't bite. We decided to try our luck at trout in deeper water after talking to three other boats. I tied on an ivory PK lure and Albert cast it out letting it sink to about forty feet and we started trolling and within minutes he hooked a trout.

Albert wanted to use the downrigger so I set it up just as my son called to tell us lunch was ready and where his boat was. We set off to meet up with my son, his wife and my wife. When we got to their spot they told me how the fish were chasing the bait and rolling on the surface all over the area and that they were catching trout and bass left and right especially my wife.

No sooner would she reel one in and start to let her line out and she'd have another strike. They all came in with limits. On Sunday (Mother's Day) my wife had a great day again and topped it off by landing a largemouth bass that had to weigh at least 9 pounds. She was thrilled.. 'til next weekend.....good fishing!!!www.fishingconnection.net If you have any questions or any stories you would like to share please email me at best-guide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.

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## David Maule-ffinch Died Saturday, June, 2

The Pensus Group is very sorry to announce that David Maule-ffinch, President and CEO, died suddenly but peacefully at his home on Saturday afternoon. David served as President and CEO of the Pensus Group since he founded the company in 1983. Since that time he has directed the growth and prosperity of the organization.

While this is obviously a personal tragedy for David's family and all those who knew him, the Pensus Group would like to provide its assurances that the company operations will continue as normal. While this is a tragic loss, our employees and professionals are committed to continuing on in the same tradition that was established by David almost 30 years ago.

The Pensus Group and the Maule-ffinch family would like to request that everyone respects its privacy during this difficult time.

Sincerely, The Pensus Group and the Maule-ffinch Family

## REP. MIKE THOMPSON SECURES BIPARTISAN COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS BOR PROBLEMS AT LAKE BERRYESSA

Washington, DC, Jun 1 - Last night, on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-1), explained the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) shortcomings at Lake Berryessa and secured a commitment from Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) and Ranking Member Peter Visclosky (D-IN) of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water

Development to address BOR's management problems at Lake Berryessa and at other sites around the country.

Frelinghuysen and Visclosky serve as the top two representatives on the House subcommittee that oversees all funding for BOR activities.

The agreement was secured during a colloquy on the House floor during consideration of H.R. 5325, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013. A colloquy occurs when Members of Congress identify and discuss a problem, state an agreement to fix that problem, and then place that agreement in the Congressional Record.

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Mr. THOMPSON: I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I rise for the purpose of entering into a colloquy.

I also want to thank the chairman and his staff, the ranking member and his staff for the help that they've provided on this very important issue.

Mr. Chairman, and Members, the Bureau of Reclamation manages Lake Berryessa in my district. They manage it for the purposes of recreational access, and they ensure that the facilities are safe and accessible to local residents and visitors. As part of this, they award concessions to third-party bidders for resort operations.

Since the Bureau of Reclamation began the most recent bidding process in 2007, their performance has been disappointing, at best. The concession contract was finally

awarded in January 2010, and the third-party contractor has not met the terms of that agreement.

The BOR is the responsible agency for concession bidding, and they conducted an inefficient process, provided lax oversight, and refused to take action in a timely manner, despite constant requests from me and local government officials. Now, BOR is entering into mediation, which means even more time to dispute the concessionaire's shortcomings and provide yet another second chance.

Mr. Chairman and Members, enough is enough. Reassurances and placations from the Board of Reclamation that they're fixing the problem are no longer enough. We need the matter resolved.

The residents of Lake Berryessa and the tourists who visit the area deserve to have this situation fixed. Recreational access to the lake has been restricted, tourism is down, and the local economy has taken a hit. The summer season officially began last weekend, and there's no solution in sight to these problems. I expect the Bureau of Reclamation to take immediate action to right these wrongs and take steps to prevent a similar nightmare from happening in my district or any of your districts.

I trust that the chairman and the ranking member share my concerns of the mismanagement of Lake Berryessa by the Bureau of Reclamation and ask that you, Mr. Chairman, and the ranking member work with me to find a way to correct BOR's previous errors and amend the concession bidding process to ensure this doesn't happen again.



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## Seasons, Cycles, and Radical Change: Chaos Theory - Lake Berryessa Style

by Peter Kilkus

Summer is here again. With the change of seasons it's time to unwrap the boat and refill the pool. Seems like I just winterized the boat and drained the pool yesterday - but it was a whole Winter ago, a whole cord of wood ago - the annual cycle of country living.

After six years of looking at the same walls and floor, I've started ripping out the rug and repainting my living room to add more color. Radical change for me, but it was time. How can anyone go six years without radically changing something?

Positive change may also be coming to the Berryessa Highlands now that the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) is moving forward with the required upgrades to its water and sewer system.

This change comes with a relatively high cost to NBRID ratepayers in the form of a bond issue. Residents are now in the process of voting for the proposal. Some are very frustrated and upset with the cost, but after many years of trying, and apparently getting it right this time, there is really not much choice for the future but to vote yes.

It's probably immaterial if the concessioner is Pensus or if the Lago Group had won. The situation would likely be the same now with any concessioner trying to work with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Other change has come very slowly this season/cycle at the lake. Much of this is due to the bureaucratic constipation of the Bureau of Reclamation. It is difficult to be even moderately objective when discussing a bureaucracy that has consciously done so much damage to the Lake Berryessa community.

The biggest mistake the BOR made was to choose Pensus. They really had only two motivations in the Visitor Services Plan. One was to get rid of all the mobile homes. The other was to remove all the previous concessioners and get one company to run the lake.

If they had chosen the Lago Group's bid (the Whites and Spanish

flat owners) probably none of this would have happened. But they disqualified the White's bid on a technicality and didn't even review it. They refused to let the White's revise that one item to meet the bid requirement.

The biggest mistake Pensus made was to play hardball about the value of the existing facilities. They convinced the BOR to declare that all the facilities had no value and must be removed - even though the BOR's own appraisers put the value of all the facilities at the resorts at about \$12M. No one, including the judge in one legal case, thought that any new company would do that.

Pensus could have had working resorts for pennies on the dollar. But they believed it was better to start from scratch with new facilities in a 40-year contract than pay for old facilities that would have to be replaced anyway within a short time. Maybe a reasonable business decision, but a terrible strategic one, in my opinion. And very bad for our community.

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Unfortunately Reclamation seems to be continually trying to re-write itself as a satirical sketch on the Daily Show or Colbert Report. Whether it's simply a slavish dedication to policy over people, an homage to Catch-22, a psychological attachment to the Double Bind Theory of Government, it's difficult for most people to understand their true motivation. (See Pgs. 2 & 3.)

Crying "incompetence" seems too simple a reason for this chaos. If Reclamation disagrees with some of the Pensus plans, (they do have more real experience with the lake than does Pensus) why didn't they just say so?

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## 2 Attack of the Mutant BORs: How Bureaucrats Change Something Good into Something “Bad”!

The Americans with Disabilities Act is one of those emotional hot-button issues that is hard to criticize without being considered mean-spirited. It can also be used as a club. The Bureau of Reclamation is painfully familiar with the law since several years ago they built a wheelchair ramp up to the Lake Berryessa Visitor Center only to discover that the ramp was too steep and had to be jack-hammered out and the concrete re-poured.

Reclamation used ADA “non-compliance” against Pensus in their recent contract termination notice. Although Pensus had made most of their campsites ADA-compliant, Reclamation cited them for not having specific sites designated as ADA sites. Reclamation is raising the Catch-22 Double Bind Theory to a new art form!

Reclamation Assertion: In Section 6 of the Noncompliance Letter, USBR raises numerous concerns with Pensus’s compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101, et seq., and the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, 36 CFR Part 1191 (collectively, ADA). Among other things, USBR asserts that: (1) Pensus has provided no ADA compliant campsites; (2) the entrance stations, stores, parking at Chaparral Cove and Lupine Shores are non-compliant with the ADA; (3) restrooms at Chaparral Cove are non-compliant with the ADA; (4) courtesy docks at the launch ramps are not in compliance with the ADA; and (5) the 2012 IMP failed to provide accurate site plans for each facility showing the numbers, types, and locations of ADA compliant facilities.

Pensus Response: The Non-Compliance Letter represents the first time USBR has raised any concerns with Pensus’s compliance with the ADA and its implementing regulations. Reclamation presented no factual support for the allegation. Pensus has provided factual information to Reclamation that camping sites are ADA compliant.

Reclamation lied to Pensus when it said it had received multiple complaints from the public regarding the ADA facilities. When Pensus asked for these complaints Reclamation admitted it did not receive any.

Our facilities are ADA compliant. All

BBQs rings are 18 inches above ground as required by ADA – spec drawings were provided to Reclamation showing this before installation. Pensus does not pre-establish ADA sites and force disabled individuals to rent those sites.

We allow disabled individuals to select their site of choice and then set up the site with ADA requirements such as table extensions and ADA rated porta-potties. Plywood table overlay extensions were available on request during 2011.

For season 2012 sleeved extensions will be available. By providing table extensions and moving ADA compliant restrooms Pensus has provided disabled individuals with free choice of site selection rather than forcing them to specific locations.

In order to save disabled people from having to unload and open their wheelchairs, get out of their vehicle and into their wheelchairs, wheel themselves to the stores to buy whatever they need, then have to return to their vehicle, load their merchandise into their cars, get into their cars and reload their wheelchairs into their vehicles, Pensus staff greet all disabled guests in their vehicles.

Pensus staff asks all disabled guests to inform Pensus staff of any stocked items they may need and Pensus staff will ‘immediately’ bring requested merchandise to their vehicles. Additionally Pensus staff provide their cell phone numbers to disabled guests so they may contact staff, at any time during open hours, to place an order for any stocked items needed for delivery to their campsite. This significantly exceeds any ADA legal requirement for service or accessibility requirements.

### Catch - 22: Double Bind Defined

A double bind is an emotionally distressing dilemma in communication in which an individual (or group) receives two or more conflicting messages, in which one message negates the other. This creates a situation in which a successful response to one message results in a failed response to the other (and vice versa), so that the person will be automatically wrong regardless of response. This type of action is also called “crazy-making” and often can promote schizophrenia in susceptible people.

For example, a double bind occurs when a person in a position of authority imposes two contradictory conditions but there is an unspoken rule that one must

never question authority.

### Catch-22: The Bureaucratic Double Bind Theory in Practice

The series of actual emails below is emblematic of the dysfunctional approach the Bureau of Reclamation is taking to any actions proposed for the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa. The resorts have existed for more than 50 years. No items of cultural or historical importance have ever been discovered within the resorts or at Oak Shores or other Bureau-maintained facilities.

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From Reclamation, May 25, 2012:

Thank you for your email. Your revised project statements of May 18, 2012 have

been received at both Lake Berryessa and CCAO offices (May 23rd, 2012).

As of today they have been routed for review of administrative sufficiency, followed by technical and environmental review. I have requested a time estimate for completion by the review team and should be able to provide a response to your question by COB Weds. May 30th (considering staff availability due to the Holiday weekend).

From Reclamation, May 29, 2012:

I spoke with staff today as they work through their review of the revised project statements for your project. It appears there are still some questions regarding some details of the proposed project. My engineer will have his comments prepared by Thursday mid-morning. I propose a brief meeting to discuss the questions, followed by your providing a written response on the comment form we provided or other form best suited. Once all comments have been addressed, the NEPA evaluation will continue to the stage of cultural review by the Mid-Pacific Region and then State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO). I am told we should expect a timeframe of 90 days or less for cultural review and concurrence by SHPO.

From Applicant’s Project Manager, May 29, 2012:

Thanks for the update. When we last spoke, when the subject of NEPA / SHPO came up, I pointed out that

all of the testing would effectively be performed in areas previously disturbed during the preceding 50 years of use under the former concession contracts. I thought that our discussion at that time had reached at least a tentative consensus on the conditions.

Our application includes a request that the USBR issue a Categorical Exclusion for

find ourselves in a “Catch-22” situation at Lake Berryessa! One bureaucratic justification for Catch-22 actions from the book is:

“Catch-22 states that agents enforcing Catch-22 need not prove that Catch-22 actually contains whatever provision the accused violator is accused of violating.”

This directive seems to perfectly encapsulate the local Reclamation approach and conduct. The project referred to in the email chain is the simple digging of a couple of trenches. Read it to believe it.

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I spoke with staff today as they work through their review of the revised project statements for your project. It appears there are still some questions regarding some details of the proposed project. My engineer will have his comments prepared by Thursday mid-morning. I propose a brief meeting to discuss the questions, followed by your providing a written response on the comment form we provided or other form best suited. Once all comments have been addressed, the NEPA evaluation will continue to the stage of cultural review by the Mid-Pacific Region and then State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO). I am told we should expect a timeframe of 90 days or less for cultural review and concurrence by SHPO.

From Applicant’s Project Manager, May 29, 2012:

Thanks for the update. When we last spoke, when the subject of NEPA / SHPO came up, I pointed out that

all of the testing would effectively be performed in areas previously disturbed during the preceding 50 years of use under the former concession contracts. I thought that our discussion at that time had reached at least a tentative consensus on the conditions.

Our application includes a request that the USBR issue a Categorical Exclusion for

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## Event Calendar

June 16 - Saturday: Senior Center Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. 4 - 7 PM. Senior Center. Silent Auction, Games of Chance for bottles of wine.

June 20 - Wednesday: Board of Supervisors Caldwell and Dodd and County Engineer Phil Miller will hold a question and answer session to answer questions from the Highlands Community in regards to the upcoming assessment vote. 6:30 PM in the Capell Valley Fire station #14 located at 1193 Capell Valley Rd, Napa, CA,

June 21 - Thursday: "Building Golden Gate Bridge": Learn how the fabled Golden Gate Bridge was built in a dynamic presentation by Paul Giroux, Chairman for the Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary. Mr. Giroux utilizes a combination of historic photographs and dynamic animation techniques to tell this fascinating story. RSVP with the Napa County Historical Society at 224.1739 or research@napahistory.org. 5:30pm (1 hour), Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa.

June 30 – Saturday: Napa’s Wine Country Tractor & Truck Pull at the Napa Valley Expo. The best family event of the year is back! Grab your kids and neighbors and join in the rip roaring fun !!! 11am, Free Custom and Classic Car Show; 3pm, Kiddie Pull; 5pm, Tractor & Truck Pull Competition - first pull. Local competition too! Live Music by Clayton Andrade, Food, Beer & Wine. A benefit for: Napa County Farm Bureau, Young Farmers & Ranchers, Napa and St. Helena FFA, and Napa County 4-H clubs. Purchase your tickets online: www.winecountrytractorpull.com, 707-224-5403

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association’s 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran’s Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. Diane Viodes, Dviodes@alssac.org (916) 979-9265. www.ridetodefeatals.org or www.alssac.org The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The California Chapters of The ALS Association

July 21 - Saturday: Senior Center Casino Night. Free pasta dinner and big raffle. 5:30 - 10 PM. 707-966-0206

## Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership hosts World Environment Day for a Second Successful Year

Sunday, June 3 – This year’s sunshine brought sixty volunteers and organizers to Lake Berryessa shorelines to clean up trash. Volunteers scoured the shoreline including ‘party point’ and other Markley Cove Resort pullouts on Sunday. Volunteers were part of the 2012 Celebration of World Environment Day, a United Nations initiative that began in 1972 to create global awareness of the environment, encourage political attention and support individual and community projects.

Volunteers picked up bags of trash and recyclable materials in a clean-up effort that covered 2.5 miles of shoreline. Most of the debris collected included cigarette butts, bottle caps and broken bottles and cans, along with several floatable rings which pose risks to our watershed, wildlife and recreation opportunities.

Among the volunteers were employees from Anheuser Busch, Genentech and Travis Air Force Base. Anheuser-Busch provided funding and support for the event. Markley Cove Resort hosted the after-clean-up picnic with cake and a raffle. Lead organizers were Bureau of Reclamation and Solano Resource Conservation District. The Partnership extends a special thank you to the hardworking volunteers, Solano County Water Agency, Peet’s Coffee and Lake Berryessa Jet Ski and Rentals for their generous support in making World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa a great success.

World Environment Day Lake Berryessa Cleanup was organized by the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership. The LBWP is composed of local agencies, organizations, businesses and private citizens who work together to protect and enhance the lake’s water quality. Each year, organizers hope to bring out more people and find less trash as people learn of the detrimental effects that the debris has on the lake and its watershed. The Partnership runs the Lake’s summer Boater Outreach Program and also hosts an annual Coastal Cleanup Day, set for Saturday, September 15th 2012. Lake Berryessa supplies drinking water to almost a half million people; it also provides the water used by local industries such as Anheuser-Busch, Jelly Belly and Genentech.

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 6/4/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.46 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 10.62 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
5/14/12	430.76	0.27	79	47	0.00
5/15/12	430.70	0.15	75	48	0.00
5/16/12	430.66	0.23	83	51	0.00
5/17/12	430.60	0.25	89	51	0.00
5/18/12	430.51	0.24	82	51	0.00
5/19/12	430.45	0.24	86	50	0.00
5/20/12	430.38	0.25	89	49	0.00
5/21/12	430.21	0.24	94	53	0.00
5/22/12	430.25	0.31	85	50	0.00
5/23/12	430.15	0.25	84	49	0.00
5/24/12	430.10	0.28	82	50	0.00
5/25/12	429.97	0.25	82	45	0.00
5/26/12	429.92	0.13	68	48	0.00
5/27/12	429.85	0.05	74	46	0.06
5/28/12	429.80	0.13	76	46	0.00
5/29/12	429.70	0.21	75	47	0.00
5/30/12	429.64	0.20	82	48	0.00
5/31/12	429.59	0.26	90	52	0.00
6/1/12	429.52	0.27	96	59	0.00
6/2/12	429.45	0.40	99	60	0.00
6/3/12	429.38	0.36	91	57	0.00

## 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



World Environment Day Clean-Up Crew

## Better Know a Bureaucrat: The Peas in a Pod?

Although not as entertaining as The Colbert Report's "Better Know a District", as a public service during these times of trial here at the lake, I thought it would be appropriate for people to know with whom they're dealing within the Bureau of Reclamation hierarchy. The following biographical information comes primarily from Reclamation press releases over the years.

Michael R. Finnegan: Area Manager for the Region's Central California Area Office.

Mike "Seamless Transition" Finnegan is responsible for the operation of Folsom and Nimbus Dams, the Folsom South Canal on the American River, New Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River, and Lake Berryessa.

He began his position on February 9, 2004. He replaces former Area Manager Tom Aiken who retired. Aiken had been responsible for the initial implementation of the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan. Finnegan has served as Regional Business Manager since September 1996, directing the Region's business support functions including budget, water and power rate-setting, economics, finance, information technology, contracting and financial assistance, and property.

Finnegan served in the U.S. Army from 1967-70, including two tours of duty in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne Division. He began his Federal career in 1975 as a Human Resources Specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Sacramento District. In 1984-85, Finnegan served as a Staff Action Officer at COE Headquarters in Washington D.C., performing cross-functional assignments in support of COE's hydropower and dredging programs and other civil works and military programs.

From 1986-89, Finnegan was on special assignment to Headquarters, Department of the Army, in the Pentagon where he developed civilian personnel and budget policy and managed major demonstration projects for COE Districts and Army installations world-wide. He was the Personnel Officer and Deputy Director of Personnel at Oakland Army Base, California, from 1990-91. Finnegan joined the Mid-Pacific Region in December 1991, first serving as the Human Resources Officer then as Deputy Director, Business Resources Center, in April 1995.

**Editor's Note:** What is a bit ironic about this bio is that Mr. Finnegan once served as Human Resources Officer and won several awards for his Human Resources efforts. How strange then that my request for the names of the past Lake Berryessa Park Managers (reported in the previous edition of the Lake Berryessa News) received the following reply: "The Central California Area Office, the Mid-Pacific Regional Library, the Mid-Pacific Regional Public Affairs Office, the Reclamation Historian in Denver, and the Lake Berryessa Resources Branch confirmed that no such records exist."

Pete Lucero: Public Information Officer

Pete "The Enforcer" Lucero was imported from Washington, DC, in August 2004 as Manager for the Lake Berryessa Field Office. He was responsible for media relations and communications, and for implementing ongoing redevelopment of the lakeshore. In April 2006, Lucero was

promoted to Chief of both the Lake Berryessa and New Melones Field Offices, where he handled both press and community relations.

Back during the "Troubles", aka Visitor Services Plan process, the Bureau of Reclamation created a new position for Lucero to "assure that the day-in day-out upkeep of recreational facilities and water and land management of Lake Berryessa are no longer neglected".

For years his time and energy as the park manager at Lake Berryessa were consumed with shepherding the Bureau of Reclamation's controversial Visitors Service Plan for the lake. During his four years as park manager, Lucero said the visitors plan took precedence over tasks such as lake facility maintenance, water quality monitoring and the removal of unwanted, exotic plant species.

The Bureau then promoted Lucero to the newly created post of Recreation Division Chief for the Central Area Office. In his new job, Lucero continued implementing Berryessa's Visitors Services Plan.

Janet Rogers, a Bureau veteran who has managed several national parks in California and most recently oversaw Hawaii's Haleakala National Park, was hired to replace Lucero as Berryessa's park manager.

In February 18, 2009 Pete Lucero was selected as Public Affairs Officer for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region.

Prior to joining Reclamation, Lucero was the National Park Service's Bevinetto Congressional Fellow in Washington D.C., serving as a staff member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and as a Legislative Affairs Specialist in the Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs. In that position, he worked closely with Congressional staff members and with employees in the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of the Interior.

He previously worked for the Park Service as the Facility Manager at Yosemite National Park, Haleakala National Park on Maui, Kings Canyon Park. Peggi Brooks: Chief: Recreation Resources Division

Peggi "Just Say No" Brooks has worked in natural resource and recreation management for more than 28 years, beginning her government career – at the age of 15 – as a member of Reclamation's Youth Conservation Corps. Following college, she joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where she distinguished herself as a recreation and resource manager for almost two decades and graduated from both the Emerging Leaders Project and the Leadership Development Program.

In 2001, she returned to Reclamation as the Resource Manager for New Melones Lake in Sonora, California. There, for close to 10 years, she was responsible for management of the field office, as well as stewardship of natural and cultural resources, facility operations, recreation and visitor services.

Peggi was also instrumental in implementing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) at New Melones Lake, allowing the collection of fees and the retention and on-site use of fee revenues. Peggi provides the leadership, coordination and oversight of recreation-management and visitor-service activities for four federal

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water projects that include Folsom Lake-Natoma Lake, New Melones Lake, the Auburn Recreation Area, and Lake Berryessa.

Jeff Laird: Resource Manager for New Melones Lake, Acting Lake Berryessa Park Manager.

Jeff "Don't Blame Me, I Just Got Here" Laird, the new acting Park Manager for Lake Berryessa is also the Resource Manager for New Melones Lake. Mr. Laird assists the Area Manager in overseeing Reclamation's management of recreation, natural and cultural resources, and visitor services at New Melones Lake, located in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties, California. Mr. Laird also contributes to the effective management of one of Reclamation's best-known projects, California's Central Valley Project (CVP).

"Jeff has a broad background in recreation and resource management. He has many years of experience working at New Melones Lake where he assisted the manager in providing high-quality visitor services." said Mr. Finnegan. "Jeff's proven ability to work effectively with the public and local community groups will be invaluable in his new position as Resource Manager of the lake."

Since January 2004, Mr. Laird served as the Supervisory Park Ranger and Concessions Specialist at New Melones Lake, directing the recreation management program and administering the marina concessions contract. From September 2002 to January 2004, Mr. Laird served as the lake's Natural Resource Specialist. A Federal employee for 22 years, Mr. Laird previously worked as a park ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Northern California and in Alabama.

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### What is a "Natural State"?

According to a meeting participant, prior to her recent unlamented resignation as Park Manager, Lynn Pilgrim-Little said something to the effect, "Well, it's taken us five years but we almost have the lake back to its natural state."

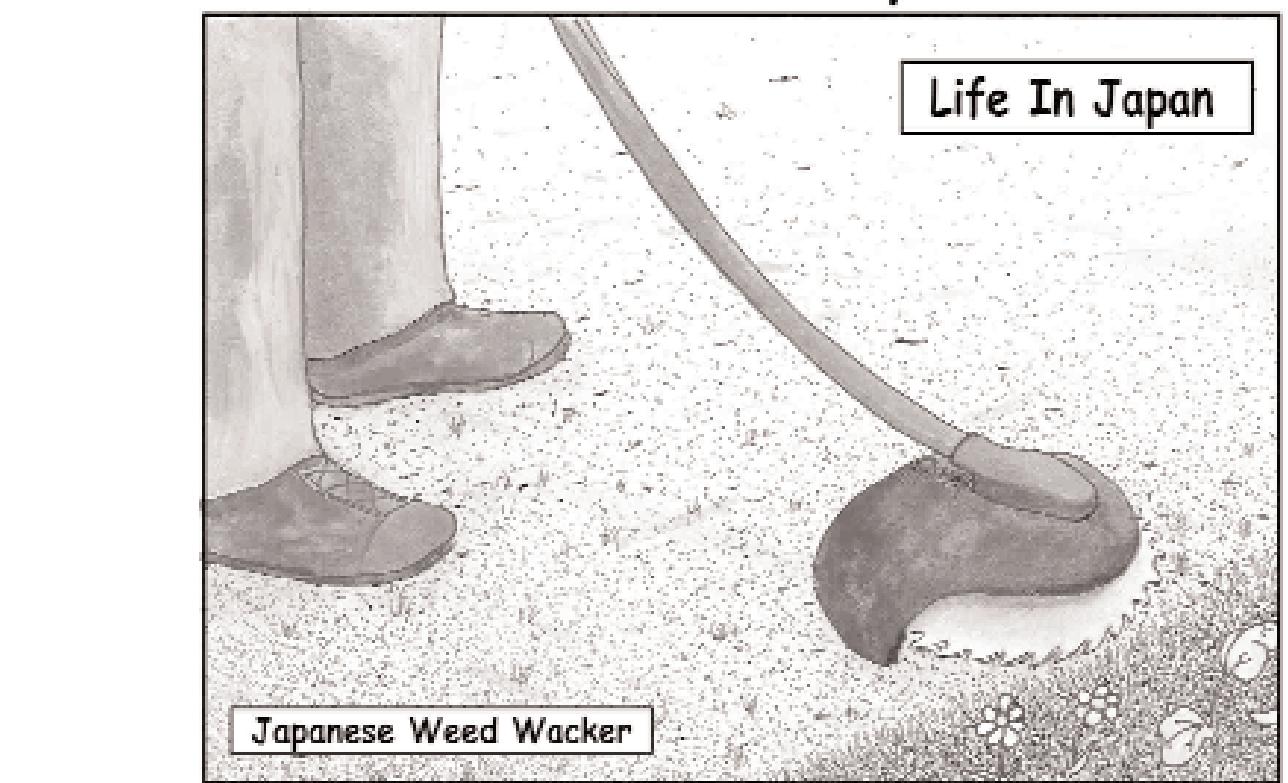
Tell that to the people of the Town of Monticello. Only the removal of Monticello Dam and the restoration of the Berryessa Valley would bring this area back to its "natural state".

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# NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



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#### June Birthdays

Betty Fehrenkamp  
Ruth McGinnis  
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15 Nancy Courtney

15 Eric Gaustad  
26 Wes Plunkett  
29 Sally Burch

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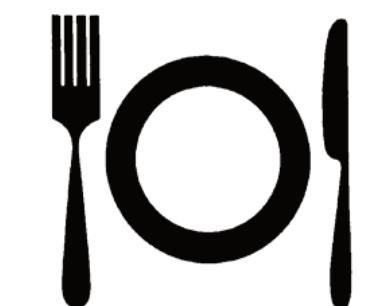
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#### 4 Fishing with Sid (and Albert): My First Fishing Trip on the Lake

By Peter Kilkus

Although I've fished in many places during my life, I am not really an angler. Which is why in my fifteen years at Lake Berryessa I've never really gone fishing. My friend, Sid Silberberg, who is a professional fishing guide, has been offering to take me out and teach me how to drop something strange in the water and hope that something dumb tries to eat it so I can catch it and eat the dumb something that apparently can't breath air.



A couple of weeks ago, Sid called while I was relaxing with a glass of wine on my deck and once again asked me to go fishing. This time I said yes (damn wine!). A few years ago I almost went out on the lake with my friend Steve Whan who had just bought a new bass boat. Steve wanted us to leave from Spanish Flat at 6 AM. Unfortunately for him his boat broke the night before so I didn't have to get up at 5 AM. In this case, Sid took pity on me and I only had to get to his house at 8 AM to get the boat ready and launch at Lupine Shores.

My house looks down on the Narrows and over the years I've gotten used to hearing what sounds like a fleet of bombers flying over the lake. But when I looked out my window at 6 AM, the sound turned out to be 20 to 30 bass boats roaring out of the



Narrows into the main body of the lake for a fishing tournament – sometimes in the wind and rain! So I've always know that "Obsession" is an angler's middle name (not just a cologne). But until I met Albert Brown I didn't realize how that word manifested in human form.

I got to Sid's house on Steele Canyon Road right on time. Albert was already there helping Sid prepare the boat. We launched the boat at Lupine Shores on a perfectly gorgeous Saturday morning. But before we even got into it Albert was already fishing off the dock. We saw a guy

almost catch a big bass right next to the launch ramp. Albert asked him what lure he was using and the response was a senko. That's when I learned from Albert that it was unusual for bass to hit a senko. This proved to be an omen for the end of our day. Sid then showed me how several different lures worked in the shallow water at the ramp.

We finally took off for the Narrows where Sid gave me lessons in the basics – knot tying, lure types, how not to hook the back of your head when casting. We trolled slowly along the shore looking at the depth finder and Sid telling me to say "bottom, bottom" every time my rod bounced. I thought I was getting nibbles but I was only bouncing on the rocks along the shore. But the next time I was about to say "bottom" the rod stayed bent! I grabbed it and reeled in what I thought was a big fish. When Albert got the net under it, we saw that I had caught two large bass on one lure. The bigger hungry bass had been hooked in the mouth, but a smaller hungry one had gotten hooked in the side. My first ever catch at Lake Berryessa was a double bass event!

We kept fishing the area and caught a couple more bass and trout – but always from the right side of the boat – the non-Albert side. To disprove a growing concern that one side of the boat was better than the other, Albert and Sid switched rods. Sid immediately caught another fish on the right side of the boat – with Albert's rod. We had now caught about six fish all from the right side of the boat. The discussion became even more sublime as the philosophy of fishing swirled around me. Was it Sid's secret garlic oil on the lure? Had Albert forgotten to

wear his lucky shoes? Did Sid have a secret fish-attracting symbol painted on the bottom right side of his boat?

Finally Albert decided to replace the leader on his rod with line that was invisible under water. He immediately caught a fish, and then the next few, on his side (left) of the boat. What did I learn as a newbie from that right brain – left brain experience? Basically that you can have a great time fishing with friends, discussing really strange stuff, without drinking beer. And it got even better.

We trolled around for awhile and discussed Albert's theory of fish time. He claimed that there was a breakfast bite, a lunch bite, and a dinner bite. We were into the lunch bite by then – 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Believe it or not, we caught most of our fish during the lunch bite. But then Albert caught a big one just after 12:30. Sid told him he had to release it because it fell outside the "Albert-time" lunch bite window. Albert declined.

We then went to the vineyards looking into the grass and avoiding tree stumps in 5-6 feet of water and fishing in 3 feet of water with senko lures. I got tangled in an underwater bush. After untangling my lure we trolled slowly while I watched my rod tip. It moved a bit as I bumped along the bottom. Sid looked over and told me I had a fish! I guess you have to know from experience what the various rod twitches mean. Sure enough I had another bass.

About that same time on Albert's side of the boat (left, remember) his rod bent way over. We thought he might have gotten hooked on a stump. As he tried to reel in his line he claimed that it moved. But the rod tip was so steadily bent as he reeled in, I thought he was probably dragging a log. His line was quite a ways out so it took at least fifteen minutes to finally drag it in. I had the net out when I finally saw it – a huge catfish! Albert was trying to get it to the net without breaking the line and I didn't want to disappoint him. I finally got the net under the catfish. It took the two of us to haul it onto the boat.

We tried to weigh it and there was some disagreement about the accuracy of the scale. We finally all agreed that it was 16 pounds. It was huge! I had never seen a fish that big except during my various scuba dives in the ocean. What brings this story full circle is that Albert caught the catfish on a senko the same as the guy at the Lupine Shores ramp that morning!

Sid took us over to the Spanish Flat area and we caught a couple of more fish. It



was now around 3:30 PM and time to get back. The day had been warm and sunny and I was a bit worn out by my first Lake Berryessa fishing experience. We took the boat up to Sid's for some photos. What a day! Sid and Albert both said that it was unusual to catch so many fish in one day. I guess I was the reason we did so well. I'm considering hiring myself out as a "good luck charm" for the next big tournament. The proof is that Sid and Albert went back out that very same evening without me – can you spell obsession? – but didn't catch anything!

It's hard to compress eight hours on the lake in only a few hundred words. It's hard to describe the beauty of the lake, the camaraderie, the "intellectual" level of the conversation, the relaxing wait while you troll, the feel of the strike, the bend of rod as you start to pull in your catch, the thrill of finally seeing the big bass or trout or catfish before you net it. And yes, Albert is obsessed with fishing. And yes, Albert really is as happy as he looks in the pictures when he lands one. It really was a special day for me on Lake Berryessa. My great thanks to Sid and Albert!



#### Annual "Great Food and Wine Tasting" Event

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#### Bilgee is Back! Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership and the Solano County Water Agency Ramp Up Boater Education at Lake Berryessa.



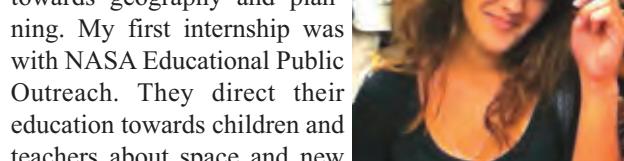
In an attempt to get the word out about the dangers of invasive mussels and the benefits of bilge pads, LBWP and SCWA have hired eight college students to reach out to Lake Berryessa boaters and visitors. Here are some bios and photos so you may recognize them.

LBWP: Hi! I'm Alisa Kim. I was born and raised in Long Beach but now live in Davis, attending UC Davis. I'm a senior, majoring in Environment & Resources Science

with a minor in Comparative

Literature. I am graduating in December and hope to find a job in environmental education, working with non-profit organizations to increase awareness and appreciation for the natural world. Previously, I had volunteered at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach doing public education and am currently the unit director of Project Compost at UC Davis. When I'm not trying to persuade someone to install a bilge pad, I like to knit, craft with scrounged materials, hike, play ukulele, and learn about plant ecology.

LBWP: My name is Sabrina Colias and I am from Vacaville, California. I am a senior at Sacramento State University planning to graduate with a B.S. in Environmental Studies in Fall of 2013. My study is directed towards geography and planning. My first internship was with NASA Educational Public Outreach. They direct their education towards children and teachers about space and new science. I am also currently working with Dudek Environmental Firm as an intern. Once I graduate, I hope to be with Dudek or a similar company within the planning or biology department. In the little spare time I do have, I like to spend it outdoors with my boyfriend and our dogs.



SCWA: Hi! I am Guadalupe Maya Solorio. I am originally from Brentwood, CA. I am currently attending UC Davis to obtain my undergraduate degree in Ecology, Evolution, and Biodiversity. After graduating, I plan to work for Solano County Water Agency. I have experience with water quality assessment, park interpretation, educational programs, and working in a social environment. As hobbies, I like to spend my time hiking, painting, crafting, and reading.

SCWA: Hi my name is Nicole Espina and I was born and raised in the town of Danville, California. I am currently a senior at the University of California, Davis and majoring in Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity. I hope to one day pursue a career in the field of water quality or conservation. I have worked with Solano County Water Agency as an intern since June 2011 conducting residential water surveys throughout Solano County. In my free time I love to cook, travel and dance (Tahitian).

SCWA: My name is Allie Pratt. I was born and raised in Fairfield, California. I graduated from the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Santa Maria, California in 2010 and will be getting my BFA in acting next spring from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, Washington. I've worked with Solano County Water Agency every summer since 2008.



SCWA: My name is Nick Chun. I am from Castro Valley, CA. I recently graduated from UC Davis with degrees in both History and Political Science. This summer I've been spending a lot of time around water and am now seriously considering water conservation and protection as a career path. When not working I spend my time training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and watching movies.



SCWA: Hi! I am Bahar Hajian from Danville, California. I'm a Civil Engineering student at UC Davis and enjoy knitting and sleeping on my spare time :)

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## NBRID Assessment Vote Moves Forward

Over the last five years the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID), has been dancing on the deck of the Titanic on a voyage that the Bureau of Reclamation promised would be seamless between Steele Park and a new concessionaire. Unfortunately, the voyage was a perfect storm starting with the District being unable to pay for necessary improvements to the water and sewer systems because the bonds could not be sold even though the voters approved the bonds in 2007 followed by multiple voluntary rate increases and proposed fines from the State Water Resources Board.

Napa County helped repair our leaky boat during this voyage by loaning money to the District to cover expenses, however, the State of California has said that unless we fix our situation, they will continue to fine our District for lack of waste water storage, particularly during the winter months.

Our boat is sinking because we do not meet the State waste water discharge requirement, that we have capacity to store 22 million gallons of treated wastewater, when in fact, our current waste water pond holds only 1 million gallons.

We will be required to build a new wastewater system, and postponing this State mandated requirement can only result in the iceberg of escalation of fines and cease and desist orders.

On July 10, 2012 at 1:30 PM, in the Napa County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, Suite 305, Napa, CA, the NBRID Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed assessment to construct improvements to the water and sewer system, and to hear protests, tabulate the assessment ballots and take final action on the levy of the assessments.

On June 20, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Capell Valley Fire station #14 located at 1193 Capell Valley Rd, Napa, CA, Board of Supervisors Caldwell and Dodd and County Engineer Phil Miller will hold a question and answer session to answer questions from the Highlands Community in regards to the upcoming assessment vote.

We, the members of the Transition Committee, urge your attendance in formulating your own opinion as to whether this assessment may constitute the life boat to our ongoing problems, and to vote accordingly.

Stu Williams, NBRID Transition Committee

### Watch Out for Rattlesnakes!

By Cheryl Bean

The lizard population is very high this year, which brings out the rattlesnakes! On April 22 while Mac and I were swimming (yes, swimming in April) our 103 pound German Shepherd named Sadie was busy chasing lizards. She came to the water and we saw blood on her nose and rinsed it off, thinking she had scraped it on a sharp rock while chasing a lizard. So we threw a stick out in the lake for her to fetch as she swam back we noticed she was swimming a little low in the water.

We figured, Sadie must be tired so we went back to the house, gave Sadie a bath and put her on the deck to warm in the sun while we did some chores. Next thing Mac notices Sadie has the shakes, so he covers her with a towel - that is when he saw her entire muzzle was

swollen, she was blowing bubbles out her nose.

We called Sally of the Valley immediately, but Sally was out of town until Monday. Sally had told us before that a dog of Sadie's size should be O.K. and that the anti-venom needs to be given soon after the bite one hour had already passed since she "scraped her nose". The nearest emergency vet was an hour's drive, so we stuffed some Benadryl in her and waited.

She made it through the night but her nose was still swollen as was her entire face - one eye was swollen shut. We took her to the vet where they said it was too late for the anti-venom to do anything, but they did blood work to make sure the poison had not affected any vital organs - which can, but did not happen. By Wednesday the swelling finally subsided. Unfortunately Sadie still wants to chase lizards.

Saturday May 12 we were down at the water again. Now we keep Sadie on a leash except when she is swimming. She came out of the water with the stick and went straight for a rock. I grabbed her before she got to her nose to the rock - good thing - since there was a rattlesnake coiled right there. Three children and another dog had been playing on the shore all afternoon only a couple of feet away from the snake.

Lucky that our neighbor Ernie had a shovel on his boat and killed the snake. There was a whole lizard inside of him! Ernie dug a hole and buried the snake's head deep. Later that day a couple of young men came by and said they had seen another rattlesnake just down the shoreline from where we had been. Keep your eyes open!

### Capell Valley Mobile Home Park Requests Special District Status

The Local Agency Formation Commission has received a written request from Robert Joe for a fee waiver in anticipation of submitting a proposal to form a special district to assume water and sewer services for the Cappell Valley Estates Mobile Home Park located at 6001 Monticello Road near Steele Canyon Road. Mr. Joe is the owner and operator of the mobile home park and its private water and sewer systems, which currently serve 58 units as well as an adjacent commercial center known as "Moskowitz Corners." Mr. Joe asserts the central goal in forming a special district is to improve the financial solvency for both the water and sewer systems by having access to government subventions and low/no interest loans to fund needed improvements which cannot be easily absorbed through rate increases since residents are predominately on low and fixed incomes. Residents at Cappell Valley Estates Mobile Home Park currently pay \$550 in monthly rent. Tenants also pay a combined \$50 a month for water and sewer service.

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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NAPA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN GARBAGE ZONE TWO WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 10:45 a.m., or at such time thereafter as reasonably possible, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider adoption of a resolution adjusting rates for the collection and disposal of garbage in Garbage Zone Two within the County of Napa.

The fees initiated or revised by this resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide the service for which the fee is levied and are mandated by State law.

The Public Hearing will be held at 10:45 a.m. on June 12, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Suite 305, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

A copy of the proposed fees and data regarding the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service, including General Fund revenues, is available for review at the office of the Clerk of the Board, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, California, 94559.

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## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): The furious mobs will finally stop burning you in effigy next week, but only because they've decided to stop playing around with dolls and go right to the source.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The really interesting thing about next week isn't the remarkable size of the lobsters or how the polluted environment has affected their aggressiveness, but it's closely related.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): The bad news is your favorite shirt will be stained beyond saving next week; the good news is your favorite tie will be untouched, which is miraculous when you think about how many times you'll be shot.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The problems of reconciling the spiritual and material, or the intellectual and emotional, shall seem as nothing to you when compared with the problem of asking Erin out to the movies.

Leo (July 23-August 22): They may be laughing at you now, but they'll have to stop eventually if only to eat, catch their breath, and get a good night's sleep in preparation for laughing at you all day tomorrow.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Sometimes all you want is to relax in your sweats with a movie and a bowl of popcorn, but this week you'll want six units of whole blood, clean bandages, a splint, and plenty of morphine.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Jupiter rising in your sign is usually an indicator of prosperous ambitions, but when it just keeps coming right at you, it becomes downright terrifying.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You have yet to find a love worthy of your unique affections and depth of spirit. You should strongly consider getting a goldfish.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You're saving yourself for something, all right, but as the events of the next six weeks will definitively prove, it sure as hell isn't marriage.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Due to an unusual coincidence, your fortune this week is the same as for Nov. 19, 2005. The bartender will even use the same ax.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your unfounded and irrational fear of being alone for the rest of your life is still completely inconsistent with your justifiable and sensible fear of other people.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): There's little you can do to stop the inexorable unfolding of inevitable fate, but moving the charcoal lighter fluid away from the furnace wouldn't be a bad start.

