



Happy New Year from the Lake Berryessa News staff!



Lake Berryessa RFP Delayed by One Month

This Just In From Napa County: Because of COVID-19 related travel and other restrictions in Napa County and the State of California, the County has had to delay elements of the Schedule of Events by one month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and very much look forward to receiving responses on March 2, 2021

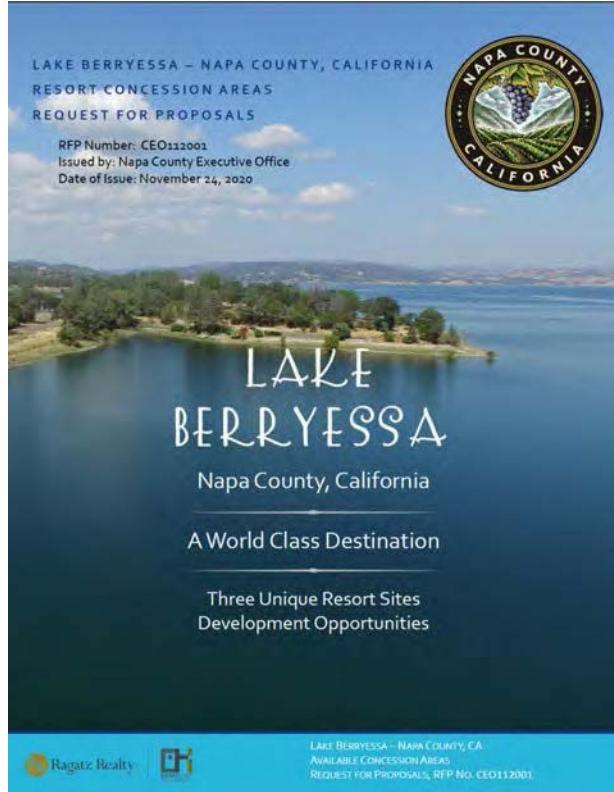
Previous Schedule:

January 4-8, 2021: Site Visit(s) to be Scheduled per COVID 19 Regulations
January 11, 2021: Round 2 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST
January 19, 2021: Responses to Round 2 Questions will be published
January 29, 2021: RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
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February/March, 2021: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
April, 2021: County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)

New Schedule as of 12/31/20:

January 20, 2021 Deadline for Registration for Site Visits
January 29, 2021 Deadline for Registration to Share/Receive Contact Information
February 1-5, 2021 Site Visits – to be Scheduled per COVID-19 Regulations
February 8, 2021 Round 2 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST
February 15, 2021 Responses to Round 2 Questions will be published
March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)

[Download the Full RFP Here...](#)



The New Year is looking better at the Putah Canyon Campground.

“Putah Canyon Campground, unfortunately, has some milestones to accomplish before taking 2021 reservations due to the damage to their phone lines and making preparations based on their new 10 year contract. They will begin to take new reservations on February 1, 2021. Putah Canyon Campground is adding new RV and tent sites and will have a new map. They are planning to have a store, a new office, gas and, of course, new boat slips! Please email them at putah@royalelkparkmanagement.com for any questions or concerns at this time. Royal Elk Park Management staff appreciates everyone's patience and understanding.”

Spanish Flat Mobile Villa Aftermath

Napa's 'Lake People' feel stranded, abandoned
Story by Matthias Gafni, Photos by Jessica Christian
San Francisco Chronicle, December 24, 2020

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/spanish-flat-mobile-villa.html>

Many of us have friends who lost their homes in Spanish Flat and at the Spanish Flat Mobile Villa. Four months later there are still some folks from the Villa living in limbo at the Napa Valley Expo fairgrounds. This San Francisco Chronicle article tells their ongoing heartbreak story. Fire season is over in Northern California, but for many evacuees, especially the poor and vulnerable, the nightmare is only getting worse.