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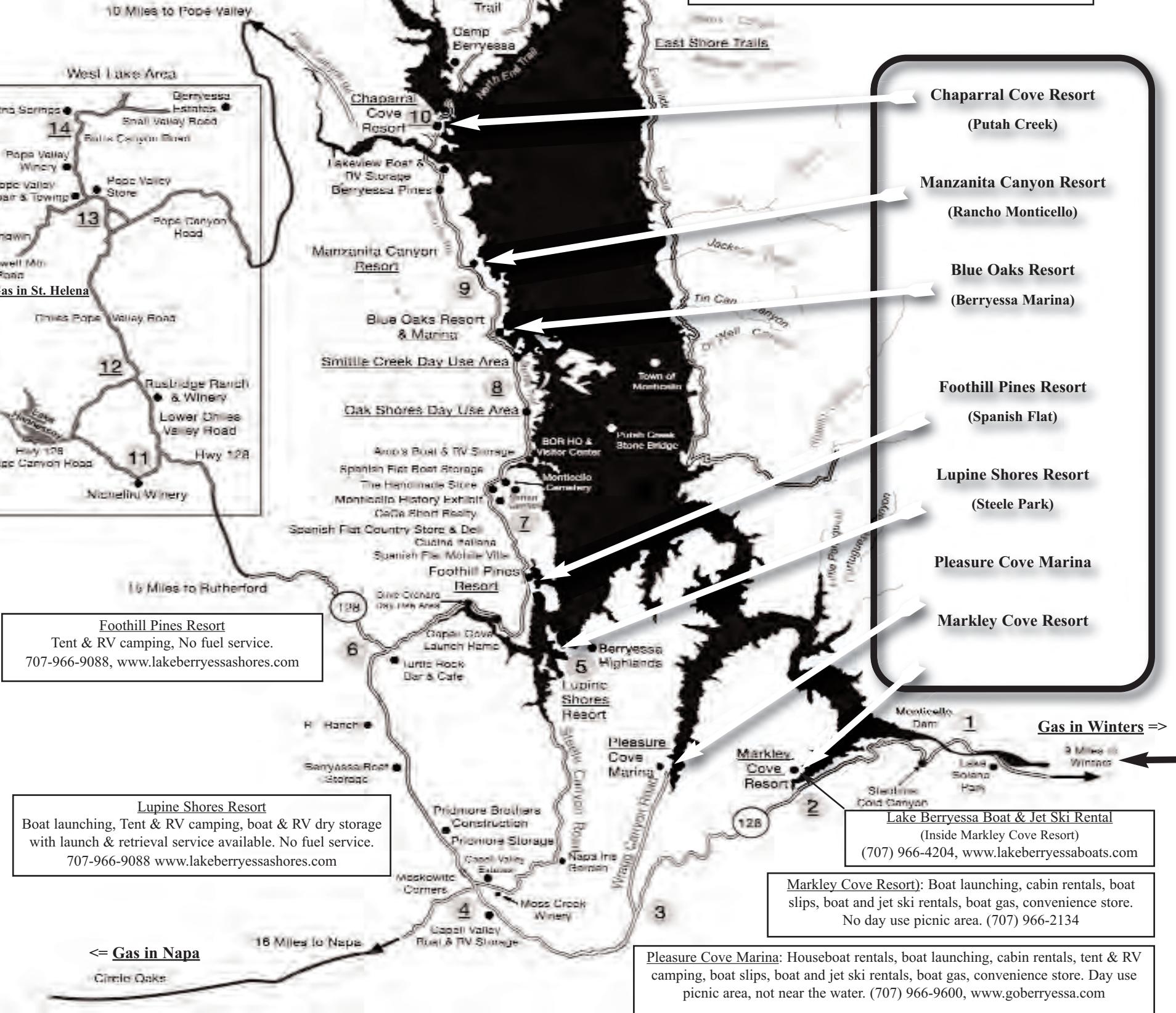
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**Memorial Day 2012 at Spanish Flat**

Another memorable Memorial Day this year! Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick, founder of the Monticello History Exhibit, organized another "old timers" get together starting at the Monticello Cemetery and moving to the Spanish Flat Village Center.

There was a slide show by Larry Gardner of the final days of the Town of Monticello for a crew of old timers and new timers which was followed by a video by the scuba divers of the Berryessa Bridges Project of the search for and discovery of the historic Putah Creek Big Stone Bridge. The video included descriptions and photos of the search.

There was some spectacular underwater video of diving to and through the bridge arches at 140 deep. The bridge looked beautiful with the divers' air bubbles flowing like mercury along the inside top of the arch.

Later there was a well-attended BBQ/Barn Dance at the Berryessa Senior Center. Carol was the professional photographer. That's her in the photo at the top right of this page with local veterans. She provided vintage costumes for some great photos in front of the old stage coach. See more photos on the Lake Berryessa News web site in the Memorial Day Berryessa photo album.

The whole day was a very special one for local residents and friends, especially those who had lived here before the dam was built. Below is Carol's heartfelt description of what this day meant to her:

"Yesterday, like every other Memorial Day, I went to the Monticello cemetery to get together with the families that came from Monticello and to honor the ones that have gone before us. And as I drove around the loop and saw all the cars, I got this wave of love that came over me...This day is like Christmas. It comes no matter what - good times and bad. It has been in the past just a few people and like yesterday a lot ...Some

that have never come or I never have met. And I feel like I am with my people. Because I am.

I grew up with all the stories about Monticello and there are so many more I will never hear. I wished time could stand still so I could have made that day last as long as I wanted...I looked around at one point to see if other people felt what I was feeling ...Then just when my buddy Wes comes up the loop road with the 300 pound Monticello school bell attached to his fork lift. He drove to the first group of people and we had Ed Poe come and ring the bell. It made the most beautiful sound..It echoed through the little valley like it was speaking to us all. It had not rung for 56 years and it had something to say.

My thoughts at that time were that I wish Murray were here. Then Wes took the bell to the McKenzies and Janice McKenzie rang the bell for her family. It made the sound again that echoed over all that lived in Monticello and buried in Monticello and then moved to Spanish Flat. At that time tears came to my eyes and wished that my Daddy and brother Ronnie and Grandpa could see. This was for them. I pulled myself together and realized my friend forever, Wes Plunkett, had gone to a lot of work and time to make this happen and as I type this my eyes are blurry with tears.. I am blessed to have such a good friend.

I had a lot of friends and family help with the exhibit yesterday, and they did it without me even asking. So what I learned yesterday is to always do and say what you feel and never let a day go by with out letting your friends know how much you love them because, just like yesterday, it is in the past - just a memory. We are making history every day ....I could not have asked for anything more."

Carol



Putah Creek Big Stone Bridge Discovery & Dive Team

Chris, Les, Gary, Laurie, Dave, Sharon, John (L to R)

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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
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## Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA Spells Disaster for Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa has been a unique family and boater destination for water recreation serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Metropolitan Area for more than 50 years, with as many as 2 million visitors annually. In the "new contract" process Bureau of Reclamation used nearly \$6M in stimulus funds to destroy \$40M in assets and infrastructures, in an effort to drive the water recreation public away. Now special interest organizations are trying to permanently lock-out water recreation. This great water recreation resource belongs to the public, seven concession areas use a total of 12 miles of the 165 miles of shoreline, of the 3 mile wide by 26 mile long lake. Lake Berryessa is second in size to Shasta Lake of California reservoirs.

The Bill before the House Committee on Appropriations "HR 5545: Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Act," represents special interest, fund seeking organizations, wanting to add yet another layer of governance, putting a dark umbrella across the massive lands of four counties with designated "conservation" as the number one priority. The lands, both

public and private, would all be subject to constraints and approvals of the governing body, which consists of a committee of eleven people – five of which are supervisors [government] – the others who support the BSMNCA goals.

The conservation area consists of approximately 319,300 acres of Federal land and interests in Federal land within Napa, Lake, Mendocino, and Yolo Counties. With "lands enshrined" by BSMNCA, they will be eliminated from having future potential. All public use

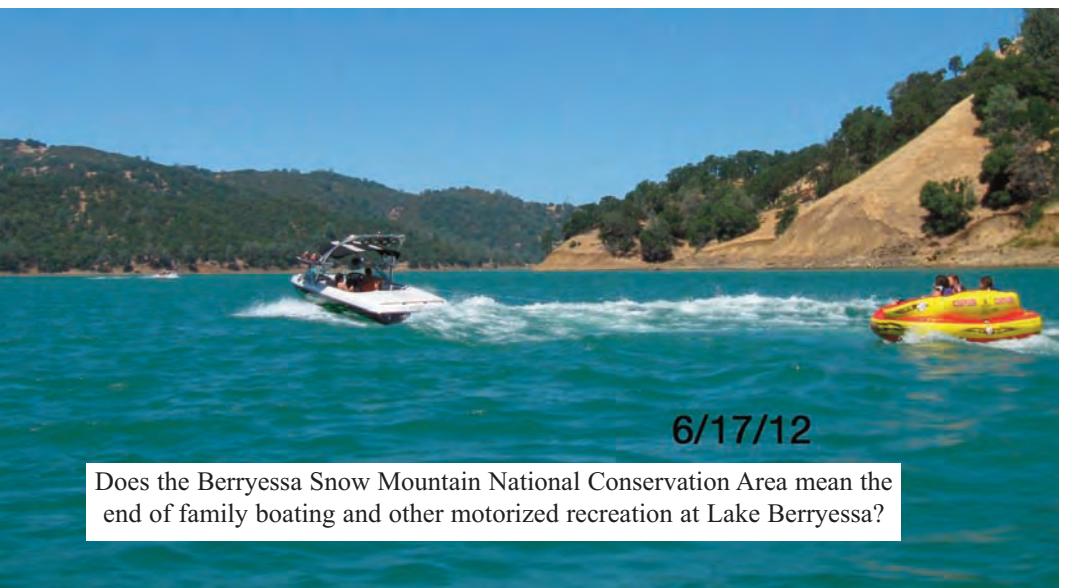
and recreation decisions would be the focus of new restrictions, if not elimination, including OHVs, horseback riding, hunting, grazing, mining and "unmanaged recreation." Any BSM short term projects will have little or no economic stimulus, alternately it will continually request funds to limit your freedom.

In a devious manner, the NCA map includes all the "land," around Lake Berryessa, essentially landlocking diverse recreation and motorboat access. Further,

subjecting the lake to the vision and goals of BSM; which does not include motorized boating, jet skis, water skiing, houseboats, fishing, and other water and/or destination recreation.

Stop Bill HR 5545. Support Lake Berryessa as a National Recreation Area / NRA.

Lucy White / Calistoga



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Does the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area mean the end of family boating and other motorized recreation at Lake Berryessa?

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## Lake Berryessa Conspiracy Thriller Summer Reading: HR 5545 - A Bill to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA

by Peter Kilkus

Regular readers know that the Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce strongly oppose creation of a Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA as a completely unnecessary waste of taxpayer money and government resources.

Now that the bill has been formally introduced in Congress and is publicly available, the language itself has increased the concerns of many in the local community. (See back page.)

The bill is relatively short and easy

to read. The language seems relatively benign. But it lays out the legal foundation to support significant restrictions of public access.

The Bureau of Reclamation

already shut down the Big Island Lagoon to motorized boats, even though it was a popular family resting spot and a quiet 5 MPH zone. Two well-known local exclusionists active in regional environmental groups proposed to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce that the whole lake north of Big Island become a non-motorized, non-alcohol zone.

Another simple alternative is to remove Lake Berryessa completely from the proposal: Redraw the Map!

When the Boards of Supervisors of Glenn and Colusa counties voted against supporting the previous NCA map they were removed from the NCA proposal. The Napa County supervisors would do Lake Berryessa a great service by voting to oppose the bill.

In an ironic twist to an NCA, the National Rifle Association was involved in the Gunnison Gorge NCA. They did not oppose it and were active stakeholder participants in developing its management plan. And what did they get?

The Pensus Group and Forever Resorts should be concerned about the impact of an NCA on their contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation and their future revenues. Reclamation has done nothing but stand in the way of future development at the lake. Why?

If an NCA passes, the Bureau of Land Management automatically takes over management of the NCA under the National Landscape Conservation System. Restrictions vary between conservation areas but generally motorized vehicle use is restricted.

Why is Congressman Mike Thompson so adamant (finally) that the BOR be removed from managing the lake and replacing them with the BLM? If he's sponsoring the NCA he should know that the BLM will take over automatically. To some people this whole charade is a sophisticated behind-the-scenes conspiracy to landlock the lake and eliminate motorized recreation.

Isn't that special...? Who could argue with such a nice applehood and mother pie statement? But stop and think about the underlying theme and who would be in control. He who controls the plans control the uses.

"The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational use of the conservation area, including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, hang gliding, sightseeing, nature study, horseback riding, mountain biking, rafting, motorized recreation on authorized routes, and other recreational activities, so long as such recreational use is consistent with the purposes of the conservation area, this section, other applicable law (including regulations), and applicable management plans."

I always suspect any environmental group that tries to use economic benefits (usually of a "rosy scenario" variety) as a reason to support their proposals. Concern for real people is typically not in their DNA. I know that sounds harsh, but in my experience, true. Tuleyome has been strongly pushing this economic benefit theme - that gateway communities will benefit from a flood of new visitors. This is simply not supported by the facts.

"The National Rifle Association has filed a letter protesting the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) final resource management plan for Ironwood Forest National Monument that will close the entire monument to recreational shooting.

The stated purpose of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area is to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natu-

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lic meetings and in written comments, but the BLM ignored the wishes of those who enjoy the historic and important recreational uses of these public lands. The BLM is justifying its decision to close shooters out of 128,000 acres of public land because it claims that shooting is a "resource-harming" activity.

The BLM has demonstrated from the beginning of the planning process that its intent was to ban recreational shooting in the Ironwood Forest National Monument. No amount of public engagement in support of recreational shooting altered the direction that BLM had decided in advance that it would go."

**Sound familiar, Lake Berryessa?**

## 2 Pensus-Reclamation: Latest Status

According to Pensus Vice-President, Jeremy Crotts, the recent talks between Pensus and Reclamation were aimed at finding a global settlement of their differences, ending the proposed termination, finding some organizational efficiencies and more streamlined processes from both sides.

"At Pensus, we believe that Pensus and Reclamation are headed in the right direction. For the public, operations will continue as normal while we work through these negotiations.

Pensus is determined to install wet slips as soon the remaining environmental and permitting issues can be resolved, which we are continuing to push forward. Be assured that Pensus is committed to promoting a safe, family-friendly atmosphere, supporting the surrounding communities, and providing a broad spectrum of recreation services at the Lake Berryessa."

### Berryessa Garbage Service Allowed to Raise Rates

As part of the fallout from the delayed redevelopment of Lake Berryessa's resorts, area residents and businesses will now pay higher rates for garbage service.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors approved a 14-percent rate hike for customers of the Berryessa Garbage Service (BGS). A double-digit rate increase is needed to help cover the loss of revenue from the resorts according to company owner Tom Gomez.

For most residential customers, the increase means an extra \$5 to \$12 a month for garbage service, or an extra \$60 to \$144 a year. For businesses with dumpsters, it figures to be an extra \$50 a month, and \$600 a year.

The rates have been rising since the resort closures. BGS hopes that this increase will stabilize rates while the resorts are redeveloped.

Before the supervisors voted on the increase, Stu Williams, a resident of Berryessa Highlands on the south end of the lake, spoke in support of the company, noting the rate increase is tantamount to supporting a local business struggling without revenue from the resorts.

Garbage rates will be raised 7 percent on July 1, and another 7 percent on Jan. 1. In the past, income from the resorts helped keep the rates down for other commercial and residential customers. These new increases puts Lake Berryessa's rates in line with garbage rates in other rural areas of Napa County.

For customers with 32- to 35-gallon waste bins, the monthly rates for weekly pickup, now \$28.80, goes to \$30.80 on July 1 and \$33 on Jan. 1. For a two-yard dumpster, that current rate is \$333.41 a month, rising to \$356.79 on July 1 and \$381.91 on Jan. 1.

By comparison, in the unincorporated Upvalley, the monthly rate for a 32- to 35-gallon bin is \$33.44, and \$359.74 for a dumpster.

During the last two years, Berryessa Garbage Service was able to benefit from a one-time source of revenue through a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for debris removal at the resorts. That work is set to wrap up this year. Berryessa Garbage Service is providing garbage and recycling bins to Pensus, but the level of service the resorts will need in the next several years is unclear.

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### CIFFI Releases Large Trout from Markley Cove Pens

California Inland Fisheries Foundation Inc. was chartered in 1992 by a small group of involved individuals desiring to improve the fisheries and created the first co-operative venture in fisheries improvement, and entered into a partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game. One major ongoing project has been Project Rainbow Trout at Markley Cove, Lake Berryessa.

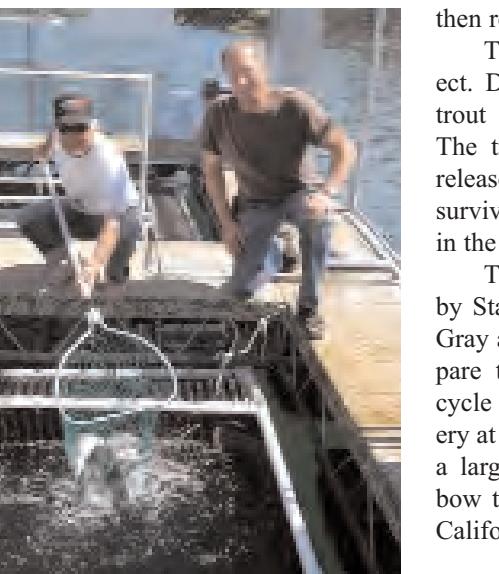
Berryessa Garbage Service projects that revenues would be 24 percent lower this year than what it needs to cover costs and produce a profit, according to a Napa County staff report.

Once in full operation, these pens hold 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.

According to Dennis Lee, Senior Fisheries Biologist with the DFG at that time, the penned rainbows will get a growth jump on early season planters. It is imperative for survival that these smaller fish learn to feed on the lake's naturally developing minnows, baitfish, and aquatic insect life. The small fry remain in the pens for approximately four to five months, being fed several times a day by volunteers from CIFFI and Markley Cove Resort.

In this manner, the fry will thrive and grow and gain an understanding of what natural foods they can dine on as well. This knowledge will give them a distinct advantage over the rainbows planted in the lake each spring. Planter fish are fed pellets at hatcheries and, once they enter lakes, have a difficult time finding and feeding on enough food sources to build sufficient fat reserves to make it through the winter months. After 8 plus years of having these pens, these pen-raised fish have grown to a larger size by spring and are able to utilize the lake's huge population of natural food sources better than the smaller planter-sized fish.

Simply put, planter trout have mouths that are too small to attach and swallow the lake's minnows. Biological studies have proven that pen projects work and anticipation is high for a greater number of holdover sized fish in future years. This may offer anglers the trophy-sized trout



## Event Calendar

June 30 – Saturday: Napa's Wine Country Tractor & Truck Pull at the Napa Valley Expo. The best family event of the year is back! Grab your kids and neighbors and join in the rip roaring fun !!! 11am, Free Custom and Classic Car Show; 3pm, Kiddie Pull; 5pm, Tractor & Truck Pull Competition - first pull. Local competition too! Live Music by Clayton Andrade, Food, Beer & Wine. A benefit for: Napa County Farm Bureau, Young Farmers & Ranchers, Napa and St. Helena FFA, and Napa County 4-H clubs. Purchase your tickets online: [www.winecountrytractorpull.com](http://www.winecountrytractorpull.com), 707-224-5403

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association's 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran's Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. Diane Viodes, [Dviodes@alssac.org](mailto:Dviodes@alssac.org) (916) 979-9265. [www.ridetodefatsals.org](http://www.ridetodefatsals.org) or [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org) The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The California Chapters of The ALS Association

July 21 - Saturday: Senior Center Casino Night. Free pasta dinner and big raffle. 5:30 - 10 PM. 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](mailto:pumpkinridge@ymail.com).

2011 Berryessa History Calendar Now Available. Printed by the Berryessa Senior Center with great historical photos. Available at the Monticello 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](mailto:PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net) or call 415-307-6906.

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 6/18/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.56 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 11.75 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/4/12	429.31	0.31	90	54	0.00
6/5/12	429.24	0.10	68	45	0.04
6/6/12	429.13	0.20	71	46	0.00
6/7/12	429.08	0.23	81	51	0.00
6/8/12	428.99	0.26	87	50	0.00
6/9/12	428.86	0.29	84	48	0.00
6/10/12	428.79	0.32	81	53	0.00
6/11/12	428.73	0.28	90	52	0.00
6/12/12	428.65	0.26	97	54	0.00
6/13/12	428.57	0.29	98	58	0.00
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### Grandfather's Advice Pretty Bad For Someone Who's Lived That Long

NORTH AUGUSTA, SC—According to household sources, the Sederquest family was astounded by the glut of terrible advice offered Sunday by grandfather Bill Sederquest, with several younger members marveling at the fact that someone who has been alive since 1937 could have so little wisdom to offer. "He kept telling me I didn't have to be in love to get married, saying that as soon as I settled down with a woman and started having kids, I'd just get used to it," said 17-year-old grandson Cody, whose grandfather also told him it was important to drive everywhere, as it would show people he was able to afford a nice car and gasoline. "I know I'm supposed to be respectful, but I have no idea how to respond when he tells me that if a guy's giving me trouble, I should punch him in the back of the head when he's not looking." Family members said they were also dismayed to learn that grandmother Eileen plans to pass her awful recipes down to the next generation.

### Man On Verge Of Self-Realization Instead Turns To God

AUSTIN, TX—A major existential breakthrough was averted Friday when, moments before he had a realization of monumental personal significance, 29-year-old local resident Darrell Gatsas instead turned to God. "He was so, so close to discovering something truly fundamental about himself and his place in the universe, but nope—he went with God," close friend Peter Rankin, 27, said. "For a second there it seemed like he was going to seriously consider the cause-and-effect relationship of his own actions and elevate himself to a new level of compassion and understanding, but then he suddenly changed course and asked God to swoop in and fix everything." Reached for comment, God chuckled to reporters that Gatsas is, indeed, a real piece of work.

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Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

There are two kinds of people who don't say much: those who are quiet and those who talk a lot.

I always try to go the extra mile at work, but my boss always finds me and brings me back.

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## Lake Berryessa: California Houseboat Vacation Jewel

By Cary Ordway

You've got kids – lots of kids – and you're wondering how you're going to fit them into that resort condo unit. You also wonder how you're going to keep them all happy and, maybe most important, how you're going to be able to get away from them. Even the most devoted parent, now and then, needs to de-compress.

The answer: a really big houseboat. Being confined to a boat might not immediately top your list of good things to do with large numbers of kids. But if our recent experiment is any indication, the houseboat thing really does work.

So just how many kids are we talking about here? In our case, a total of eight: our grade-school age daughter and our grown-up daughter's seven kids, ages 1 through 13. Figure in three adults and you can see that planning for this trip would be only slightly less complex than the Normandy invasion.

If you haven't rented a houseboat before, the first thing to understand is that these boats are far bigger and more spacious than regular boats. In our first houseboat articles we used to compare them to waterborne RV's, but the truth is houseboats nowadays are much bigger than even the most spacious RV's. On this particular trip to Northern California's Lake Berryessa, we rented a 70-foot Millenium – which is to a small power boat what a 747 is to a Cessna 150.

The 70-foot Millennium features a kind of great room in the front salon along with a large dining table and chairs. There is a breakfast counter and fully equipped kitchen along with four private bedrooms, six queen beds, two full baths, a wet bar, sun canopy and a hot tub on the top deck. Like most houseboat rentals, this also featured a waterslide on the top deck that kids find irresistible.

The setting for our experiment – Lake Berryessa – is less than an hour's drive east from Napa, and shares with the Napa Valley a landscape of sun-drenched scenery that is as pretty as anyplace you'll find in California. The wooded hills, forests and country roads in this part of the state are perfect for enchanting Sunday drives or picnics or hikes.

Adding to that is the 23-mile-long Lake Berryessa, a turquoise jewel that is as practical as it is scenic. This man-made lake is actually a reservoir known for excellent fishing and warm summer temperatures that make it ideal for swimming and other water sports.

Endless water recreation is one reason houseboats work for large families. It's not like you're crammed into a boat for your entire vacation – the boat is just a place to hang while you're putting meals together or watching a movie on the elaborate satellite wall-mounted television. When you are beached, the water in that particular cove is now your swimming pool and a pretty big one at that. More than likely, you'll find trails from your beach leading to hours of fun hikes and exploration, another activity that will keep the kids occupied and completely engrossed in what they're doing.

With a houseboat, you can be as stationary or mobile as you want to be. We've done houseboat trips where we

spent hours each day cruising and then found a new beach mid-afternoon to explore and settle in for the night. On our Lake Berryessa trip, we found the kids especially enjoyed the shore activities, so we kept our cruising to a minimum and set up camp sometimes two nights in a row in the same location. The point is, you can do whatever you want to do – there is no itinerary to keep, no deadlines to worry about. Just go where the spirit takes you.

It will come as no surprise to parents that kids can have a lot of pent up energy when they're confined too long to one area – so spending a lot of our time on the beach solved this particular problem. But even that was not a big problem due to the size and design of the Millenium. The upper deck is so large that it was the perfect place to send the older kids to burn off their energy, leaving the main salon in relative silence as we cruised the Berryessa shoreline enjoying the coastal scenery.

The kids loved it all and looked forward to new spots to explore with every new beach we visited. Each new cove – and there are many on Lake Berryessa – was like a new Robinson Crusoe adventure. It all added up to a vacation the kids will long remember and one they say they can't wait to do again.

### Safe Boating Quiz

Do you have what it takes to be a safe boater? Test your safe boating IQ with this boater safety quiz! These simple true or false questions below are a handy review of some key safe boating rules.

1. True or False: If my boat doesn't contain any fire hazards from the motor or fuel system, then according to Federal requirements, I don't need to bring a fire extinguisher along.

Answer: True. A fire extinguisher is only required on boats where elements such as a motor or fuel system create a distinct fire hazard. However, general safe boating guidelines will always suggest that you stow a fire extinguisher on the boat just in case.

2. True or False: Children younger than 13 years old should wear a life jacket while underway.

Answer: True. This is now a legal requirement for all Federal waterways and many states have also passed legislation to make this a requirement for non-Federal waterways as well. Showing your kids the ropes for safe boating also means ensuring they're adequately protected in the event of any emergency.

3. True or False: If someone falls overboard, the first thing you should do is jump in right away to assist them.

Answer: False. Jumping overboard to rescue someone should only be used as a last resort. Safe boating requires that the first thing you do is to REACH for the person, using either your arm or something nearby that they can grab onto. If you're more than an arm's length away, the next option is to THROW them an inflatable, floatable device. If you aren't close enough to reach or throw something, the next step is to ROW closer until you are. Only go in after someone as a last resort, and only if you are a strong swimmer with experience in lifesaving. Otherwise,

you could end up having two men overboard instead of just one.

4. True or False: A dock or slip should be always approached at clutch speed.

Answer: True. A safe boater always operates at a reasonable speed at all times, especially in crowded waterways or near docks and slips. Safe boating requires you to always be in control of your watercraft, taking the time to perform all maneuvers with adequate precision.

5. True or False: 25% of all boating accidents involve a personal watercraft that was borrowed.

Answer: False. The number is actually much higher; at more than 50%. Before loaning your boat to anyone, make sure they are familiar with the all operational rules for safe handling of your boat in particular. You may even find it helpful to create a safe boating guide full of tips and instructions to keep onboard your watercraft.

6. True or False: Boats that are 16 feet and over must also carry one USCG-approved throwable Lifejacket (Type IV)

Answer: True. Additionally, Federal safe boating requirements maintain that all watercraft must contain at least one USCG (United States Coast Guard) approved, wearable Lifejacket (Types I-III) for every person onboard, but it's good to have a few extras on hand as well.

7. True or False: If a boat is overturned or swamped, abandon the boat and use your Lifejacket for flotation.

Answer: False. If a boat is overturned or swamped, but not sinking, you can still use it to support your body and save energy. Removing as much of your body from the water as possible can also help prevent hypothermia.

8. True or False: I have family visiting and we will be going over recommended capacity by just one person. This shouldn't be a problem for safe boating, right?

Answer: False. It can be a fatal mistake to overload your boat. To ensure boater safety for everyone on board, be sure to check your boat's capacity plate to see what the maximum number of people or carrying weight in pounds is.

9. True or False: It's okay if others drink when onboard, as long as there is one responsible safe boater onboard to safely handle the watercraft.

Answer: False. Over half of all boating-related drowning incidents involve the use of alcohol, and many times the injured person is not the skipper or designated safe boater. Practice safe boating at all times by restricting use of alcohol to everyone on board – not just a few people.

10. The S.A.F.E. Boating principles stand for: Sober Boating, Alertness, Fasten Lifejackets, and Education.

Answer: True. A handy safe boating guide to keep in mind at all times, the four SAFE Boating principles above help to ensure boater safety on a variety of levels. Always be sober; always be alert, always use lifejackets when required, and last but not least, be sure to take the time to invest in an educational boater safety course.

## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer

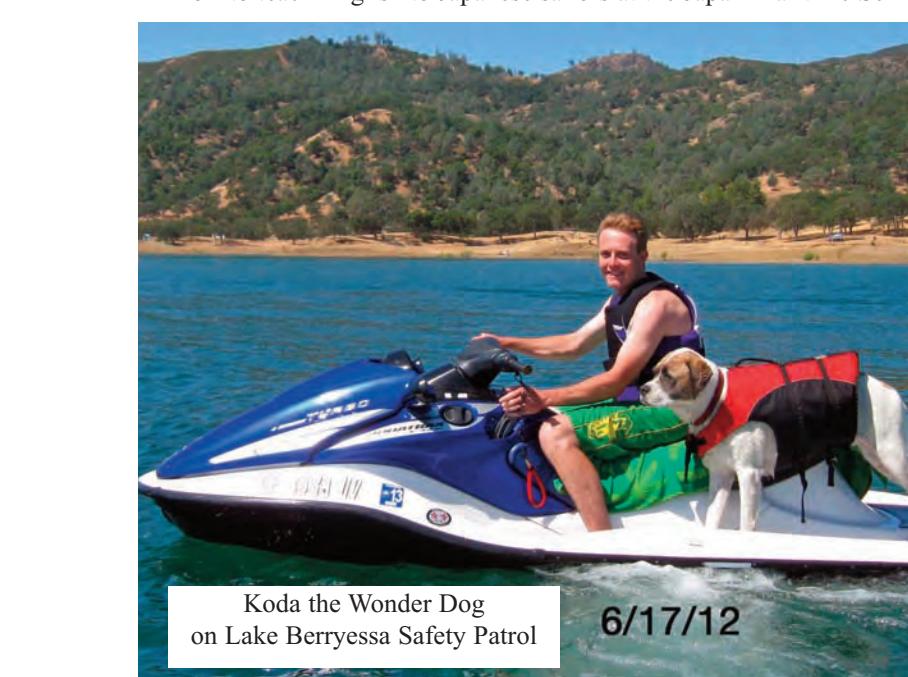


Bill and Karla are coming home to Lake Berryessa from Japan next week for awhile. They've got their lake summer clothes and a guitar. What more do they need? Bill and Karla have had many adventures in Japan, not the least of which was Karla's experience of the great earthquake and tsunami. Bill has been trying out for acting jobs in commercials, playing music on aircraft carriers, and teaching English. Follow their exploits on Facebook. Here are a couple of excerpts:

"I played with a Japanese country band in a club that was in a dentist office in Zushi - Cowboy Good Times Bar."

"I had a great day teaching the kids English. Sometimes I feel like I'm in a remake of The Sound Of Music. Except it's Japanese kids and instead of Julie Andrews playing the guitar it's me playing the Ukelele."

"I'm off to teach English to Japanese sailors at the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force school."



Koda the Wonder Dog  
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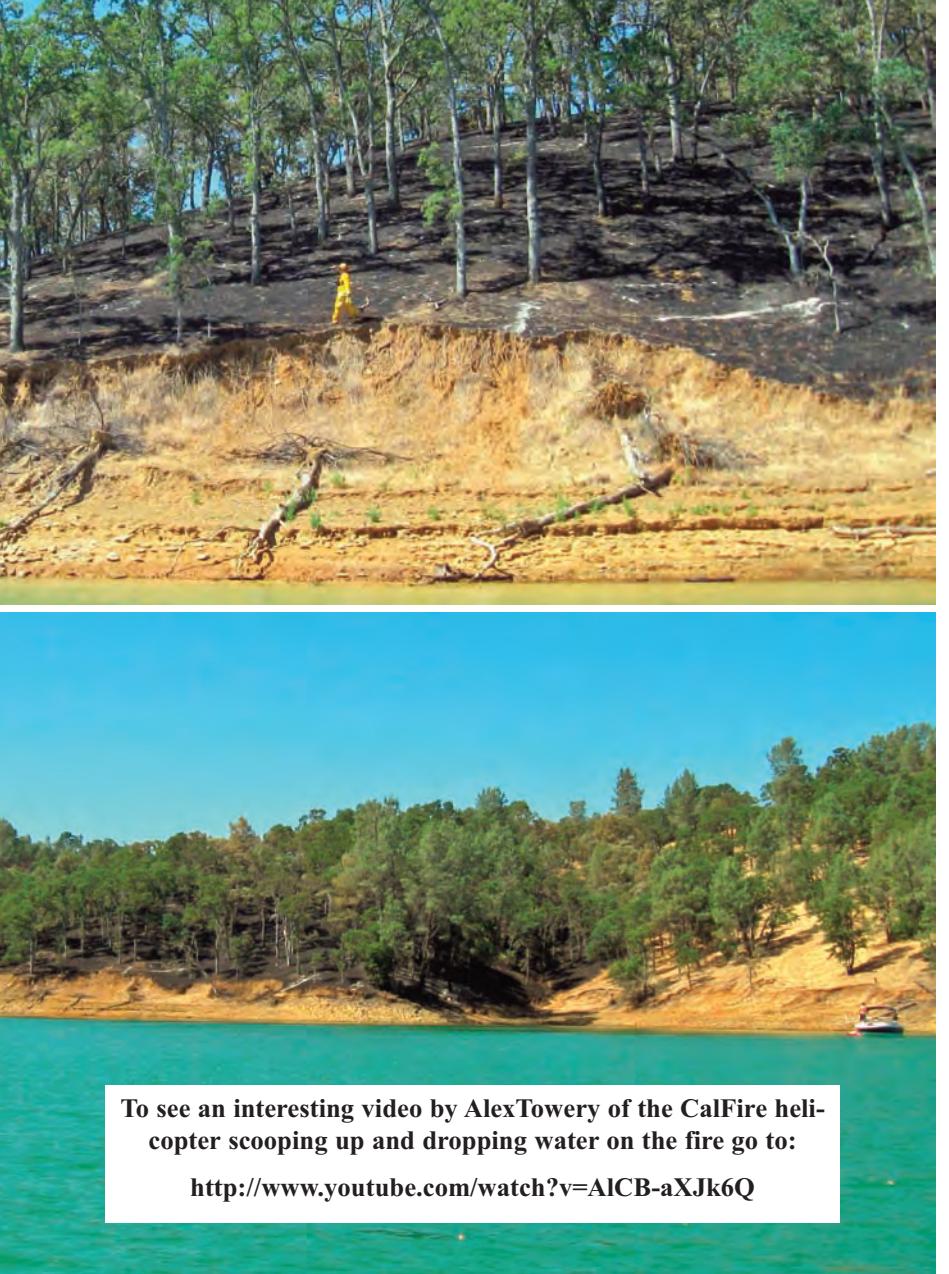
## Summer Fire Danger is Real!

As many of you heard or saw, there was a small grass fire that started on the shores of Lake Berryessa again this weekend. Did you know that it started only 1 mile from the Berryessa Highlands neighborhood, and it was heading our way? Fortunately there was almost no wind, so CAL FIRE contained it in a few hours at a few acres. Otherwise the Highlands neighborhood would have had to test out their new Highlands Fire Safe Council-provided defensible space.

It should go without saying (so pass this note on to a friend who might not know)... If you are recreating at Lake Berryessa, please only use your BBQ or light a campfire in approved locations, and when weather conditions are safe. If you live up here, allow this to be a reminder that shoreline fires happen... and if the wind blows the fire your way, make sure your home is defensible from a fire. Have a safe and fun summer!



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If a boater installs the free bilge pad given with the survey, they also receive a free gift, such as a ski flag, t-shirt, spf chap stick, or steel water bottle. These surveys assist boaters to engage in clean boating habits and give back to the lake they enjoy.

While most of our time is spent at launch ramps talking to boaters, we also visit Oak Shores and other day use sites with Bilgee, our bilge pad mascot. Since Lake Berryessa has many swimmers and picnickers, public education becomes important in encouraging individual ways to keep the lake clean.



Hello! Our names are Alisa Kim and Sabrina Colias, and we are the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership summer interns. We are working in tandem for the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership to educate boaters on invasive mussels and bilge pads.

We will be at the lake all summer on the weekends and holidays. Our main goal is to keep Lake Berryessa clean since it is used not only for recreation, but for irrigation and even as a drinking source!

We conduct surveys at the boat launch ramps to make sure everyone is aware of the invasive zebra and quagga mussels which infest freshwater lakes. These mussels, while seemingly harmless, can not only reduce fish populations but make the shores dangerous with their sharp shells and can clog pipes and water treatment facilities.

Although Lake Berryessa is not currently infested, education about the invasive mussels is important to prevent their introduction since once they touch the water, they are near impossible to remove and the recreation at the lake could close down!

Since the infestation in the east coast, some Southern California lakes, and the finding of the mussels in San Justo Reservoir, about an hour south of San Jose, prevention through education has been ramped up, and we are helping to ensure they do not enter Lake Berryessa!

Another survey we conduct is a boater survey, which informs boaters about clean boating practices. We provide eager participants with boater kits from the California Coastal Commission and Department of Clean Boating & Waterways, which includes helpful boating information as well as a free bilge pad!

A bilge pad is an absorbent pillow which is zip-tied in the bilge compartment found on inboard boats. It absorbs oil while repelling water and can last the entire boating season provided there are no leaks or spills. While very easy to obtain and install (they are available for free from us, the blue containers at most resorts and marinas), they serve an important purpose in keeping the lake clean and free of harmful oil.

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A Solano County Water Agency Intern We Missed in the Last Issue

My name is Lauren Davini and I am a student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. I am on my school's triathlon team and I love to be outdoors as much as possible!



## Alerts To Threats In 2012 Europe

by John Cleese (of Monty Python fame)

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Syria and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get The Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbor" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.

John Cleese - British writer, actor and tall person

A final thought - "Greece is collapsing, the Iranians are getting aggressive, and Rome is in disarray. Welcome back to 430 BC."

## Product Placement - Lake Berryessa News Style

by Peter Kilkus

With so many personal digital video recorders (DVRs) in use, most of us just fast forward through commercials. So television advertisers are looking for new ways to make you watch their commercials or force you to see their products.

When a company pays for its product to be featured in a movie or a television show to increase brand awareness, it's called product placement. This form of advertising has been around almost as long as movies and television shows themselves, and has long been a secondary source of income for networks and content producers. When factoring in commercial-skipping technology such as DVR and on-demand programming, product placement becomes even more attractive for advertisers.

A few years ago my friends Jim and Susan at Rustridge Ranch and Winery paid several thousands of dollars to have a bottle of their Racehorse Red wine used in a dinner scene of a movie. The bottle was only shown for several seconds and it was unclear how much of an effect it had on Rustridge sales.

Since we are a small community, I usually try to feature my advertisers in a story from time to time. So far this story has been a product placement for Rustridge. But look at the top right corner of this page: Fresh Chicken and Duck eggs for sale!

When Brenda called me with this ad it set off a chain of memories about the best eggs I ever had. We lived in Point Reyes on a small rural road above town. We had a couple of horses and a pony for my wife and kids. I even learned to ride English saddle and we often took horseback trips into the Point Reyes National Seashore.

We bred and raised an Arabian colt. That's one of my connections to Rustridge. In the next issue I'll do a story about the new Rustridge colt who had a sad beginning but is now a miracle baby.

Back to eggs, but first the cat lady. Our neighbor across the road was one of those classic oddities - a sweet old lady with more than a dozen cats. She was elderly and gray and strange - looked a bit like a portly witch. She was very friendly but reclusive. She loved my kids and we all got along well.

She also had at least as many chickens as cats, and they roamed as freely as the cats. Since we had horses there was a lot of hay and straw around our house and small stable. The chickens ran around our yard and pasture eating all the natural stuff - they kept our pesky earwig population down. And we'd find eggs all around our property - in our planter box, next to the feed trough, in the stable straw.

These were the best eggs I've ever eaten. Rich golden yolks and great flavor (earwig spice?). For the kids it was like an Easter egg hunt every day! I can only assume that Brenda's eggs may be of the same quality. You should call her for some.

Product placement in stories in the Lake Berryessa News is free (although you have to pay for the ads). Send me an interesting story the way Nichelini Winery does from time to time. Or tweak my memory like Brenda's eggs and let me ramble on. As loyal readers of the Lake Berryessa News, the most important thing you can do is support my advertisers. Thanks.

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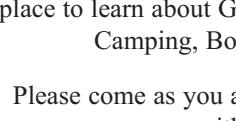
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## Presidential Fitness Test Now Awarded To Any Kid Who Can Eat Without Sweating



WASHINGTON—Finally conceding it is unrealistic to expect today's children to complete a pull-up, run a mile, or touch their toes, the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition announced Tuesday the new standard for winning its award would be the ability to eat a meal without breaking a sweat. "In our revised physical fitness test, a meal is placed in front of a child, and the longer he or she is able to eat without wheezing or needing to lie down, the higher the score," said executive director Shellie Pfohl, adding that children who complete the meal in the fastest amount time without shifting around in their seat to make their pants fit more comfortably will be eligible for the top medal.

"We want our kids to set more pragmatic, real-world goals for themselves, and being able to run back and forth across a basketball court one time is no longer realistic." At press time, elementary school student Henry Walters was on his fourth helping of mashed potatoes as his obese classmates cheered for him to keep going.

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## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You'll finally get around to catching up on your reading just as the men in lab coats resume their midnight visits and mess it all up again.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, but then again, when isn't it for the world's most deranged taco truck driver?

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Your death next week will seem inexplicable until people remember the ill-advised 1985 "cross your heart and hope to die" pledge you made to be best friends with Jenny Bosben.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your fear of public speaking won't be helped by your habit of saying things that make large groups of people want to attack you.

Leo (July 23-August 22): It is written that you will wield a sword of light and unite the world under your wise and compassionate rule, but hey, when you get right down to it, lots of dumb stuff has been written.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): This is a terrible time to start new phases of your life, especially those that involve eating whole frozen Pepperidge Farm chocolate cakes before they even have time to defrost.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Due to unusual and convoluted circumstances too involved to go into here, you'll spend the next three years imprisoned in an aging 1960s girl group.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Beware: Time is running out to order Girl Scout cookies from Hazel so that she can earn the stuffed penguin—and already, Thin Mints may be unavailable..

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Though you've been trying to find yourself for decades, you'll be disappointed to tears when you find yourself living in Flagstaff and working at a screen-door factory.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Remember, only you can make yourself feel bad, but it's important to let people know how much you appreciate their help with it.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Decide to make the world a better place this week, but not before making sure your stuff goes to the right charities and surviving friends.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll be taken completely by surprise when the Maritime Administration declares you a derelict hulk and has you broken up for scrap.

## Ag Land Values in Napa Stay High

What's the difference between an acre of a Napa Valley vineyard and an acre of a Sonoma Valley vineyard? About \$100,000, depending on the exact location of those vines. Napa Valley vineyard land is a rare commodity, said Rob McMillan, executive vice president and founder of the wine division of Silicon Valley Bank. "It trades more like diamonds than ag land."

One acre of "prime" area vineyards is valued at between \$225,000 and \$300,000, according to a new report on 2011 agricultural land and lease values by the California chapter of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

"That's ground zero for making wine," said Hal Forcey, accredited rural appraiser with American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. "That's where everybody wants to be."

"Secondary" area vineyards can sell for up to \$165,000 an acre, the report noted.

To compare, vineyard land in Sonoma County has values per acre of between \$60,000 to \$140,000. Mendocino vineyard acreage has values from \$14,000 to \$75,000 an acre.

Last year was a banner sales year in Napa County, said the land values report. Sales and values were strong, with a number of vineyard, winery, and estate properties trading hands. These sales were fueled by the presence of local and international investors, plus a marked increase in lifestyle buyers, the report said.

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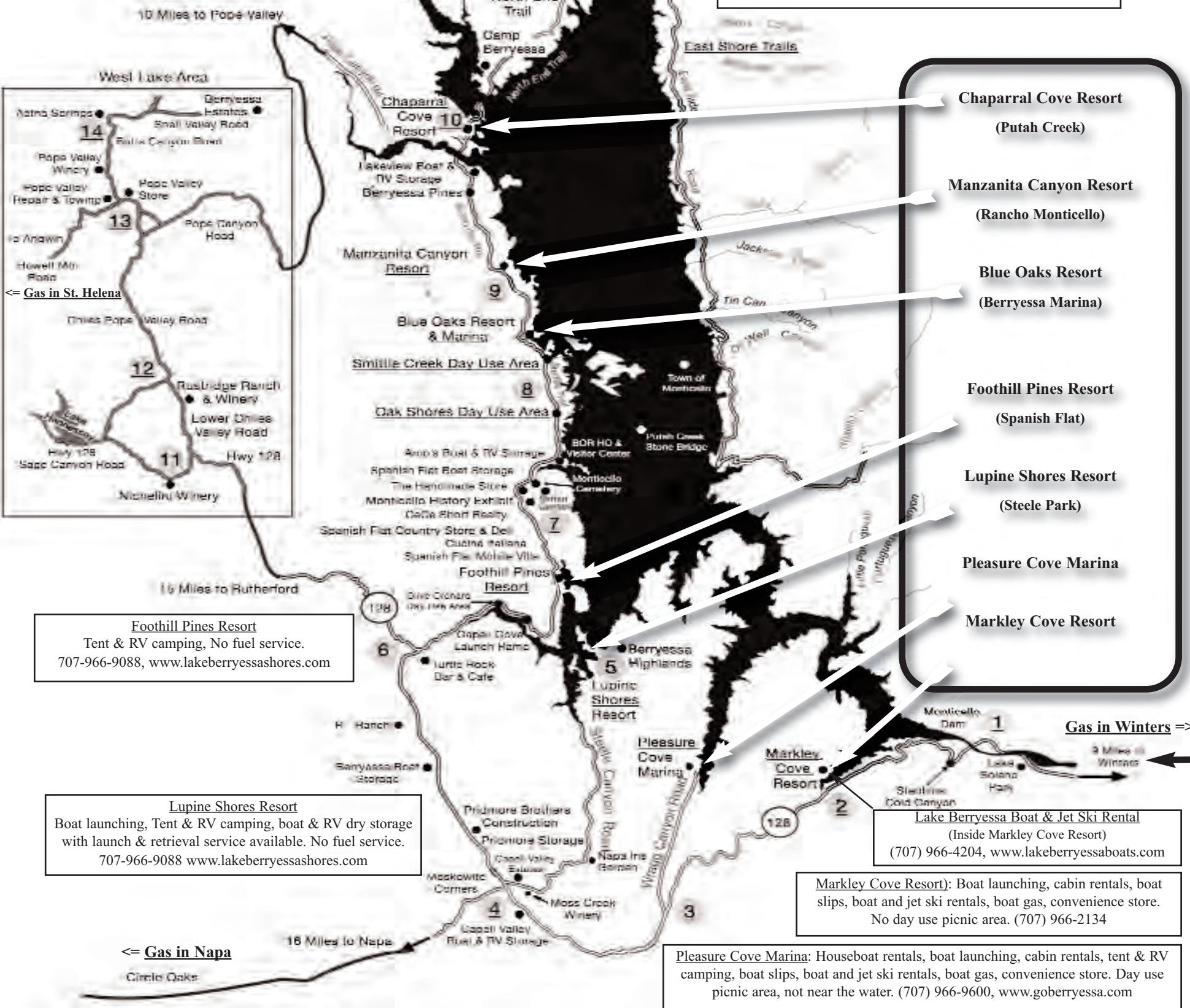
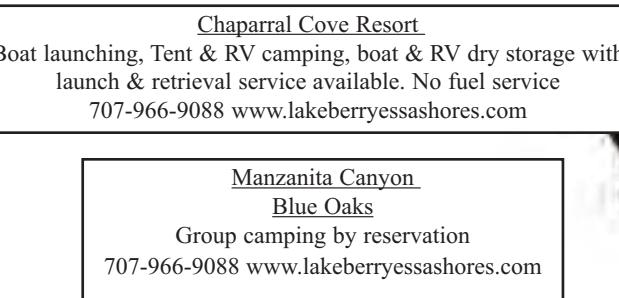
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**Fishing with Sid (and Bajabev)**

By Sid Silberberg

This past Saturday, June 16, I took "Bajabev" out for the day. It was her first Lake Berryessa experience and I wanted it to be a memorable one. We headed towards the narrows first and the water was pretty calm. Her first catch was a toss up which one was bigger the lure or the fish but from then on the bite was on and the fish were all quality. Bev wanted to try catching as many different species of fish that the lake offered and we came close. She caught largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass along with trout and even a squawfish. Beverly Seltzer (a.k.a. "Bajabev") is a retired commercial fisherman, life-long sportfishing enthusiast and author of the book *The Lady and the Lingcod*. [www.bajabev.com](http://www.bajabev.com)

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While it is largely a fact that I have saltwater in my veins the winds have stirred up the salt pond for most of the last month, so I made a phone call to a special friend who knows all about freshwater fishing and said, "Next time you have an opportunity to squeeze me in, let me know." Sidney Silberberg is the special friend and today was my lucky day.

Lake Berryessa is a couple hours from me and yet I've never fished it but not to worry, Sid knows the place like the back of his hand. I met him at one of the launch ramps on the south end of the lake where he already had his fully loaded Lund in the water. I was prepared to see the freshwater version of a "Tred Barta porcupine" when he told me the number of rods he was bringing. Let's just say he's got everything covered! I was allowed to bring up to three sticks myself but I chose the two staples I own... A Fenwick trout rod/Penn 420 SS (coffee grinder) and a Penn Pursuit/Abu

We found a nice area to drift using the senko technique and I also tried casting a couple of topwater lures. The next time we

Garcia Ambassador 4600 C3 (level wind), both sporting fresh line.

hooked up I told Sidney to bring one in since I had lost a bass earlier. He let me net the fish which was a nice largemouth bass around 4 pounds. Throughout the rest of the afternoon we scoped out areas hiding bass and I learned a lot about the structure that they prefer at different times; during the day-to-day and over their lifecycle.

Sid started us off by trolling and I took notes of the various lures, depths and water conditions. It wasn't long before we had a bass attack and I cranked the feisty golden-hued fish to the boat. A very respectable 2 to 3 pound smallmouth bass got deposited into one of the forward live well. He was soon joined by a 2 pound rainbow trout. Another bass followed before we decided to run a short ways to another spot.

A nice breeze picked up just as I had discarded my T-shirt, bringing enough relief from the heat to get by with my performance shirt. Since I had caught a few fish on Sidney's gear I decided the put my trout rod out and troll with it a bit. It was promptly bit and whatever hit it started to take line. "It" turned out to be a great fight and I landed my first ever squawfish which was around 4 1/2 pounds. I followed it up with another trout.

With a light chop on the lake we headed for the opposite side to get some protection and take a break to hang out with Sid's family on a patio pontoon boat. We snapped a few pictures of some of the catch so far and tossed a couple of lines out to check for catfish. After a quick hamburger and beer we cooled off with a dunk in the lake and then I got schooled in the fine art of using a senko from the shoreline. I practiced for a few minutes before we headed back out.

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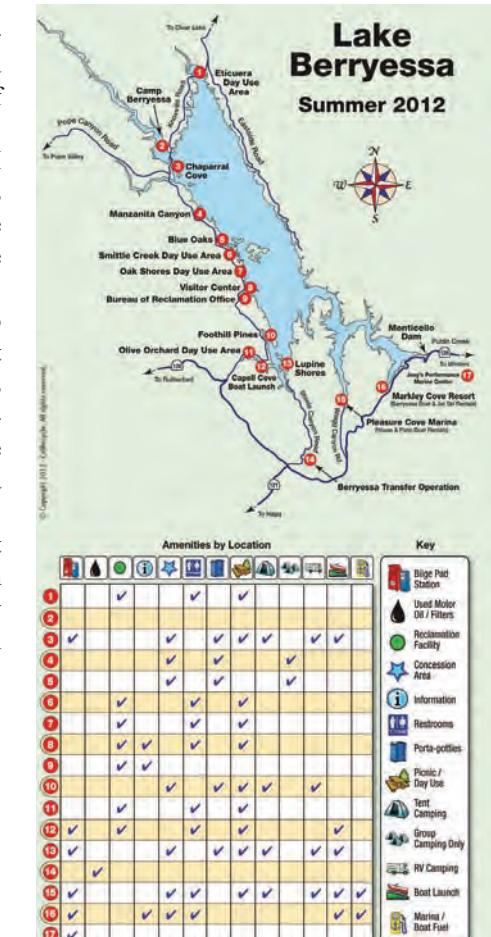
In one small cove I had a huge take-down and fought the biggest bass I'd encountered, so far, to within five feet of the net before it leaped and spit the hook. Sid figured it was a 6 pound class fish. I was really starting to enjoy fighting bass and I wanted another shot at a big one. We paused to dunk ourselves again before moving on.

Well when you're fishing with a pro lightning can strike more than once! A short while later I got to fight an even bigger bass around 8 pounds, but alas it too found freedom before the net. Sidney took it in stride but I know we both would have loved a photo op with both of those largemouths!

It was a pleasure not only fishing but getting to experience a fantastic lake with plenty of wildlife. Sid pointed out osprey and bald eagle nests, grebes, Canadian geese and we saw plenty of deer as well.



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## Punny or Not, Here They Come!

The ability to make and understand puns is considered to be the highest level of language development. Here are the winners in the International Pun Contest:

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carion allowed per passenger."

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, dude, this is so bad, it's good..) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

## I Can Read It! Can You?

If you can read this, you have a strange mind too. Can you read this? Only some people can. I could not believe that I could actually understand what was written.

The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a researcher at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and

Hugh can prevent florist friars.

The set can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem.

This because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Azamig huh? yeah and I always thought spelling was important!

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A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night... It was her turn. She rolled the dice and landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?'

She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

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July 11, 2012

## The Lake Berryessa Senior Center A Community Resource for All Since 1984!

by Peter Kilkus

So how can we translate philosophy into action at Lake Berryessa? Through the Lake Berryessa Senior Center - a key community resource that offers a broad range of social activities and support services. And this energetic group of Berryessa residents is redefining the definition of senior, not only because you only have to be 50 to join, but because of their positive attitude towards community action. As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join the more active things there'll be to do.

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

They laid the groundwork in 1983, originally meeting with a talented group of people at Moskowitz Corners, to create the bylaws and structure. Seventy people showed up for that original meeting! The membership age was set at 55, now lowered to 50, since they wanted members who were young enough to have energy and who realized that the Center would be an investment in their own future.

The Center was incorporated as an independent, rather than County-run, Center to avoid becoming involved in bureaucracy. A \$293,000 State development grant helped build the Center, but all other financing was done through fund-raisers. The Senior Center opened in 1984 and has been a cornerstone of the community since.

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

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

They camped out on their land when the family came to the lake. Their place originally had no electricity. After a day of strenuous water fun they used kerosene lanterns for light and barbecued their supper. Other couples bought land at the same time and they would often get together to party all weekend. (Sound familiar?) Betty said they had a really great time! (Note to non-seniors: Just because you're younger than we are doesn't mean you can party any more hardy!)

You don't have to be a "senior" to join the organization, unless you believe "50" is being a senior. If you have a good time at the Casino Night, please join us for real. Dues are just \$20 a year for those 50 and older. I mentioned once that I just don't feel like a "senior" and Betty Pedersen, 80-something, a co-founder of the Center 25 years ago, jumped right in with "Neither do I!"

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These Are Ongoing Activities At The

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Berryessa Senior Center

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Bingo at 1:00PM until 4:00PM

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Coverall last game (Progressive). Cost

(#of Cards) varies from \$6.00 to \$24.00

for 15 game pack. Daubers are fur-

nished for free.

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Stretching Exercise Classes are

before Bingo on Mondays. On the first

Monday of each month there is a

Potluck lunch.

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Ceramics And Crafts - Painting,

etc. is done on Fridays from 2:30 to

4:30PM. There is someone in atten-

dance to help you.

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4) Cards - Texas Hold'em: Every

Friday night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

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The locals and others get together for an evening of

cards. A movie is shown at the same time on our Big

Screen TV. Free To All! A G-rated Movie is shown on

the First Friday each month and other movies are shown

the remaining Fridays each Month starting at 7:00PM.

Popcorn is served too.

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Volunteers Are Needed And Wanted: They do not

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### Camping at Lake Berryessa

by Steven Federle

My children sleep  
on the thin vinyl floor  
while above our tent,  
just past the dark tree-line,  
the Milky Way glimmers  
like cool waves breaking  
on the black coast  
of the deep mountain sky.

All night  
the lake whispers softly  
under gentle western winds  
as egret and owl  
keep guardian eyes  
on the sleeping  
human shore.

While watching my sons sleep,  
I hear the low murmur  
of wild turkey and possum  
scuffling through dry dust and leaves,  
searching our campground for leftovers  
peanut butter crusts, hot dogs and beans,  
any careless, easy meal,

when I feel rolling pressure  
pushing insistently at base of our tent,  
and, alarmed, hear quick, powerful,  
exploratory snorts.

Holding my breath,  
I gaze into the deer's  
questioning,  
fearless eyes,

and wonder  
if we campers  
are part of this  
ancient community,

or welcomed,  
honored guests,

or simply curious,  
rude intruders.

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### Berryessa Senior Center Raffle

1st Prize - Gourmet Dinner For 2 On Wine Train

2nd Prize - \$250.00 Visa Card

3rd Prize- \$150.00 Visa Card

4th Prize- \$100.00 Certificate Lunch or Dinner at Cucina Itauana

5th Prize - Gift Basket - Value \$75.00

Donation: \$1.00 Each Or 6 For \$5.00

Drawing: July 21, 2012 - On Casino Night Need Not Be Present To Win!

### Event Calendar

July 21 - Saturday: Senior Center Casino Night. Free pasta dinner and big raffle. 5:30 - 10 PM. 707-966-0206

July 28 - Saturday: Annual Pope Valley Fire Dept. BBQ., POPE VALLEY FARM CENTER, Live Music by "FBR". Dinner 5-8, Dance 8-12. Dinner only: Adult - \$17, Children 6 - 12 - \$12. Dance only: Adults and Children 6-12 - \$12. Dinner/Dance Combo: \$22 (Children under 6: everything is free). Info: Chris Thompson, (707) 965 -1531, truebrit@napanet.net

August 4th & 5th - Saturday & Sunday: 19TH ANNUAL POW WOW - "Honoring All Creation", Sponsored by Suscol Intertribal Council, Yountville Veterans Home Picnic Grounds, 11 am - dusk both days

Welcome! For last ten years, people of all ages and cultures have met each fall at the Yountville Veterans' home Picnic Grounds to enjoy singing, drumming, and dancing, while broadening their understanding of Native American individuals, tribes, and nations. The previous ten years was held at Napa Valley College. Our mission is to provide a cultural event that embodies the traditional and modern life ways of Native Americans and recognizes the current accomplishments of Native Americans. We hope that you will join us for this year's Powwow.

August 11 & September 8 - Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm, Historic Core Walking Tour.

Join Napa County Landmarks for this NEW tour of downtown Napa highlighting its history, architecture and preservation efforts. This walk explores commercial Napa including landmark buildings and Main Street from the Hatt Mill to the Pfeiffer Building. Join us on this sidewalk journey dotted with surprise interior stopovers. Led by a member of the Napa County Landmarks docent team.

Tour will meet at 9:30 am for check-in at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255.1836.

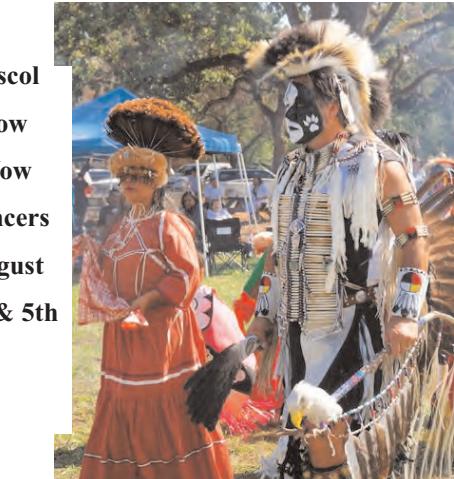
August 25 - Saturday: California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. (CIFFI) Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby, Markley Cove, 6 AM. Kids under 16 fish FREE with a paid adult (2 kids per adult). Entry fee \$50 for 16 and above. FREE Kids raffle, Derby Hats to the first 100 adult entries. BBQ Lunch included for all participants.

### Dam Level Update as of Monday, 7/9/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **19.56** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now **13.60** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/18/12	428.15	0.54	98	57	0.00
6/19/12	428.05	0.31	91	53	0.00
6/20/12	427.96	0.26	92	55	0.00
6/21/12	427.87	0.28	99	56	0.00
6/22/12	427.76	0.30	78	50	0.00
6/23/12	427.68	0.22	77	51	0.00
6/24/12	427.56	0.25	74	44	0.00
6/25/12	427.50	0.20	76	47	0.00
6/26/12	427.40	0.21	77	47	0.00
6/27/12	427.31	0.22	82	48	0.00
6/28/12	427.23	0.39	90	52	0.00
6/29/12	427.15	0.31	89	53	0.00
6/30/12	427.07	0.28	87	57	0.00
7/1/12	426.99	0.35	90	61	0.00
7/2/12	426.91	0.31	88	58	0.00
7/3/12	426.83	0.31	93	55	0.00
7/4/12	426.75	0.36	92	55	0.00
7/5/12	426.66	0.40	95	52	0.00
7/6/12	426.57	0.31	88	50	0.00
7/7/12	426.49	0.31	94	54	0.00
7/8/12	426.40	0.31	99	56	0.00



### Community Church of Lake Berryessa

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Email: terribob@lakeberryessa.net

**Napa Valley tourism rebounds**  
**Napa Valley Destination Council reports**  
**higher hotel occupancy rates**

Using everything from shuttle buses to sailboats, efforts to market Napa Valley tourism continue to grow, leading to increases in hotel occupancy and revenue across the valley.

The average daily room rate for a Napa County hotel was up 5.1 percent to \$232.69 and average occupancy was up 6.9 percent to 64.2 percent for the 12 months ending in May, according to Smith Travel Research.

The council's efforts are funded by the Napa County Tourism Improvement District (TID) lodging assessment. The TID, created in 2010, imposes a 2 percent assessment on the bill that county visitors pay for lodging. The money is to be used to pay for visitor-oriented activities and draw tourism to Napa Valley.

Clay Gregory, chief executive officer of the Napa Valley Destination Council, estimates the TID will fund a \$4.5 million marketing budget for next fiscal year starting July 1.

New surveys of Napa Valley tourism showed that Napa Valley lodging guests spent an average of 2.9 days in the area and an average of \$357 per person per day in Napa Valley.

Travelers want to discover new places and experiences, connect with other people and are interested in healthful travel experiences. According to the research, the typical Napa Valley visitor is also likely to be a member of AAA, read the Sunday travel section of a newspaper and regularly watch PBS.

One newer Napa Valley marketing effort involves wind and water. Napa Valley has been named the official wine region of the 34th America's Cup yacht racing competition. Over the next two years, Napa Valley wines will be poured and tourism to the region will be promoted at race events.

America's Cup fans range in age from late 30s to 50s and have household incomes averaging around \$128,000, Simpson said. Race followers are typically "professional, managerial and educated," which matches well with the average Napa Valley visitor.

**17 trees per ton of recycled paper myth**

by Peter Kilkus

Awhile ago in the Lake Berryessa News, I debunked the "boiling frog" myth. Boiling a frog by starting it out in a pot of cool water is not true – no one has done it and

scientists don't believe even frogs are that dumb.

But how many times have you heard that "recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees" myth? The source of this myth is never cited, but the idea is promoted on countless Web sites (at least 50,000 on a Google search) as one reason to recycle paper.

Web sites from countries that use the metric system similarly claim that recycling one tonne of paper saves 17 trees. This is a little odd because a metric tonne weighs 2,204.622 pounds, which is why it is called a "long" ton as opposed to our non-metric 2,000-pound "short" ton. The only possible explanation is that metric trees are bigger!

In the end, this whole debate borders on the silly. Paper and wood are renewable resources. There are more trees in the United States now than in the past, even though they may be farm grown or monocultured. The important issue is to preserve biodiversity by not destroying old growth forests.

I thought such a simple claim couldn't be accurate because papermaking has too

many variables, such as species of trees and types of paper. I couldn't find out when or with whom the 17-tree idea originated. The only reference is an Environmental Protection Agency 1974 report to Congress on resource recovery and source reduction. But it has no mention of the 17 trees.

The "17 trees" number was popularized by Conservatree when it was a paper distributor, based on a report to Congress in the 1970s. It was calculated for newsprint,

which is made in a totally different paper-making process from office and printing papers.

Paper is made from a mix of types of trees. Some are hardwood, some are softwood. In addition, some are tall, some old, some wide, some young, some thin. Many of the "trees" used to make paper are just chips and sawdust.

55% of fiber used in papermaking comes from wastepaper or waste wood, and softwood logs used for the other 45% mostly come from tree farms. They were grown to make paper.

When logs are chipped for paper-making, the important measure is tons of dry, solid wood. A twenty-five-year-old southern pine tree contains about 680 pounds of green wood, which dries to half that weight. Small trees thinned from growing forests

weigh a third as much, while giant trees in the West can contain a thousand times more wood than a typical southern tree. Hardwoods are twice as dense and twice as heavy as softwoods.

On the recycling side, recovered paper for tissue, newsprint, or printing paper loses an average of 17 percent of its weight when it is de-inked and reprocessed into new paper. When old magazines are collected for recycling, 35 percent of the material consists of clay coating and ink not fiber. When new magazine paper is made, a third of it consists of fresh clay.

With all the variables concerning trees for paper making, it would be simpler to figure the number of trees which could be saved by walling-up fireplaces, shutting down wood stoves, living in smaller houses, or using plastic furniture.

Yes, recycling paper makes a positive contribution to the efficient use of our forests, and some trees are "saved" in the process. It is highly unlikely, however, that seventeen trees - or anywhere near that number - are saved for each ton of paper recovered.

If one ton of recycled paper loses 17% of its weight when de-inked and reprocessed, and recycled magazines actually lose 35% because they contain so much clay and ink, a ton of recycled mixed paper becomes more like 1,500 pounds of pulp.

Since trees farmed for pulp weigh approximately 340 pounds each, recycling one ton of mixed paper "saves" only 4.4 of them (1,500/340 = 4.4)! Besides which, they weren't meant to be "saved", they were meant to be "used" so that large old-growth trees would not be cut down for paper.

Using a different source for fiber has benefits. Industrial hemp can be grown in most climates and on marginal soils. It requires little or no herbicide and no pesticide, and uses less water than cotton. Measurements indicate the crop needs 10-13 inches of rainfall equivalent.

Yields will vary according to local conditions and will range from 1.5 to 6 dry tons of biomass per acre. California's rich croplands and growing environment are expected to increase yields, which will average at least 3.9 bone dry tons per acre. So growing an acre of hemp for paper would save 5.2

tons of trees or 30 farm grown paper pulp trees.

As it was with the boiling frog myth, a cautionary tale which warns us to be aware of the consequences of our actions, so it is with 17 trees and paper recycling. It may not be factually accurate, but it expresses a more fundamental truth. Energy conservation and the efficient use of resources should be the goal of any society as well as of its individual members.

**A Chinese guy goes to a Jewish guy to buy Black Bras, Size 38D...**

The Jewish guy, known for his skills as a businessman, says that Black Bras are rare and that he is finding it very difficult to buy them from his suppliers. Therefore he has to charge \$50.00 for them. The Chinese guy buys 25 Bras.

He returns a few days later and this time orders fifty. The Jewish guy tells him that they have become even harder to get and charges him \$60.00 each.

The Chinese guy returns a month later and buys the Jewish guy's remaining stock of 50, and this time for \$75.00 each.

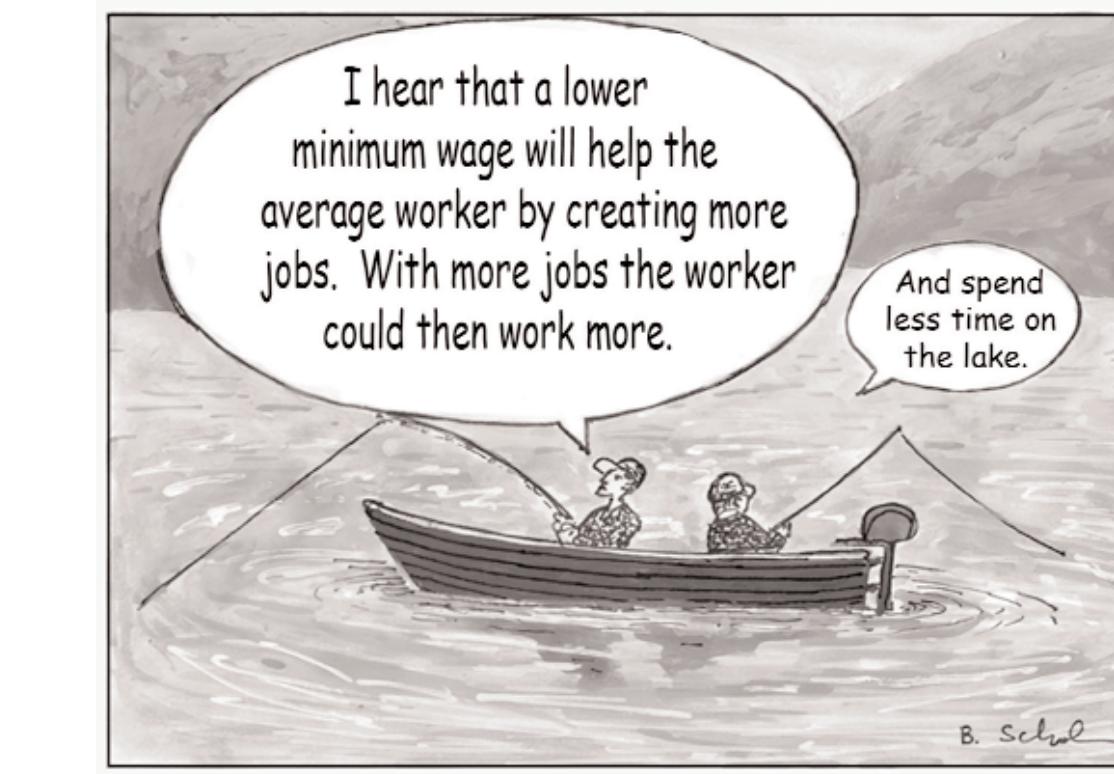
The Jewish businessman is somewhat puzzled by the large demand for black size 38 Bras and asks the Chinese guy, "...please tell me - What do you do with all these Black Bras?"

The Chinese guy answers: "I cut them in half and sell them as Yarmulkas to you Jewish guys for \$200.00 each." ...And that is why the Chinese own us !!!!!!!

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# NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



**Bill Scholer Releases New Album**

Lake Berryessa News cartoonist and well-known local musician has released an new album of his original music called Haunted Highway. Bill describes the process.

"Making the Haunted Highway CD was similar to the production of the movie Apocalypse Now, a total mess. I brought all my friends into the studio over time and we recorded all the songs I was writing. The songs musical styles were all over the map; jazz, folk, blues, rock, funk, and latin.

Listening to the outcome of that was like hearing a community radio show being hosted by five different DJs. I asked William T. Wiley to sing a song then had Dale Lyberger sing the next followed by a jazz piece featuring John Tchicai and Joe Craven. Although the performances were wonderful the overall listening experience was a mess and my close friends let me know it. I would listen to the studio out takes again and again on my car stereo as I drove through the hills around Lake Berryessa to my job at Solano State Prison and write down changes on a piece of paper on the seat.

I did that for years. I bugged the hell out of Steve O'Neill, the studio engineer, with cell phone calls when I reached the valley and cell phone reception. I visited my friend the author John Lescroart for advice and he was honest and pointed out the confusion of the project.



Mike Henderson was a great help and he suggested that I needed to rework it too even though one of the songs I would cut was the one he played on. I re-focused the CD on songs that told stories and put the songs in an order that made sense to me, "It's a haunted highway, things go from good to bad."

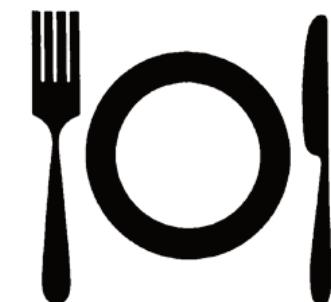
You can buy the album on Amazon.com and [cdbaby.com/cd/billscholer](http://cdbaby.com/cd/billscholer)

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## Adventure Water Drinking – the New Outdoor Sport!

By Marcus Cox, Circle Oaks

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

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

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

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

To remove these little bacteria critters the filter has to do  $\log_6$  filtration or 99.9999% which means 1 bacteria per million gets through. Fortunately your immune system can handle that with no sweat.

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

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

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Samuel Johnson once said, "The world is not yet exhausted; let me see something tomorrow which I never saw before."

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## Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood Fire Safe Projects are Complete for 2012

by Evan Kilkus

Those of you who live in the Berryessa Highlands neighborhood have probably seen the difference now that more than 10,000 man hours have been spent cutting, clearing, burning and or chipping thousands of cubic yards worth of brush within and around the neighborhood. If you live in Circle Oaks or the Berryessa Estates, then you know what we are talking about, because those communities have also benefited by similar programs.

The work over the last 2 years has been accomplished thanks to a cooperative effort between volunteers on the Highlands Fire Safe Council, neighbors, CAL FIRE, Napa County Fire, with guidance and support from the Napa Community Firewise Foundation. The work has been funded by grants from the Federal Government and Napa County.

All of the brush and tree removal work being done is based on an assessment of the community that was created by a defensible space expert and consultant. The consultant created a "Vegetation Evaluation & Management Plan" that is accompanied by a large map that identified specific hazards and hazardous areas.

In 2011, the council and CAL FIRE chose seven different areas around the community that were hazardous, and easy to access by the work crews, and the work began. This year, the council had more grant money to spend, so they were able to complete work at 12 different locations. The work areas were picked because each would strategically benefit the community as a whole if a wildfire was approaching from that side of the neighborhood. The results are not hard to notice, and if you were there to see all of the plant & tree material removed, then it might have impressed you. Picture 500 dump trucks lined up down Steele Canyon Rd...that's how much flammable material was removed just this year.

As you see on the map on Page 5, the completed work is sometimes scattered around and does not appear to be complete. This is because the community received only enough money for 30-56 days each year, so the council opted to use the crews on the areas that had the highest density of brush and tree material. Now that many of the pockets of dense brush have been removed, the community is already much safer after just 2 years of work.

If the Highlands Firesafe Council can acquire grant money again for 2013, they hope to plan more work to connect the completed sections together to make longer, continuous fuel breaks adding up to 3-4 miles around and within the houses.

The reason why so much work has been done at such a small total cost is because volunteers are managing the project and doing all of the community outreach, and prisoners have done almost all of the labor. CAL FIRE works with The Department of Corrections and maintains 39 camps around the state with low-risk prisoner firefighting crews, whom CAL FIRE Firefighters depend on to help contain and put out wildfires. And a large additional benefit to this program is that communities can use these crews to help create defensible space when it benefits the community as a whole.

The Council will be applying for a 2013 Federal Grant at the end of July, and they want to give the community a chance to give input, ask questions, or offer to volunteer if you have time to help with the next phases of the project to help save homes and lives. The life you save may be your own. E-mail us at [Highlands@NapaFirewise.org](mailto:Highlands@NapaFirewise.org) if you want to participate.

### What Do Homeowners Need To Do?

Just because all of this brush removal work has been done in the neighborhood doesn't mean you don't have to do as much around your home. If anything, homeowners now should put a little more effort into creating or improving their defensible space, because that could be what saves your home when a wildfire comes.

Remember, the homeowner is always responsible for creating defensible space within 100 feet of their home, and the grant money is there to be used to increase the fire buffer zone to 200 or 400 feet or more. That being said, make sure your first 100 feet is well maintained, pruned and weed whacked. Also, always try to have dirt, gravel, concrete, or green grass within the first 10-20 feet of your home. The idea is if you want a firefighter to walk around your home to defend it, they don't want to be walking on flammable dry grass.

In the first picture on the far right of Page 5, two pine trees, also known as pyrophytes, which are oily trees, tower over Steele Canyon Road. The Berryessa Highlands neighborhood has only this one way in and out for emergency crews and evacuees. For that reason, the final part of the project this year included removing 9 pyrophytes along a half-mile stretch of Steele Canyon Road. This not only makes it safer for fire crews and evacuees, the removal of all of that tree material along the roadway helps turn the roadway into a large fire break, so a fire that starts at the shore can come up to the road and stop.

## Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Interns Continue to Educate

The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership interns are back to talk about clean habits for day recreators at Lake Berryessa. While many enjoy boating or skiing, many users of the lake are day-use groups that picnic and swim at places such as Oak Shores or Foothill Pines. There are many things day users can do to help us in keeping Berryessa clean for themselves and others to enjoy!

While the basics of picking up one's own trash or using the bathrooms instead of the lake are the most effective and common ways to protect the lake, many other methods exist to preserve the reservoir's cleanliness. While not as obvious, picking up after pets or even being wary about going in the water too quickly after applying sunscreen can prevent toxins from being introduced.

Other things like picking up cigarette butts or other people's trash (even if it's not yours) can have big impacts. Making sure to bring a trash bag for alcoholic beverages instead of "sinking" bottles and cans is also beneficial. Everyone, from children to adults, can do their own part in keeping Lake Berryessa's shores and waterways clean for drinking and recreational purposes!

Some typical days in the life of an LBWP intern go like this:

Sunday we were scheduled to be at Capell all day and inspected 69 boats. 11 boater surveys were given out with 9 installations of bilge pads. The boaters that are coming in seem to be re-visiting and already have their bilge pad in for the season, also outboard boats and jet skis seem to be a more common occurrence. However, the jet skiers are the ones that have never heard of the invasive mussels, so although not many bilge pads were installed, Sunday was a great day for educating many on the dangers of invasive species.

We did 26 surveys this weekend and were in contact with 56 people. There were 8 installations of the bilge pads but a good number of people already had a bilge pad in their boats. Saturday was unusually slow both at Pleasure and Markley. More than half the boaters we saw on Saturday had an out board.

Several people commented that the boater outreach program is great because they love Lake Berryessa and want to keep it clean and free of invasive mussels. A man at Markley said it was worth his time to take the survey and was pleased with all of the informative paperwork that the tote had included. Another person at Markley was wearing a t-shirt he received last year advertising Lake Berryessa.

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I sometimes go to my own little world, but that's okay, they know me there.

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.

What has four legs and an arm? A happy pit bull.

At every party there are two kinds of people: those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.

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### **Fishing With Sid**

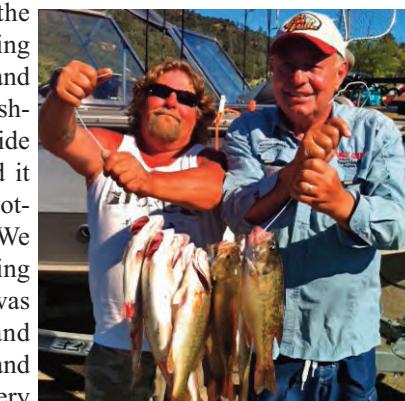
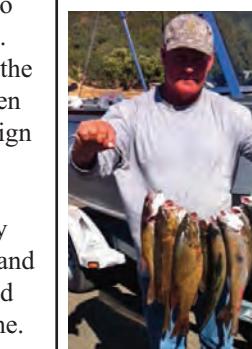
This report covers the last two weeks of fishing at Lake Berryessa. I took my buddy Albert out with his two grandsons who call him Opa for the day and Albert tells me they are still talking about it. The boys names are CJ and Daniel and they had a good time and caught some nice fish.

The next morning I took out Kenny and Larry for a full day of catching fish. They both are fishermen and I brought them to spots they never knew existed and they did very well. In all they landed over twenty fish and nice sized ones and learned some new techniques in the process. Early the following morning my friend Roger and

I set out for a full day of fishing. I took him to many of my favorite spots on the east side of the lake and we ended up at the vineyards. He loved it there until the wind picked up. He caught two nice size spotted bass using a spinner bait and a grub for a trailer. We ended the day with limits. Kevin and I fished the following

day and the water temperature was eighty degrees. We caught and released just under thirty bass and limited out on trout. It was a very successful day (see photos). Today I fished on my own on the west side using only senko worms and brass and glass and my largest fish was a 6 pound large mouth bass.

As you can see it was a very busy couple of weeks but lots of fun and great fishing with nice people. 'til next time...good fishing!!!! [www.fishingconnection.net](http://www.fishingconnection.net), [bestguide@hotmail.com](mailto:bestguide@hotmail.com), 650-583-3333.

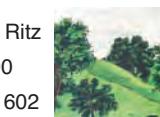


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## **8 Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area (NCA) Controversy Continues**

Now that the word is spreading about the lack of positive impacts on Lake Berryessa of the NCA and its potential negative consequences, more people are coming out in opposition to it. The fact that the proponents can say that they have garnered a lot of local support is because of the stealth strategy they used in approaching local governments and the false benefits they promoted.

The first letter printed below comes from a neighbor in the Berryessa Highlands, Jennifer Thorsted-Gibb. The second letter is from Mike Thompson in response to another Lake Berryessa resident's letter of opposition to the NCA. What's funny about Thompson's form letter is that it does not even acknowledge that he is talking to a local landowner who opposes his NCA. It is simply self-serving and content free.

### **Lake Berryessa Resident Responds to NCA**

It is interesting how the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA proponents refer to all the support they have gotten from many communities, but do not take into consideration the main community that will be affected by the enactment of the NCA - the owners of properties on and around Lake Berryessa. It wasn't until recently that I and many others that live in our community have become aware of HR5545. There is nothing that I have read that specifically states that my way of living... Lake Living Lifestyle... Will not be destroyed.

Living at a lake is a completely different way of life. People who live in town or in the city that visit do not have one ounce of understanding to what we give up to live in the "gem of the bay area". We all work hard everyday, commute at least 30 to 60 minutes one way (25 to 50+ miles), have to plan (we can't just run to Trader Joes or Nob Hill when we are out of milk, laundry soap, diapers...), we can't grab a quick bite to eat when we are feeling lazy and do not want to cook...

All these things (which are only some of the many sacrifices we are willing to give up to live at our lake) seem very insignificant to the one who doesn't live without them. We did have some of these luxuries...not to the extent someone in town may have but to that of which had a minimum impact on the area (natural) around us. But we do not live here because we want the conveniences of town or a city. We live here because we like to go out on our boat everyday. Not just the busy crowded weekends that many other people who enjoy recreation do... But the quiet, calm nights when you can go out on your boat and enjoy why you work so hard (we also love busy weekends...and every other day of the year). What we love most is the freedom to use our lake when we want. This lake was built for Recreation not Conservation.

In less that three years our entire community has been destroyed in the "seamless transitioning" of the lake. We have no schools. We have only two stores that are struggling to stay above water (no pun intended). They have been impacted significantly in traffic due to nothing drawing people to the lake. All businesses on the lake (rentals, repair, storage) are being impacted in a neg-

ative way. The livelihood of so many in our community has been destroyed and government, special interest groups and many people who do not live in the Lake Living Community are planning to "help" us and other communities just like ours. They haven't even asked us... what we want; they haven't specifically stated in writing how this NCA will impact property owners in our community. Jennifer Thorsted-Gibb

### **Congressman Thompson Bloviates on the NCA**

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Berryessa Snow Mountain region. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

You will be pleased to know that I introduced the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Act (H.R. 5545) on May 8, 2012. The legislation would designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Conservation Area (NCA). Under this designation, all currently owned federal lands within the NCA boundary would be united under one management plan, allowing the region to be managed according to the site-specific needs. The region would also be permanently protected under a NCA designation, ensuring continued recreational opportunities while safeguarding the region's natural beauty, wildlife, rare plants, and waters – which include important sources of drinking water and irrigation for nearby communities.

In the months leading up to the bill's introduction, I worked with local organizations to garner support for the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA designation. By the time I introduced this legislation, 52 local elected officials, 148 businesses, 29 landowners and farmers, and 28 conservation and recreation groups officially came out in support of this bill - and those numbers continue to grow. I am proud to have introduced legislation that has such broad local support and will preserve the land, help our local economies, and protect a wide variety of plants and animals. This is the right way forward for the region and our communities..

I believe that our national treasures must be preserved for future generations, and throughout my legislative career I have repeatedly supported legislation that benefits and expands both our public and protected lands. In fact, one of my most meaningful bills as a U.S. Congressman was the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act, which passed in 2005 and added wilderness protection to 300,000 acres of Northern California's most cherished wild areas.

H.R. 5545 has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. I look forward to continue working together with all local stakeholders toward the preservation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region. Please continue to contact me on all issues of importance to you and to our district.

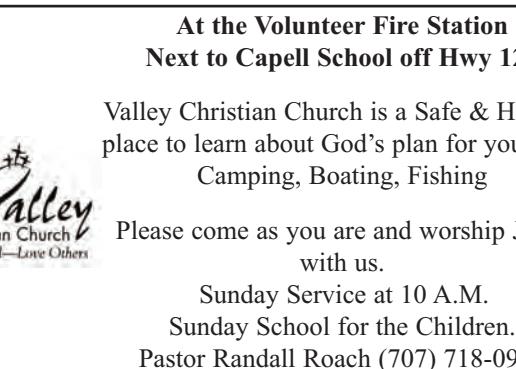
Sincerely, MIKE THOMPSON

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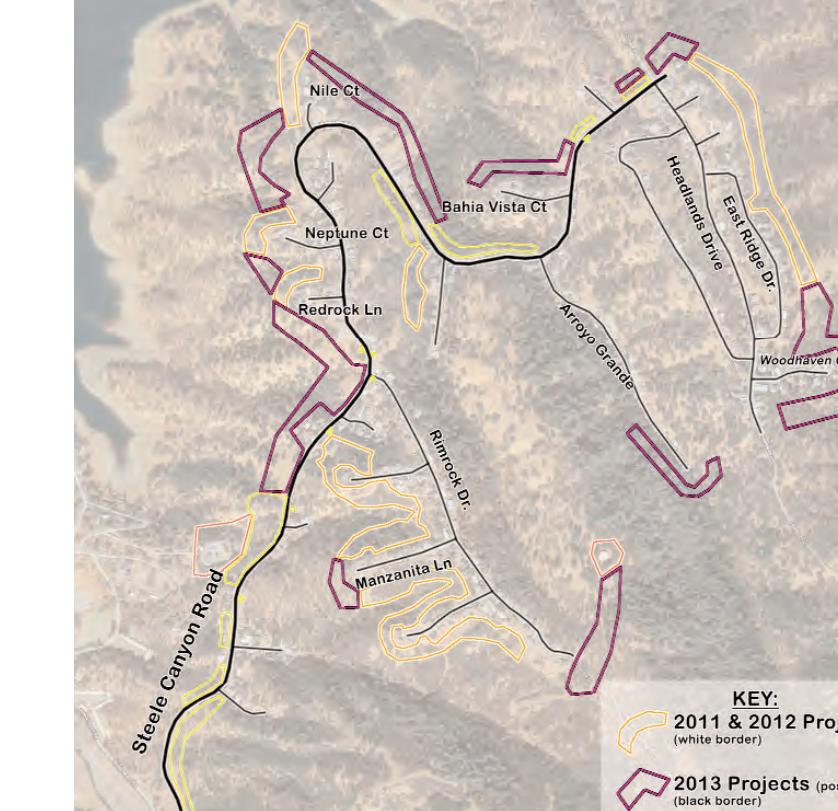
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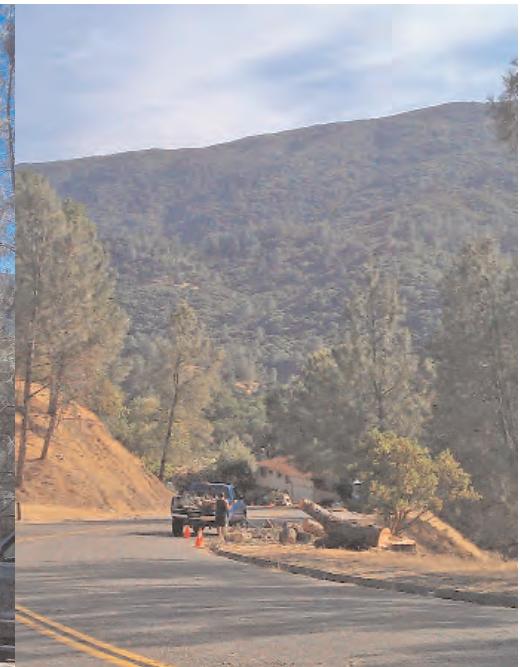
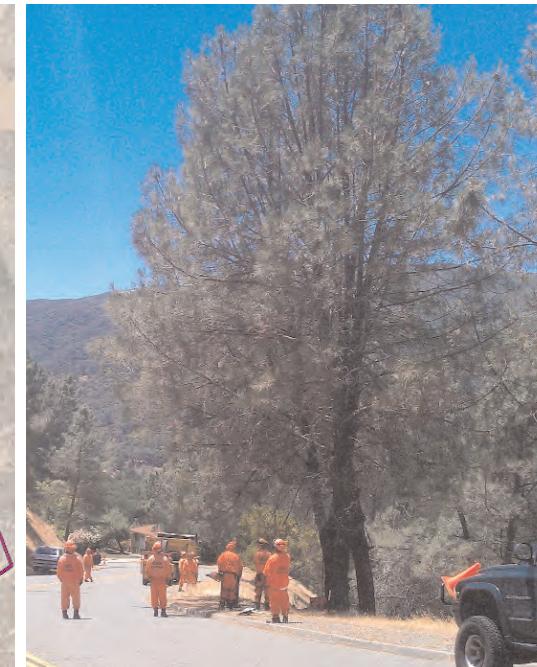
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### **The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope**

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Learn to appreciate the little things in life, because the big things will either cost more than you have or take more time than you've got left.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** It's not the hammer of life that's going to beat you down this week, but the ladle of Kathy Clodmeyer, who is frankly sick of you asking for more gravy.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** If nothing else, next week will certainly be a lesson to you about listening to Dan when he gives you advice about good sources of all-natural fiber.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** Jealousy will rear its ugly head in your life next week, look around, blink, burst out laughing, and then tell Envy, Lust, and Greed to get a load of how pathetic you are.