Below: Dorothy Glaros (left) serves her friends and former Spanish Flat Mobile Villa residents Rich Woodard, Michele Quecke, Daniel Davenport and Catalina Tercero an early Thanksgiving dinner at the Napa Valley Expo fairgrounds, where they've been allowed to park their vehicles.
| Jessica Christian / The Chronicle



Humor in the face of one of the most horrible years of our lifetime.

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.

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raving may be in response
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response to a hallucination.

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Politics-Related CDD is an epidemic
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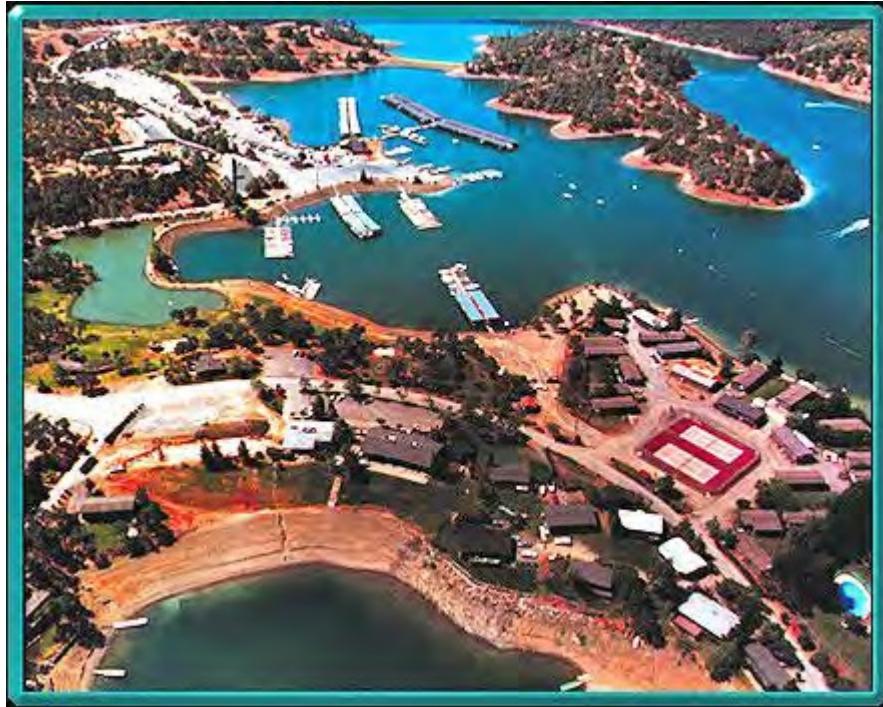
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Another Historical Photo From the "Olden Days"

Here's an old aerial photo of Steele Park Resort from 1984-85. Note the small lagoon at the middle left which was later filled in for more parking. I heard there used to be bumper boat rides in it.



Lake Level as of 1/3/21

Lake level has remained at 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole for the last week. Rainfall has reached 2.0 inches at Monticello Dam and 2.62 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30).

As you can see from the chart at the right, this has been the second lowest rainfall by January 1st since 2014. And last year was the lowest total rainfall in 24 years!

Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/1 (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
97-98		10.77"	46.26"
98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
06-07	10/3/06 - .22"	5.36"	12.7"
07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"	25.32"
08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
09-10	9/14/09 - .24"	6.5"	26.41"
10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
12-13	10/22/12 - .73"	17.97"	20.65"
13-14	9/22/13 - .43"	1.88"	13.69"
14-15	9/19/14 - .11"	13.34"	19.56"
15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57
16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	8.8"	47.55"
17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
18-19	10/2/18 - .51"	7.28"	40.53"
19-20	11/27/19 - .73"	7.14"	10.93"
20-21	11/15/20 - .09"	1.92"	

January 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): This week will be unlike any you've ever experienced, but that has a lot less to do with you than it does the flaws in the space-time continuum.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You have very little say in your fate or what will eventually befall you, but don't let that keep you from voting.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Just so you know, fate doesn't necessarily have something special in store for you just because nothing particularly notable has happened to you yet.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Time was, if a mysterious fungus started to overgrow your house, you'd have done something. But you've learned a lot about yourself this past year.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): This week, envy rears its ugly head, realizes there's nothing enviable about you, blinks a couple times, and goes back to sleep.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You passionately believe that modern society fosters political, intellectual, and spiritual repression, which is just fine by you.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Though you believe otherwise, it is not healthy to prefer the novels of Henry James to actual human contact.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will be torn between finishing your heating and air-conditioning degree and earning big money right away in the thriving HVAC field.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will soon come under heavy criticism for the lack of minority representation in your record collection.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will be upgraded with improved graphics and greater ease of use, but processor speed remains a problem.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Advocates for the homeless will soon make you a very tempting membership offer

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): This week, you will prove the binomial theorem, posit a rule of gravitation, and develop a new theory of color, only to find that it's all been done before.

Onion Headlines

New Years Resolutions Canceled: Nation Will See How 2021 Is Going Before Making Any Promises

"2020 Has Been The Greatest Year Ever," Says Guy Who Owns Store That Exclusively Sells Surgical Masks And Hand Sanitizer

President Vows To Work Tirelessly Until Inauguration Day - On His Golf Game

While Jim Carrey Steps Down from Portraying Joe Biden on Saturday Night Live, Alec Baldwin Refuses to Concede his Role as Donald Trump

Remote-Learning Student Praying It Snows Enough To Bring Down Internet Lines To Cancel School

Bingo Much Less Competitive Lately

GOP Leaders Begin Search For Prissy, Miserable Moron Who Can Compete With Trump In 2024

Crying Eric Trump Asks Father If They Poor Now

'The Onion' Salutes The Courageous Legislators Determined To Overturn The Will Of Voters

Package Thief Makes Off With Entire Front Porch

Rudy Giuliani Tests Positive For Slew Of Obscure Bat Diseases Unrelated To Covid-19

Top 12 Rules For Our Man Cave That Were Too Laxly Enforced In 2020

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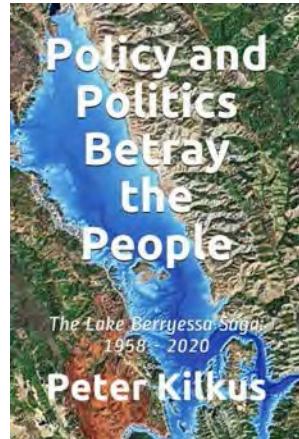
Donald Trump Jr. Refuses To Step Down From Post Of President's Oldest Son

New Report Finds Computers Actually Outpaced Human Intelligence Back With Commodore 64

Desperate VH1 Greenlights New Reality Show 'Basketball Acquaintances'

False-Advertising Charges Laid Upon
Fast-Food Franchises For Not Including
Ham In Hamburgers

Marine Biologists Discover That Whale
Songs Are Actually Flatulence



Here's an interview I did in 2010, three years after the interview below with Pat Monaghan and just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



**Pat Monaghan:
The Brains Behind the
Operation!**

I want to give special thanks and recognition to Pat Monaghan who organized the resistance to the Bureau of Reclamation's disastrous Visitor Services Plan at Lake Berryessa. She cofounded Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa (TF7) in July, 2001 and spearheaded the organization for many years.

Her spirit and energy kept me going in the face of the concerted effort by the Bureau of Reclamation and their environmental exclusionist fellow travellers to force through the pre-determined outcome of their of their disastrous Visitor Services Plan (VSP).

Here's a 2007 TV interview with Pat, to give you some historical insight. Those of you who remember Pete Lucero, the government "hitman" imported

Policy and Politics Betray the People

The Lake Berryessa Saga:

1958 - 2020

The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version
and a paperback version.

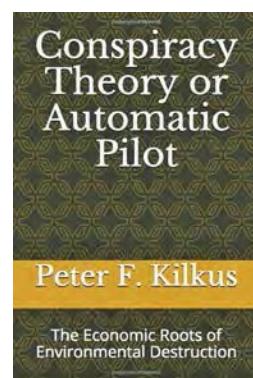
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**Basic Economics For
The Informed Reader**

The last few months and years have brought economic issues to the forefront of our lives. They have also shown us how little most Americans understand about basic economics.