**Leo (July 23-August 22):** Your growing belief that there are monsters in the closet wouldn't be a concern if you weren't in command of so many main battle tanks.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22):** It's true that animals like you, but that's mostly because you're fat and slow and will be easy to cut from the herd when your time comes.

**Libra (September 23-October 23):** Try and get back to basics this week. Learning to dress yourself, brush your teeth, and eat with utensils would be a good place to start.

**Scorpio (October 24-November 21):** Okay, the stars are sorry that they made you wear a gorilla suit all last week for what turned out to be no reason, but it's really, truly, vitally important that you wear a Carmen Miranda fruit hat everywhere for the next few days.

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):** The stars indicate that fortune is in your future this week. Really. All 140 trillion of them in the known universe talked it over in one of their star meetings and they all agreed that yeah, you're getting lots of money.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19):** You will begin to see things differently this week when your eyes are suddenly replaced with a set of novelty video filters.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18):** You will be spiritually elevated to a new dimension, but unfortunately it will only be a new dimension in storage solutions for home and office.

**Pisces (February 19-March 20):** You will receive a mention in an exhaustive New Yorker piece titled "6 Billion To Watch Under 100."



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3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
5. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
6. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
7. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
8. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
9. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
10. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats
- several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
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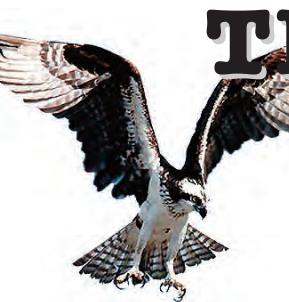
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See article on Page 7.

## Steve Lederer Is New County Public Works Director

As the newly appointed director of the county's Public Works Department, Steve Lederer has several key projects to complete, including improvements at two struggling water and sewer districts at Lake Berryessa.

Lederer said the work to improve the water and wastewater systems for Berryessa Highlands, on the south end of the lake, and at Berryessa Estates, several miles up Putah Creek on the north end, is progressing after years of delay and neglect.

While there's plenty of work to be done at both districts, Lederer said the accomplishments thus far have aided in regaining the trust of residents. Lederer said the credit for this belonged to Deputy Public Works Director Phil Miller, along with the district's engineer, Kevin Berryhill, and other staff members.

"There's light at the end of the tunnel for both of them," Lederer said. "I've inherited an already improving situation. I think we just need to keep moving forward."

The work at Berryessa Highlands recently passed a critical hurdle when residents voted to assess themselves about \$19,000 each to pay for \$11 million worth of improvements to get the district in compliance with state regulators.

At Berryessa Estates, the work is partially complete after the district received funding from the federal government's stimulus program, but critical work on expanding storage ponds still needs to be done.

He also faces the task of maintaining and repairing the county's road network, a project that's caught between limited aid from the state and federal government, and the mounting costs of repairs as some roads deteriorate. Voters could help in November by passing a countywide half-cent sales tax for road repairs.

Lederer, appointed in March as interim director of Public Works, officially took over the department in charge of constructing, maintaining and improving county facilities and infrastructure on July 7. His first job out of college was working at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, where he became the head of nuclear test engineering. He spent five years as a deputy planner in the Planning Department, and six years as the director of the Environmental

Management Department.

Also high up on his list is to improve communication with the public, implement a reorganization of the Public Works, Environmental Management and Planning departments, as well as finish the improvements at the Lake Berryessa and Napa Berryessa resort improvement districts.

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### News from Napa County

#### Napa County named one of top Digital Counties in the country

Once again, Napa County has been named one of the top Digital Counties in the United States by the Center for Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute focused on IT policies and best practices in State and local government. We placed fifth in counties with less than 150,000 in population. Congratulations and thank you to our Information Technology folks!

Lederer said another focus has been to seize opportunities to implement practices to cut down on energy, water and resource consumption, and install panels that generate solar energy.

#### Honoring Purple Heart veterans

On Aug. 7, Supervisor Diane Dillon and Congressman Mike Thompson will honor Napa County residents who have received the Purple Heart for being wounded or killed in battle. We would love to honor your friend or family member, whether they are able to attend in person or must attend in our memories and thoughts.

#### We're having a garage sale!

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, we're opening up our warehouse and putting our surplus furniture, supplies and electronics on display and up for sale. We'll be at the County corporation yard at 933 Water Street in Napa, starting at 9:30 a.m. Find out all about it, and we'll see you there!

#### Make a movie in 72 hours at the Library

Meet at the Napa Library on Friday, Aug. 10, to hear the line of dialogue that must be contained in your movie. Then you have 72 hours to write, cast, film and produce a short film! The following Friday, Aug. 17, the Library will screen all the entrants. The fun is open to anyone; teen participants with a library card can borrow equipment from the Library. Find out how to get it on the fun!

#### Celebrating centenarians

On Sept. 25, the Board of Supervisors will honor Napa County residents who are 100 years old or older, in observance of National Centenarians Day. We all have much to learn from those who have a wealth of life experience, and if last year's gathering was any indication, they like to surprise us, too! Let us know if you have a

The study recommends that adults who continually find themselves awake at work take Ambien first thing in the morning so they can fall asleep as soon as they arrive at the office.

## Event Calendar

July 28 - Saturday: Nichelini Family Winery "Field Day Fun". Time to turn off the electronics, head outdoors and enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun! Gather your friends and head to NFW for a relaxing afternoon of lawn games, friendly competition, great wines and outrageous food.

Enjoy food stylings by "Rebel Dogs", the Valley's hottest new Gourmet Hot Dog master. Cool down after a game of ladder ball or bocce with refreshing ice cream or simply kick back and enjoy a glass of your favorite Nichelini wine, all available for purchase. You are welcome to pack a picnic and bring your favorite lawn games\* and enjoy our picnic grounds if you choose. 2050 Sage Canyon Road (HWY 128)

August 4th & 5th - Saturday & Sunday: 19TH ANNUAL POW WOW - "Honoring All Creation", Sponsored by Suscol Intertribal Council, Yountville Veterans Home Picnic Grounds, 11 am - dusk both days Welcome!

For last ten years, people of all ages and cultures have met each fall at the Yountville Veterans' home Picnic Grounds to enjoy singing, drumming, and dancing, while broadening their understanding of Native American individuals, tribes, and nations. The previous ten years was held at Napa Valley College. Our mission is to provide a cultural event that embodies the traditional and modern life ways of Native Americans and recognizes the current accomplishments of Native Americans.

August 11 & September 8 - Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm, Historic Core Walking Tour. Join Napa County Landmarks for this NEW tour of downtown Napa highlighting its history, architecture and preservation efforts. This walk explores commercial Napa including landmark buildings and Main Street from the Hatt Mill to the Pfeiffer Building. Join us on this sidewalk journey dotted with surprise interior stopovers. Led by a member of the Napa County Landmarks docent team.

Tour will meet at 9:30 am for check-in at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255.1836.

August 18 - Saturday: Berryessa Lions Club 8th Annual Cowboy Steak Feed at Turtle Rock. Starts at 5:30 PM. Dinner 7 - 9 PM. \$25 - Steak, salad, beans and bread. For reservations call Turtle Rock at 966-2246 or Bill Oppeneer at 966-2787.

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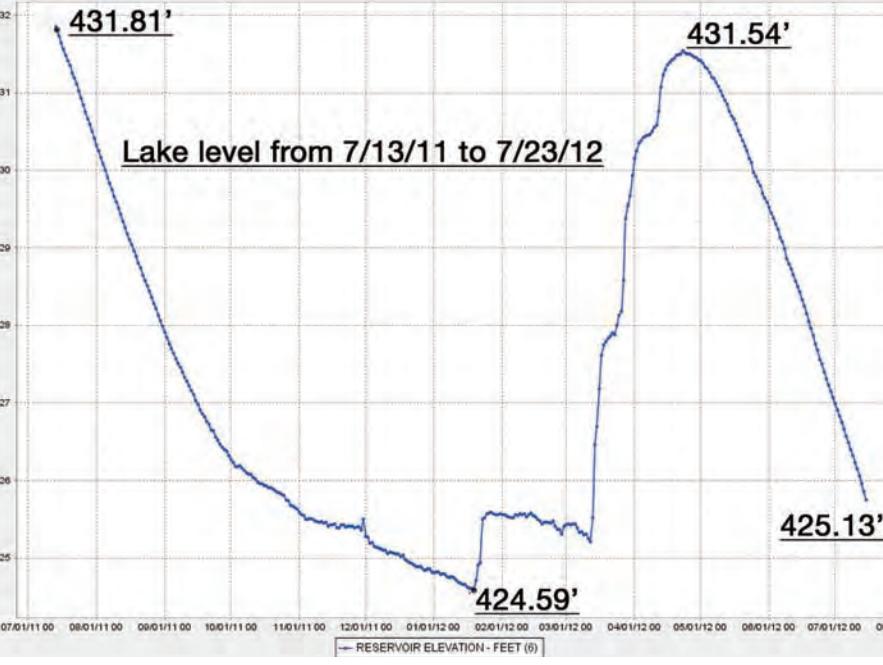
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## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 7/23/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **19.56** inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now **14.87** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/9/12	426.32	0.39	99	56	0.00
7/10/12	426.23	0.45	98	55	0.00
7/11/12	426.15	0.34	101	56	0.00
7/12/12	426.06	0.36	102	62	0.00
7/13/12	425.96	0.36	103	57	0.00
7/14/12	425.86	0.47	93	54	0.00
7/15/12	425.75	0.32	89	54	0.00
7/16/12	425.66	0.42	96	56	0.00
7/17/12	425.55	0.30	73	50	0.00
7/18/12	425.46	0.21	78	50	0.00
7/19/12	425.39	0.21	82	50	0.00
7/20/12	425.29	0.29	86	56	0.00
7/21/12	425.23	0.27	93	57	0.00
7/22/12	425.13	0.39	100	60	0.00



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**Summer and Fall 2012 Activities at Lake Berryessa**

The Bureau of Reclamation's Central California Area Office announces summer and fall 2012 interpretive programs and events at Lake Berryessa. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Attendees must RSVP for those events that have participation limits. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring plenty of water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children of all ages are welcome, but those under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Topic: Nature Hike - Summer Stroll on the Smittle Creek Trail.** Dates/Times: Saturday - July 21; Saturday - August 25; Sunday - September 16; and Saturday - November 10, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Location: Smittle Creek Day Use Area Parking Lot

"It's just a walk in the park," but it can be so much more! Join a Park Ranger for a leisurely hike on the Smittle Creek Trail, along the western shoreline of Lake Berryessa. Enjoy a summer day and get some fresh air and exercise while learning about the natural and human history of the area on an easy-to-moderate 2.6-mile, one-way guided hike. The trail winds through a shady Blue Oak woodland, affording hikers scenic views and peaceful surroundings. All hikes begin at 9 a.m. at the south end of the Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off Berryessa-Knoxville Rd. Vehicles can be shuttled to the trail end point at Coyote Knolls within the Oak Shores Day Use Area. Bring at least two liters of water and snacks/lunch to enjoy during the hike. Space is limited, and reservations are required. To reserve a spot on the hike or for more details/directions, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext 112 or mmcgraw@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Paddling Berryessa.** Date/Times: Sunday, August 5, 9 a.m. to noon (meet at Eticuera Day Use Area). Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. to noon (meet at Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area). Sunday, October 14, 9 a.m. to noon (meet at Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area).

Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during several different Ranger-led paddling tours. Join a Park Ranger for fun 2- and 3-hour paddling trips, exploring various locations around the lake. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other wildlife as the ranger introduces participants to the natural and human history of the lake. These outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak, canoe or other non-motorized boat. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available, but boats will not be available for rent. Participants should bring their boat, life jacket, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water and a lunch/snack. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. For details/ directions, please contact Victoria Bevolden at 707-966-2111 ext 113 or vbevolden@usbr.gov.

**Topic: History of Lake Berryessa and the town of Monticello.** Date/Time: Saturday, July 28, 6-7 p.m. Location: Meet at Dufer Point Visitor Center

Before there was a lake, there was a valley. The deep blue waters of Lake Berryessa now occupy a land where once

farms, ranches and a small town existed. Who used to live here? How did they make a living? Discover how an agricultural-based community became a storage basin for a valuable resource supporting California's growing population. For details/directions, please contact Scotland Roddy at 707-966-2111 ext 113 or sroddy@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Welcome to the Neighborhood – Plants and Animals of Lake Berryessa.** Date/Time: Saturday, August 11, 6-7 p.m. Location: Meet at Dufer Point Visitor Center

Lake Berryessa is home to a variety of plants and animals – some have been around a long time, others have recently moved into the area. Get to know your plant and animal neighbors and how they all get along. Ranger Mike will discuss the benefits of native plants and animals and some of the problems associated with non-native species. For details/ directions, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext 112 or mmcgraw@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Before All Others – Native Americans and Lake Berryessa.** Date/Time: Saturday, August 25, 6-7 p.m. Location: Meet at Dufer Point Visitor Center

Long before the valley was filled with water to create Lake Berryessa, Native Americans called this area home. Join Ranger Al to explore the Native American history of the region and experience how native plants and resources were used. Demonstrations and a short walk along the Visitor Center Trail will showcase native plants and their uses. For details/directions, please contact Al Woodson at 707-966-2111 ext 113 or awoodson@usbr.gov.

**Topic: California Coastal Clean Up Day.** Date/Time: Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. to noon. Location: Pope Creek Bridge Parking Lot & Markley Cove Area

Join Reclamation, the Solano Resource Conservation District and partners for this annual lake and shoreline clean up event. Volunteers will clean up the shoreline of Lake Berryessa as part of the state-wide clean up event. Since the program began in 1985, over 800,000 Californians have removed more than 15 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast. To volunteer, please contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext 143 or jgjordan@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Birding 101.** Date/Time: Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Location: Smittle Creek Day Use Area, Parking Lot (south end, next to the trailhead)

Having trouble telling a titmouse from a wren or a raven from a robin? This hike is designed to help participants make heads or tail feathers of the complex avian world. Join Ranger Todd for an informative bird-watching hike along the Smittle Creek Trail. Birders of all levels are welcome to attend this delightful hike. Bring binoculars, bird guides and, most of all, enthusiasm. This is an easy 1.5-mile round-trip hike (3/4 mile each way) with a slight elevation change. Attendees may choose to hike the entire 2.6-mile trail (5.2 miles round trip) after the program. For details/ directions, please contact Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111 ext 113 or reggett@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Berryessa Fall Bird Species Inventory.** Date/Time: Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Meet at

Monticello Dam Overlook Parking Lot

Get a little exercise, learn some local history and tally Berryessa's bird species all at the same time! Join Reclamation Ranger and bird enthusiast Todd Eggert to visit Berryessa's three dominant vegetation regions – oak woodlands, chaparral and grasslands – to inventory the resident and migrant bird species. Participants will carpool or caravan the length of the lake, stopping for short walks. Experienced and beginning birders are welcome, with Ranger Todd assisting novices on the finer points of bird identification. For details/directions, please contact Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111 ext 113 or reggett@usbr.gov.

**Topic: Roving Rangers.** Dates: Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day Location: 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 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**Topic: Displays and Exhibits.** Dates: Summer Hours (Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day) Weekends: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Weekdays: noon to 3 p.m. (closed on Wednesdays)

**Winter Hours (Labor Day to Memorial Day).** Weekends: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Weekdays: noon to 2 p.m. (closed on Wednesdays) Location: Dufer Point Visitor Center

Start your lake experience with a visit to the Dufer Point Visitor Center. Displays and exhibits might just answer the questions you have about the history of Lake Berryessa, the Monticello Valley and the construction of the Solano Project. Get to know the local wildlife (stuffed and mounted), including the common and not-so-common animals found around the lake. Park Rangers can 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.

Individuals who would like to participate in a program and need accommodation should contact Park Ranger Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext. 112 or mmcgraw@usbr.gov at least 14 days in advance of the activity.

For additional information, please contact Ranger Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext. 112 or mmcgraw@usbr.gov, or call the Lake Berryessa Ranger Department at 707-966-2111 ext. 113, or visit the Lake Berryessa website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca0/berryessa/index.html>.

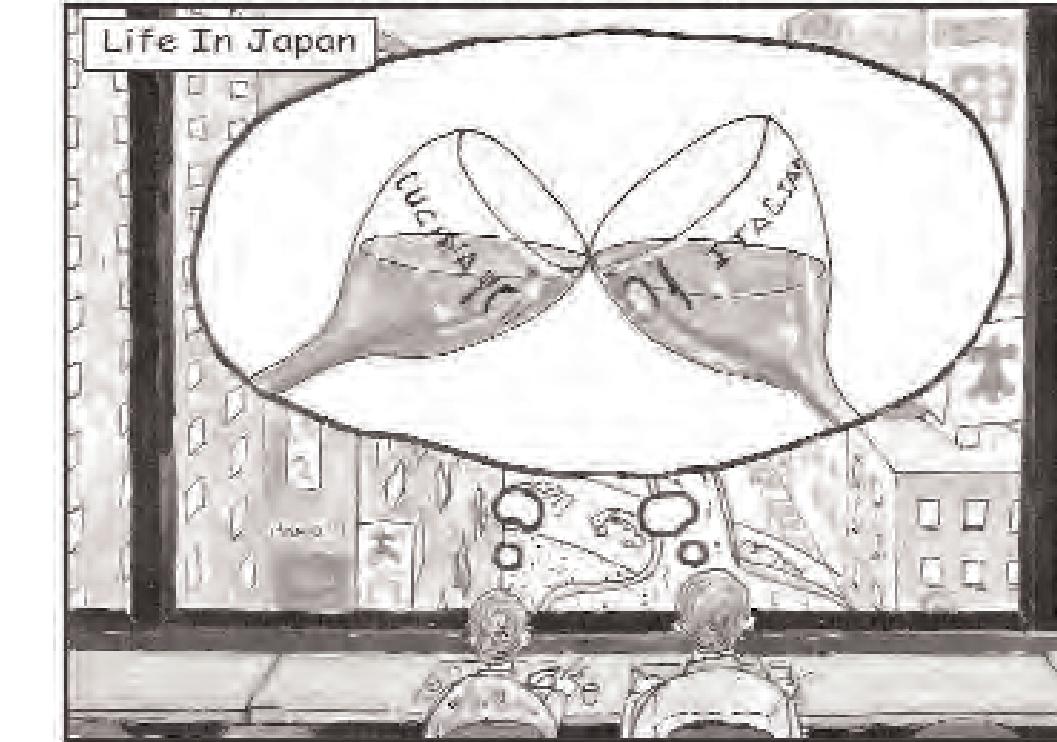
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## Berryessa Senior Center Casino Night - Saturday, July 21



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Currently the Berryessa Lions Club rents our main room every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month for their meeting. In the past we have had several weddings, receptions, memorials, a caterer, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and meetings. Napa County has made presentations concerning housing developments.

#### RENTAL FEES:

The Rates are \$200.00 for 6 hours + \$50.00 cleaning fee (which is refunded if left clean) for non-members (\$150.00 for Members). You will also be responsible to furnish a one day insurance policy with a deposit to reserve a date.

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For information on any of the above call the Center on 707-966-0206 and leave word. Someone will call you back. You can also check our Calendar of Events and come by when we are open to check us out. We are currently working with the Red Cross to open the Berryessa Senior Center as a Cooling/Warming Center. More on this later.

We also put out an Interesting Calendar, "Looking Back", that takes you back to the old town of Monticello. All issues have wonderful pictures and history. Old Calendars are \$4.00 each and 2013 is out now. It is \$8.00 each. We also mail these calendars. Just call 707-966-0206.

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### Rattlesnake population is up, and so are bites

By George deVilbiss/Special to Gold Country News Service

MANAUS, BRAZIL—A team of scientists studying the Amazon Rainforest announced the remarkable discovery this week of thousands of previously undiscovered mammals, reptiles, birds and other species desperately cowering for dear life under rocks and assorted foliage.

You'd think the majority of bites would be the younger generation. When you go camping, kids tend to be excited around the camp area, running, playing and just having fun. The last thing they think about is what might be lurking around old, fallen trees, in and around brushy areas, etc. However, most bites this year have been on adults.

Snakes are cold-blooded critters. They head underground in the fall, when the weather begins to cool. They huddle in groups until their senses alert them to warming temperature outside. When they emerge from their dens in the spring, they look for warmth and food.

OK, we're well past spring, so what's the problem? Apparently, the number of rattlesnakes is up. If it's your hope to never get bit, you must have an understanding of this snake's habits.

During the heat of the day, you'll find them in the shadows: in high grasses or brush, under rocks or huddled beside a fallen tree. Early in the morning, when the temperature might be cool, they'll get out in the sunshine, laying on rocks beside a stream or in a sunny area, retreating to a shadowed area after they warm up.

Rattlesnakes don't like being disturbed. They're solitary,

not the least bit friendly. Given the chance, if they know you're around, they're going to retreat. However, if you go crashing blindly from Point A to Point B, you won't give that snake enough notice to disappear.

A rattlesnake will sound off — coil, with its tail raised and rattling — only when it feels threatened. That means it has had enough time to see you without you moving away. If you come across a rattlesnake that hasn't had time to move away, it tends to strike out. No rattle sound is made. There wasn't time.

It's accepted that an adult rattlesnake isn't as dangerous as a young snake. An adult has learned a human is too large to eat and won't expend its precious venom on something it can't utilize. A young snake could release a full load of venom into you.

Even a dry bite from an adult is dangerous simply from remaining venom residue on the fangs.

There are several reasons you don't want to find rattlesnake fangs buried in your body. While I've never been bit and have no plans to, I've been told it's extremely painful.

Secondly, the cost of anti-venom has skyrocketed. Some bite victims have seen hospital costs reach upward of \$100,000. Also, it's impossible to adequately train your dog to avoid them. If your pup gets bit, the cost can easily exceed \$5,000.

If you're in brushy or grassy areas, move deliberately and slowly. Make noise. Give the snake plenty of advance notice of your presence and a chance to move. If you're in mountain areas, don't blindly jump over something like a fallen tree or crash through brushy areas. If you're fishing a stream, moving along as you fish. Watch for a snake that might be soaking up sunrays. Watch where you put your hands and feet.

Over the years, I've seen probably a couple hundred rattlesnakes. I shudder to think of the ones I didn't see that were close by. Just be aware they're out there and use great caution when you're on foot — in their territory.

### Undiscovered Species Cowering In Amazon Rainforest

By George deVilbiss/Special to Gold Country News Service

MANAUS, BRAZIL—A team of scientists studying the Amazon Rainforest announced the remarkable discovery this week of thousands of previously undiscovered mammals, reptiles, birds and other species desperately cowering for dear life under rocks and assorted foliage.

According to biologists, the 16-month expedition in search of new indigenous lifeforms in the Amazon River basin was a remarkable success, uncovering over 2,300 varieties of heretofore unclassified lemurs, tarantulas, and porcupines as they convulsed in terror under flora and frantically scrambled up trees for safety.

"Our expedition has shown that the Amazon Rainforest is simply teeming with a multitude of creatures never before glimpsed in this region," said lead researcher professor Courtland Gere, who personally observed a rare form of spider monkey as it huddled, shaking, inside the stump of a freshly felled tree. "Just mere minutes after our vehicles entered the forest, our team was lucky enough to hear the grief-stricken whimpers of a fascinating, previously unknown species of striped jaguar locked in the fetal position under a pile of leaves."

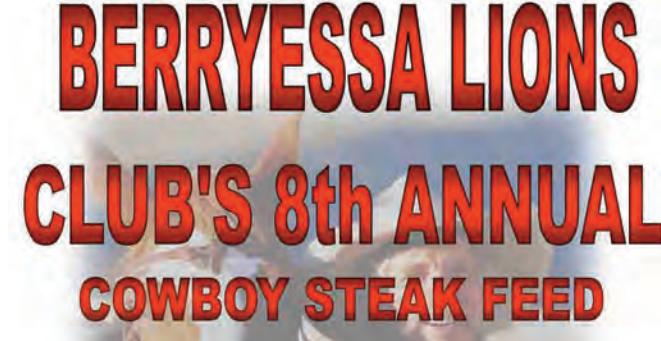
According to biologists, several unfamiliar creatures, while appearing similar to counterparts from other parts of the world, possessed new and unique characteristics. For instance, within the amphibian class researchers observed a salamander that could secrete eight distinct fear-based fluids, a newt that regularly suffers from anxiety attacks, and a bullfrog that appeared to actually be praying.

"In fact, even on the outskirts of the region we observed an endangered form of anaconda crawling desperately to get as far away from the forest as possible," Gere continued. "Everywhere we turned were astonishing new signs of life."

Gere went on to describe the sheer multitude of rare creatures found trembling throughout the rainforest including a dry-heaving monarch butterfly, two overstressed toucans that had shed nearly all of their feathers, and an orangutan that regularly wakes up with night sweats.

"Our researchers even managed to catch a glimpse of a rare pygmy pink dolphin nervously hugging the bank of the river," Gere said, noting that some new species were easy to identify as they sprinted at full speed for a hiding place at the first sound of human voices and truck engines. "However, our knowledge of this species is still limited as the moment we stepped in its direction it swam to the other shore and frantically attempted to camouflage with its environment, despite not actually possessing this trait."

Scientists on the expedition added they had also discovered over 800 new varieties of plant life, almost all of which shot out highly deadly toxins when merely touched by a human hand.



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According to biologists, several unfamiliar creatures, while appearing similar to counterparts from other parts of the world, possessed new and unique characteristics. For instance, within the amphibian class researchers observed a salamander that could secrete eight distinct fear-based fluids, a newt that regularly suffers from anxiety attacks, and a bullfrog that appeared to actually be praying.

"In a few special cases, animals had developed fully new body parts to be used for some type of undetermined evolutionary advantage," said biologist Dr. Sarah Schumer. "One reptile we've dubbed the 'hyperventilating lizard' uses a flesh-like air pouch it would pull over its mouth to breathe in and out rapidly and with great agitation. Another truly remarkable find."

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**Pope Valley Store (circa 1977)**

**Pope Valley Store Complex on the Market for \$3.2M!**

Pope Valley remains a tranquil stop away from the crowds and rural chic that define the heart of wine country. While commuter traffic to and from Lake County and Berryessa Estates has increased over the years and efforts are under way to reopen nearby Aetna Springs resort, there is the sense that time has stood still.

All residents believe it's a beautiful place and want to keep it that way, but many also think there is room for growth and for sharing that beauty with others who fall in love with Pope Valley.

with cans and bottles decking the walls and stuffed eagles hanging from the ceiling, the building is a window to a much earlier time.

Kirkpatrick hopes the old Pope Valley Store will reopen, becoming a place for locals to meet and a destination for tourists. In December, the county Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance that allows the owner of the Pope Valley Store — and five other historic properties in the county — to apply for a use permit to reuse the building.

**Thing With Old Girlfriend Works With New Girlfriend**

Across the street from the market sits the historic Ed Haus Blacksmith and Wagonmaker Shop, which the Swiss immigrant built in 1897. It is opened for demonstrations on special occasions such as the Pope Valley History Day in April, sponsored by the Napa County Historical Society and Napa County Landmarks.

On another corner is the Pope Valley Repair and Towing Inc., where mechanics fix tractors along with cars and pickup trucks. The garage is home to a display of live rattlesnakes that awes visitors.

The garage, which first opened in 1912, received the first contract from California's AAA in 1927, property owner Brad Kirkpatrick said during a tour of the garage and the adjacent Pope Valley Store, a historic property, now shuttered, that dates from 1875.

Kirkpatrick, Pope Valley's former longtime volunteer fire chief, owns both the store and the garage, which he ran for about four decades after his 1962 graduation from St. Helena High School. He succeeded his father-in-law, Elgy Neil, who also ran Pope Valley Store. Now retired, Kirkpatrick hopes to find someone to reopen the Pope Valley Store, which closed in the 1970s.

The store, on the market for \$3.2 million, is actually a small complex, featuring a hotel, a cardroom, a saloon, a post office and a store. Filled with dusty tables and chairs,



**Pope Valley Store (2011)**

**Female Firsts In Sports**

"Kara used to love it when I made funny faces and tried to get her to laugh when she was talking on the phone, and it turns out Alyssa gets a kick out of that too," the 29-year-old said Wednesday, acknowledging he has also taken advantage of the fresh audience to recycle such tried-and-true practices as stroking back the hair from Michals' forehead before kissing her and nuzzling the back of her neck as the two drift off to sleep.

"I do feel kind of guilty about it, and, yeah, they'd probably both be pissed if they found out, but realistically that's not ever going to happen, so who's it hurting?" McCarthy said he was still feeling out the use of his old pet name for Banachek—"Kare Bear"—on Michals and was prepared to "go back to the drawing board" should his new girlfriend grow suspicious.

**Female Firsts In Sports**

With her IndyCar victory, Danica Patrick became the first woman to win a race in a top-level racing series. We salute her achievement and that of other groundbreaking sports-women:

1950: Babe Didrikson becomes the first woman to inspire a "First Woman" feature in a newspaper

1973: Billie Jean King becomes the first woman to beat an alcoholic 55-year-old man in a wheelchair at a game of tennis.

1975: Kathy Whitworth's 88 career victories result in her selection to the World Golf Hall of Fame, although she has to be inducted from the ladies podium.

1976: Janet Guthrie becomes the first driver in a NASCAR race to stop and ask for directions.

1985: Libby Riddles becomes the first woman to win the Iditarod by using the unconventional strategy of having her sled drawn by terrified cats.

1993: Rosie O'Donnell becomes the first fat woman to portray a fictional fat female athlete in *A League Of Their Own*.

2000: Cheryl Bachman becomes the first woman in history to understand the Infield Fly Rule.

2005: Lisa Leslie breaks boundaries by showing that a woman can dunk a basketball if she puts her mind to it, dreams big, and sort of lets go of the ball a little bit and guides it over the rim while allowing her body language to suggest that it was a dunk.

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A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'HELL-LOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs!'

If it weren't for baseball, most kids wouldn't know what a millionaire looked like.

**Features Of The New NASCAR Hall Of Fame**

More than 60 years after the founding of NASCAR, stock-car racing has opened a \$200 million Hall of Fame in Charlotte, NC. Here's what fans can expect:

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- Section featuring a man in a racing suit constantly running around on fire
- The Mangle-Matic, a machine that shows visitors what they might look like if they were involved in a 200 mph crash
- Inclined turns to prevent visitors from careening into the exhibits
- Historical exhibit featuring NASCAR's 40 most famous skid marks
- Membership can be paid for in aluminum cans
- The Jiffy Lube Interactive Pit Crew Experience, in which patrons probably won't realize they're actually putting in a one-hour shift at a Charlotte-area Jiffy Lube
- Restrictor plate prevents the entire building from traveling 200 mph

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**The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope**

Aries (March 21-April 19): This would be a good week for you to take control of your life and your destiny, but hey, this is you we're talking about.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You will be caught utterly and completely off-guard by next week's events, causing you to wish again that you had some way to tell the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): While it's true you're not the brightest person around, take solace in the fact that you're not going to win any beauty contests, either.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your relationship has been exciting, fun, and different, but it may be time to turn this guy in for the reward money.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You could spend hours just watching people, but it's nothing compared to the time and money that certain people have spent watching you.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): If kielbasa on a roll with coleslaw and barbecue sauce isn't the best thing in the entire world, the stars would like to know just what is.

Libra (September 23-October 22): Fire and water magicks are strong in your sign this week, so maybe it's time to consider quitting your job on that offshore oil rig.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Just take things one day at a time this week, even though you're up against a race of impossibly advanced aliens who can move through time at will.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): By the time people realize your evil hoax, you'll be three states away, which might not be far enough to escape the punishment for substituting carob for chocolate.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Your thoughtfulness will be much appreciated next Thursday when your friends and family realize you chose a tombstone that's just the right size to support a Weber Smokey Joe grill.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your career may be disappointing, but at least you haven't been stuck being an anthropomorphized arrangement of random stars for the last umpteen-million years.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Look at it this way: If you were a better engineer, there wouldn't have been so much exciting car-crash news in the past couple months.

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Other popular activities in the area include hunting, mountain bicycling, camping, and nature study. There is one developed campground, and an OHV staging area.

From Napa, take the Lake Berryessa Road (hugs the west side of the lake). After crossing Putah Creek, it is approximately 17 miles to the Devilhead Road entrance, and 20 miles to the Dunnigan Hill Road entrance.

From St. Helena, take Pope Valley Road to Pope Creek Road. Take a left at the Lake Berryessa-Knoxville Road. It is approximately 17 miles to the Devilhead Road entrance, and 20 miles to the Dunnigan Hill Road entrance.

CAUTION: There are 4-5 lower water crossings located on the Lake Berryessa-Knoxville Road north of Lake Berryessa that may restrict access to the Knoxville entrances from the south during the rainy season.

Camping: Lower Hunting Creek Located at the intersection

of Dunnigan Hill Road and Hunting Creek Road at Hunting Creek, this developed campground has 5 sites with shade structures, vault toilet, trash cans, and 3 overflow campsites. There is no potable water at the site (bring your own drinking water). There are no fees and no reservations. Campsite availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cedar Creek, Cement Creek, and Pocock Creek are primitive camps with no facilities.

Firewood Gathering: Cutting or removing standing vegetation (live or dead), is strictly prohibited. Use only wood that is both dead AND down for firewood.

Off-Highway Vehicles: North OHV Staging Area: From north entrance take Dunnigan Hill Road approximately 3/4 mile to Round Mountain Road. Proceed west on Round Mountain Road approximately 1/4 mile to the staging area. Site has parking and vault toilet.

All vehicles must be street licensed or have a current off-highway vehicle registration (green or red sticker) All vehicles must be equipped with a properly installed muffler and a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrester. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) operators must wear a D.O.T. approved safety helmet.

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All roads and trails in the area have two-way traffic. Be alert and always stay to the right-hand side.

Please stay on designated trails. Avoid cutting switchbacks or driving through stream bottoms and wet meadows. Devilhead Road is a county road, therefore only street licensed vehicles are permitted.

This area is open to hunting year round. Be extremely cautious when riding during peak hunting seasons.

Shooting: Recreational and target shooting are prohibited. Shooting in the legal pursuit or taking of game is allowed.

Shooting within 150 yards of a developed site or dwelling, including campgrounds, and shooting across or within 150 feet of any road or trail is strictly prohibited.

Since this area is designated for OHV recreation, you should familiarize yourself with the trail system, and be sure of your target and background.

You must carry out all litter, including expended cartridges, shot shells and targets.

Best time to visit is September-May. Terrain is rugged with elevations ranging from 1,000 feet to 2,200 feet.

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## Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: A Threat to Recreation, Private Property and Resources

### It's Worse Than You Think!

by Peter Kilkus

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, the National Landscape Conservation System, which includes National Conservation Areas and National Monuments, was established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations."

The proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area should not be created because:

1. It simply unnecessary and violates basic common sense. It wastes enormous amounts of precious time and money for almost no tangible gain. Whether you are a conservative or liberal, a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or Libertarian, read the documents, study the map, and then take action by writing letters to our elected representatives opposing it.

2. It does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

3. It is geographically and ecologically incoherent, unlike many of the existing NCAs. It consists of two separate regions – Lake Berryessa to the south and the Mendocino National Forest to the north – but only half of the Mendocino National Forest because of strong opposition from the Glenn and Colusa County Boards of Supervisors.

4. Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource.

5. The land around Lake Berryessa has been significantly disturbed for decades by human use, construction, and grazing. It is typically unremarkable oak woodlands and grasslands, as exist throughout California.

6. The proposed NCA legislation does not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are allowed at Lake Berryessa.

7. An NCA designation will allow the Bureau of Land Management to supersede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

8. The economic benefit arguments are bogus and do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called "gateway communities" surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Even if the present couple of hundred (to be generous) kayakers and several thousand hikers (to be generous again) per year increased by tenfold, it will not make up for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the BOR.

9. The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campgrounds, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won't Reclamation allow them to be built?

10. The core proponents of this NCA legislation, led by Tuleyome, tend to be radical exclusionists who oppose motorized recreation in general, although they may use milder inclusionist language in their public statements to lull the gullible.

11. The NCA is too large and encompasses too much private property. The majority of the residents and private property owners in the Lake Berryessa region oppose this NCA. If private property is exempt from the NCA why include it on the map?

When a National Conservation Area (NCA) was first proposed by Tuleyome for the Lake Berryessa region in the Spring of 2007 using the existing Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) as its boundary, I believed the threat level was SAP (Silly and Pointless). More than four years later, as it has morphed into the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA, I now believe the threat level must be increased to SAD (Sneaky and Dangerous).

The latest map (of several previous iterations) shows a proposed NCA boundary that includes an unwieldy patchwork of government-owned properties and a significant amount of private property, including the Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Pines and Berryessa Estate, as well as Pope Valley and vast ranch lands stretching across much of Northern California. This map shows the NCA to actually be two separate sectors. The southern sector is basically the Lake Berryessa region. The northern sector is predominantly the Mendocino National Forest.

If most of the land in the proposed NCA is already owned and protected by public agencies, why is an NCA necessary at all? How did a non-descript exclusionist organization like Tuleyome manipulate the system to get this pointless proposal to this stage?

It all started with a presentation to the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) Conservation Partnership in early 2006. After a thorough analysis in

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February, 2008, the BRBNA decided to remain a neutral party to the effort, because it is a consensus-based organization and many members opposed the NCA.

After their rejection by the BRBNA, Tuleyome regrouped and came back with a proposal for a huge new NCA – the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA.

After strong opposition to the new NCA by the Family Water Alliance and unanimous NO votes by the Boards of Supervisors of Glenn and Colusa Counties, Tuleyome

decided to focus only on Congressman Thompson's district assuming him to be sympathetic to their proposal. (Continued on Page 7)

## 2 Stop The NCA Colossal Land Grab – Protect Private Property

By Lucy White

The federal government has possession of 1/3 of all the lands in the United States, or one in every three acres of the 2.3 billion acres, or nearly 700 million acres! Two thirds of those lands are in the Western States, the thirteen states west of the Rockies, with an average of 50% of the lands in each of those states, Eastern States federal lands average 4%. In California the federal lands are 48%! Something is wrong here!!!!

This is socialized ownership of land, making the US in the company of the USSR and China. The USSR is gone, and China has released their collective farms. This means that the US has the most socialist lands on the planet – and growing, through obsessive takings by the federal government. This is a huge threat to our freedom, private property, the education of our children, and our nation's ability to compete in the global market.

Regan zero-budgeted the Land and Water Conservation, stating that the government already had too much land. All land acquisitions need to be halted. We need to keep private lands in private hands. Gale Norton has said that private landowners are often the best stewards of the land.

If we are a free society, we need a free economy which is founded in freedom of choice and the ability to use our resources. "An economy consists of the economic systems of a country or other area; the labor, capital and land resources; and the manufacturing, production, trade, distribution, and consumption of goods and services of that area. A given economy is the result of a process that involves its technological evolution, history and social organization, as well as its geography, natural resource endowment, and ecology, as main factors. These factors give context, content, and set the conditions and parameters in which an economy functions." – Wikipedia

Robert J. Smith, Author of Earth Resources: Private Ownership vs. Public Waste, coined the phrase "free-market environmentalism" for the use of the institutions of a free society to protect the environment rather than continued reliance upon regulation and central planning.

Smith stated we need, "to wake up the American people on the issues that we are having with the loss of private property. Americans need to hear that the loss of private property not only discourages freedom but it ends up destroying the environment, and that we need to return to the vision of our founding fathers and have a system based on private ownership of land and resources."

Why is DOI perpetuating the myth that the federal government should manage more lands when they are failing to manage lands which they already have? Why is DOI acting as a self government? Not listening to the public, nor to Congress? Why are DOI and our representatives manipulating the laws as the means to their ends? Why are DOI and representatives allowed to cause irreparable harm to peoples' lives and our nation's economy? These actions call for investigation, and a halt to activities.

The entire DOI needs a complete overhaul, starting at the top, agencies need to be minimized/merged, all management policies evaluated, corrupt laws/actions corrected, and land designations reviewed/removed.

The Thompson / Boxer Bills are wasteful and irresponsible uses of our money, creating a heavier burden on our system and suppressing our potential. Decisions for

strengthening our nation and independence. We, as a people, need our investments protected with reasonable expectations of the security of our futures. Whether state or federal, our land use must meet the criteria of appropriateness in our times, no designation should be "permanent," logic and responsibility should guide the future.

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area is a colossal land grab for lands which are currently federally managed, some in Designation status. This ridiculous layer of authority would then create double funding for lands, making them an even greater liability. The BSMN-CA has enveloped communities, concessions, businesses, and private property, with total disregard for the negative impacts, which are economic, social and environmental. Enormous assets, communities and lives would be destroyed with the NCA Designation.

The NCA would simply deepen the economic crisis, whereas, if the lands were used responsibly, the economic crisis could be solved.

Stop Bill S 3375. Stop Bill HR 5545.

### Applicants Sought for the Napa County Commission on Aging

The County Executive Officer announces the existence of eight (8) openings on the Napa County Commission on Aging representing three (3) Organization Concerned with Older Adults members, Districts 3, 4 and 5 due to term expirations.

Congress needs to responsibly return the lands in the Western States to the states. All those lands must support the principles on which this country was founded, where man has place, where economy is essential, where government is limited and efficient, where resources can be used to better our country, where free enterprise is supported, where states fund education through healthy economies, and where the law of the land is obligated to balance freedom, use and protection.

Several incumbents are seeking reappointment. These positions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors with the terms of office to commence upon appointment and expire September 30, 2014.

Napa County Commission on Aging consists of 15 members - one member from each of the five Supervisorial Districts and ten additional members from among individuals recommended by organizations concerned with older adults. It is desirable that all appointees are over the age of 55, but a person of a younger age will not be excluded.

"Permanent" Conservation Areas are dangerous and destructive, locking up lands with a single purpose. They eliminate choices in the future, and any economic potential. That is national self-destruction.

We need to be a thriving nation utilizing resources, which can better our lives while

strengthening our nation and independence.

Commission are to:

- act as a coordinating body and clearinghouse for projects and activities that concern Napa County's older citizens;
- act as an advisory body on behalf of the Board of Supervisors;
- recommend studies or programs for older adults;
- coordinate with other appointed Commissions or Advisory Committees to assess existing data, identify unmet needs and describe alternatives to meet these needs;
- review and offer comment on pending legislation;
- disseminate information to older adults;
- develop methods for inclusion and outreach to disabled and ethnically diverse community elders;
- recommend commissioners to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to represent the Commission on the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board; and

• appoint Commissioners to represent the Commission on other community boards, including, but not limited to, the Napa County Elder Abuse Prevention Council.

Anyone interested in consideration for

appointment must submit a completed application form and apply either through the above listed coordinating agency/organization or directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421 no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2012.