One of the primary myths that has been debunked by the COVID 19 crisis is that the stock market plays some part in the basic economy. Other

from Washington, D.C., will recognize his description of what we still call "The Big Lie".

simple economic principles that most people don't understand are explained in my book.

[The Stock Market Is Not The Economy, Stupid!](#)

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Greetings from Lake Berryessa. It is January 10, 2021, the second Sunday of 2021.
Only 349 days until Christmas!

Lake Berryessa News KVON Radio Interview

If you haven't yet read my book "Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020" yet, here's my December 30, 2020 interview with Lee Miller on KVON's "All Things Napa". It's a summary of much of what is presented in more detail in the book. Click on the December 30, 2020 recording link on the KVON page below.

<https://www.kvon.com/all-things-napa/>

If there is a problem with the KVON link, click the link below for the same interview posted on the Lake Berryessa News website.

[Peter Kilkus KVON Interview 12/30/20](#)

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State's Regional Stay Home Order Extended on Jan.9, 2021

NOTE: Lodging (tent camping, RV camping, and rental cabins) is closed at the lake resorts, but launching is available at all launch ramps including Capell Launch. Rental boats are also available at Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals, Markley Cove Resort, and Pleasure Cove Marina.

Due to the Bay Area Region continued Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity of less than 15%, the State's Regional Stay Home Order that began at 11:59 PM on Thursday, December 17, 2020 is

being extended. The Extension is expected to last until projected Regional ICU capacity reaches 15%.

The Regional Stay Home Order instructs Californians to continue to stay at home as much as possible and to stop mixing between households that can lead to the spread of COVID-19. The order still allows access to critical services and outdoor activities to preserve Californians' physical and mental health. The Regional Stay Home Order is intended to help limit exposure, interrupt transmission, and prevent overwhelming regional ICU capacity.

This order prohibits private gatherings of any size, closes certain business sectors except for critical infrastructure and retail, and requires 100% masking and physical distancing in all sectors. The order will remain in effect until the region's ICU capacity projected out four weeks is equal or greater than 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis.

"We are just now beginning to see the effects of December holiday gatherings and travel," stated Napa County Health Officer Dr. Karen Relucio. "It bears repeating that ICU capacity is not only critical for COVID-19 patients, it can also mean the difference between life and death for community members suffering from non-COVID related medical conditions or trauma. Hospitalizations are at an all-time high and we've reported more local deaths during the first week of the New Year than we did during our peak month of 2020. It will take all of us working together to move in the right direction."



Here's a short article in the Winters Express (Gateway to the Monticello Dam) about the Napa County Request for Proposal for the revitalization of

Lake Berryessa. The full reopening of the lake will be an economic shot in the arm for Winters which has opened a new hotel, the Hotel Winters, and is in the process of constructing a new Fairfield Inn.

Winters has long supported the Lake Berryessa community in its campaign to oppose the Bureau of Reclamation's destructive plans and to rationally redevelop the lake resorts, "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest". Winters' involvement is documented in my book, Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020, available on Amazon.

Working to redevelop Lake Berryessa concession areas

by Rick von Geldern, January 7, 2021

"The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently announced a 55-year Master Partnership Agreement (MPA) with Napa County granting control of three Lake Berryessa concession areas — Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon and Monticello Shores. "This is a huge achievement for all of us. We're looking forward to building the partnership with Napa County and working together to deliver a thriving recreation program at Lake Berryessa for the public," said California-Great Basin Regional Director Ernest Conant in a bureau press release.

On Nov. 24 Napa County Executive Offices issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify potential concessionaires for the three areas. The RFP package stresses both challenges and opportunities to redevelop these concession areas to better reflect the lifestyle of today's participants in outdoor recreation — higher quality, more variety, greater convenience, more nature-based and family-oriented. Successful respondents must demonstrate their ability to design, finance, construct and manage projects.