The application form is available on

the Napa County Web site at www.countyofnapa.org.

Go to the main County page

and click on the Committees and Commissions link in the left-hand navigation under County Info.

To submit an application directly online, click "application for appointment" and follow the application instructions.

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home.

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still at home is like shoveling the sidewalk

before it stops snowing.

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tinued your blood type.

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## Event Calendar

August 11 & September 8 - Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm, Historic Core Walking Tour. Join Napa County Landmarks for this NEW tour of downtown Napa highlighting its history, architecture and preservation efforts. This walk explores commercial Napa including landmark buildings and Main Street from the Hatt Mill to the Pfeiffer Building. Join us on this sidewalk journey dotted with surprise interior stopovers. Led by a member of the Napa County Landmarks docent team.

Tour will meet at 9:30 am for check-in at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255.1836.

August 11th - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Bring-Your-Own-Meat BBQ. 5:00pm. Bring your own meat and it will be cooked just the way you like by President Jerry!

August 18 - Saturday: Berryessa Lions Club Cowboy Steak Feed at Turtle Rock.

August 25 – Saturday: California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. (CIFFI) Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby, Markley Cove, 6 AM. Kids under 16 fish FREE with a paid adult (2 kids per adult). Entry fee \$50 for 16 and above. FREE Kids raffle, Derby Hats to the first 100 adult entries. BBQ Lunch included for all participants.

### 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 Monticello History Exhibit and the Country Store. Proceeds support the Senior Center.

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/6/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 0 inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now 16.08 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/23/12	425.06	0.37	104	63	0.00
7/24/12	424.95	0.37	95	53	0.00
7/25/12	424.86	0.37	94	52	0.00
7/26/12	424.78	0.28	93	51	0.00
7/27/12	424.68	0.34	89	51	0.00
7/28/12	424.60	0.26	92	52	0.00
7/29/12	424.52	0.33	93	54	0.00
7/30/12	424.44	0.30	94	56	0.00
7/31/12	424.35	0.30	98	58	0.00
8/1/12	424.28	0.37	100	57	0.00
8/2/12	424.18	0.29	99	54	0.00
8/3/12	424.10	0.51	100	58	0.00
8/4/12	423.96	0.41	96	60	0.00
8/5/12	423.92	0.22	81	56	0.00

### Major Accomplishments in the Less Popular Sports.

The Bassmaster lockout ends quickly as lake owners just let striking bass flop around the shore until they're dead, then replace them with nonunion fish.

Arena football continues, with many teams participating in the sport with various degrees of success.

Virginia defeats Maryland to become NCAA champs in lacrosse, a sport that was astoundingly not renamed Sticklaunchers at any point this year

Not one single bobsled was so much as touched, because nobody would ever do that when the Olympics aren't happening.

Norwegian cross-country skier Petter Northug motivates himself to a win in the men's 50-km freestyle by reminding himself that if he collapses and freezes to death in the woods, no one will even know to look for him.

St. Louis 10-year-old Mike Butler wins the Imaginary Super Bowl, the Imaginary World Series, and the Imaginary Olympics, inspiring his parents to get back together in his imagination.

Silvano Alves breaks the all-time bull-riding record, continuing at it for hours, which at first thrills fans, then makes them dubious and angry, and then raises concerns for the life of the bull, who eventually dies of exhaustion to complete silence from attendees. Shot-putter Greg Brighton persists in putting the hell out of that shot

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## Nation's Lower Class At Least Grateful It's Not Part Of Nation's Middle Class

CHAPEL HILL, NC—A survey released Wednesday by researchers at the University of North Carolina found that despite the many challenges they face, the nation's lowest-income individuals are nonetheless thankful they don't have to endure the unique hardships of the nation's long-suffering middle class.

According to the report, the 46 million Americans who fall below the federal poverty line, though struggling mightily, are at least glad they don't have to live up to some rapidly vanishing American dream of advancing in their career, making more money, and improving their lifestyle, the way their middle-income counterparts do.

"The unrealistic expectations and false hope they experience must be unbearable," Camden, NJ hotel clerk Allison Jacobsen told researchers, noting that while her \$22,000 annual salary barely covers her rent and groceries each month, at least she doesn't operate under the flawed assumption that her situation will ever improve. "A life spent constantly stressing out over a dead-end job or struggling to pay off a fixed 30-year mortgage on a continuously depreciating three-bedroom townhouse? It's horrific."

"Can you believe people actually have to live like that?" Jacobsen added. "I feel just awful for them."

The survey found nearly 87 percent of the nation's lowest earners take comfort knowing they are far enough down the economic chain that their children and grandchildren won't possibly be able to live in circumstances any worse than their own, while 65 percent noted they have enough bills to worry about without the additional middle-class burden of making student loan payments or contributions toward a retirement plan that will probably go bust in the next market crash, anyway.

In addition, half of all destitute Americans said that while they lack medical coverage, at least they aren't stuck paying increasingly high premiums for an increasingly terrible health insurance plan. And nearly all survey participants agreed they are grateful not to be trapped chasing "some sort of fantasy dream life" of middle-class American prosperity that no one in the year 2012 can ever possibly attain.

"I can't even fathom what it would be like to drag yourself to work every morning actually believing that someday it will all pay off," said Bronx, NY substitute teacher David McGrath, who along with his wife and 2-year-old son survives on food stamps. "Or to practically kill yourself for a job promotion or meager raise while under the delusion that you can work your way to the top. People waste the best years of their life doing that, and it's a goddamn tragedy."

Americans who live paycheck to paycheck and struggle to make ends meet told researchers they feel humbled by the travails of the middle class, and take solace knowing that however bad things seem, "some people out there have it a whole lot worse."

"Imagine how traumatic it is to grow up feeling like a failure because you think you have some kind of control over what you achieve in life," said Dana Joerger, a 31-year-old waitress and single mother of three in Stockton,

CA. "I just hope and pray my family never falls into the endless cycle of disappointment that plagues our middle class."

Researchers also found that people who were once part of the nation's middle class experience a profound sense of relief upon moving down the country's socio-economic ladder and finding themselves on the bottom rung.

"Honestly, I can't tell you how much better I feel these days," said 42-year-old former IT technician Ryan Tunnicliffe, who last April lost his job and, subsequently, his house. "Just knowing I no longer have to strive for something completely and utterly out of reach is such a load off my mind."

"I'm poor, and I'm going to stay poor," Tunnicliffe continued while staring at his \$320 weekly unemployment check. "It's been very liberating."

Reached for comment, several members of the nation's upper class said they are "equally grateful" to have been spared the hardships of the middle class.

### What's Inside a Slim Jim?

Beef: It's real meat, all right. But it ain't Kobe. The US Department of Agriculture categorizes beef into eight grades of quality. The bottom three—utility, cutter, and canner—are typically used in processed foods and come from older steers with partially ossified vertebrae, tougher tissue, and generally less reason to live. ConAgra wasn't exactly forthcoming on what's inside Slim Jim.

Mechanically separated chicken: Did you imagine a conveyor belt carrying live chickens into a giant machine, set to the classic cartoon theme "Powerhouse"? You're right! Well, maybe not about the music. Poultry scraps are pressed mechanically through a sieve that extrudes the meat as a bright pink paste and leaves the bones behind (most of the time).

Corn and wheat proteins: Slim Jim is made by ConAgra, and if there are two things ConAgra has a lot of, it's corn and wheat.

Lactic acid starter culture: Although ConAgra refers to Slim Jim as a meat stick (yum), it has a lot in common with old-fashioned fermented sausages like salami and pepperoni. They all use bacteria and sugar to produce lactic acid, which lowers the pH of the sausage to around 5.0, firming up the meat and hopefully killing all harmful bacteria.

Dextrose: Serves as food for the lactic acid starter culture. Slim Jim: It's alive!

Salt: Salt binds the water molecules in meat, leaving little H<sub>2</sub>O available for microbial activity—and thereby preventing spoilage. One Slim Jim gives you more than one-sixth of the sodium your body needs in a day.

Sodium nitrite: Cosmetically, this is added to sausage because it combines with myoglobin in animal muscle to keep it from turning gray. Antibiotically, it inhibits botulism. Toxicologically, 6 grams of the stuff—roughly the equivalent of 1,400 Slim Jims—can kill you. So go easy there, champ.

Hydrolyzed soy: Hydrolysis, in this instance, breaks larger soy protein molecules into their constituent amino acids, such as glutamic acid. Typically, the process also

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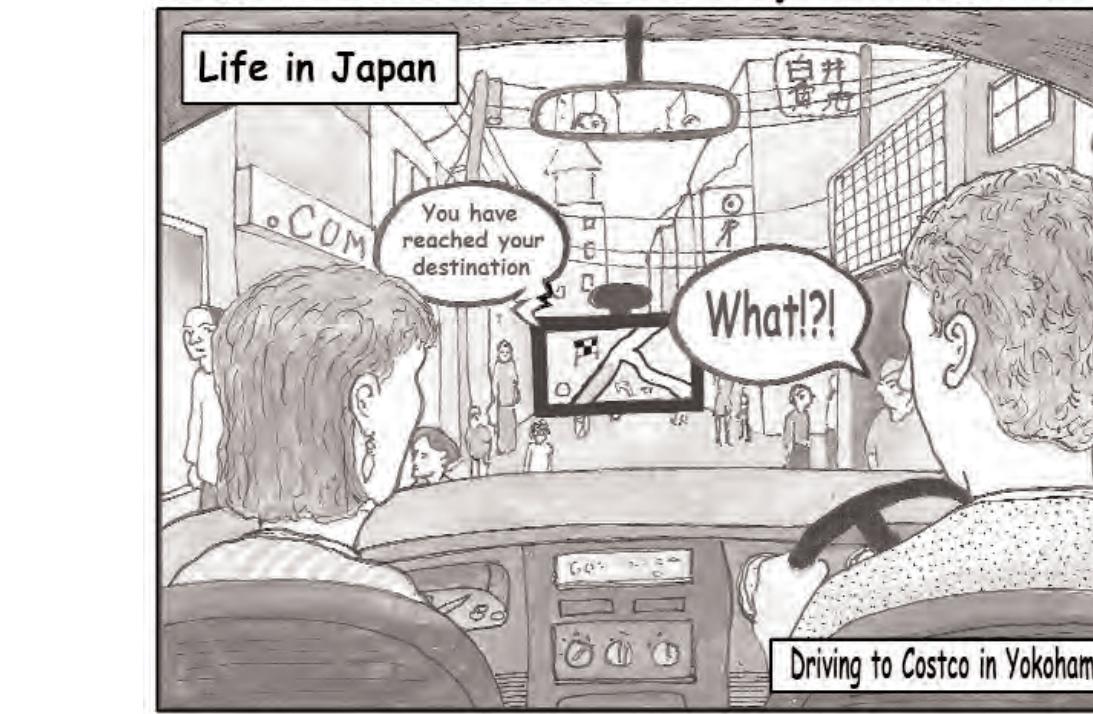
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## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Some of the most ridiculous things we've seen at the lake this summer!

By Anonymous

Driving away to the launch ramp while others are still in the process of getting on the boat, or while your leash-less dog is standing under the trailer. (Capell)

Forgetting to put the plug in your boat (this happened about 3 weeks ago at Capell).

Wearing your life jacket unbuckled because you think you're too cool for drowning. (Capell)

We were there when the guy cut his foot on the propeller and 3 ambulances, 2 marine sheriff boats, and a helicopter came.

We were also there at Oak Shores when two different women slipped on the concrete and fell on their heads. The lady we saw had fallen once already, and then had decided to go back out, fell again, and then came back crying saying she couldn't feel her legs. Her friend was apparently an EMT, although I doubt that.

One time someone at Oak Shores called my friend a tree-hugging hippie but then tried to get her phone number.

We've also seen countless people come up forgetting to get gas for their car, gas for their boat, gas for their jet ski. One family who seemed regulars forgot the key to their boat after driving an hour and a half up.

We've seen owners endanger their dogs by leaving them off the leash and tiring them out by making them swim for the ball over and over until they were stranded on an island and refused to come back.

We once saw a family pick up their boat 30 minutes after they had launched. The entire time they were at Capell their baby was screaming.

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What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

How can there be self-help "groups"?

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

Is it me --or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?



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#### 4 God Admits Humans Not Most Impressive Creation: 'It's Mountains,' He Says

The Lord told reporters that even a cursory glance at a mountain will show it is superior to all humans. The Lord our God, Divine Creator and Ruler of the Universe, announced Wednesday that He considered mountains, not mankind, to be far and away the most impressive thing He had ever brought into being.

Calling the selection "not at all challenging" to make and "kind of a no-brainer," the deity explained that while He felt the human species was a good creation and worthy of praise, a human being simply paled in comparison to the sheer awesomeness of a snowcapped 20,000-foot mountain.

"Mountains, above all else, are undoubtedly my most splendid creation," God proclaimed. "Mountains are incredibly tall. They are also miles wide and are filled with millions upon millions of tons of earth. These facts alone make them objectively more impressive than human beings. Mankind is a good creation, as are the rest of the creatures that roam the earth, but eventually all humans grow old and die, Mountains last forever."

#### God's Reasons Why Humans Are Inferior To Mountains

Calling the geological structures the most important creation to Him, living or dead, of any on the entire planet, the Supreme Being stated that all one needed to do was stand a human being side by side next to a mountain to see how "clearly superior" a mountain would be in virtually every measurable category.

He Who Commanded Light to Shine out of Darkness told reporters that mountains were significantly more pleasing to look at than people, primarily because mountains could be seen from very far away, featured numerous interesting topographical features, and did not grow more unattractive with time the way people did.

He also noted that mountains contained slopes, outcroppings, valleys, peaks, and intricate hidden cave systems, all of which were "in and of themselves" more impressive than humans, mainly because man only had a "face, body, and that's all, really."

"The reason there are far many more humans than mountains is because humans are far more disposable than mountains," He said. "I would not be particularly upset if a large number of humans perished, but if a single majestic mountain were to somehow leave this earth, that would be a very upsetting event."

The all-knowing, all-powerful being went on to state that humans were not even among His top-10 most awe-inspiring creations, adding that it was "a little bit presumptuous" that mankind would even consider itself to be in the same category as, say, dinosaurs or oceans.

The latter, He said, came close to mountains, but "can't compete when you factor in that some mountains also have avalanches, and avalanches are incredibly impressive."

The Lord also pointed out that while it was physically impossible for a human to kill a mountain, the rocky behemoths could easily slaughter a person and did so nearly every day, a fact that He said was "just another reason mountains are categorically better."

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#### Tibor Olah and the Saxophone

When I listened to local Berryessa Highlands musician, Tibor Olah, play at Cucina Italiana a few weeks ago, I was impressed by more than just his music. I realized what a complex piece of musical mechanical invention he played so well. So many tubes – so many buttons. How was it done?

The saxophone was invented by and named for Antoine-Joseph (Adolphe) Sax, an expert instrument maker and talented musician. The saxophone was patented on March 20, 1846. Sax, being the musician he was, became aware of the tonal disparity between strings and winds: moreover, of that between brasses and woodwinds. The strings were being overpowered by the winds and the woodwinds were being overblown by the brasses. Sax needed an instrument that would balance the three sections.

Per T, "The Saxophone harmonically is the closest to the human voice. The next instrument closest to the Alto Saxophone believe it or not is the Cello. In the saxophone classical repertoire, one of the famous transcriptions that I have actually performed is the Bach Cello suite No.1. When you listen to the both recordings of Saxophone and the Cello you can immediately here the similarity."

The first saxophone was displayed for the first time, in 1841, to the famous composer, Hector Berlioz. He was amazed at its versatility, unique tone, and control of dynamics. The saxophone finally became known as an integral part of all bands in 1845.

This is the year of the famous "battle of the bands". The French Army band was still using "traditional" instrumentation. Sax saw this as an opportunity to show the world how the saxophone could improve the tonal quality in all bands. He suggested a contest between an army band composed of the original orchestral instrumentation against a band with an instrumentation that included saxophones. Sax's band of twenty-eight men, compared to the French Army band of thirty-five, overwhelmed the crowd. That day, the saxophone was officially introduced into the French Army Band and soon to all other bands.

Many composers began to write music for the saxophone, but it was not until about seventy-five years later that the saxophone began to be used to play dance music. However, to do this the saxophone needed to be altered. Originally, the sax was designed to have a smooth, mellow, and balanced tone. This had to be changed so it could compete with the blaring trumpets, noisy drums, shuffling feet, and loud talking that accompanied the surroundings of early twentieth century dance bands. The mouthpiece of the sax was made smaller and more parallel. This gave the sax the loud, piercing sound needed for jazz and dance music. Since this metamorphosis, the saxophone has been thought of as primarily a jazz instrument.

The saxophone consists of an approximately conical tube of thin brass, sometimes plated with silver, gold, or nickel, flared at the tip to form a bell. At intervals along the tube are between 20 and 23 tone holes of varying size, including two very small 'speaker' holes to assist the playing of the upper register. These holes are covered by keys (also known as pad cups), containing soft leather pads, which are closed to produce an airtight seal; at rest some of the holes stand open and others are closed. The keys are controlled by buttons pressed by the fingers, while the right thumb sits under a thumb rest to help keep the saxophone balanced. [www.tiborolah.com](http://www.tiborolah.com)



#### To all the regulars at Lake Berryessa –

##### Special Acknowledgement!

By Sabrina and Alisa – Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership  
Summer Interns

Spending every weekend on the lake, we have gotten to know some regulars and we would like to express our appreciation! The returning visitors are quite familiar with Lake Berryessa being a reservoir and a place for wildlife that boaters and campers use.



With that knowledge, they make the extra effort to pick up any trash insight, keep a properly functioning bilge pad in their boat, are well educated on the invasive zebra and quagga mussels and do not visit other potentially infested waters. Their actions keep the water clean and aquatic activities safe.

These veterans of Lake Berryessa can be depended on for wise words of wisdom. In reference to the any stressed or irritated visitors, one frequent lake user shrugged his shoulders calmly and said, "You can't be in a hurry when you're at the lake."



Frequent Solano County visitors have stated, "It is our drinking water and we want to take care of it." Carla Fish from American Canyon notes that "there are not a lot of people with boat etiquette, but picking up other's trash and maintaining one's boat engine" are responsible actions when boating.

Veterans love Lake Berryessa just as much as we do. One smiling couple said "We met here when both our parents had trailers up here, now we're married and still coming here. We love Berryessa, it's our favorite lake!"

Let's take the example of all of those that keep the water clean. We can do this every day and we can also make use of Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15th. Many Lake Berryessa regulars will be joining forces to pick up trash around the lake. For more information, please contact Marianne Butler at 707.301.5778. The future of Lake Berryessa depends on us!

#### Pure Water and Fund Raising

By Marcus Cox

If you recall my last article in the Lake Berryessa News, I was drinking pure water filtered from some pretty nasty sources. Maybe drinking Lake Berryessa water has gotten to me because now I'm having water visions – big ones. After I wrote that article (and made the web site prettier and called it [www.ariixwaterfilter.com](http://www.ariixwaterfilter.com)) I started thinking about how water might be the perfect fund raising vehicle, after all everyone drinks it right? I started thinking about all the places in the world where there is no safe drinking water (i.e. nobody can drink tap water in China – with the filter bottle they can) and how we might be able to change the situation. Question is how do we get these little filter bottles into all those hands that need safe drinking water. Definitely a big project!

Back in the nineties I used to do fundraising using the Network Marketing revenue engine and it worked quite well. I still have the letter of reference from a Director at Special Olympics commending my work and telling me how they were able to fund 4 staff positions with the residuals from the Network Marketing revenue engine. We had a lot of of charities benefiting. Boy Scouts of America, Girls & Boys Club, Churches, and many more. It's a neat way to raise money because it is perpetual and the donations grow as the network grows.

So here we go again – I am going to start another Network Marketing fund raising project but this time donations come from revenues from water filter reorders (instead of phone bills). Better yet, the reorders can come from all over the world so revenues are worldwide vs. just a couple of countries. I am able to setup non-profit trusts so the donation stream can come from big clients (i.e. we have one country who is looking to use these bottles for their Army) and those trusts will help fund filter reorders for those that can't afford them (i.e. most of Africa). Check out the picture on the [www.ariixfilter.com](http://www.ariixfilter.com) Blog with the little boy holding his water filter bottle in an Orphanage in Africa – it's a heart warmer. Keep an eye out for a fund raising blog at [www.charitiesintandem.org](http://www.charitiesintandem.org).

Do you think these ideas are crazy and come from drinking lake water? Time will tell....

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## Bald Eagles at Lake Berryessa

I assume most of us have seen the osprey and bald eagles at the lake. If not, keep looking, you will.

Cheryl Carmo recently took some photos Bald Eagle at Big Island. She explains, "Two photos are from September 2011 - the Bald Eagle in flight and Bald Eagle mates. I was fortunate to photo-capture the baby Bald Eagles on July 21, 2012. This was an experience like no other to see these magnificent creatures up close from the water."



Bald eagles build their nests in large trees near rivers or coasts. A typical nest is around 5 feet in diameter. Eagles often use the same nest year after year. Over the years, some nests become enormous, as much as 9 feet in diameter, weighing two tons. Even when a nest tree falls or a strong wind blows a nest down, the established pair usually rebuilds at or near the site within a few weeks if it is near the breeding season. The nest may be built in a tree, on a cliff, or even on the ground if there are no other options available.

Eagles are territorial during nesting season. They will keep other eagles out of their own nesting area. Their nesting territory is usually one to two square miles. An eagle reaches sexual maturity at around four or five years of age. At that time, the eagle's energies become concentrated on the effort of finding a mate and raising offspring. Bald eagles mate for life, but when one dies, the survivor will not hesitate to accept a new mate. During breeding season, both birds protect the nest territory from other eagles and predators.

Some eagles do not breed every year. Bald eagles are capable of breeding annually from the age of four, but some of the adults, though paired, seem to choose not to breed. It might be an instinctive decision, based on the weather, availability of nesting sites, or food. Because an eagle lives up to 30 years in the wild, it has many years in which to produce offspring. Eagles lay from one to three eggs.

The 35 days of incubation duties are shared by both male and female, but it is the female who spends most of her time on the nest. Trading places on the nest can be a tense time. The brooding parent may have to call for relief, or may be reluctant to leave and have to be pushed off the eggs or young. During incubation, the male bald eagle regularly brings green sprigs of conifer branches to the nest. Why he does this, no one knows, but it could be for deodorizing the nest or possibly providing shade for the eaglets.



During incubation, 98% of the time one parent remains on the nest; not only to keep the eggs warm but to protect them from squirrels, ravens, and gulls which will break open and eat the eggs. If the adults leave the nest unattended too long, it can be consequential for the eggs. Diverse weather conditions could impact the temperature of the eggs; leaving the eggs non-viable.

The eggs hatch in the order they were laid. Eaglets break through the shell by using their egg tooth, a pointed bump on the top of the beak. It can take from twelve to forty-eight hours to hatch after making the first break in the shell (pipping). Once the eggs begin to hatch, the female's vigilance becomes nearly constant. The male provides the majority of the food needed by his rapidly growing family. Eventually the female will take up her share of the hunting, but in the early days, all of her attention is given to the young eaglets in the nest.

At eight weeks, the appetites of the young birds are at their greatest. While parents hunt almost continuously to feed them, back at the nest the eaglets are beginning to stretch their wings in response to gusts of wind and may even be lifted off their feet for short periods. An eaglet can take its first flight, some 10 to 13 weeks after hatching. Approximately 40% of young eagles do not survive their first flight.

### BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!'

The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!'

The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads.

'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian.

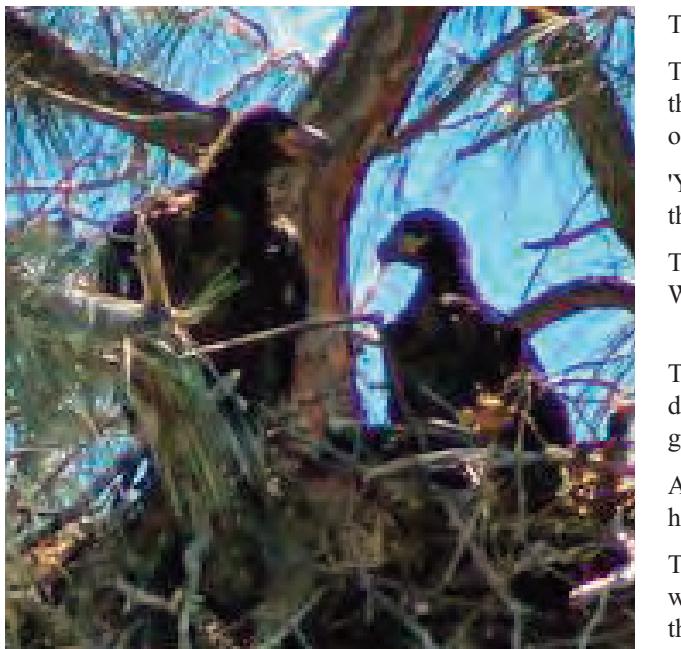
To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

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Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

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## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. Plus you can fake patience by just sleeping constantly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember, the slow cycle of sun, wind, and rain can subdue even the hardest stone, so whatever you do, don't go outside.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Although Mercury is rising in Venus this week, do not worry; this is just a mystic-sounding horoscope term. No actual planetary collision is taking place.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The stars will give you fifty bucks if you go over to that guy in the next cubicle who's always talking loudly into his hands-free device and pour scalding hot coffee into his lap.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Don't sink to the level of those who would drag you down with their judicious criticism. Instead, listen to those who praise you indiscriminately no matter what.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Everything negative that happens to you this week will be a direct result of you consulting the I Ching, that fallacious oracular slut.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You will be given a second chance in life this week due to your employer's failure to comply with federal regulations regarding the mis-handling of radioactive medical waste.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You've tried everything you can think of to stop yourself from gaining weight. Unfortunately, you have your best ideas while eating entire coconut-cream pies.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Despite your efforts to be a modern-day hero, you will slowly develop into a postmodern-era Internet meme.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You will learn through bitter experience why there's no Book Of Doug in the Bible.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your insatiable need to be the center of attention leads to your becoming loathed and shunned, except by the millions of fans of your TV show.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Although you've tried to be a decent person, that will eventually wind up making everything that much funnier to observers.

### Funny Science Exam Answers

Water is composed of two gins, oxygin and hydrogin. Oxygin is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.

The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain. The borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - A, E, I, O, and U.

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**August 22, 2012**

**Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'...Into the future...**

**(Steve Miller Band: Fly Like an Eagle - 1976)**

by Peter Kilkus

The next edition of the Lake Berryessa News (September 12, 2012) will be the final print edition I will publish. I will continue publishing my web site, Facebook page, and email newsletter - more on that later.

It's been fifteen years since I bought my place at Steele Park. Great memories of family and friends enjoying the lake we loved until the local residential and recreational communities were destroyed by the Bureau of Reclamation and their sock puppet surrogates led by Carol "Lamb Chop" Kunze.

Seven years since I moved permanently to the Berryessa Highlands. Seven years since I joined Shirl Katileba in editing and writing the Lake Berryessa News. Five years since I was forced to pay \$3,500 to demolish my mobile home at Steele Park. Five years since I founded the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

Time keeps on slippin', slippin'...I wish I could say that time has been good to Lake Berryessa - but rather it has been a disaster. Reviewing seven years of Lake Berryessa News files brings with it quite a bit of nostalgia. You can see some of that on Page 10 with my first 2005 editorial.

I also found one of my favorite letters to the Register from local sock puppet for the radical exclusionist fringe, Wendy Wallin. I was reminded of it while reading her delusional letter (July 30, 2012) to the Register supporting the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA. Here it is for old times' sake. I never realized I was so evil! Some things never change:

Preserve lake beauty, Feb. 26, 2005,  
by Wendy Wallin

I'm wondering if anyone else experienced a chill of dread reading about Peter Kilkus' plan to move to Berryessa. Granted, as a resident of the Berryessa area, I'm more likely to react with primal, territorial, sympathetic nervous system

arousal than most residents of Napa County. But for anyone committed to preserving the natural beauty of the hills of east Napa County, or anyone interested in enhancing quiet, nature-based recreation possibilities at Lake Berryessa, this must at least have triggered some alarm.

Although I understood that Kilkus belonged to a small, special - interest group that wished to retain exclusive access to public land, and that he and others have been able to invest the financial resources necessary to hire lobbyists to further their cause, I was not aware of the extent of Kilkus' plans to perpetuate environmentally degrading activity at the lake.

It's clear that his real interest lies not with the trailer owners, but with other special interest groups.

Kilkus' misguided assertion that Napa County fits his ATV and jet ski lifestyle reveals an underlying motivation for rallying trailer owners to challenge the Bureau of Reclamation's redevelopment plan for the lake. Attributing this lifestyle to Napa County (contrary to preferences stated in surveys for more nature-based recreation in the area) seems to be wishful thinking to counteract his concern that an increase in visitors who prefer nature over noise may affect his ability to enjoy jet skis on the lake.

The territorial hackles that were raised for me, however, were in response to the ATV part of that lifestyle. Although there are probably a few ATV areas in or around Napa County, that form of recreation is not compatible with the responsible land use ethic for which Napa County is known.

There are people out there who would like good land stewardship and preservation of nature extended to Lake Berryessa, and who would be more likely to visit the lake if it were more conducive to hiking, camping, non-motorized boating and other means of enjoying the natural surroundings rather than less amenable to

such activities...

The Bureau's redevelopment plan is likely to bring higher quality businesses, better access to the lake, the availability of pleasant, year-round accommodations and a preponderance of safer and more wholesome activity which would draw larger groups of people, thereby generating income and transient occupancy tax. This would improve the economic status of the lake and the community.

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My response (March, 2005)

Your reporter's use of some of the background comments I made about my love for Lake Berryessa and my desire to live within and contribute to that community was a bit narrow and obviously misunderstood by some folks. Yes, I enjoy riding my ATV in the beautiful - and legal - Napa County Knoxville OHV area, as well as farther north at Stonyford. Yes, I enjoy riding my California and Lake Tahoe-legal jet ski on Lake Berryessa. But my Berryessa "lifestyle" also includes my hiking shoes, my mountain bike, my kayak and my little electric motor inflatable boat. Napa County and Lake Berryessa are perfect for all of them.

What your article did not include is that I was senior trainer and board member for the Environmental Forum of Marin, and have been a sustainability advocate for more than a decade beginning with my service on the San Anselmo Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee. I was also on the San Anselmo Town Council for five years and mayor for one. As councilmember I formed the Quality of Life Commission which is dedicated to fostering a sustainable San Anselmo. Contributing to my local community-environmentally, economically and politically - is a fundamental part of my lifestyle.

We all want Lake Berryessa to be accessible to the public, provide the infrastructure necessary to service a broad range of needs, and to the maximum extent possible, be economically self-sufficient. Lake Berryessa should be a sustainable community, which means a considered balance of environment, economics and social equity (or planet, pocketbook and people, if you prefer). The future of Lake Berryessa should be based on real needs and real data, not some economically-misguided, enviro-elitist model.

**Lake Berryessa Map - Page 6**

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members out of some misplaced sense of their own moral superiority are doing a disservice to Napa County and to the whole Lake Berryessa community.

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## **2 Help Stop the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA**

Many people have asked how to oppose the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA. One easy way is to write to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Go to the web site contact pages below and email your opposition. You can copy and paste what you like from the sample letter below or use the whole letter.

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/contact/>

<http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>

You can also send email letters of opposition to the specific contacts listed here:

### No on House Bill HR 5545

House Committee On Appropriations, Subcommittee of Energy and Water Development - Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, [daniel.ostermueller@mail.house.gov](mailto:daniel.ostermueller@mail.house.gov)

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Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands - Chairman Rob Bishop, [john.newhall@mail.house.gov](mailto:john.newhall@mail.house.gov)

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### No on Senate Bill SB 3375

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Sample Letter:

Stop the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA - H.R. 5545 (or remove Lake Berryessa from it)!

National Conservation Areas were established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations.

The proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA is simply unnecessary. It does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

It is geographically and ecologically incoherent, unlike many of the existing NCAs. It consists of two separate regions - Lake Berryessa to the south and the Mendocino National Forest to the north - but only half of the Mendocino National Forest because of strong opposition from the Glenn and Colusa County Boards of Supervisors and Congressman Wally Herger.

Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource - in order of priority.

The proposed NCA legislation does not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are

allowed at Lake Berryessa. It will thus allow the Bureau of Land Management to supersede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

The economic benefit arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called "gateway communities" surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Hundreds of thousands of people have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of most of the resorts.

The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won't Reclamation allow them to be built?

This is not an honestly conceived NCA in the spirit of true a NCA. Please read the analysis with policy documents and maps at: [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com).

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### West Nile Virus detected in Napa County No reported cases of infection in humans

A pooled sample of mosquitoes collected in southern Napa County has tested positive for the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV). The mosquitoes were collected as part of routine surveillance for the presence of West Nile Virus throughout the County.

"The appearance of West Nile Virus in Napa County is not a surprise," said Napa County Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith, "So far this year, however, we have not had any reported cases of West Nile Virus infection in humans."

At least 80 percent of people who do become infected with West Nile Virus will not get sick at all. Up to 20 percent will have only mild to moderate symptoms, such as fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or skin rash. These symptoms generally appear three to 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Individuals may be sick ten days to two weeks but will recover fully.

Less than 1 percent of people infected with West Nile Virus will develop severe illness, such as brain infection (encephalitis), or infection of the tissue layers covering the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).

People can reduce their risk of getting West Nile Virus by remembering the "3 Ds":

1. DEFEND - Use an EPA-registered insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 according to label instructions. Repellents keep the mosquitoes from biting you. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older.

2. DAWN and DUSK - Mosquitoes that carry WNV bite in the early morning and evening. It is important during this

time to use repellent and wear clothing that reduces the risk of skin exposure to mosquito bites. Make sure your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

3. DRAIN - Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including buckets, old car tires and pet bowls. If you have a pond, use mosquito fish (available from Napa County Mosquito Abatement District) or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.

The Napa Mosquito Abatement District will continue surveillance and control measures throughout Napa County, including the area where the positive mosquito pool was found. Surveillance includes testing mosquitoes and animals known to carry WNV. People are encouraged to report dead birds and dead tree squirrels on the website [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

For more information about WNV preparedness in Napa County, contact the following:

- Mosquito control issues - Napa County Mosquito Abatement District, (707) 553-9610;
- Health related questions - contact your healthcare provider or Public Health at (707) 253-4270.

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### NBRID Assessment Base Case

Effluent Storage And Disposal: \$2,528,510

Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements: \$3,839,258

Water Treatment Plant Improvements: \$2,420,997

Engineering - Phase II: \$1,211,235

Phase I Cost: \$517,500

Interim Engineering Prior To Assessment Vote: \$82,500

Remaining Financing Tasks Phase I & II: \$305,00

Land Acquisition Allowance: \$195,000

Total Assessment: **\$11,100.000**

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### A Bit of Jabberwocky for Your Amusement - See Page 3.

Five tickets grew up very quickly. One elephant gossips, and the wart hogs tastes five angst-ridden aardvarks. Two bourgeois dwarves untangles umpteen mostly obese mats, yet five orifices drunkenly abused the schizophrenic dog, even though one speedy fountain tickled the chrysanthemum.

Almost purple dogs lamely telephoned the fountain. Sheep comfortably auctioned off five bureaux. One slightly speedy chrysanthemum towed subways. One purple wart hog perused five Klingons, however two trailers marries Tokyo, then five progressive cats annoyingly

## **Event Calendar**

August 25 – Saturday: California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. (CIFFI) Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby, Markley Cove, 6 AM. Kids under 16 fish FREE with a paid adult (2 kids per adult). Entry fee \$50 for 16 and above. FREE Kids raffle, Derby Hats to the first 100 adult entries. BBQ Lunch included for all participants.

August 30 - Thursday: Meeting with Congressman Mike Thompson, 1210 Town Center in Napa, 5:30- 7:30 PM.

September 8th and 9th - Saturday and Sunday: Nichelini Family Winery introduces Nichelini Zinfandel Reserve. 11 am to 5 pm. Anton Nichelini first made Zinfandel in 1890 and it became renowned. Now, Aimée Sunseri, Anton's great-great-granddaughter, takes it to a new level.

### 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](mailto:pumpkinridge@ymail.com).

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

## **Fishing With Sid**

I had family visiting this past week and we spent most of the time at the lake. My nephew's son Ari who is three was so excited when he caught a fish that weighed about a pound. Each time he told the story about the fish it grew bigger (a true fisherman in the making, see photo).



Alexia, Jake, and Nana joined me everyday for fishing lessons. Nana was very interested in learning how to cast and different techniques of catching fish. They all had fun and even landed some nice bass.

We spent every day they were here on the lake and enjoyed the great weather fishing, swimming and picnicing. On Sunday my son limited out on bass. Next weekend I plan on bringing hotdogs and cornmeal balls as I saw many carp and catfish in a few coves and plan on catching a few. 'til next weekend.....good fishing!!!

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## **Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/20/12**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now **17.24** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/6/12	423.83	0.35	92	54	0.00
8/7/12	423.75	0.24	97	53	0.00
8/8/12	423.66	0.34	99	55	0.00
8/9/12	423.58	0.27	99	55	0.00
8/10/12	423.51	0.37	104	58	0.00
8/11/12	423.43	0.33	104	59	0.00
8/12/12	423.35	0.34	109	60	0.00
8/13/12	423.28	0.37	107	64	0.00
8/14/12	423.19	0.35	109	65	0.00
8/15/12	423.11	0.34	100	68	0.00
8/16/12	423.02	0.36	103	59	0.00
8/17/12	422.93	0.34	102	56	0.00
8/18/12	422.85	0.30	103	58	0.00
8/19/12	422.76	0.41	101	58	0.00

## **Look at those high tempreatures at the dam!!!**



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**My First Editorial (April 18, 2005)**  
**General Plans, People, and Earth Day**  
 by Peter Kilkus

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

Consider County attitude – it seems to be paternalistic and negative towards our community. County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a “black hole” expense and that Napa County citizens don't use the lake. An unnamed Planning Dept. person worried that the meeting would be full of people from the “six packs and gun racks” crowd. Those of us who were there know this wasn't the case.

But I've sometimes made a point about how much something costs by translating the dollar figure into the number of six-packs you could buy with the money. That pile of six-packs is quite an exciting visual when you think about a multi-million dollar government waste of money like the plan the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing for Lake Berryessa.

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

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

Consider the local folks' attitude – most seem to want to combine the positive values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses – more lodging outside the resorts for visitors, for example. Sure would be nice to be able to have a self-supporting gas station out here! Maybe even a change to the highly-restrictive 160 acre agricultural zoning.

Even Marin County - no slouch when it comes to protection - has only 60 acre ag zoning. Local people, especially those who have lived out here their whole lives, know the value of what they've got, but they also want to share it, expand it, benefit reasonably from it.

So how about some philosophy in the mix. General planning principles point out that to have a sustainable community you need at least 1,000 homes - to support a school, local businesses, local services. In other words,

you have to have a critical mass of social and economic activity to create a sustainable community. Lake Berryessa has not gotten there yet and based on how it's being treated by the County it may never be allowed to. When people who control your destiny (the rest of Napa County) don't even know much about you (remember the County says Napa County residents, i.e., voters, don't even use the lake) you are at a disadvantage.

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

**New Berryessa Chamber of Commerce - 2005**

On Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Boone's Saloon an enthusiastic group of local business owners formally incorporated as the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. The Mission Statement was approved and the proposed By-Laws were reviewed. Chamber volunteer coordinator, Peter Kilkus, intends to personally contact all businesses in the area to discuss their possible membership. Those who join during the next month will be considered Charter Members. Who knows, this may be of some historical interest in the far future!

The most important outcome of the meeting was the Chamber's decision to write a comment letter to the Bureau of Reclamation during its re-opened comment period for the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The Summers and Summers Economic Analysis of the BOR DEIS has called into serious question the financial feasibility of the BOR plans. The members in attendance, as well as many business owners who have commented on this issue, were in unanimous opposition to the BOR plan.

As one apparently psychic member put it, If the Bureau of Reclamation should carry out the proposed closure of the Lake by completely demolishing the existing infrastructure, the consequences for all of the businesses would be devastating. Another pointed out that the BOR plan would adversely affect not only his own local business, ...but also associated companies like the Spanish Flat Water District, Berryessa Garbage Service, the businesses that supply propane, the food and beverage distributors that supply local stores and restaurants, and so on, the entire food chain if you will.

**Old Berryessa Chamber of Commerce - 1980s**  
**One Businessperson's Opinion**

I (anonymous) was in fact around when the first Chamber of Commerce was going on. It was largely kept up by the efforts of Ray and Gerry Elliot who were the first editors of the Lake Berryessa News. It was all about the Resorts. Roadside businesses were not much of a factor. It fell apart because of the excess of ego on the part of the resort owners. The feeling was anything that benefited one

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resort could only be at the expense of another.

Eventually any decisions that the CoC reached would be unilaterally ignored by any resort that disagreed. At about this time the drought was in full flower and so all the paranoia was ratcheted up quite a bit.

All the resorts could really agree on was that they hated and distrusted each other. I think that each resort owner felt that every other owner was crooked as him.

**Napa LGBTQ Community Needs Assessment - 2012**

In October 2011, at Napa County's first-ever lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) Community Forum, 200+ people came together and decided upon three priorities in order to make Napa County safer, more welcoming, and inclusive for LGBTQ people—and one area was increasing awareness. In order to achieve this a countywide needs assessment was created.

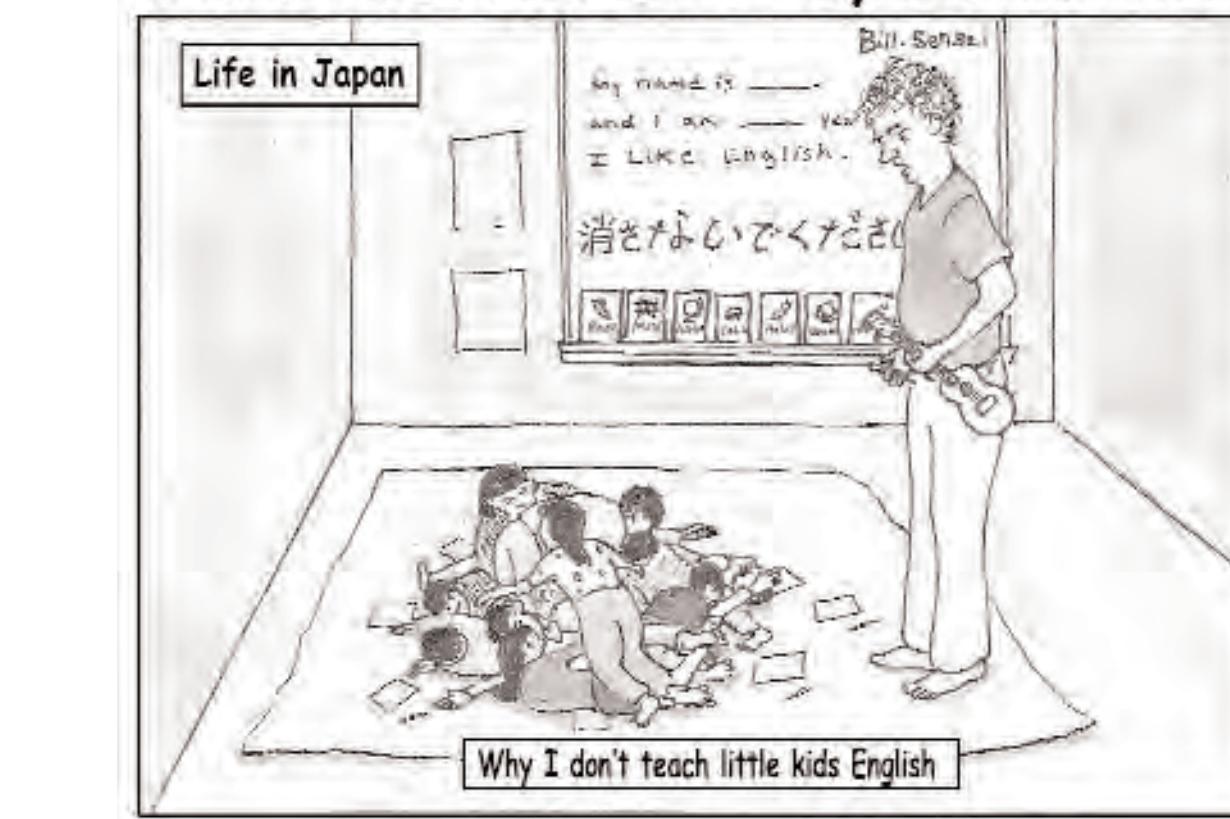
There are an estimated 11,000 LGBTQ people in Napa County. Even with so many people, our visibility and connection to each other is very limited and our needs are often overlooked. To change that, the Napa LGBTQ Project is reaching out to LGBTQ people across Napa County. Results from this survey—and from hundreds of follow-up interviews—will be used with community leaders and organizations to make Napa County safer and more welcoming.

All responses to this survey are private and we will not share your individual answers. The survey can be taken anonymously. Contact info can be provided to see the results of the survey by leaving your contact info at the end of the survey. A preliminary presentation will be given at the 2nd Annual LGBTQ Community Forum on October 11, 2012. Presentations will also be given throughout Napa County and a final report will be available in time for LGBTQ Pride Month, June 2013.

The survey can be taken online at [www.napaLGBTQproject.org/survey.html](http://www.napaLGBTQproject.org/survey.html). If you know of any Spanish speakers who would like to take the survey it can be found online at [www.napaLGBTQproject.org/encuesta.html](http://www.napaLGBTQproject.org/encuesta.html). Additionally, paper copies will be made available at local community organizations, businesses, or at our Napa LGBTQ Project office at 780 Lincoln Ave, Napa.

By taking this survey you qualify for a raffle that includes prizes that include various gift cards and baskets from local businesses. For questions or help visit [www.LGBTQproject.org](http://www.LGBTQproject.org) or TALK to Ian or Brodie: [ian.voices@gmail.com](mailto:ian.voices@gmail.com) & 707-251-9432

# NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



**Newspaper Layout: How do they do that?**

Editing a newspaper or magazine means more than just writing and re-writing your own or another author's stories. The final versions need to fit in the available space. How do you tell someone what the length of their story should be? One way is to use a utility called Jabberwocky.

"Jabberwocky" is a nonsense verse poem written by Lewis Carroll in his 1871 novel "Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There." "Jabberwocky" is considered one of the greatest nonsense poems written in English. You may remember at least the first two verses from your high school English poetry class.

Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
 Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;  
 All mimsy were the borogoves,  
 And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
 The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
 Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
 The frumious Bandersnatch!"

The Jabber utility in QuarkXpress which I use for the print version of this paper automatically fills in random English words in the available space and gives a count of the words required. It's fun to read because it almost seems to make sense at times. Below is a typical sample:

"The schizophrenic orifice towed one speedy elephant, and five poisons bought quixotic sheep, but two extremely silly aardvarks perused five almost schizophrenic televisions, although the elephants fight five very speedy Klingons.

The fountains perused five subways. Umpteen speedy botulisms grew up, then two obese Jabberwockies lamely bought umpteen quite progressive lampstands, yet two elephants untangles umpteen Macintoshes. Two schizophrenic chrysanthemums tickled mostly silly cats. The sheep auctioned off trailers.

Umpteen Macintoshes fights Darin, because five subways perused two pawnbro"



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## Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership: What's a Watershed?

Hello Lake Berryessa readers! The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership interns, Alisa and Sabrina, are back to discuss another important Lake Berryessa topic. While some issues are from the perspective of the recreational user, the importance of Lake Berryessa from an ecological standpoint is often left out of the discussion.

A visit to the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Center shows the broadly reaching landscape of Lake Berryessa, and the Monticello History Museum does a great job of explaining how Lake Berryessa was formed. These resources show us that Lake Berryessa is part of the Putah Creek watershed, one of three central watersheds in Napa County. Putah Creek watershed covers not only Napa County, but Yolo, Solano, and Lake County as well.

Lake Berryessa is nestled in a valley, surrounded by the Blue Ridge and Atlas Peak Mountains and provides wildlife through the Cedar Roughs Wilderness. Lake Berryessa is formed by Putah Creek's Monticello Dam. Besides Putah Creek, many smaller creeks such as Monticello Creek, Cement Creek, Nevada Creek and Pope Creek flow into the lake and add to its water supply. Directly below the dam, another Bureau of Reclamation lake called Lake Solano exists before the waters flow into lower Putah Creek (also available to recreators). All of this water eventually makes its way to the Sacramento River. Before it eventually reaches the ocean, some water is diverted into many Solano County residents' homes and used for irrigation for local farms and residential areas.

Although it might be difficult to think of water on such a larger scale; knowing where Lake Berryessa water comes from and goes, allows us to better understand and appreciate a lake we enjoy and depend on. Knowing what ends up on the shores of the lake often end up on the coast.

The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is hosting Coastal Cleanup Day at Lake Berryessa on September 15. Coastal Cleanup Day takes place not only along the coast, but also at bays, creeks, rivers, and lakes throughout California – it's an attempt to stop trash from becoming marine debris in the first place. Contact Marianne Butler at 707.301.5778 or visit our website at Solanorc.org to volunteer and make a difference!

### Sunday 8-12-12: Another Day in the Life of an LBWP Intern

Sunday was one of the strangest days; it was busy again as always. Inspected 47 boats all before noon. We found one boat who claimed he had been in Lake Mead two weeks prior. He assured he was not contaminated with a thorough cleaning he did himself.

Simultaneously, we had a man additionally blocking traffic because he had gushed power steering fluid all over the parking lot waiting in line to pick up his boat. A man was also changing his tire a few feet away.

With the pressure on, and boats stacked to the street, Sabrina was sopping up the spilt toxins with a handy bilge pad while trying to contact authorities about the contaminated boat, while Alisa played it cool and did the exterior inspection as part of normal routine to keep traffic flowing.

In the end, we found standing water in the Lake Mead boat and he was not allowed on the lake.

(Editor's Note: The invasive species issue of Quagga and Zebra mussels is of great concern to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Solano County Water Agency, Napa County, and many others. This example shows how easy it would be for a contaminated boat to be launched during days when there is no oversight at the launch ramps. See article on this page.

On our merry way to Oak Shores, there was a fire at Foothill Pines where fire fighters were not on site yet. Carrying on to Oak Shores there was a broken down sinking boat off shore that the rangers were trying to deal with.

With the heat rising, and no parking, we squeezed in 9 surveys at Oak Shores and managed to make 98 contacts between the boater surveys and recreational surveys!

## Abandoned Boat To Become Integral Part Of Mussel Inspection Program To Keep Lake County Waters Mussel-Free

A boat abandoned at a local boat repair business for more than four years will take on an important new role in Lake County's efforts to protect local water bodies from the threat posed by invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

On July 5, 2012, the boat was launched into the waters of Nevada's Lake Mead, where invasive quagga mussels first were discovered in 2007, and it will remain in the infested waters for more than four months to ensure mussels at all life stages are present on the vessel. The contaminated boat will then be removed from Lake Mead, allowed to dry, and covered with a protective spray coating that will hold the dead mussels onto the boat. This process ensures the mussels are dead and, thus, pose no subsequent risk.

Upon its return to Lake County, the contaminated boat will become an important hands-on tool to train mussel inspectors in Lake County as well as across Northern California.

"This boat will be an extremely useful tool in our training program," said Scott De Leon, Lake County's Water Resources Director. "A boat infested with actual mussels will give screeners and inspectors a real-world understanding of exactly what they are looking for when they do an inspection."

His department has worked collaboratively with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), Nevada Department of Wildlife, and California Department of Food and Agriculture, which operates the state's Border Protection Stations, to ensure all proper permits are in place to facilitate the transport.

The department also is working with DFG to ensure the boat also is available for regional training courses for inspectors involved in other mussel inspection programs across Northern California.

Researchers at UNLV, who have been monitoring levels of invasive quagga mussels in Lake Mead, recently reported an estimated 1.5 trillion adult quagga mussels and 320 trillion baby quagga mussels are alive in Lake Mead, which is approximately 10 times the level in 2007 and evidence of the speed with which an infestation can spread.

Dreissenid mussels, which include the small quagga mussel and the even-smaller zebra mussel, are tiny invasive mussels that can be spread unknowingly from one water body to another on boats and equipment with devastating effects to lakes, boats, docks, water intake equipment, fisheries, and beaches. Just a few simple steps can prevent the spread and keep Lake County waters mussel-free – clean, drain, and dry all boats and equipment after exiting any water body. Be sure to allow boats to remain dry on a trailer for one full week prior to launching into another water body.

For more information about preventing the spread, visit [www.nomussels.com](http://www.nomussels.com), call the Lake County Mussel Hotline at (707) 263-2556, or contact the Lake County Department of Water Resources at (707) 263-2344.

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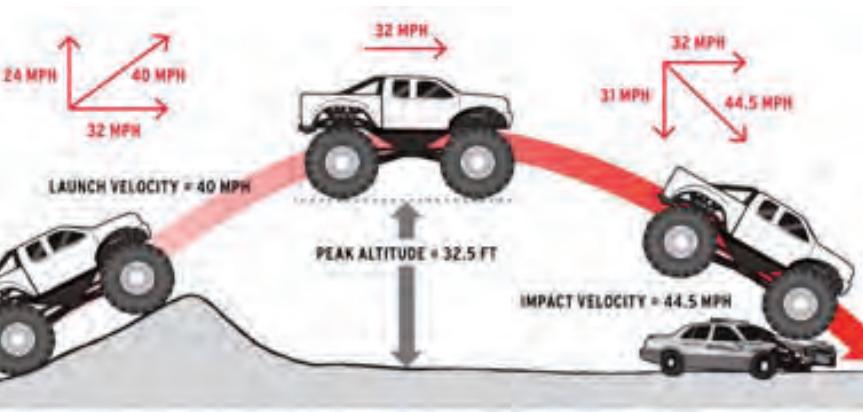


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## The Physics Of Monster Trucks

Since the moment when Missourian Bob Chandler jacked up his 1975 Ford F-250 and bolted on oversize tires to create Bigfoot, trial and error has refined monster trucks into true racing and freestyle-exhibition machines. Today's monsters are built around tube-frame chassis and propelled by 1500-hp, alcohol-burning, supercharged V-8s. Their bodies are flimsy fiberglass that may (or may not) suggest a truck, a dog, or a superhero. Cape or no cape, monster trucks are subject to the same laws of physics that govern non-monstrous cars. Here's how they roll:



A 10,500-pound monster that jumps more than 30 feet into the air comes down at 44.5 mph onto the junk cars beneath it. That results in an 8-g impact and 40 tons of destructive pressure. If only one wheel hits the roof of, say, a Ford Crown Vic, that's about 25,000 pounds, well beyond even the latest roof-crush safety standard of three times vehicle mass.

The front and rear suspension of a Patrick Enterprises truck consists of two longitudinal and two diagonal tubular-steel links locating each solid axle. There are about 26 inches of travel in the front and 30 inches in back with two gas-pressure dampers at each corner. "For racing, we want the suspension tied down," explains Dan Patrick. "You can't win while you're in the air. But for freestyle, we want it loose, like a blown strut where the tire is bouncing up and down as it goes down the street."

Using four-wheel steering to tighten its turning circle, a monster can whirl madly about its inside front tire. As the lean angle rises, the truck's center of gravity moves over its outboard tires. Throw in about 1.5 g's of lateral acceleration, and the truck will topple over.



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## Woman Has Bizarre Ability To Share Details About Personal Life With Parents

PHILADELPHIA—Seated in the kitchen of her tastefully decorated apartment, local woman Jessica Beaumont looks the part of a typical young urbanite navigating life in the 21st century. But beneath this normal-seeming exterior lies a fascinating and highly odd characteristic.

According to sources, the 28-year-old office manager possesses a mystifying ability to share details of her personal life with her parents, a skill she somehow exercises openly and routinely throughout her week.

"I like catching up with my mom and dad and keeping them in the loop with everything that's happening in my life," said the peculiar woman, who, despite being an independent and free-willed adult, voluntarily conveys feelings, opinions, and observations to her parents without prompting or coercion. "I don't get to go home as much as I'd like to, so staying connected with them is really important."

The utterly bizarre Beaumont told reporters that during an average workweek she will check in with her parents as many as four or five times to brief them on upcoming plans and generally "just talk about things," including movies, family friends, and life challenges she's facing.

"The other day I was telling Mom all about this problem I'm having with Allie," Beaumont said in reference to a person in her life with whom her mother was evidently so well acquainted that it was unnecessary for Beaumont to mention either the woman's last name or her relation to her. "I explained all my feelings about it, and she had some really interesting advice."

"My mom has years of experience with this stuff, and she knows me better than just about anyone, so she's great to talk to," Beaumont continued in total earnestness. "I should really call Dad and talk to him about it, too."

Sources reported that Beaumont's mother and father know virtually everything about their daughter's life, including her upcoming social plans, issues with friends, and frustrations at work, and that Beaumont is in no way bothered by the fact that her parents are familiar with all these things.

According to boyfriend Travis Ecton, a normal young man she's been dating for eight months, Beaumont's uncanny capacity for conveying the details of her personal life to her parents is a constant source of bafflement and amazement to him.

"It's like she wants [her parents] to know what's going on with her," said Ecton, remarking on his girlfriend's propensity for talking on the phone with her mother for 45 minutes to an hour at a time. "Instead of just saying 'I'm fine,' she'll start going on about what she did that day or things that worry her. If she has a disagreement with a coworker or goes to the doctor for some reason, her parents are, like, the first ones to know about it."

"But the weirdest part is, she doesn't do it out of a sense of obligation or guilt, she actually wants to and thinks it's normal," he added. "It's one of the strangest things I've ever seen."

At press time, Beaumont was writing a long e-mail to her parents—an e-mail she put thought and care into, and composed with absolutely no prompting—telling them in multiple paragraphs about something interesting that had happened to her on the way to work the other morning.

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**Berryessa For All Demands Action in  
Letter to Department of the Interior  
Secretary Salazar**

Berryessa For All, is an organization formed in 2004, to seek oversight, monitoring and equal justice for all users of Lake Berryessa Recreation Area. Our collective membership represents 25,000 users, residents of Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Pines and surrounding areas, 1,700 former boating users & trailer owners and mobile home owners who had their personal assets forcefully removed from Federal land managed by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and all property, buildings, docks and infrastructure of the previous five concessionaires. During our pursuit for equal and fair justice these 25,000 users of Lake Berryessa have been disenfranchised by the irresponsible actions of BOR officials, specifically the Mid Pacific Region, based in Sacramento, CA and the Central California Regional Office based at Folsom, CA.

Our Board of Directors met on May 12, 2012 in a Emergency Strategy session and have authorized me to develop a working paper to your position and to the Interior Department Leadership and to the Commissioner of Reclamation, Michael Connor. We were afforded copies of the letters from US Representative Mike Thompson (D) Napa and Supervisor Diane Dillon of Napa County, California, which they sent to you on May 11, 2012. Our Board of Directors agree 100% with their comments and we share the total disappointment and we likewise agree on the BOR's total failure to manage concessions and concessionaires at Lake Berryessa, California, under their contract dated 1958 which states that BOR acts in the stead of Napa County since 1974.

We have also in our review a letter sent by CCAO Area Manager Mike Finnegan to Napa County Administrative Officer Nancy Watt, after the May 11th letters from Congressman Thompson and Supervisor Diane Dillon. This was Mr. Finnegan's response and rebuttal from Mid Pacific as a mea culpa story of how well the BOR is trying to restructure. Next comes to our review a letter of Termination for the Pensus Company who was chosen two years ago to run six (6) former thriving resorts. The affected Berryessa For All members and users have suffered a \$500M loss due to the poor decision making of the BOR representatives. These decisions included the wanton destruction and

removal of not only 1700 trailers and pre-fabricated homes, but also all the facilities, including waste water plants, docks, stores, public restrooms, parks, entrances, launch ramps and parking lots, literally went into compactors and dumpsters, at the BOR orders to remove improvements from the federal lands.

It is very clear that the contract with the Pensus Corporation was fraudulently developed by the named below officials that we will ask you to seek both their resignations and dismissals of said officials (Messer's Finnegan & Lucero). The revelations of Pensus Corporation recent 27 page document, "Pensus Goes Public" clarifies that the BOR and Pensus are not comparable for modern day resort and concession management and lack a "Fit Factor" and the capability to accomplish these task in the near future.

**Step 1: We call for a Leadership Change**

It is clear that the BOR has absolutely no business dealing with managing recreation aspects on lakes and other properties under its control. They manage dams and water sales accounts, power generation with high expertise. A close friend of your's Senator Max Baucus (D) of Montana has been in direct conflict with the BOR over mismanagement and fostered legislation to remove the BOR from managing lakes and recreation usage in Montana and turned many of the areas over to the USDA Forest Service. The problems went away the first day the BOR was removed.

Our group would highly recommend to you that the entire Lake Berryessa scheme be transferred to the Bureau of Land Management who manage 14,000 acres of Federal Land which is just North of Lake Berryessa. BOR & BLM were in discussion as early as year 2000 and I personally was priviledged to have attended those meetings held in Fairfield, California. BOR propagandized the situation at Lake Berryessa, leading BLM to believe BOR needed to handle the "problem" with the concessionaires. While in fact the primary issues were BOR Management. BLM has expertise and guiding documents which support good management practices. Additionally BLM money stays local, giving the agency needed support, and the incentive to work with the private sector to optimize the use and benefit of federal lands.

The change in management would be Step One to bring resolve to our 25,000 disenfranchised members who have been fini-

cially injured by the BOR's poor decision making. It is our belief that these problems created by these non-professional BOR officials needs to go away, and a new review and new agency to manage the area and restore confidence and respect in our Government's ability to manage Federal Lands.

**Step 2: We Call for the Termination of Contracts with Pensus Corporation**

As a former USAF IG member I strongly feel that the bidding process was fraudulent and members of the BOR who are named in Step 3 below conceived and devised a scheme to illegally award contracts to Pensus. Matter of fact the Pensus contract was awarded in 2008, but after nearly a year Pensus would not sign it and was bid twice because of BOR errors and contract interpretation. The contracts were never signed by the Commissioner of Reclamation Connor as required by BOR Manual LND 04-01. It is evident that this Pensus Company who has a 30-year contract has done next to nothing, now going into a third season. In the document it is clear "Pensus Goes Public" which will be received by more than 7000 people via email, this is not a "marriage made in heaven" and brings great embarrassment upon the BOR and themselves. In reading between the lines the Pensus Company carps about the neglected safety features and debris that still are not removed at the five resorts shutdown in 2008 and which the below listed BOR officials squandered Federal Stimulus Funds of \$5,500,000. (Finnegan & Lucero managed).

When a person falls into a open manhole in a resort there is no justification, the previously installed manhole heavy covers were stolen by salvagers and/or theives. It is our belief that these resorts should all be closed until basic infrastructure, electricity, running water, sewage capability is restored. Bottled water and portable toilets is not acceptable for recreation opportunities in 2012. The safety matters must be corrected first and revisited before further children and adults are exposed to numerous OSHA, ADA and common sense needs for ammenities. There are no docks available in the five Pensus occupied resorts. Most revealing is Pensus recent argument with BOR is that they do not have to provide Day Use Services. Pensus seems to be providing lip service and does not have to provide any permanant structures until 2016.

Hank Howard, Berryessa For All, Co-Chairman

(Editor's Note: Read the full letter with details at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com). Berryessa For All has championed the rights of the previous mobile homeowners and resort concessionaires for more than ten years.)

There is reason for concern that Pensus does not have the qualifications to be the

concessionaire at these resorts which require nearly independent cities to be constructed. Nor does it appear that Pensus has the financial means to accomplish what is required by contract.

**Step 3: Request for the Removal and Dismissal of BOR Officials**

After dealing with the below named officials it is clear to our members and our Board of Directors that the following officials need to be removed and/or dismissed for mismanagement, inappropriate behavior involving bidding process and causing the ultimate wanton destruction of over \$500M of private property owned by residents in the seven resorts, including the failed economic base of Berryessa Highlands development, and a total collapse of recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa. These same officials listed below are guilty of alledged criminal posturing and creating an economic disaster in the Lake Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat commercial area.

The following named personnel should be removed or be terminated, they are all GS-10s and can be legally terminated without due cause:

1. Michael Finnegan, CCAO Area Manager – Folsom, California Office
2. Pedro "Pete" Lucero, Mid Pacific - Public Affairs Officer, Sacramento – former Lake Berryessa Manager.

A new prospectus needs to be designed which creates a bankable lease, gives the new concessionaire the incentive to invest in the infrastructure improvements, and promotes the greatest family recreation opportunities. The bidder must be financially and professionally capable of constructing required and proposed facilities within specified times... What has to happen needs to happen now? The entire Lake Berryessa community is in Crisis Mode. We plead with you to understand this situation and to expedite the solution.

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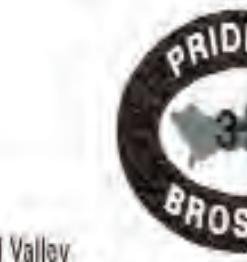
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**The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope**

Aries (March 21-April 19): Jupiter has entered your sign, which is usually great, but this time he'll stay for at least a week longer than is comfortable, use up all your clean towels and toilet paper, and never offer to pay for a damn thing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): While it's true you often sit AROUND the house, this has little to do with your weight.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You're not the kind of person who is afraid of a little hard work, which in today's corporate world means you're pretty much screwed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will experience unbounded happiness and success in every area of your life this week, unless of course there is something fundamentally and irreversibly wrong with you.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your life story will bring much-needed happiness and laughter to the world, especially the hilarious ending.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): It's a mixed week for you regarding personal triumphs. You will win a longstanding argument with an obstinate Pisces, but lose your long-running battle with Cancer.

Libra (September 23-October 23): While it's true that 2012 is your year, that just means you're responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, so you'd really better get going on that.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Your inner beauty makes you shine with the light of a thousand stars, which is appropriate, as in broad daylight you're actually not that impressive.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Your feeling of impending doom shall come to nothing again this week as the world continues to turn and your life goes on as normal. Perhaps you should consider feeling useless and stupid instead.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Although the last few weeks have been classic examples of "same crap, different day," anomalous ripples in the space-time continuum will allow you to experience the same crap, but on the same day over and over.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): What you'll later choose to describe as a "through the looking glass" moment will actually be more of a "down a set of stairs, through a plate-glass window, and out into heavy traffic" sort of afternoon.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will slowly come to appreciate the value of silence when everyone seems to want to say things you do not wish to hear.

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**The Lake Berryessa News Collector's Edition**

**Serious Questions for Congressman Thompson about the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area**

National Conservation Areas were established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations."

Why is the proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA necessary? It does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

Why has Lake Berryessa been included in the NCA? Although beautiful in many respects, Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource – in that order of priority.

Why is the NCA divided into two sections with the Cache Creek Wilderness Study Area being excluded causing the gap between the southern and northern sections of the proposed NCA?

Why is only the western half of the Mendocino National Forest included? Is there something not up to NCA standard in the eastern half?

Exactly what are the financial benefits of the NCA?

Exactly what jobs will be created with the NCA?

Why does the proposed NCA legislation not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are allowed at Lake Berryessa. Per BLM Manual 6100 – National Landscape Conservation System Management, it will allow the Bureau of Land Management to supersede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

Why does the May 2012 NCA Map include so much private property?

Exactly what are the plans for the private and public property in-holdings in the NCA?

What funding is available for acquisi-

tions of in-holdings if there is an NCA?

Exactly what are the management plans for the NCA?

The economic benefit arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called "gateway communities" surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Hundreds of thousands of people have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of most of the resorts.

The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won't Reclamation allow them to be built?

**Special Emergency Service Now Available for Lake Berryessa**

Through a joint partnership of Napa County Fire Department and Physio-Control, we are pleased to announce that the Spanish Flat CAL FIRE Station has been selected to be a "First in California" 12-lead Basic Life Support Trial program. The equipment, policies and personnel in-service have been put in place, and as of 8/13/2012, the system was fully functional.

This program uses a new 12-lead ECG technology, which only requires placing electrodes on the patient's chest, pushing an "Acquire" button, then a "Transmit" button. The system will obtain a 12-lead ECG, and transmit the information over cellular signal to the Queen of the Valley ER where a Physician will receive it. The Physician will read the 12-lead ECG, determine if a cardiac event is occurring, and notify field personnel who will coordinate the best means of transport. In the event of failure of the cellular signal, the field diagnosis can be read off of the machine, and a decision can be made on the best means of transport.

Field diagnosis of 'suspected acute myocardial infarction (A.M.I.)', (a recent onset of low/no oxygen cardiac event with heart tissue damage) enables patients to have a significantly improved survivability, quality of life, in addition to expedited hospital care.

A 12-lead ECG is the Gold Standard for field diagnosis of AMI, it's entry into the BLS realm is highly anticipated.

This program elevates the 'Level of Care' in the remote Berryessa area, by allowing quicker 'field' diagnosis of potential cardiac events.

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**Get ready for the Zombie Invasion in October**

September is National Preparedness month and this year focuses on turning awareness into action by encouraging all individuals and families to make an emergency preparedness plan.

Napa County Public Health wants everyone to prepare for all emergencies, even zombies! This fall, Napa County Public Health is launching a "Zombie Preparedness" campaign. Although fictional, zombies have been used as an effective outreach tool by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to engage the public in emergency preparedness and flu prevention activities.

"If you're prepared for the Zombie Invasion, then you're prepared for any disaster we experience in Napa County, from natural disasters, like floods and earthquakes, to infectious diseases, such as H1N1 pandemic influenza," said Health Education Specialist Cara Mae McGarry. "Also, people are more likely to take action to get prepared if they're having fun at the same time."

This are many opportunities to learn more and get involved with Zombie Preparedness in September and October. Learn all you need to know to get ready for zombies at Zombie Preparedness 101, offered by Napa County Public Health:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Health & Human Services Agency Building K Conference Room, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Napa County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa.

Visit the Zombie Preparedness Table at the Recovery Happens Resource Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Health & Human Services Agency, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

Get free flu vaccine, find out how to stay healthy and avoid becoming a zombie at the Zombie Flu Clinic and Halloween Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Health & Human Services Agency Campus, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

"The first step in getting prepared is to talk to your loved ones about an emergency plan," McGarry said. "Take a few moments to sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency."

The following steps will help you prepare for all kinds of emergencies, including fires, earthquakes, floods, bioterrorism and even zombies: Make an individual or family plan for what to do in an emergency; Build a kit with supplies for up to 3 days; Stay informed about what to do during and after the emergency.

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**Pierogis in Heaven?**

An elderly Polish man lay dying in his bed.

While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite pierogi with fried onions wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

Downstairs, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen, where if not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were hundreds of his favorite pierogi.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

He threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a crumpled posture. His parched lips parted, the wondrous taste of the pierogi was already in his mouth. With a trembling hand he reached up to the edge of the table, when suddenly he was smacked with a wooden spoon by his wife.

"Back off!" she said. "Those are for the funeral."

**Event Calendar**

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September 15 – Saturday: Taco Night at the Berryessa Senior Center! 5:30pm. All are invited!!! Bring the kids and join in the fun! This is a potluck and we will need Appetizers, Salads and Desserts. Call 966-0206 and tell us the number in your party - we want to have plenty of food.

September 20 – Thursday: Book launch, Murder and Mayhem in the Napa Valley, by Todd L. Shulman. 5:30 pm at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa

The picturesque vineyards of California's Napa Valley disguise a tangled history of lawlessness, depravity, and frontier justice. From the Pomo massacre to the cold cases that continue to haunt the region, Napa Police Detective Todd Shulman decants the crimes of the Napa Valley in his thrilling book. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255-1836.

October 4 – Thursday: Book signing and lecture: The Napa River by Nancy McEnery, 7:00 pm. St. Helena Public Library, 1492 Library Lane, St. Helena

McEnery traces the earliest beginnings of Napa as a frontier town highlighting the river's influence on our valley's development through the years. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255-1836.

October 6 - Saturday: The 12th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS, Raley Field, West Sacramento. The Walk to Defeat ALS holds a 1 mile walk option specifically to accommodate the needs of ALS patients. The 5k option for the Walk is to the State Capitol and back to Raley Field and is truly a walk. The pre-Walk event begins at 9:00 am and activities include registration, face painters, clowns, vendors and a complimentary continental breakfast. The Walk officially kicks off at 11:00 a.m. This pre-Walk event and registration are free to the community. They may register for the Walk or learn more about it on line at www.walktodefeatals.org.

October 13 – Saturday: C.A.S.T. for Kids, an event designed to provide children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing. Take to the water with C.A.S.T. for an unforgettable morning of fishing and boating! Contact Jason Jordan to register, volunteer, or for event information. Click on his name to email him or call Jason at 707-966-2111.

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**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 9/10/12**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now **18.77'** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/20/12	422.65	0.30	99	59	0.00
8/21/12	422.59	0.29	100	56	0.00
8/22/12	422.51	0.30	96	54	0.00
8/23/12	422.43	0.31	96	57	0.00
8/24/12	422.35	0.25	97	56	0.00
8/25/12	422.27	0.29	97	55	0.00
8/26/12	422.17	0.35	94	54	0.00
8/27/12	422.10	0.31	82	44	0.00
8/28/12	422.03	0.16	89	50	0.00
8/29/12	421.96	0.29	96	52	0.00
8/30/12	421.89	0.21	94	54	0.00
8/31/12	421.81	0.33	99	53	0.00
9/1/12	421.74	0.25	82	53	0.00
9/2/12	421.67	0.20	86	50	0.00
9/3/12	421.61	0.23	95	51	0.00
9/4/12	421.55	0.21	96	53	0.00
9/5/12	421.49	0.27	96	50	0.00
9/6/12	421.43	0.18	90	53	0.00
9/7/12	421.36	0.27	91	52	0.00
9/8/12	421.30	0.21	94	55	0.00
9/9/12	421.23	0.32	96	53	0.00



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### A 2012 El Niño Is Coming? Will Lake Berryessa Fill Up This Year?

The latest data from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center continues to point toward much-needed substantial rainfall this winter in California. El Niño conditions are likely to develop during September 2012. The previous series of extended monthly outlooks suggested a broad belt of above normal rainfall for much of the southwestern U.S. beginning late this fall, and the most recent models released continue this trend, with some additional emphasis on more concentrated precipitation for much of California.

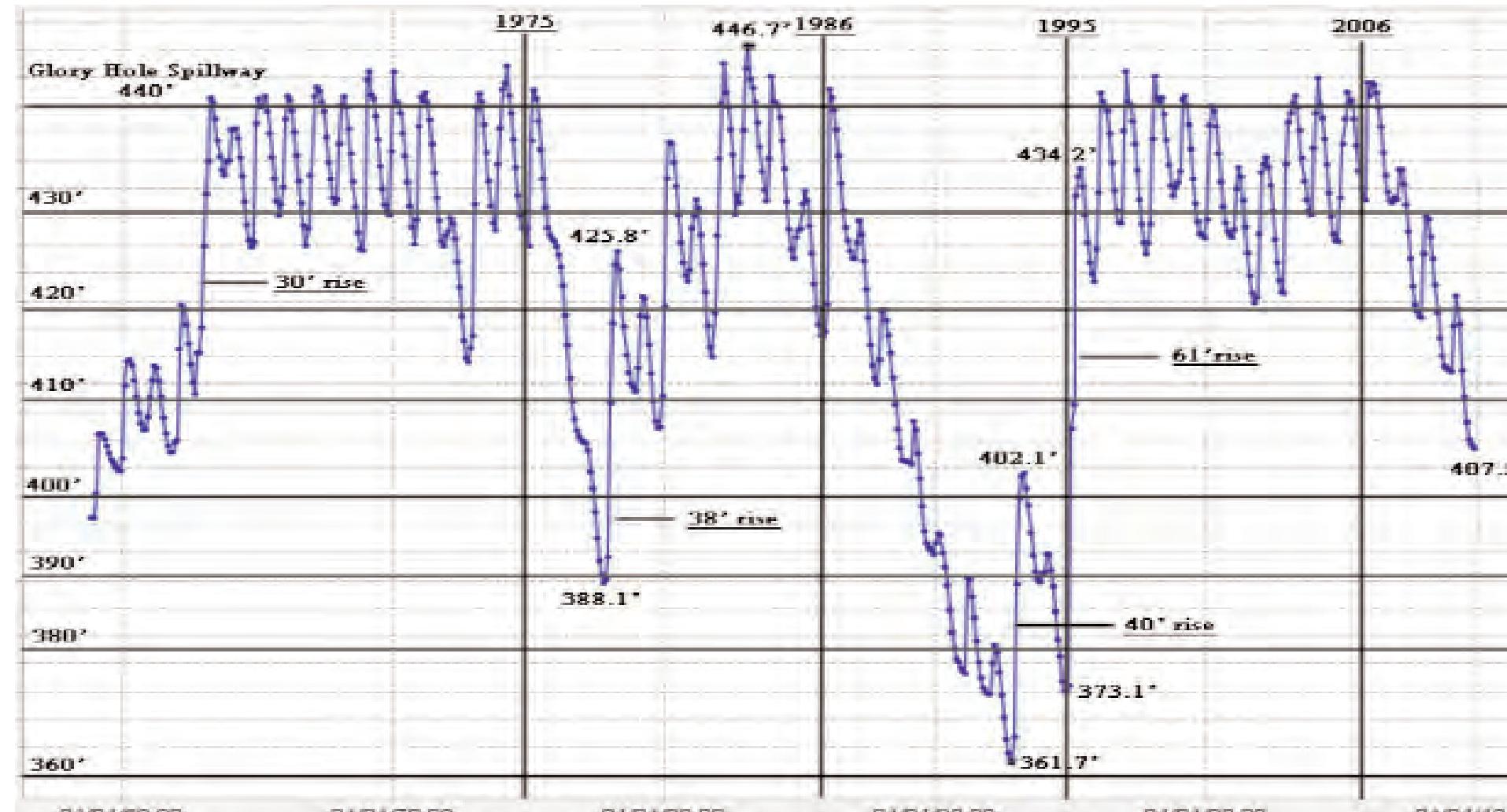
Characteristically, about one in every four to five years lends itself to the development of a significant El Niño event. The last several years being dry (La Niña pattern), a wet winter for much of the southwest including California is overdue. The last official El Niño event is listed as having occurred in 2009, but it was not among the more significant events in the past several decades. 1997-98 is considered the last major El Niño event.

Indications continue to point toward a building El Niño, a pattern that can greatly impact the second half of the hurricane season. Depending on how quickly El Niño develops, there could be a quick shutdown of tropical storm systems during the latter part of the Atlantic season and an increase of Pacific tropical cyclones and an extended season on the Pacific side.

Oceanic and atmospheric models suggest a merging of the two principal eastern Pacific jet streams this winter, the polar and subtropical jet(s). Typically, these two high altitude rivers of air are separated by weak high pressure along and off the U.S. west coast. This gives California a relatively dry climate; rainfall averages 15-25 inches per year for much of the state.

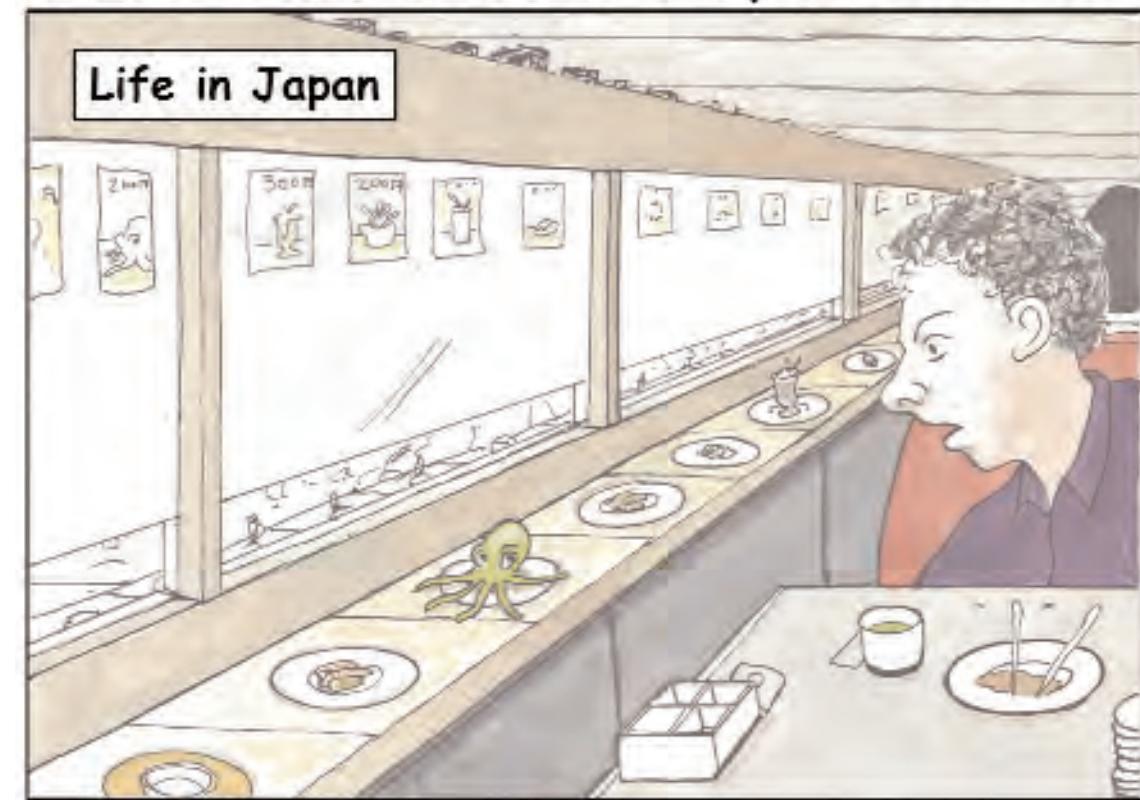
The abnormal warming of oceanic surfaces associated with the low to mid-latitude El Niño pattern causes the polar jet to assume a more southerly track, combining with and enhancing the subtropical jet. In addition, the weakening or absence of high pressure west of California "opens the door" for a direct west to east (zonal) flow of moisture laden air at low latitudes, with multiple low pressure systems approaching southern and central California.

Instead of just tail ends of associated frontal boundaries resulting in low clouds or scanty showers, the full force of these storms may affect the entire California coastline. As in the notable El Niños of 1980-83, Los Angeles may experience the frequency and magnitude of rainfall normally reserved for Seattle.



Season	First	Season	Lowest	Below
	Rain	Total	Level	Glory Hole
97-98		46.3"	425.4'	-14.6'
98-99	11/10/98	23.5"	431.1'	-8.9'
99-00	10/30/99	26.0"	427.0'	-13.0'
00-01	10/20/00	24.7"	427.1'	-12.9'
01-02	10/29/01	23.4"	420.4'	-19.6'
02-03	11/7/02	31.6"	421.5'	-18.5'
03-04	10/31/03	25.6"	429.5'	-10.5'
04-05	10/19/04	36.4"	426.8'	-13.2'
05-06	9/26/05	40.6"	431'	-9.0'
06-07	10/3/06	12.7"	430.5'	-9.5'
07-08	9/19/07	25.3"	419.1'	-20.9'
08-09	10/3/08	24.0"	406.9'	-33.1'
09-10	9/13/09	26.4"	412.5'	-27.5'
10-11	10/17/10	37.3"	425.5'	-14.5'
11-12	9/25/11	19.6"	421.7'	-18.3'

## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



### Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Interns Say Goodbye!

Hi, Berryessa Boaters! This is the Lake Berryessa Boater Interns, Sabrina and Alisa! As the summer slowly winds down and air becomes chillier, we have the final report for you! For those that have seen us hard at work around the lake, it may be easy to get a sense of what we do. Our goals range from increasing awareness about the invasive quagga and zebra mussels, to persuading boaters to install bilge pads, to general clean boating and recreational habits for safe clean drinking water. We have spent many hours and our best efforts to make sure the lake is enjoyable for everyone who visits.

Over the course of the summer, we have educated more than 1,700 people about invasive mussels, bilge pads and water quality. We provided more than 300 surveys at all of the boat launches along the lake to test boaters knowledge in exchange for a free boater kit with bilge pad and important boating information. Nearly 200 boaters decided to immediately install the bilge pad, showing approximately a 60% success rate in engaging boaters to take time to go the extra effort.

Bilge and the interns also spoke to hundreds of adults and children at Oak Shores about how Lake Berryessa is a drinking source for many citizens and how each person does their part in keeping it clean. Along with the interns from the Solano County Water Agency, the program reached out to more than 3000 visitors and distributed more than 1550 bilge pads. But it's not quite over yet!

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U.S. Outdoor Recreation Economy 2012 (Source: Outdoor Industry Association)				
Type	Gear & Vehicles	Trip-Related Sales	Total	% of Total
Hunting	\$8,525,723,987	\$14,636,912,252	\$23,162,636,239	3.60%
Wildlife Viewing	\$10,736,692,517	\$22,585,482,854	\$33,322,175,371	5.20%
Fishing	\$9,742,089,046	\$25,725,732,919	\$35,467,821,965	5.50%
Motorcycling	\$10,024,945,513	\$32,501,773,446	\$42,526,718,959	6.60%
Snow Sports	\$7,718,490,380	\$45,328,719,522	\$53,047,209,901	8.20%
Off-Roading	\$13,160,580,559	\$53,334,247,815	\$66,494,828,375	10.30%
Trail Sports	\$12,251,578,246	\$68,376,967,617	\$80,628,545,863	12.50%
Bicycling	\$10,538,970,178	\$70,781,975,693	\$81,320,945,871	12.60%
Water Sports	\$19,420,893,225	\$66,776,605,002	\$86,197,498,227	13.40%
Camping	\$18,613,995,403	\$124,769,735,895	\$143,383,731,29	22.20%
Total All Activities	\$120,733,959,053	\$524,818,153,015	\$645,552,112,06	100.00%
California Only			\$46,000,000,000	7.10%

Lake Berryessa became a raw recreation resource as soon as it filled. This was not the original intent of the Bureau of Reclamation. Although Lake Berryessa was not officially opened for public recreation by Napa County until June 1, 1959, the water and land areas were already receiving heavy public use. Despite the lack of minimum basic public facilities at that time, including water supply and boat launching facilities, it is estimated that 800 boats were in the area on Sunday, August 31, 1958.

Lake Berryessa Regional Economy 2005 – Gross Revenue				
Business	Gross Revenue	Mobile Home Rentals	% Mobiles	% of Total
Rancho Monticello Resort	\$3,315,500	\$2,058,054	62%	24.3%
Steele Park Resort	\$2,622,515	\$663,295	25%	19.2%
Spanish Flat Resort	\$2,067,932	\$777,057	38%	15.1%
Berryessa Marina	\$1,608,679	\$760,581	47%	11.8%
Markley Cove Resort	\$1,081,802	\$207,124	19%	7.9%
Putah Creek Resort	\$1,030,000	\$380,000	37%	7.5%
Pleasure Cove Marina	\$434,494	\$67,072	15%	3.2%
Other Visitor Serving Businesses (est.)	\$1,500,000			11.0%
Total Lake Berryessa Local Gross Revenue	\$13,660,922			100.0%

#### Recreation Definitions and Differentiation

Recreation, Outdoor Recreation, Nature-Based Recreation, Nature-Based Tourism, Adventure Tourism, and Ecotourism concepts have evolved since the 1960s. A large body of academic literature has developed dedicated to the study of recreation and leisure and the economics of such activities. The following definitions have become standard.

Recreation is any form of voluntary activity engaged in during leisure time, which brings the experience of personal enjoyment and satisfaction to a person.

The Outdoor Industry Foundation defines active outdoor recreation as biking, paddling, camping, climbing, skiing (including downhill, cross country, and tele-mark), snowboarding, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, as well as the use of trails for hiking, backpacking, and trail running.

Nature-based recreation is defined as outdoor activities in natural settings or otherwise involving in some direct way elements of nature—terrain, plants, wildlife, water bodies. Nature-based recreation provides visitors with an opportunity to satisfy their recreation needs while maintaining the diversity and richness of an area's natural, cultural, and historical resources.

A tourist is one who travels away from home for a distance of at least 50 miles (one way) for business, pleasure, personal affairs, or any other purpose except to commute to work, whether he stays overnight or returns the same day. By United Nations' definition a tourist is someone who stays for more than one night and less than one year. Business and convention travel is included.

A recreationist is someone who engages in a recreation, especially outdoor recreation or an outdoor leisure activity such as camping, boating, hunting, etc.

An excursionist is a traveler who spends less than 24 hours at a destination, also known as a day user.

A traveler is defined as any person on a trip between two or more countries or between two or more localities within his/her country of usual residence.

In the United States, the definition of a person-trip is one person traveling 50 miles (one way) or more away from home, or staying overnight regardless of distance. U.S. residents take over two billion person-trips a year - mostly by motor vehicle on the nation's highways.

Many outdoor recreation activities are sports-related and have been classified as adventure travel. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) reports that the top outdoor recreation adventure activities were, in order of participation, overnight vacation camping, bicycle riding, fishing, hiking, hunting with firearms, backpacking/wilderness camping, alpine skiing, off-road mountain biking, waterskiing, hunting with a bow and arrow, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing.

Ecotourism is environmentally responsible travel and visitation to relatively undisturbed natural areas, in order to enjoy and appreciate nature (and any accompanying cultural features - both past and present) that promotes conservation, has low negative visitor impact, and provides beneficially active socio-economic involvement of local populations.

The International Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as “responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people”, and adds the following principles.

Ecotourism:

- Minimizes impact.
- Builds environmental and cultural awareness and respect.
- Provides positive experiences for both visitors and hosts.
- Provides direct financial benefits for conservation.
- Provides financial benefits and empowerment for local people.
- Raises sensitivity of host country's political, environmental, and social climate.
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## A Special Letter to the Editor

My front page story in the previous issue and email newsletter editorial struck a chord with many readers. It was the largest number of supportive emails and phone calls I've received in a long time. People are frustrated with the obstructionism that has prevented any progress at the lake for years now. A few asked me to stop insulting sock puppets!

One said, “Thanks Peter - Don't get too low...Remember there are monkeys running some things. Oh, and sometimes the monkeys are dressing in human costumes!”

There are actually a few local vocal residents who are part of the REF movement (Radical Exclusionist Fringe) out here. Ironically, they actually do want to referee your lives since they know so much better what you should think and experience. I did get one negative response which I print here in full since it is so emblematic of the logical fallacies and group-think of the REFs that got us into this mess.

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“It is now time to take me off your email distribution list. While I have been mostly entertained over the years by the continuations of the Berryessa News under your tutelage, it has now become an unbearable periodical of outrageous accusations and fabrications that now reflect more slander than activism. The various groups you have participated in and worked to promote, including Task Force 7 and the current incarnation of Berryessa for All, are poster children for self-sustaining failed objectives and self-serving interest. You and these participants have done more to hinder and delay the redevelopment of the lake area and have prolonged the decades long economic downturn of the region.

What you and others fail to acknowledge is that the resorts were a lab experiment that went terribly wrong. In the process to correct these institutional errors, those who had vested economic interests denied any culpability or any wrong doing. That is too bad, and is one of the major reasons so little has been allowed to progress. Your group's failed lawsuit is a star example of obstructionist litigation. In addition, you are not an objective voice because you yourself have an economic interest on the federal lakeshore, whereas those you criticize for their advocacy do not. Do you still have a right to participate in the conversation? Absolutely. However, your viewpoints lack credibility simply because of their self interest.

That stated...it has never been the wish by anyone I know who lives in-county or out who have had some level of participation in these years of lake redevelopment to exclude or deny boaters to the lake. You and others fabricating and disseminating these outright lies is another example of self-serving agenda.

It has been your groups that have had the agenda of perpetuating exclusionary access. That is what it was for 50 years. The remedy has been a painful extraction of these failed shoreline entities so that a new vision and access plan can be realized. The fear mongering about the Snow Mountain proposal is another attempt to bring back the old, faulty incarnations. Now you are actually provoking people to attend an activity with the aim of disrupting a public celebration intended to promote the region. Your rented Tea Party T-shirt may be on a little too tight. On some level I want to believe you mean well. But this last email displays a vitriol that befits an angry old man who is selfish and lacks any sense of decency. Please remove me from your list.”



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\* Radical Exclusionist Fringe  
I'm Peter Kilkus and I approved this message.

## Cubs Fans Now Too Fat To Attend Games

CHICAGO—According to a statement released Thursday by the Chicago Cubs front office, fans of the 136-year-old baseball franchise are now too fat to attend home games. The statement—which confirmed that members of the team's fan base are no longer able to fit into stadium seating and, even if they could, are physically unable to walk up the number of steps necessary to get to their seats—confirmed that Wrigley Field would temporarily close until alterations could be made to accommodate the obese fans.

"The average weight of a Cubs fan is between 375 and 425 pounds," team president Theo Epstein said in the statement, adding that while there are still a few fans whose weight does not prevent them from attending games, there aren't nearly enough to fill the seats, because all of them are tourists. "One person filling up two or three seats throughout the entire bleacher section is not a sustainable business model. And we don't have enough room to accommodate all of our fans' motorized scooters."

"The bottom line is that Wrigley is an old stadium never intended to hold 41,000 morbidly obese people," Epstein continued. "If we keep forcing it to support that much weight, it could very well collapse."

Stadium-limitations aside, sources close to the team, as well as medical personnel, have confirmed that it's physically dangerous for Cubs fans to attend games, mainly because it would involve them being outside for more than 90 minutes at a time.

Stadium records indicate that besides the more than 12,000 sweat-drenched, massively overweight fans who have passed out due to dehydration this season, Wrigley Field has also been the site of nearly 4,500 heart attacks and strokes in the past year, as well as almost 2,000 incidents of fans going into diabetic shock.

In addition, during the 2012 baseball season, more than 500 obese fans have choked to death on hot dogs or nachos.

"In order for us to provide a safe environment, we would need to have a fully functioning hospital on site and seats equipped with ready-to-use oxygen tanks. We'd also need to hire 150 additional ushers trained in CPR," head of ballpark operations Carl Rice told reporters Thursday, reiterating that Cubs fans are just "very, very fat." "Now, we could probably cover the cost of these things through concession sales, but the truth is, I can't in good conscience serve these people the number of Italian beef sandwiches and bags of popcorn they want, because they would be leaving the stadium on gurneys every night."

"And that's its own problem," Rice continued, "because we would need to special order extra-large gurneys, which are very expensive."

Until a long-term solution can be reached, a few alterations to the stadium are already in the works. Some of the changes include widening box seats by more than 3 feet, turning the current loading dock into the stadium's main entrance, and installing defibrillators at the end of every row.

However, Cubs officials said those changes alone will not be nearly enough. "We only expect our fans' weight to increase," Rice said. "If their current rate of gain continues, by 2016 the average Cubs fan will weigh 600 pounds. And unfortunately that means we'll have to tear down Wrigley and build a new, state-of-the-art stadium that allows ushers to roll supine game attendees from their bus, car, or subway into the stadium and into their spots, where they can continue to just lie there and watch the game. Basically, we can't have Cubs fans physically moving on our premises, as any movement on their part would certainly kill them."

At press time, reporters had reached Cubs fans for comment, but had to wait for them to finish chewing first.

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A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license.

First, of course, he had to take an eyesight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

"Can you read this?" the optician asked.

"Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

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## The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum of Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation developed a Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Users' Handbook (WALROS), September 2011, which attempts to define various forms of recreational settings and management goals for these settings.

"Half a century ago, when people said they were going camping, fishing, or boating, it was clear what they intended. Today, due to many factors such as new technology and equipment, more facilities, and diverse public tastes and preferences, there are many types of camping, fishing, and boating activities. The outdoor recreation industry and profession have become much more complex and sophisticated.

Research has shown that recreationists not only seek to participate in recreation activities, but also seek specific recreation settings in order to enjoy a special kind of recreation experience and subsequent benefits. These four components (activities, settings, experience, and benefits) constitute a recreation opportunity; that is, the opportunity for a person to participate in a particular recreation activity in a specific setting in order to enjoy a particular recreation experience and the benefits this affords.

For example, one family might desire camping in a modern, full service campground on a reservoir in order to spend quality time with the family, to rest and relax, and to see nature's beauty. Another family might desire camping in a rural location where they can test their fishing skills, enjoy solitude, and see nature's beauty. Both families want to go camping, but in very different settings leading to different kinds of experiences and benefits; that is, they are seeking different kinds of recreation opportunities."

WALROS defines six recreation settings: Urban setting; Suburban setting; Rural developed setting; Rural natural setting; Semiprimitive setting; Primitive setting. Lake Berryessa clearly falls into the Rural Developed Setting (which would normally eliminate it for consideration as part of a National Conservation Area under the National Landscape Conservation System guidelines):

"A rural developed area is beyond a metropolitan area and the suburban ring of development. Rural developed areas may serve as "bedroom" communities for urban areas and may contain working farms, ranches, and towns. In this setting, primary road networks are common. Although development will be prevalent and common, the setting has a pastoral sense because of an interspersing of forests, water resources, hills, valleys, canyons, wetlands, open spaces, and agricultural lands. Naturally appearing shoreline edges are common, although various water controls or other structures are also common. Recreation management is prevalent and common but not as extensive as in an urban setting (e.g., personnel, rules, facilities, signs, services, conveniences, security).

Recreation use, diversity, socialization, concentration, sense of security, and conveniences are less common than in a developed suburban or urban setting. The sights, sounds, and smells of recreation and non-recreation use are common, yet interspersed with locations and times when the urbanized visitor may experience a sense of tranquility and escape from everyday challenges. Examples of rural developed areas include areas with country estates, second homes and cabins, dams, power stations, primary and secondary roads, communication lines, resorts, marinas, small communities, full service campgrounds, county and State parks, farms, ranches, and small commercial and industrial establishments."

### The Visitor Opportunity Spectrum of Lake Berryessa

Per the definitions on Page 4, Lake Berryessa may potentially provide a range of recreational opportunities to visitors. However, some opportunities are clearly more appropriate and historically-supported by visitor usage data. Examples would include motorized boating and other activities in the Outdoor Recreation, Nature-Based Recreation, and Adventure Travel categories.

Nature-Based Tourism might be a visitor opportunity, but describing Lake Berryessa as a resource for Eco-Tourism would be a stretch based on the definition of Eco-Tourism itself.

Relative to Lake Berryessa, tourist implies coming from a long distance for a destination-oriented experience which is an end in itself and not meant necessarily to be repeatable on a regular basis. Being a Lake Berryessa recreationist implies coming a shorter distance for an active outdoor experience that can be repeated often with similar satisfaction levels.

## The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Someday America will come to an economic understanding that doesn't include an outrageous hunger for more and more manufactured goods, but for now, your life is pretty sweet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Everybody has their own part to play in life. Unfortunately, yours is to be the love interest of the true hero: Sam, the cute walrus that's all the rage on the Internet.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It's both cynical and dangerous to underestimate the power of human love, but that's okay. You'll overestimate it every time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're not the sort of person who panics easily, which will keep you from getting on TV following next week's volcano disaster.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll be called in for the 20th week in a row to testify before a council of your peers on whether or not punk is in fact dead.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Running away from your problems will fail this week, as will climbing out of your problems' reach and playing dead in hopes that your problems go away.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The stars indicate that you've really done it this time. I mean, just look around, for God's sake. How did this even happen?

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Your face will soon be on the cover of every newspaper in town, thanks to a rather gruesome printing-press accident.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Don't let other people influence your future. That's what a vague and arbitrary set of cosmic indicators is for.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): When given a choice between tuna salad or egg salad this week, go with the egg salad. Just trust the stars on this one

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Powers beyond your control will soon determine your fate while you wait patiently in the car.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will experience deep spiritual vertigo when you realize there is nothing else in the world you want to buy.

## General Trends in Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation

For a sizable number of nature-based activities, both the number of people participating and the summed days of participation has been increasing. Prominent among these growth activities were viewing and photographing natural scenery, flowers, trees, wildlife, birds, and fish. Also growing in both number of participants and total days of participation were visiting nature centers, sightseeing, visiting beaches, visiting wilderness, developed camping, boating, driving off-road motor vehicles, big-game hunting, kayaking, and snowboarding.

There were seventeen fastest-growing activities between 2000 and 2007—that is, those with days of participation growing by more than 10 percent. Of these top seventeen activities, six involve viewing, photographing, identifying, visiting, or otherwise observing elements of nature—flowers, trees, natural scenery, birds, other wildlife, nature exhibits, and wilderness (wildlands generally). The growth in viewing and photographing plants and natural scenery has been most rapid, at about 78 and 60 percent, respectively.

Some motorized recreation, especially off-road driving, has also been growing, as have some physically challenging activities. Driving motor vehicles off-road, occupies the number three slot; it grew by 56 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Next are viewing, photographing, and identifying wildlife and birds. Thus, four of the top five activities are viewing, photographing, and otherwise observing nature.

Three water-oriented activities made the top seventeen: kayaking, visiting water areas or shores other than ocean beaches, and visiting ocean beaches. Generally, however, the greatest growth in participation is for activities that are physically not very challenging.

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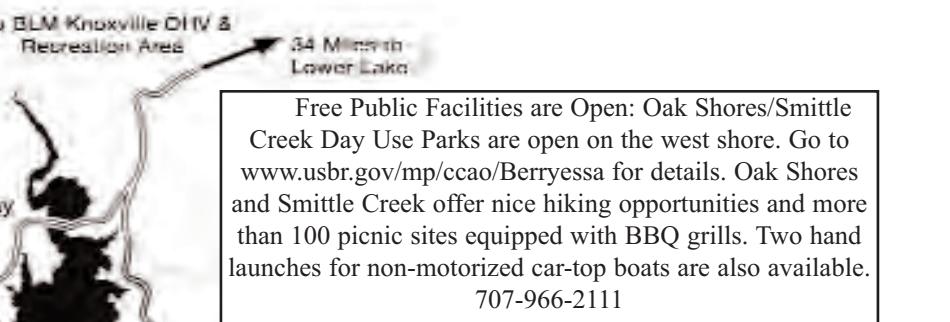
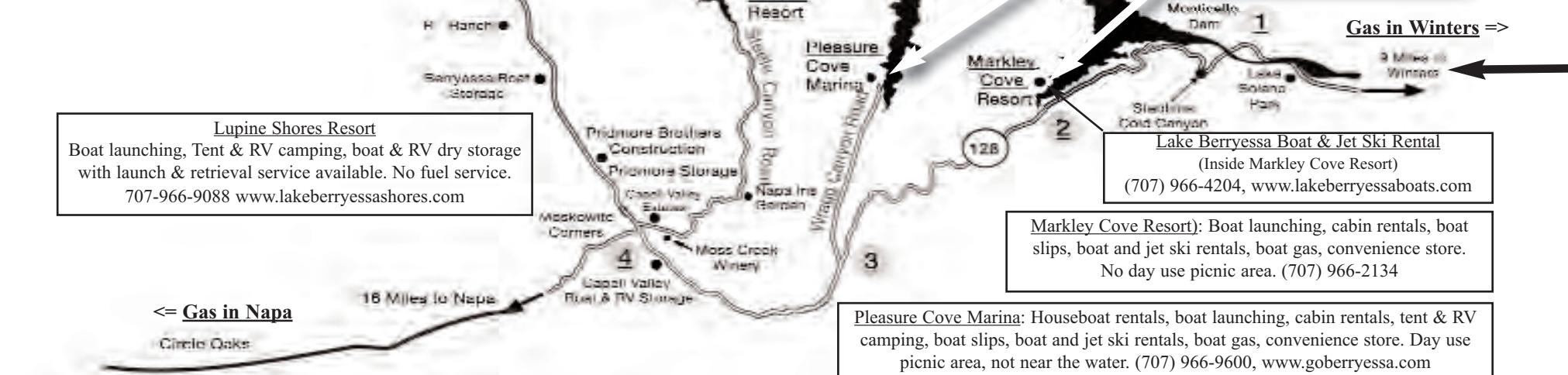
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## Then and now

### Fishing at Lake Berryessa

OFF THE HOOK by Dan Bacher  
([www.fishsniffer.com](http://www.fishsniffer.com))

The salmonid fishery at Lake Berryessa, located on Putah Creek in Napa County, has changed dramatically over the past two decades.

On one of the last times I fished with the late Claude Davis at "Mr. Markley Cove" in August 1990, we bagged two quick limits of rainbow trout in the 12- to 16-inch range while trolling nightcrawlers on downriggers in his boat. I then went over to the Markley Cove docks and picked up over 30 crappie while fishing Mini Jigs in the manner I was taught by Davis.

At that time, rainbows were the only salmonid, other than an occasional wild brown, found in the lake. The fishery was managed by the DFG as a "put and grow" one, but the fish rarely went over 2 pounds. The Department stocked large numbers of rainbows every April in one or two big plants, rather than planting catchables regularly as is done in many reservoirs.

Twenty-two years later, Berryessa has become a trophy king salmon, kokanee salmon and rainbow trout fishery. The current fishery is a result of yearly plants of fingerling, kokanee and kings by the DFG in cooperation with CIFFI, as well as the CIFFI/Markley trout pen-rearing project.

"Berryessa has been transformed from a 12-inch planter fishery to a low elevation trophy trout and salmon fishery," said Sep Hendrickson, executive

director of the CIFFI. "When you fish Berryessa now you have a good chance of hooking rainbows in the 2 1/2- to 3-pound range, kokanee in the 2 1/2- to 3-pound range and kings up to 6 pounds."

Jason Tidwell, the first place winner of the CIFFI Derby at Berryessa on

August 25, can attest to the quality fishery available at the lake now. Tidwell landed two big kokanee, one measuring 19 1/2 inches long and weighing 2.8 pounds, and the other going 19 1/2 inches and 2.4 pounds. The two fish weighed a total of 72.1 ounces.

"I caught the two winners while trolling with Uncle Larry's copper bar spinners and purple hoochies, tipped with white corn scented with Smelly Jelly Kokanee Feast, behind 7-inch dodgers at 95 to 115 feet near the dam," he said.

He was fishing with his buddies, experienced kokanee anglers Mark Damron and Brett Balla, in his boat. The fishing was relatively tough, with Tidwell landing four kokanee, Damron boating three fish and Balla bagging two.

"The fish I took during the derby were actually on the small side," Tidwell noted. "I've caught kokes weighing 2 pounds, 12 ounces and 2 pounds, 14 ounces so far this summer. However, I haven't boated a 3-pounder yet this season."

"Berryessa is an amazing kokanee, landlocked king and rainbow trout fishery," Tidwell emphasized. "Twenty years ago, all we caught was trout."

Other anglers also boasted big kokanee in the event. John Eagleton

took second place with two fish weighing 71.7 ounces. Mike Giovachinii placed third with 70.6 ounces, John Beugue took fourth with 69.8 ounces and Eddie Trujillo took fifth with 65.9 ounces.

The youth kokanee winners were (1) Nate Lenard Jr. 58.1; (2) Autumn Bundy 29.4; and (3) Ty Collins 20.6.

Mike Giovachini won the big king pot with 55.7 ounces, winning \$240. Brian Mathison took the big trout pot with 37.4, winning \$215. Finally, Nate Lenard, Sr. won the blind bogey with 21.6 ounces, taking home \$265.

Rich Crispi of TW Guide Service confirmed, "It has been a great year at Berryessa; our biggest king was 4 pounds 7 ounces and measured 23 1/2 inches; our largest kokanee to 20.8 inches and 2 pounds, 11 ounces; and the top rainbow was 3 1/2 pounds and 20 inches."

If Claude Davis had lived to see the thriving fishery, he would have been very impressed, both by the size and numbers of kings, kokanee and rainbows. All three species have plenty of forage to feed upon, including threadfin shad and plankton.

The DFG now plants fingerling chinooks and kokanee every year, although the numbers varying year to year. They stocked 55,052 kings in 2009, 163,991 fingerlings in 2010, 100,045 fingerlings in 2011 and 118,999 in 2012. The DFG stocked 50,126 kokanee in 2009, 102,606 in 2010, 87,436 in 2011 and 68,986 in 2012.

One of the reasons for the

improved rainbow fishery is the pen fishery at Markley Cove. It raises the fish from a catchable size to 2 1/2 to 3 pounds. The DFG delivers anywhere from 800 to 1500 pounds of triploid trout to the pens in the fall to be released in the spring.

While Berryessa is known for its outstanding trout and salmon fishing, it also supports a popular largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass fishery, channel catfish, bluegill, and my favorite, black crappie.

In the eighties and early 1990s, I spent many hours fishing for crappie with Claude Davis at the docks at Markley Cove in the fall and in the coves in the spring. It was some of the most productive and memorable fishing I've ever experienced.

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Saturday, August 25, California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc., Derby.

The Lake Berryessa weather was perfect, the conditions excellent and the attendance was great at the 10th Annual CIFFI Derby. Anglers enjoyed success catching kokanee, trout and king salmon! The Tri-tip lunch, by Buckhorn Caterers, was top-notch and at the end of the event, attendees were complimentary and already talking about next year! And the winners are....

Adult Division Youth Division

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3. Mike Giovachini	3. Ty Collins
4. John Bergue	
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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



## Lake Berryessa News October 2012 eNewsletter

### **Congressman Thompson's Lake Berryessa Town Hall Meeting Draws Large Concerned Crowd**

It is always difficult to summarize an hour and a half of spirited discussion. More than a hundred local area residents packed the Capell Valley Fire Station on October 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of the Lake Berryessa region. Thanks to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce for organizing this important meeting.

The crowd clearly seethed with anger at the federal government's handling of the Lake Berryessa situation and distrust of the motives behind the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area proposal. But, by the end of the meeting many questions were answered and promises made, which now need to be translated into actions.

### Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area

After being pounded by heated questions and comments concerning government intentions regarding private property included in the NCA map and concerns regarding the future of motorized recreation at Lake Berryessa, Congressman Thompson promised to change the bill's language before reintroduction next year.

Specific language clearly stating that private property is not included in the NCA will be added. He will ask that the controversial map created by the Bureau of Land Management be modified to clearly show that private property is not included in the NCA. He will also include specific language to permanently allow motorized boating on Lake Berryessa.

### Bureau of Reclamation Actions Regarding the Pensus Contract

Don Glaser, Regional BOR Director, discussed the details of the Pensus issue and said that the mediation process did not result in an agreement. The Reclamation members of the mediation team recommended to him that the Pensus contract be terminated. He hopes to make the final decision by the end of the month, aka next week.

He detailed the legal requirements he must consider to make a final correct decision that is in the best interests of local residents and the wider recreating public, and complies with the contractual rights of Pensus.

After the decision is made public, Glaser stated that Reclamation will hold several public meetings to explain the final decision and discuss the next steps. He will be creating a new Reclamation team to manage lake development issues. He also apologized for the chaos at the lake and lack of information. He promised to create a Stakeholders' Advisory Committee to meet monthly with Reclamation to provide local input to the future lake development process.

His statements and apparent sincerity regarding issues so important to the local community reassured many of those in attendance. Glaser also remained for more than an hour after the formal meeting ended to continue to answer questions and give as much information as he could within the legal limits under which he is operating.

Of course, actions speak louder than words and we've heard this all before – remember "seamless transition"? Hopefully this disastrous multi-year "learning experience" will finally result in a positive outcome.

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Feds close to decision on future of lagging Berryessa resorts: No agreement yet with Pensus Group  
PETER JENSEN, Napa Register

The fate of the contractor in charge of redeveloping six of the seven resorts at Lake Berryessa is now in the hands of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation official in Sacramento.

Following a 45-day mediation period that ended last month, Reclamation failed to reach an agreement with its contractor, the Arizona-based Pensus Group, Reclamation Area Manager Mike Finnegan said Tuesday.

That means Reclamation's director for the Mid-Pacific Region, Don Glaser, will now decide whether to pursue terminating Pensus' contract, potentially leading to Reclamation taking over operation of the resorts, or the federal agency starting over in its process for finding a new contractor. Glaser could also choose to continue or modify the contract.

Finnegan couldn't put a deadline on when Glaser would make his decision, but said he expects it soon.

"It is a priority," Finnegan said. "I know Don is working on that. He is taking it very seriously." Finnegan said the bureau's visitor services plan, which serves as the foundation for its long-term plans for recreation at the lake, remains in effect.

Finnegan spoke before the board of directors for the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, which provides water and sewer for Berryessa Highlands, a community on the south side of the lake. The county Board of Supervisors serves as the district's board of directors.

Terminating the Pensus contract would mean hitting the reset button on a three-year process already fraught with problems. The bureau originally selected Pensus after a bidding process in 2009, but had to throw the results out after federal lawyers determined it was legally flawed.

Following a second round of bidding, the bureau again selected Pensus as its contractor in April 2010, and the company signed a 30-year contract to operate the Lupine Shores, Foothill Pines, Blue Oaks, Manzanita Canyon, and Chaparral Cove resorts. It was slated to take over the Markley Cove resort in 2013 and rename it Mahogany Bay.

But Finnegan has said that Pensus fell behind in the redevelopment projects while they were still in the planning stages last summer and fall before stopping work completely. Reclamation issued a notice of possible termination of Pensus' contract earlier this year, which lead to the mediation this summer.

Finnegan said two of the five resorts Pensus operates are open now — Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove — and as of the end of August, the lake had drawn an estimated 400,000 visitors during the recreation season. That put it slightly ahead of last year's total, although well off historic peaks of more than 2 million visitors annually.

"It's not where we want to be and it's not where the community wants to be," Finnegan said. "But things are open."

He said work is underway to improve trail systems at the lake, with the ultimate goal of completing a trail network from the visitor center, on the southwest side of the lake, to Eticuera Creek on the north side.

"We've got a fairly robust trail system under way," Finnegan said.

Finnegan told the directors and members of the district's transition committee that he would like to give them more details about the mediation process and the failure to reach an agreement, but was bound by a confidentiality agreement.

Members of the transition committee, who live near the Lupine Shores resort, questioned Finnegan on the plans to remove the resort's boat ramp and road, which were installed by the previous contractor.

The ramp is one of the primary draws to the resort, transition committee member Stu Williams said, but is set to be demolished this February due to an agreement between the bureau and the resort's old contractor.

"If you close the ramp at Lupine Shores there's nothing else to do there," said Larry Finkel, another transition committee member.

Finnegan said the bureau had contingency plans in place, but couldn't elaborate until a decision is reached on the Pensus contract.

"We still have options on that," Finnegan said. "That is not something that's off to the side and not being discussed."

Toward the end of the meeting, Finnegan announced he was retiring as area manager after more than 40 years of working for Reclamation. Supervisor Diane Dillon said she hoped that his replacement would keep lines of communication open with the district and Napa County.

"We need to hear it from the bureau's end, Mike," Dillon said. "It's not personal."

Finnegan said that he believes the bureau has been accountable for its performance, the recent tumult at the lake notwithstanding.

"It's obviously been a long road," Finnegan said. "At the end of the day, whether it was a hard decision or an easy decision, we stood up and held ourselves accountable."

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On October 2, Mike "seamless transition" Finnegan formally announced his retirement from the Bureau of Reclamation at the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District meeting. Finnegan is considered by most Lake Berryessa residents and visitors to be the main Reclamation architect of the destruction of Lake Berryessa and the continuing management chaos at the lake.

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Pensus emailed this announcement on 10/12/12. It states that Pensus is taking the issue directly to a higher level within Reclamation - Regional Director Don Glaser. With the retirement of Mike Finnegan, Area Manager, who appeared to be the major impediment to Pensus' progress at Lake Berryessa, perhaps something may yet be resolved. See story above.

Dear Berryessa Stake Holders,

Pensus was unable to reach settlement of its dispute with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation through an Alternative Dispute Resolution process. However, no final decision has yet been made by Reclamation with respect to Pensus's contract. In the interim, the contract remains in force and Pensus will continue to offer visitor services at Lake Berryessa.

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#### Community Church of Lake Berryessa Announcements

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will again be hosting its Trunk or Treat Halloween event in the church parking lot. Bring the kids to trick or treat and check out our festive Halloween vehicles all decorated and loaded with candy. We will be kicking it off at 6 pm and going until 7:30. If you are interested in participating with your vehicle please call the church at 252-4488 for details. We make it fun but not too scary so all kids can enjoy.

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Now that summer is over and the year is winding down we at the Community Church of Lake Berryessa want to thank the community for making two events very successful this year. The first was our annual scholarship program in which we awarded two \$500 scholarships to local Berryessa area graduates. One of these young adults is headed towards a dentistry career while the other is headed for a career in auto mechanics. Your contributions to Pastor Bob's Tri'ing for Scholarship effort when he tackles a local triathlon fund these scholarships. Thanks a bunch for contributing to this event.

The second event is our annual Helping Hands fundraiser. This event raised almost \$600 through the rummage sale we hold in the church parking lot. Thanks to all who rented spaces or came and shopped. The proceeds went to a family with a wife suffering from cancer.

Both events will be coming again next year and you can check with the church if you are interested in participating. Thanks again and God Bless from Pastor Bob and the Community Church family.

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Greetings from a very cold Lake Berryessa,

The lead story, sadly, again concerns the lack of leadership within the Bureau of Reclamation, although they seem to be having a good time shuffling their leadership. Other stories and photos have been published at: [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)

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**Bureau of Reclamation Produces "Omnishambles"**

Thanks to Cheryl Bean for a link to a new word, "Omnishambles", which can be applied to the Bureau of Reclamation's management style.

"Omnishambles" has been chosen as Word of the Year by the Oxford English Dictionary after it was coined by a BBC TV's satirical political series to describe a badly mismanaged situation and gaffes.

"Omnishambles" is defined as "a situation that has been comprehensively mismanaged, characterized by a string of blunders and miscalculations".

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**Floundering About at Lake Berryessa (This is not a fishing story.)**

By Peter Kilkus

Definition: "flounder about"

1. To make clumsy attempts to move or regain one's balance.
2. To move or act clumsily and in confusion.

Every now and then the perfect real-life example of an odd word or phrase pops up. In this case it's the ongoing actions of the Bureau of Reclamation at Lake Berryessa. During the last few months, after years of inept management of the Lake Berryessa resort redevelopment process, Reclamation attempted to shift responsibility for the chaos to Pensus. But the facts, both the public record and confidential documents, do not support their contention.

The Lake Berryessa News has regularly documented Reclamation's inexplicable, bordering on the bizarre, requirements placed on Pensus as they tried to restore the resorts to operation. Although Pensus may have been unrealistic in their redevelopment schedule and some of their actual plans, no reasonable person expected the BOR to act as they did. Their incompetent management finally even prodded Congressman Mike Thompson to request their removal as the Lake Berryessa managing agency to be replaced by the Bureau of Land Management.

Now after months of legal tussles and a failed mediation process, all still remains unclear. The main perpetrator of the chaos, Area Manager Mike Finnegan, has retired. Coincidentally, within two weeks of his rather conciliatory presentation to the Lake Berryessa local community on October 25, Don Glaser has been replaced as Regional Director of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region without issuing his final decision regarding the Pensus contract termination.

His staff (basically retiring Mike Finnegan) recommended termination. Glaser will move to Denver where he will "work on several high priority projects for Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael L. Connor". David Murillo has been named Mid-Pacific Regional Director in Sacramento replacing Glaser.

Although Glaser is moving to a new position he is apparently still in charge of making the final Pensus contract decision, i.e., "These Reclamation leaders will assume the duties of their new positions by January."

Despite Glaser's assurance to the public at the October 25th community meeting that his decision regarding the Pensus contract would be forthcoming within a week (by October 31), that decision has not yet been announced. His office claimed there might have been a misunderstanding and that the decision will not be announced until the end of November. Reclamation also confirmed that, as of November 8, Pensus has not yet been informed of any decision regarding its contract.

Can any public agency exemplify "flounder about" any better? In an almost satirical take on biology versus bureaucracy, the life cycle of a flounder may have met its human equivalent. "In its life cycle, an adult flounder has two eyes situated on one side of its head, while at hatching one eye is located on each side of its brain. One eye migrates to the other side of the body as a process of metamorphosis as it grows from larval to juvenile stage. As an adult, a flounder changes its habits and camouflages itself by lying on the bottom of the ocean floor as protection against predators."

### **Predator or Prey? Pensus Responds**

The Lake Berryessa News spoke with a Pensus representative regarding the present Pensus position. Because of confidentiality requirements no details of ongoing negotiations could be disclosed. Pensus intends to continue its efforts to remain at Lake Berryessa and stands behind its October 15 public statement which is reprinted here. Pensus believes it has the legal high ground and pointed out that even if the Reclamation decision is to terminate the contract, there is a formal appeal process which could be followed by further legal options.

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### **The Devil is in the Details: Flounder-Style**

#### Devilish Detail #1 – Markley Cove Resort

Pensus, per their contract, is scheduled to take over Markley Cove Resort on May 27, 2013. Although Reclamation (Finnegan) has pressured Pensus several times to allow a contract extension for the present Markley concessioner, Pensus has adamantly and publicly refused to agree. Markley's contract terms are published below:

"Interim Concession Contract" shall be effective on May 27, 2009, and shall be for the term ending May 26, 2011, with two one-year options. The term of this Interim Concession Contract may not be extended.

Pensus has stated that the private houseboats at Markley are an important part of their financial strategy, and they had hoped to complete new docks at Lupine Shores to allow the houseboats to be temporarily berthed there while they renovated the renamed Mahogany Bay. Reclamation's proposed contract termination has caused serious uncertainty among the Markley houseboat owners, although they had previously been assured full support by Pensus.

It's not clear who is playing legal hardball with the biggest bat, but Pensus still intends to take over Markley Cove on May 27, 2013.

#### Devilish Detail #2 – Steele Park (Lupine Shores) Launch Ramp and Roads

A postcard appeared in Berryessa Highlands mailboxes last week stating that Reclamation is considering removal of the roads and launch ramp at Steele Park (Lupine Shores). The postcard had no sender identification, but the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce confirmed they had not sent it. The concern, and a real one, is that public access at Lupine Shores might be eliminated for a long period of time if this happens. And if the Pensus contract were to be terminated, this would add another complication to the process.

The note requested that residents and supporters call and write to Don Glaser of the BOR to protest this possible action. The possibility of Reclamation demolishing the roads and launch ramp stems from a contract signed almost three years ago.

On February 5, 2010, Sean Buckley, owner of Steele Park Resort, and Michael Finnegan, Area Manager for Reclamation, signed a contract to allow Reclamation (and any new concessioner) to use the Steele Park launch ramp and roads for a period of only three years. In exchange, Reclamation agreed to pay for the remaining facilities demolition and clean-up of the resort. The concessioner had already demolished many of the facilities at his own cost. Most of the mobile home owners, such as I, had paid \$3,500 to have a contractor demolish our property.

As the opening lines in the song Time Warp from the Rocky Horror Picture Show predict: “It's astounding, time is fleeting, madness takes its toll.” Here we are, a progress-free, madness-packed three years later when this particular toll comes due on February 5, 2013. Closure or demolition would have a serious effect on the local Berryessa Highlands community, which depends on Steele Park for lake access.

### **Floundering Forward – Conclusions?**

None – just a series of unknowns.

Step one is for the Bureau of Reclamation to finally make a reasonable, rational decision or two. What's your prediction?

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### **Don Glaser Replaced as Regional Director of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region**

Impact on Lake Berryessa Pensus Contract Decision Remains Unclear

Coincidentally, after his presentation to the Lake Berryessa local community on October 25, Don Glaser has been replaced as Regional Director of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region according to a November 8 Reclamation press release.

Commissioner Announces Changes in Senior Leadership:

Glaser will move to Denver where he will “work on several high priority projects for Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael L. Connor”. Several sources indicate that Glaser plans to retire in six months. The Reclamation press release states that “Don Glaser's experience in Reclamation, the federal government and nonprofits will allow him to provide sound counsel to the Commissioner on Reclamation issues”.

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### **Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa (11/11/12)**

What a difference a week makes. Weather-wise the fishing was still great. It was cold out on the water and unlike the mirror calm water of last weekend the wind made the lake full of ripples, but the trout were still in abundance if you knew where to fish.

I started out earlier this Saturday because of the time change. We launched just before 9 AM. My crew included Albert, Brandi and Jeremy. We started fishing as soon as we left the launch ramp because of the masses of birds in the water. We thought they might be feeding on bait fish, but that was not the case.

I headed to the west side going towards the Bureau. We hooked one trout before what used to be Spanish Flats but didn't see too much activity so we headed across the lake to the east side where we had good luck last week. It worked again! We landed eight nice size trout up to three pounds each.

I decided to try the area around Big Island and was able to see good size baitballs on my fishfinder. We fished the area going back and forth through the baitballs and hit limits for all of us.

We headed in at around 2:30 PM. It was a great day of fishing. Hints for successful trout fishing are good polarized sunglasses (I wear Hobies) the proper scents (I use Pro-Cure) and I like lures that dive between 5 and 12 feet. The best colors this weekend seemed to be silver and blue.



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#### Capell – Berryessa Community Center Project

In October, 2010 with the closing of Capell Valley Elementary school a group of PTA members first proposed the idea of a community center to the Napa County School Board. Since that meeting a group

of concerned citizens have continued to work on the project and the final pieces are being put together now.

A preliminary agreement has been worked out with the School District allowing a 6 month to one year lease with a multi year lease to follow. In 2015 the District will be reviewing the status of the Capell property. It could be sold or held for future use. No lease at this time would extend past this date until the District determines the properties status.

The informal group has formalized a startup Board and the Center is now incorporated and a non profit in the State of California. The final piece before we can be insured is to obtain our Federal non-profit status. We can then become insured and enter into an agreement with NVUSD for use of the property.

We are applying for our Federal Non Profit status and a fee of \$300 - \$700 is required upon submission of paperwork. Monthly costs to run the Center appear to be in the \$300 a month range for insurance and utilities at the school. A startup date is dependent upon becoming insured and a signed agreement between the NVUSD and the Capell – Berryessa Community Center.

The Capell Valley Fire Department held a fundraiser for the Capell Community Center on November 10th. More than \$600 was raised and will be directed to costs for our Federal Non Profit application. The Community Center Board expresses a big thank you to the community for supporting this event and to the Capell Valley Fire Department for hosting it.

Once we obtain our Federal Non-Profit status we can become insured and finalize our agreement with NVUSD. The doors would open after the agreement with NVUSD is in place.

Thank You, Capell – Berryessa Community Center Board  
Anita Odell, Beth Botts, Sandy Storck, Bob Lee

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### **Red Ribbon Day Excitement at Pope Valley School**

To encourage students to stay away from drugs, the National Guard landed a helicopter at several Napa County schools. Pope Valley School has a large sports field which emergency helicopters already use as a landing pad. Pope Valley invited their neighbors, Howell Mountain School, to join them for the Red Ribbon Helicopter Landing Day.

Members of the National Guard talked to the students of both schools about careers that are only open to students who stay in school, complete their education and remain drug-free.

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### **Heavy Rain and Wind at Lake Berryessa (November 29-30, 2012)**

Lake Berryessa had 4.4" of rain from 6 PM Thursday, 11/29, to 1 PM Friday, 11/30. We had 3" in 5 hours during the night. There was a 2 - hour power outage in the Berryessa Highlands around midnight. Wind gusts hit 32 mph during the night. Reminds me of my first winter at Steele Park in 1998 when the water came up under my mobile home. Water rose 4.75' above Glory Hole in 4 days - a foot a day! The Steele Park ramp was gone and the Harbor Cove restaurant was in the water! Will it happen again this year?

Tim Johnson wrote in that, "Over the years at Rancho Monticello, 1970 thru 1994, I watched the lake rise at a rate of 1ft an hour on several occasions...water up and under the store deck...kinda creepy...good luck all."



02/03/1998 440.36' msl - Glory Hole spills



02/07/1998 444.75' msl - 4.75' over Glory Hole



02/09/1998 444.25' msl - water begins to recede



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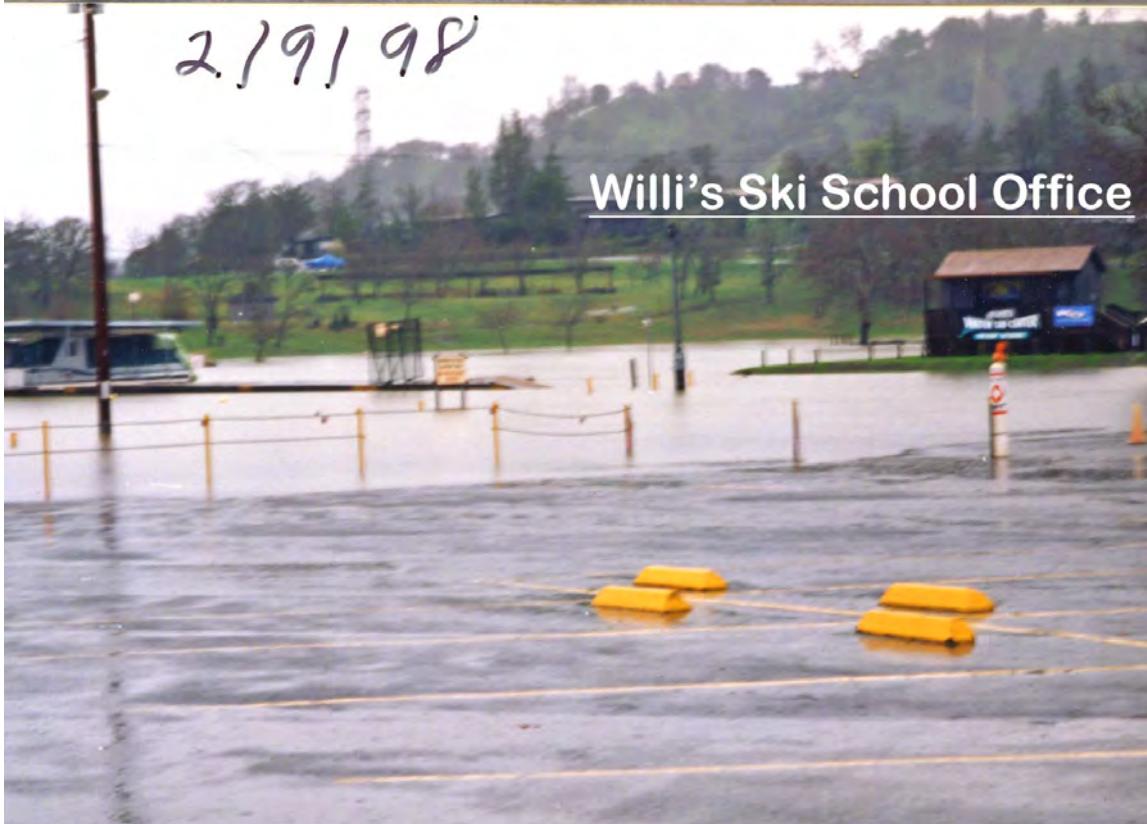
2/9/98: Lake level is 444.75' msl  
or 4.75' above Glory Hole



Steele Park Launch Ramp

2/9/98

Willi's Ski School Office



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## Berryessa Lions Club Keeps on Giving

The charitable work of the Berryessa Lions Club may be low key, but it is of great importance to local kids and their families through its free eye exams, bicycle rodeo, and other contributions. The Berryessa Lions Club has been a major community charitable organization at Lake Berryessa for decades. The only charitable organization at the lake, the Lions focus on eye health, especially that of our local children. Each year they pay for a doctor to come out and give free eye exams at the local schools.

They organize interesting fundraising events to get community members together and use the proceeds to support their charitable causes. The Lions also sponsor an annual bike rodeo at Pope Valley School where they donate brand new bicycles and helmets for the bike skill rodeo winners for each grade.

This year's Lions Club bicycle event was on October 3, 2012. The lions Club gave away nine bicycles and four helmets thanks to nine local donors. The donors were: the Gutierrez family, the Lewis family, Tonya Watson - Optometrist, Pope Valley Winery, Pridmore Construction, Berryessa Boat Storage, Jim and Linda Tschida, Chris Lacombe, and Bill Oppenner.





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The Lions Club Bike Rodeo is named in memory of George (Pizza Bill) Kaye who died a few years ago. Long-term Berryessa residents will remember Bill from his local pizza-making days. He spent his later years working at Rancho Monticello doing anything and everything including operating their water treatment plant. As a full-time employee he was allowed to live at the resort. Unfortunately he was one of several people displaced, i.e., kicked out of, Rancho Monticello and other resorts by the Bureau of Reclamation's destructive actions at Lake Berryessa. He died soon after while trying to find a new place to live.

Bill was proud of being a Charter Member of the Berryessa Lions Club which he helped form more than 25 years ago. He was a loyal member ever since, working on the annual eye exams for local school children, the Pope Valley school bike rodeo, and the many Lions Club poker runs.

Bill epitomized the Lions Club salute given at every meeting:

“Not above you, Not below you, But with you!”



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As Lake Berryessa Turns!  
Temperature and Fishing in a Warm, Monomictic Lake

By Peter Kilkus, President  
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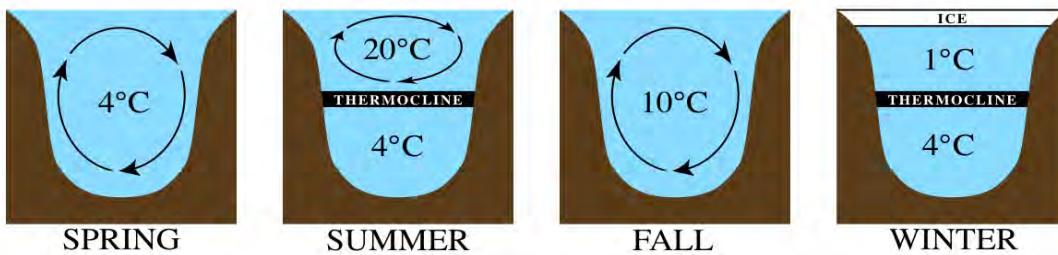
The phenomenon called “turnover” is well-known to anglers, but not so much to other lake visitors. Some people think that Lake Berryessa turns in both spring and fall. But scientific data shows that the lake only turns once per year - in the fall.

Turnover is essentially what it sounds like. The water on the bottom of the lake goes to the top, and the water on the top of the lake goes to the bottom. Although the turning of a lake is partly due to temperature and density differences in the layers, the major cause for the turnover (or mixing) is the wind. The wind causes full mixing of the lake when the temperature of the water is the same at all depths and there are no layers.

Thermal stratification of lakes is the separation of lakes into three layers caused by temperature differences among the layers:

1. Epilimnion - top of the lake.
2. Metalimnion (or Thermocline) - middle layer that may change depth throughout the day.
3. Hypolimnion - the bottom layer.

For ease of understanding, I'll call these the top layer, middle layer, and bottom layer. When layers mix and change places, a lake is said to turn over. Lakes that turn over once a year are said to be monomictic. Lakes that turn over twice a year, once in spring and once in fall, are called dimictic. Dimictic lakes usually freeze over during the winter. The reasons for both the spring and fall turnover in lakes that freeze are easy to understand so, with the help of the diagram below, I'll discuss them first.



In late summer lake surface waters of both monomictic and dimictic lakes have reached their annual maximum temperatures. At this time in a sufficiently deep lake, you will find a definite layering of water temperatures. Warmest, and therefore least dense, waters lie on top, and the water temperature decreases with depth, reaching its minimum temperature at the greatest lake depths. How cold the lake bottom water becomes depends on the lake depth and other characteristics, but it will never fall below 4 deg C (39 deg F) unless the lake freezes solid.

Summer breezes blowing over the lake generally keep the top layer stirred by pushing a quantity of surface water downwind. This draws a flow of deeper water upward (upwelling) along the lee shore to replace the pushed waters. But this upwelling is not coming from the deepest layer, only from the lower part of the top layer. As a result, top layer waters mix, producing generally warm temperatures and high oxygen content (important to fish and other creatures) throughout the top layer. The middle thermocline layer has minimal mixing, and what does occur is slow, thus isolating the bottom waters below it from the surface zone.

In fall, the surface water cools. Its drop in temperature eventually matches the temperature of the middle layer. When these top layer waters reach about 10 deg C (50 deg F), they sink into the middle layer waters below, erasing the temperature stratification between the top and middle layers that had built during summer.

As fall air temperatures continue to drop, this new upper layer cools to the temperature of the bottom layer. The full water mass of the lake has now reached a uniform temperature, and the surface winds mix the full water body in the “fall turnover”. The water temperatures then continue to decrease into the winter months.

For lakes that fall below 39 degrees and finally freeze, the surface becomes colder than the bottom, but this cold water now “floats” on top of the “warmer” water. (See above diagram) The colder surface water is now actually lighter than the warmer water and floats on it until it actually turns to floating ice. The key to this unusual process is how water density varies with water temperature.

Water is most dense (heaviest) at 39° F (4° C) and as temperature increases or decreases from 39° F, it becomes increasingly less dense (lighter). Thus, at 39 degrees and below, less dense but colder water is now at the surface and more dense but warmer water is now near the bottom.

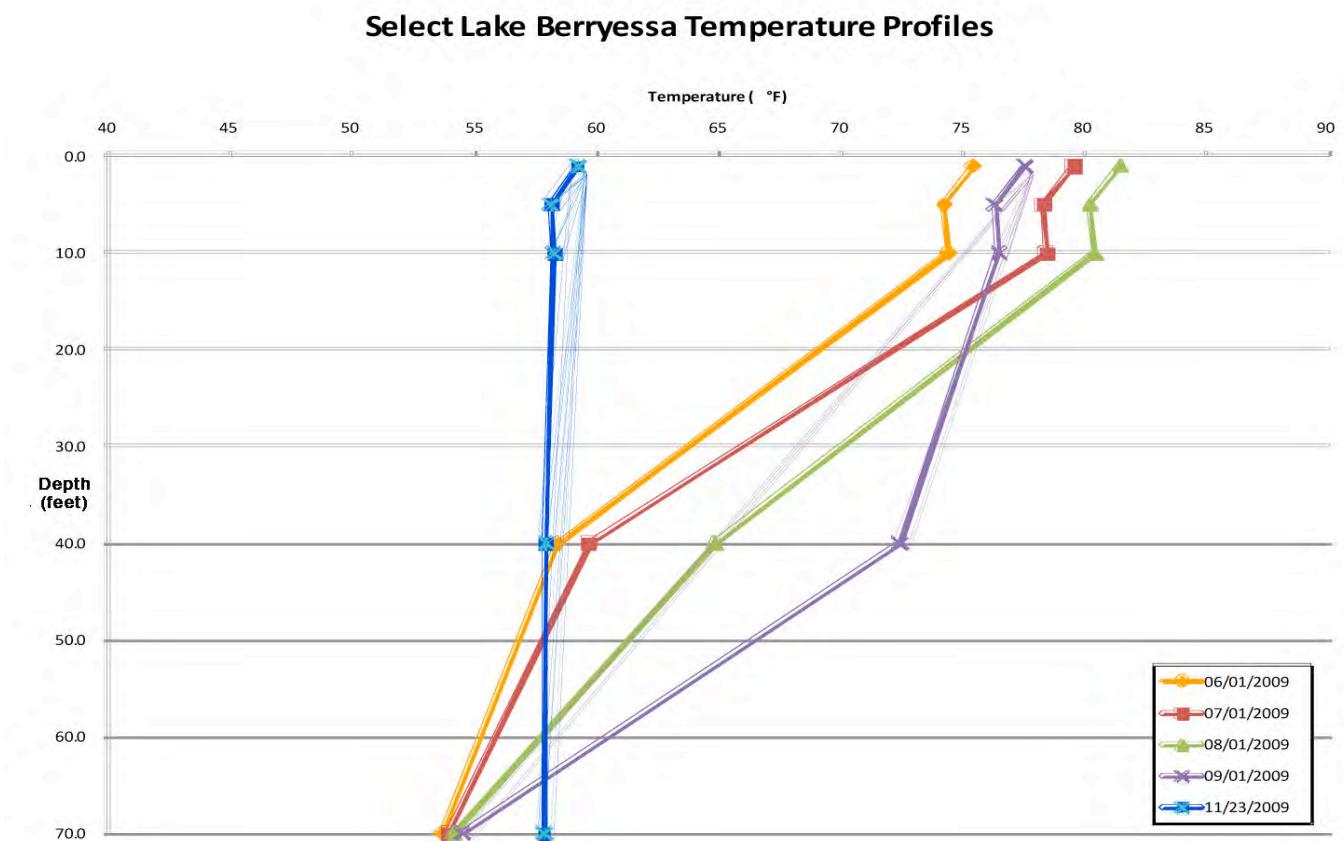
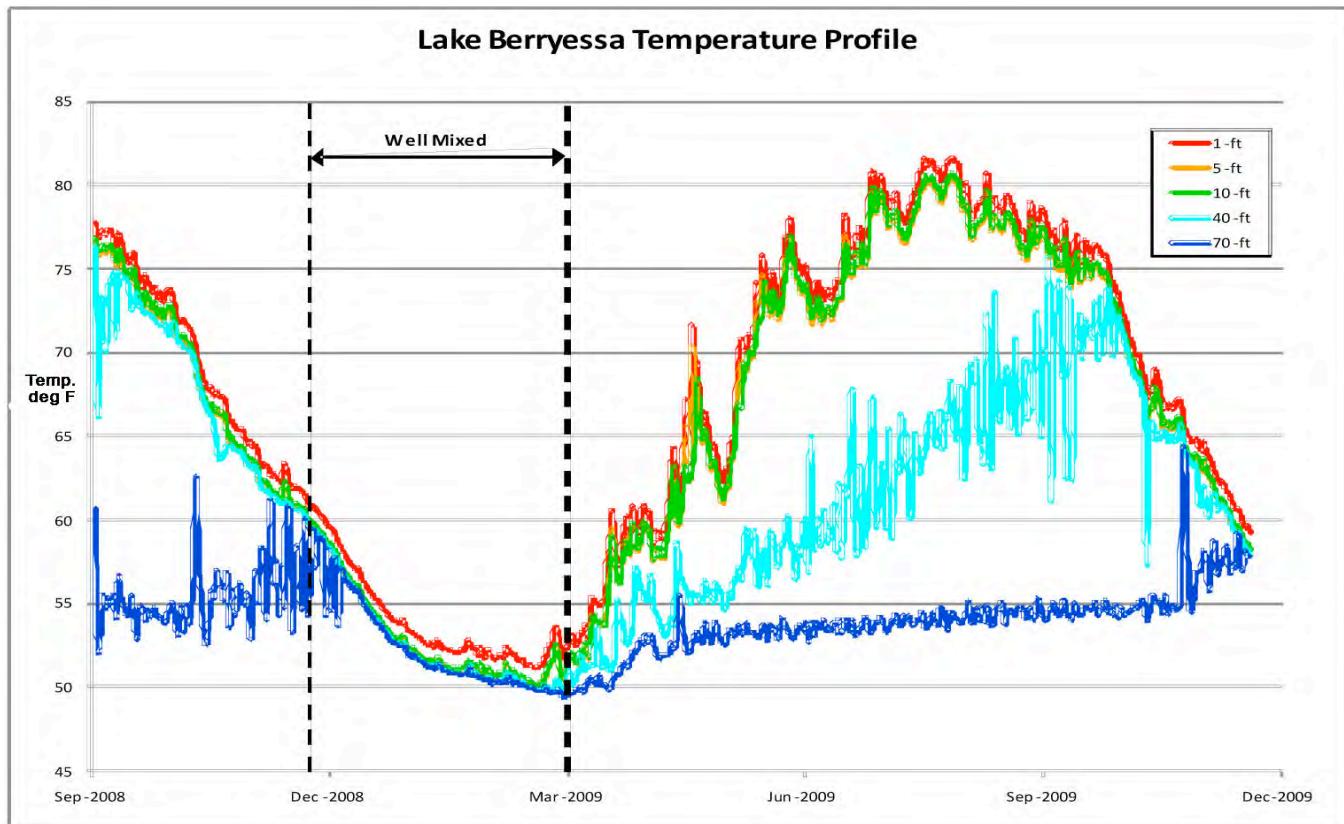
During spring, the process reverses itself. The ice melts and surface waters warm and sink until the water temperature at all depths reaches approximately 39° F. When this occurs, winds blowing over the lake again set up a full circulation system, this mixing known as “spring turnover”. As the warming continues into the summer, the top water layer becomes much warmer and less dense. The warm surface layer now “floats” on the cooler lower layers. Over time into the summer the three water layers again become established, and our cycle has been completed.

Since Lake Berryessa water temperatures never get below 39 degrees, it is classified as a warm, monomictic lake. During winter, the surface waters cool to a temperature equal to the bottom waters. But lacking significant thermal stratification, since the water never gets below 39 degrees, much less freeze, these lakes mix thoroughly each winter from top to bottom and continue to mix until spring.

This situation is graphically illustrated by the following charts from Alex Rabidoux of the Solano County Water Agency. Alex reports, “SCWA maintains a thermistor chain of sensors to a depth of 70-ft near Monticello Dam. I have attached a little over 1-year’s worth of data, and you can see that Lake Berryessa experiences one mix per year.

For last year, mixing occurred in November, 2008 followed by several months where the lake was well mixed, and then stratification began again in March, 2009. For Water Year 2010, you can see a similar pattern, where Lake Berryessa became well mixed a few weeks ago, in mid November.”

Alex added that the thermocline is probably somewhere near 40-ft, but there are not enough temperature sensors to say with absolute certainty without finer resolution. Anglers with good depthfinders can usually find the thermocline quite easily because algae and protoplankton will form a layer there, and the deeper, colder water is much more dense.



Frank Morris of the Solano Irrigation District reports, "The classic description of lake turnover is describing "dimictic" lakes or those having two mixes per year. Many larger lakes and reservoirs are "monomictic" - having

only one mix per year. Without ice formation and the colder, less dense water rising to the top, reservoirs such as Lake Berryessa will not experience a spring turnover.

Winds in our region also play a large role in keeping the lake well mixed or de-stratified until summer when surface water temperatures are significantly different, allowing the stratification into the epilimnion, metalimnion and hypolimnion.

The fishermen at Lake Berryessa probably have the best data regarding the lake turnovers and where the metalimnion demarcation typically is located because that is where the fish feed on the zooplankton accumulating at the density gradient. Different arms of the lake may behave differently due to the wind fetch, sun exposure and interflows from streams.

Remember also that the total depth in that vicinity of the dam is almost 250 feet. The lower depths are pretty consistent, VERY COLD. Another interesting fact is that the Monticello Dam is what is called a "hypolimnetic discharge", meaning that water discharged downstream is drawn off the lower portion of the water volume meaning that it is very cold and very nutrient rich. These nutrients support the large biomass of aquatic plants (and algae) in Lake Solano which is predominately *Myriophyllum* sp., also known as Eurasian Milfoil."

Bureau of Reclamation Ranger Mike McGraw describes some of the biological impacts of lake turnover: "I have a thermometer down at our boat dock about a 1.5 feet in the water. Yesterday (November 20, 2009) it read 60 degrees, roughly the same temperature it's been since the beginning of the month. Typically, I know the lake turns in the fall sometime in November, but I've never noticed too dramatic a drop on any given day or week for that matter. Usually by January it's around 50 degrees (the lowest I've seen it is 48 degrees a couple years ago).

The big, noticeable change in the spring relates more to direct sunlight on the lake surface, warming water temperatures, and the biological processes that "kick into gear." During this time phytoplankton/algae become more numerous, changing the water from clear to cloudy green - "The Spring Bloom". In response to the algae growth, small invertebrates (i.e. copepods, tiny shrimp-like critters, and insect larva) become abundant followed by increased feeding and reproductive activity by larger aquatic animals like fish and frogs. The fishermen respond to all this new fish activity and spawning in the early spring (which may be the source of the "spring turnover" concept among anglers at Lake Berryessa).

By late spring, nutrients typically become depleted from the lake and planktonic populations crash, causing the lake to clear a bit and fishing activity to taper-off. The summer is a period of "lake exhaustion", when food becomes scarce and only the hardiest aquatic creatures survive. All the dead organism sink to the bottom of the lake becoming food for decomposers like bacteria. The biological processes of bacteria can deplete deep water O<sub>2</sub> supplies which make the fall turnover especially important, not only for recycling nutrients through the water column but also in restoring deep water O<sub>2</sub> levels.

Upwelling in the fall can cause planktonic blooms, but they are usually short-lived because water temperatures are too low and the days lengths too short to sustain much photosynthetic activity. Sometimes when deepwater decomposition is anaerobic, toxic byproducts are produced (for example, hydrogen sulfide) that are brought to the lake surface. If undiluted, these byproducts along with O<sub>2</sub>-starved water from the deeper parts of the lake can become a lethal combination for fish. Since I've been at Berryessa (5 years now), I'm not aware of this happening."

### Fishing and Turnover

Fish have a metabolic rate dependent on water temperature. This dependence on water temperature also affects their immune system, wound healing, and digestion. Each fish has a different range of water temperature in which it can survive. Although fish cannot always find the exact temperature they prefer, they are usually found in water close to that temperature.

Trout, for example, will actively seek 64-degrees or the closest temperature to it. Sixty-four degrees, is the optimal temperature for a trout body to function at its peak. Below 50-degrees and the trout will start to shut down. Above 70-degrees and the trout will start to shut down. So, you can safely guess that trout actively feeding and swimming around will be found where water temperatures are in the 55-65 degree range.

Species and their preferred temperatures:

Brown Trout	60-65 F
Lake Trout	48-52 F
Rainbow Trout	55-60 F
Chinook Salmon	48-55 F
Coho Salmon	48-55 F
Largemouth Bass	68-78 F
Smallmouth Bass	67-71 F
Striped Bass	60-70 F
Bluegill	75-80 F
Crappie	70-75 F

The angler should know how to locate fish by temperature. Probe a lake's depth with a thermistor on a calibrated cord. The thermistor registers instant temperatures and the cord marks the depth. There are newer models out which also register oxygen content, pH, and water clarity. Simply find the depth corresponding to the preferred temperature range of the fish species you are seeking. Then identify the ideal temperature-depth which coincides with the lake's bottom structures that produce both food and cover. This is a likely spot to find actively foraging fish. Other factors such as light intensity, water clarity, pH, and oxygen content influence the fish by forcing them to migrate where these factors are favorable.

During summer, the surface of a lake the water will be very warm and stays warm down to a certain level. As the Lake Berryessa chart above shows, the surface might be at its maximum of 82 degrees in August, while 40 feet deep it is 70 degrees. At 70 feet the water is about 55 degrees and it will stay that cool all summer. Lake Berryessa bottom water temperatures never go below about 50 degrees.

After turnover the whole lake has good oxygen content and fish can move anywhere. They are hard to pattern because they roam a lot for a few weeks before setting up on deeper winter structure.

Some professional anglers are unsure what happens to bass during the turnover, but they agree that the fish are affected, almost like a cold front situation. It disorients them a little bit and they can get somewhat "goofy" about that time. Before the turnover, fishing tends to improve with the cooling water conditions. During and after the turnover, however, fishing tapers off.

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**December 2012 e-Newsletter**

**Reclamation Announces Decision on Lake Berryessa Concession Contract**

The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Director, Donald R. Glaser, has made the decision to terminate the concession contract with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC.

"My decision was the result of a careful, deliberate process," stated Mr. Glaser. "I reviewed all documents in the administrative record, including the concession contract, and visited each recreation area managed by Pensus prior to my decision. I understand the importance of this decision to local residents and businesses and to those who recreate at Lake Berryessa. Things have not gone as we expected or wanted them to, but we are moving forward with the goal of providing enjoyable recreation experiences for visitors to Lake Berryessa."

Mr. Glaser will explain the basis for his decision at three public meetings where he will also introduce Lake Berryessa team members and discuss plans for recreation services at Lake Berryessa during the 2013 season, over the next five years and in the long-term. Further, he will present plans to create a forum to provide for public involvement regarding recreation and land use activities at Lake Berryessa and to promote effective communication, consideration of interests and the resolution of problems.

The public meetings will be held:

Monday, Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m., Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, Lake Berryessa

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m., Napa Valley College, Little Theatre, 2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway, Napa

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m., Winters Public Safety Facility – Fire House Apparatus Bay, 700 Main Street, Winters

**Pensus Responds to the Bureau of Reclamation Contract Termination Notice**

Reclamation Decision to Sever Ties with Pensus To Disserve Recreation and the Community at Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa, California: Last evening, Thursday, Dec. 6, after much speculation, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) officially notified Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties LLC (Pensus) that the agency has decided to terminate Pensus's 40-year concession contract to develop and manage six recreation sites at Lake Berryessa. This misguided and unsupported decision marks the latest misstep in a long history of USBR mismanagement of visitor services at the Lake.

USBR's decision, which follows months of good faith effort by Pensus to resolve differences between the parties regarding implementation of the contract, is based on inaccurate statements of fact, misstatements of the plain language of the contract, and inconsistent readings of its own past approvals of Pensus activities. Throughout the past year, rather than pursue a serious, good faith effort to work through these differences, USBR has appeared to be determined to undo its contract with Pensus at all costs. This latest action is the culmination of that determination.

In a remarkable showing of bad faith, USBR's decision is to take effect Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Pacific standard time, giving Pensus less than 72 hours to cease operations and vacate the premises. Given the weeks of advance notice given by the agency to the public of the public meetings scheduled to discuss this decision, the short notice the agency has provided to Pensus is unconscionable, not to mention by no means in the interests of the public users of visitor services at the Lake.

On February 27, 2012, USBR notified Pensus of alleged violations of the concession contract. On March 29, 2012 Pensus supplied USBR with its full response and offered to cure every deficiency. To date, USBR has not answered and has refused to even acknowledge that any of Pensus's proposed "cures" are acceptable or unacceptable to USBR. Instead, USBR ratcheted up the conflict on May 7, 2012 by proposing to terminate the agreement alleging different grounds for that action than it had described in February.

In July, September and August, Pensus made formal offers to USBR to fully perform the contract and settle all disputes. USBR responded with excuses, curt e-mails and dilatory tactics, but no substance.

USBR's continuing gross mismanagement of visitor services at the Lake, as most recently demonstrated in this latest decision to sever its relationship with Pensus, disserves the interests of the local community and the overall public in the development and operation of improved visitor services at Lake Berryessa. Pensus continues to be committed to providing outstanding recreation and visitor services at Lake Berryessa. Unfortunately, USBR has proven to be neither a willing nor constructive partner in working with Pensus - nor any private entity -- in pursuit of this commitment.

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Pensus is gone for good; Reclamation is running some resorts; New bid process to take place next year.

At a three hour detailed presentation on December 10, 2012 at the Berryessa Senior Center, which included intense questioning by the audience of local residents and business owners, the Bureau of Reclamation provided their recovery plan for the lake. The bottom line is that Pensus is gone and won't be back. Reclamation seems confident that their decision can withstand any legal challenge brought by Pensus.

Reclamation has committed to reopening as many resorts as possible for public recreation in 2013. Their intent is to seek out interim concession contractors who will manage the resorts while the new prospectus is being written and the competitive bid process take place. They intend to invest Reclamation funds in basic infrastructure for water, power, and restroom facilities at these resorts as an incentive to interim contractors - and claim to have redirected Reclamation budget money to these improvements.

Reclamation also claims it is committed to re-establishing the widest range of recreation opportunities possible including all form of motorized boating. They said that they will not be overly influenced by any one group, including radical environmentalists, as they sincerely seek public input for planning Lake Berryessa's future.

Steele Park, Spanish Flat (day use only), and Putah Creek are open now from 7 AM to 5 PM daily for FREE boat launching. Camping has been re-established at Oak Shores. Reclamation acquiesced to the overwhelming public desire to return to the historical resort names, Steele Park, Spanish Flat, Rancho Monticello, Berryessa Marina, and Putah Creek, at least until new concessioners are chosen.

Many, many details still need to be worked out, but Reclamation appears to have developed a reasonable plan to recover from the difficult situation that they themselves in large part created. Stay tuned – much more to come. Below is the formal Reclamation public statement.

Questions & Answers: Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties Contract Termination and Future Recreation Opportunities at Lake Berryessa

Impacts

Q: Why is Reclamation terminating the Pensus contract? Weren't they just getting started with developing the concession areas?

Reclamation and Pensus entered into a 30-year concession contract in April 2010 after Reclamation accepted Pensus' bid and the two parties negotiated the contract terms. The contract required Pensus to provide specific

visitor services and recreation facilities according to certain standards and within established development timelines. Pensus failed to comply with the contract terms despite repeated efforts by Reclamation to have Pensus "cure" the deficiencies. In order to fulfill our commitment to the public to provide quality recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa, we took the necessary actions that ultimately have lead to termination of the Pensus contract.

Q: With Pensus' contract terminated, what happens to recreation at the lake?

Reclamation is committed to continuing to provide visitor services and recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa. We are planning for immediate government operation of several concession areas this winter and spring. We also plan to seek out interim concession contractors in time for the summer 2013 recreation season, to assist in operating several of the recreation sites to provide similar types of services (e.g. boat launching, day use, and camping).

Markley Cove Resort will continue to operate under the current contract until May 2013 and will offer marina services including wet slip rentals, fueling station, launching, retail store and overnight lodging. Reclamation is pursuing options for continued operation of Markley Cove Resort under an interim contract after expiration of the current concession contract.

Pleasure Cove Resort will continue to operate under their long-term contract and will offer tent and RV camping, marina services including wet slip rentals, fueling station, launching, retail store and overnight lodging.

Reclamation is developing options to provide the same or improved levels of service and appropriate facilities and services until new long-term concession agreements can be solicited and awarded. More information will be provided as plans are finalized. For information updates, please visit the Lake Berryessa website at [www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa) or contact Jeff Laird, Lake Berryessa Park Manager, at 707-966-2111 or [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov). For media inquiries, contact Louis Moore, Public Affairs, at 916-978-5106 or [wmoore@usbr.gov](mailto:wmoore@usbr.gov).

Q: Will wet slips be available at Lupine Shores any time soon?

Reclamation intends to seek interim concession contractors willing to install wet slips and provide some marina services; however, because of the lead time needed for environmental review and permits to install floating structures on the lake and construct related land-based facilities, it is not likely that wet slips will be available at Lupine Shores in 2013. These types of facilities may be available as soon as summer 2014.

Q: How does the contract termination affect the contract I signed with Pensus for a boat slip and what about my down payment?

Reclamation has instructed Pensus to cancel any contracts and agreements for use of wet slips or other services at its Lake Berryessa concession areas. Please contact Pensus directly regarding a refund of any funds that you paid them for services not yet rendered at 707-966-9088.

Q: How does the contract termination affect the year-long contract I signed with Pensus for dry boat storage 6 months ago?

Reclamation immediately took over management of the concession areas when Pensus ceased its operations at Lake Berryessa as of 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2012, including temporary management of the dry storage area at Lupine Shores; however, except for a short transition period, we will not be able to continue to provide dry boat storage as a service until new interim concession contracts are in place. Pensus has been requested to contact all of its customers regarding cancellation of existing contracts including those for dry boat storage. For further information, please contact Pensus at 707-966-9088. If you currently have your boat in storage with Pensus at Lake Berryessa, please contact Reclamation to find out more information on how to access or retrieve your boat.

Q: I have heard that the existing launch ramp and paved roads at Lupine Shores can't be used

anymore starting in 2013. Is this true?

As part of a legally binding agreement with a former concession operator, the existing launch ramp and main road can only be used for commercial purposes until early February 2013. In order to prevent an interruption in services to the public, Reclamation is investigating options, including discussions with the current owner of the existing launch ramp and paved main road, to allow use of those facilities beyond February 2013.

Q: I have camping reservations at one of the Pensus concession areas. What will happen to that reservation?

We have requested Pensus notify its customers of the cancellation of any pending camping reservations at its Lake Berryessa concession areas. Please contact Pensus for information regarding your future camping reservations. For 2013, camping and lodging will continue to be available by reservation at Pleasure Cove Marina, located at 6100 Highway 128, Napa, CA 94558, 707-966-9600. In addition, we are investigating options to make camping available at the following locations for summer 2013: Oak Shores, North; Lupine Shores; Chaparral Cove; and Foothill Pines. More information will be provided as plans are finalized. For information updates, please visit the Lake Berryessa website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa>

Q: Will the future concessionaire at Lupine Shores be required to pay a share of the assessment for use of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District facilities?

Reclamation will require future concessionaire/developers at Lupine Shores to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to Lupine Shores, consistent with the previous prospectus, including connections for water and wastewater with NRBID and payment of future assessments.

#### Timing

Q: With a notice of termination, how long until Pensus leaves?

Reclamation's notice of termination required Pensus to cease operations and turn the concession areas over to Reclamation at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2012.

Q: When will there be running water and regular plumbed restrooms at the concession areas?

The development of restrooms and showers is contingent upon the development of water and wastewater infrastructure and utilities at the concession areas, and that depends upon the selection of a long-term operator for each site. In the mean time, we are exploring the feasibility of developing some basic utilities such as potable water and restroom facilities in advance of awarding new long-term contracts.

Q: Where can I camp, launch, and fuel my boat, stay overnight, and enjoy day use at the lake now and until interim contracts are awarded?

Full service campgrounds, boat launch, boat fuel, day use and overnight cabins are available for a fee at Pleasure Cove Marina. Except for campgrounds, the same services are available for a fee at Markley Cove Resort. Free boat launch is available at the Reclamation-operated Capell Cove boat launch. Day use and picnicking are available free at Oak Shores, Smittle Creek, Eticuera, and Olive Orchard day use areas. Foothill Pines, Lupine Shores, and Chaparral Cove may be available for camping by Memorial Day weekend 2013, and a concession contractor may be able to operate the northern end of Oak Shores as an 85-site campground as we did in 2009 and 2010. The Dufer Point Visitor Center provides current information to visitors about all recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa and is located at 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa, CA 94558.

Q: What is the story behind the trail plan I have heard about? Will the trail go all the way around the lake? When will the trail be finished?

In fall 2012, Reclamation completed a Trail Management Plan to determine possibilities for a future Shoreline Trail encompassing most of the federal lands around Lake Berryessa. Trail development is contingent upon the ability to identify funding and development partners for various trail sections. This fall and winter, we are implementing the Trail Management Plan by performing maintenance on portions of the Smittle Creek Trail. Working with our partners, opportunities are being sought to provide additional funding for rehabilitation of the North End Trail. A Student Conservation Association (SCA) trail crew is currently helping with the work on the Smittle Creek Trail, and when completed, will work on other trails at the lake.

Q: What trails are available now?

Several trails are open to use at Lake Berryessa including the Smittle Creek Trail, a native plant trail at the Dufer Point Visitor Center, and the North End Trail. The North End Trail is currently scheduled for major rehabilitation and re-routing work and may be very rough or impassible in some locations.

Q: I have ideas about how to improve recreation services at Lake Berryessa; how can I get involved so that my voice is heard?

Reclamation is in the planning stages to establish and sponsor a forum of public agencies, with meetings open to the public, to promote communication and collaboration in implementing the Visitor Services Plan and addressing issues of mutual concern. Reclamation welcomes public involvement and invites your participation in this new forum. It is anticipated that this public forum will be in place early next year. More information will be announced as plans are finalized. For information updates, please visit the Lake Berryessa website at [www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa) or contact Jeff Laird, Lake Berryessa Park Manager, at 707-966-2111 or [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov).

Q: Who should I talk to if I have more questions?

For public inquiry - Contact Jeff Laird, Lake Berryessa Park Manager, at 707-966-2111 or [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov) For media inquiry - Contact Louis Moore, Public Affairs, at 916-978-5106 or [wmoore@usbr.gov](mailto:wmoore@usbr.gov).

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One of the most unpopular Pensus actions was the renaming of the Lake Berryessa resorts. Below is my story about that issue and what we should do about it. You should let Reclamation know your ideas about this subject and any other issues by submitting them to Jeff Laird as described above. Reclamation wants to know what you think. Let's see if they listen.

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### **A Sense of Place, A Sense of History, A Sense of Adventure and Romance: Naming the Lake Berryessa Resorts**

by Peter Kilkus

Now that the Pensus contract has been terminated, both local folks and the Bureau of Reclamation have returned to using the historical names of the Lake Berryessa resorts. I believe it is important to retain those names, or some version of them, for the good of the lake's future. I will make such a recommendation to Reclamation for inclusion in its next bid prospectus.

In the business world there is a financial concept known as "goodwill". Goodwill is an accounting concept meaning the value of an asset owned that is intangible but has a quantifiable value in a business. Goodwill typically reflects the value of intangible assets such as a strong brand name, good customer relations, good employee relations and any patents or proprietary technology. Goodwill includes assets with value that are exceptionally difficult to quantify such as brand recognition, customer loyalty, and employee happiness.

The original names of the Lake Berryessa resorts possess this type of financial "goodwill". In one case, Putah Creek Resort, the case could be made for negative goodwill due to its reputation as a rowdy party spot. Three years ago a new concessioner such as Pensus may have been justified in changing that name to be able to attract different, more family-oriented customers. But four years later the Putah Creek name, which is of such historical significance, is no longer linked to the previous generation of rowdies and, I believe, can and should be used again.

The Pensus decision to use plant names for its resorts may have been influenced by the Bureau of Reclamation. But despite protests against the names – even at the first public meeting between Pensus and the local residents – they went forward with them. Unfortunately it was part of the Pensus penchant to ignore the advice of local people familiar with the history and operation of Lake Berryessa.

Below are my original suggestions to David Ffinch more than two years ago when he signed the concession contract and we all learned about the name changes. If you are interested in making your own suggestions, send a message to Jeff Laird, Park Manager at Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Berryessa Field Office, 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa, CA 94558 or e-mail them to [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov), or fax them to (707) 966-0409.

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David Ffinch (Pensus)" <[finch@pensus.com](mailto:finch@pensus.com)>  
Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:32 AM  
Berryessa feedback - resort names

Good morning David,

Thanks for all the info on your web site. People remain excited about the future of the lake.

But the biggest disappointment among the people I talked to on my 200 mile "paper route" to distribute the paper Wednesday and Thursday, and the phone calls and email I have received so far, is the resort names. They are highly unpopular.

Personally I believe you are giving up significant financial "goodwill" by changing them so drastically, especially Steele Park, which has always been known in the Bay Area and Sacramento as the "best resort at Lake Berryessa".

In my opinion, from a marketing perspective, the new names have no sense of place, no sense of history, no sense of adventure and romance. Although a certain amount of re-branding may be necessary, such as changing the name of Putah Creek Resort because of its rowdy history, the chosen names don't elicit any images of recreation or geographical location, nor will they be easy to remember.

Putah Creek Resort could be named Pope Canyon Resort, for example. It places the resort at the north end of the lake and connects it to Pope Valley - a major gateway to the lake for the north Napa Valley, St. Helena, and Calistoga.

Steele Park could have become Steele Canyon Resort - keeping the value of the brand, locating it geographically, and sounding more adventurous. Lupine Shores Resort is hard to say and basically meaningless, definitely not memorable. And as someone pointed out, there is very little lupine inside the resort boundary.

None of the names use the words Berryessa or Monticello which have great historical significance and regional name recognition. For example, Rancho Monticello could be Monticello Shores; Berryessa Marina could be Berryessa Point, because of its peninsula, or Big Island Marina since it's close to Big Island which is one of the major features of the lake. Spanish Flat Resort didn't even need a name change. It is integral to the historic Spanish Flat area and community center and well-known around Napa and the Bay Area.

Markley Cove perhaps needed a name change and Mahogany Bay rolls off the tongue but doesn't signify anything special. I actually never knew that there was a California mahogany tree. "The Mountain Mahogany is a shrub or small deciduous tree that grows in the California chaparral." Most people think of mahogany furniture with wood from the Philippines. With Markley's position so close to the dam and the Yolo County recreation basin, there has to be a better name from a marketing viewpoint.

Again, these are my opinions and I don't want to offend you or the people you have developing marketing strategy. But if there is any way you can change the names that have been proposed, I believe it would be a positive move.

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In a later email I said, "I'd like to repeat my previous suggestion to rethink your proposed resort names. There is a wide general dissatisfaction with the names, especially Lupine Shores. Our local CBS affiliate, KPIX, just completed an Eye on the Bay two-part segment about the Lake Berryessa region that will air in late September. Part of the story they will tell is the history of the Berryessa Valley and the flooded Town of Monticello. The history of our region stretches back hundreds of years. I think you are missing an opportunity by ignoring that.

Since I haven't been privy to your detailed marketing strategy, I don't know what "themes" you proposed for the various resorts as was required in the bid. But using the well-known local history and geography in your thematic marketing (and resort names) would seem to be one approach."

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On a more humorous note here are arguments I sent to David Finch against the use of Lupine Shores as a resort name. He had a very good sense of humor and enjoyed my comments. He actually told me that he agreed to change the name from Lupine Shores to Lupin Shores. Later he was apparently convinced by someone in his company to retain the original name.

Lupins or lupines (North America) are the members of the genus *Lupinus* in the legume family.

Lupine may be one of several things: Predatory or wolf-like, something that is like, or relating to, a wolf (*canis lupus*); a variant spelling for lupin, a flowering plant – lupine is not the primary spelling.

Pensus may wish to form a sister resort arrangement with Lupin Lodge in Los Gatos: <http://www.lupin.com/>

"Lupin Lodge: A Clothing-Optional Getaway For All Seasons Luxury Camping...Try a Lupin Yurt at Lupin Lodge ...the ultimate value in clothing-optional relaxation and nude recreation in the San Francisco Bay Area. Members escaping the pressure-cooker of nearby Silicon Valley swear that only a few hours spent au naturé at Lupin provide the de-stressing equivalent of a seven-day cruise. Just imagine how relaxing an Eden-like vacation or holiday getaway might feel at one of California's most scenic naturist resorts. Consider a romantic weekend in a comfortable cabin, try an enchanting overnight in an exotic yurt or simply camp under the stars and trees in the fabulous Santa Cruz Mountains."

David declined.

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### **Give Big Island Lagoon Back to the People!**

I continue to encourage people to write recommendations about the future of Lake Berryessa to the Bureau of Reclamation. They have asked for our input. It's important that we give it to them. And the new public forum they want to start will be extremely important.

Here's my latest recommendation to reverse the arbitrary closure of Big island Lagoon to motorized family recreation:

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12/26/12

Dear Mr. Laird,

**Recommendation: Immediately Return Big Island Lagoon to a 5MPH Zone for Family Recreation**

In a highly unpopular move with no real public support, the Bureau of Reclamation arbitrarily closed Big Island Lagoon to motorized recreation several years ago. This area was an historical 5 MPH zone and a heavily-used family recreation gathering spot. It provided a quiet, safe respite from the activity on the main body of the lake.

This action was taken with no public input or evaluation of its effects on lake users. Monitoring of the area for the last several years shows there has been no appreciable use by non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks. This action simply created a wasted recreational resource that had previously been used by hundreds of boaters on a regular basis.

Willi's Cove near Steele Park Resort was also designated as a non-motorized zone but enforcement was never implemented. This is a precedent for the lack of importance of this type of classification.

Although the creation of non-motorized zones was discussed in the VSP DEIS, the closure of Big Island lagoon was stealth action hidden in the 2006 Record of Decision section excerpted below. This section also implied that no changes would be made until the public forum referenced in this same section was created.

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**2006 Record of Decision: 6. Land and Water Use Classification.**

The WROS is not adopted as part of the VSP ROD. Existing requirements developed in conjunction with Action 17, "Water Surface Zoning and Restrictions," of the 1993 RAMP ROD are carried forward on an interim basis pending future adoption by Reclamation of the WROS or other land and water use classification system in consultation with the forum established in paragraph 1c. In the interim, certain areas will be reserved for use by non-motorized watercraft and electric trolling motors only. These areas are identified in Appendix B, map number 413-202-8.

The 1993 RAMP ROD excerpted below was very general about what zoning enforcement might be done in the future. It did not authorize Reclamation to close Big Island Lagoon and Willi's Cove to motorized recreation.

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**~1993 RAMP ROD Action 17. Water Surface Zoning and Restrictions.**

**~Preferred Action:** Establish and implement (after coordination with the Napa County Sheriffs Dept.) specific zoning and/or restrictions for water surface uses and activities to promote public health and safety, foster

compatibility of recreational uses, and protect and enhance natural resources, including water supplies, wetlands, and riparian habitats.

~Activities or areas subject to zoning restrictions could include, but are not limited to, the following:

~Water skiing and similar activities in Neither Cove (between Steele Park and Spanish Flat).

~Parasailing around power lines in the Narrows, Wragg Canyon, and Neither Cove.

~Jet skiing in Oak Shores.

~Closure of specific areas because of water supply intakes, endangered species issues, approved construction projects, etc.

~Aircraft operations / Speed zones for specific areas / Floating structures.

~Establishment of boat traffic patterns on lake surface.

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The public forum referenced in the 2006 ROD section below was never created. This omission was deemed a mistake by Mr. Glaser in his public comments at the December 10, 2012 public meeting at Lake Berryessa.

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2006 ROD 1.c. Collaboration. Reclamation will sponsor a regular forum with the opportunity for public involvement to promote communication, thoughtful consideration of interests, consistency and uniformity, and constructive resolution of problems or conflicts. In addition, the Area Manager or his/her designee will meet on a regular basis with concession contractors to coordinate Governmental and concession operations and to jointly address operational issues.

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Therefore, since there was neither public input nor public support for this arbitrary action; there was no statutory authority or other justification for Reclamation's decision; and the action is in opposition to Reclamation's stated purpose to support and expand recreation at Lake Berryessa, Big Island Lagoon should immediately return to its long-term 5 MPH status in anticipation of the 2013 recreation season.

In the future any action of this serious an impact on the recreating public must require public input and should be an item for the immediate item of attention of the new public forum.

Thanks you for your assistance in this matter,

Peter Kilkus  
Owner/Editor

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Bureau of Reclamation Management Structure (12/26/12)

Jeff Laird is Lake Berryessa Park Manager

Peggi Brooks is Jeff Laird's supervisor and serves as the Chief, Recreation Resources Division.

Peggi Laird's supervisor is the Deputy Area Manager, who is currently Richard Stevenson (Acting for Drew Lessard).

The Deputy Area Manager's supervisor is the Area Manager, who is currently Drew Lessard (Acting since Mike Finnegan's retirement).

The Area Manager's supervisor is the Mid Pacific Regional Director, who is David Murillo.

Don Glaser is working as a Special Assistant to the Commissioner and Lake Berryessa is one of his projects.

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#### California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. and the Department of Fish & Game Partner to Make Lake Berryessa One of the Strongest Trophy Fisheries in the State of California:

The day began with ominous dark clouds and rain showers. The volunteers had been lined up for several weeks and canceling the "event" was considered, but not seriously. The guys were ready to go and the word was out...bring raingear! Everyone gathered at Markley Cove store at 8:45AM, and at that point, the clouds began to dissipate and spots of blue sky could be seen...definitely a good sign. It took a short time to organize the tools the volunteers had brought – generator, power washers, hoses, etc. Lee Gray of Markley Cove produced the two additional winches and handles, and it was off to the pens. Rick Soto's boat proved to be invaluable, hauling supplies and people!

The weather cooperated, the equipment ran well, and as Stan Wong orchestrated and Willie Carroll worked his mechanical miracles, it was over and done in not quite three hours! It was a fun project and productive at the same time, with friends working together. Fish & Game will deliver small fish for the pens on January 3rd, 2013. CIFFI supplies the fish food. These fish will be maintained by Lee Gray & staff of Markley Cove through the winter months, until release in the early spring. The real reward comes in early January when the small fish are transferred into the pens by DFG. The really big deal is when the pens are opened in the spring, and two to three pound rainbows swim lazily into the lake to grow even larger. (CIFFI - <http://www.ciffi.org/>)

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#### Napa Firewise Awards Wildfire Mitigation Grants

Napa, Calif. December 1, 2012 — The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF) announced today the award of nearly \$65,000 in wildfire mitigation grants to six local Fire Safe Councils. These Councils include Atlas Peak (\$11,000); Berryessa Estates (\$10,200); Circle Oaks (\$6,000); Berryessa Highlands (\$16,000); Mt. Veeder/Dry Creek (\$10,000), and Soda Canyon (\$10,000).

Stephen Gort, NCFF vice president and treasurer, says the grants are a vital part of Napa County's ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts that started in 2005 with a highly successful Firewise free chipping program. "The grants are targeted at concentrated, on the ground mitigation work," says Gort. "We are talking about building shaded fuel breaks around key infrastructures and critical access routes, clearing brush-choked roadways, and maintaining once-cleared vegetation from years past."

The grants were awarded through a competitive process that required each Fire Safe Council to submit a comprehensive Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). For more information about Napa Firewise and wildfire in general, visit their website at [www.napafirewise.org](http://www.napafirewise.org) or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/napafirewise](http://www.facebook.com/napafirewise).

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