RFP submittals are due by noon on March 2 with concession awards targeted for approval by Napa County and USBR in May.

"Bidders should expect to invest at least \$10M at each site during the first few years to create facilities and amenities that provide both a satisfactory recreation experience and long-term profitability," said Peter Kilkus, president of Lake Berryessa Resort Management Services. Emphasis in the past has been on boating and camping, but officials believe a wider variety of activities are appropriate for the future.

Napa County recently commissioned a consumer survey of households in northern California and received more than 3,200 responses. These responses will assist in determining which services and facilities are best suited for the concession areas. Under the terms of the MPA,

concession contracts are offered for periods up to 55-years and should attract larger companies, Kilkus said."

On November 19, 2005, the City Council of Lake Berryessa's sister city, Winters, unanimously passed a resolution criticizing the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed plans for Lake Berryessa. It was so accurately prescient in its concerns, especially Sections 4 and 5. Ironically, our stated efforts to "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest." of Lake Berryessa received no support from Napa County, any Napa city, nor our own Congressman. And Reclamation clearly ignored the concerns of the City of Winters.

The City of Winters Fights Back

[See the Winters City Council Resolution here...](#)

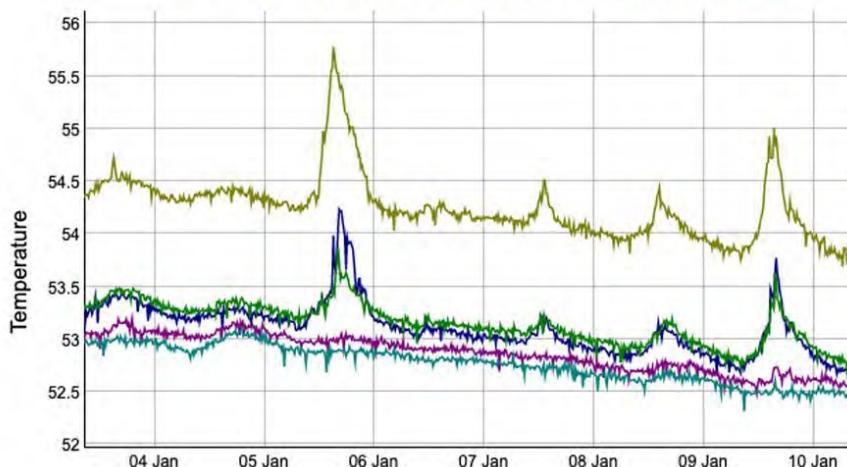


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Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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Here's an action video from Lake Berryessa during the wild weather year of 2017. This is at the north end of the lake and was taken by folks at the Putah Canyon RecArea (previously known as the Putah Creek Resort.)



Here's another historical Lake Berryessa map. It's from the reign of Pensus when the names of the resorts were changed to some pretty lame ones. The names were highly unpopular with the local community. Most people believed the Pensus was encouraged to use these names by the Bureau of Reclamation, but Pensus claimed they liked them. One of the first orders of business after Pensus was kicked out by Reclamation was, under strong public pressure, to change the names back to something related to Lake Berryessa again.

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The Lake Berryessa News (as much as there is)

Not much, so we'll throw in a little philosophy for your intellectual amusement. See the article below on Karl Popper ([Karl Popper's Paradox of Tolerance - A Lesson for the Present?](#)).

I apologize if you get more than one copy of this email. I'm updating my master list.

The first month of 2021 is over with little significant change in either the COVID crisis or the Lake Berryessa RFP process. Covid restrictions continue their negative seesaw affects on people's lives and business survival. See Napa Register article below. ([Napa County's fight against COVID-19 in 'deep purple' zone](#).) Being over 75 I got my vaccine shot a couple of weeks ago. My second shot is scheduled for early February. But what then? Will I be able to travel freely to a beach in Mexico? What proof will I get that I've been vaccinated? A stamp on my passport, a tattoo on my wrist? Will I continually need retesting as proof of being Covid-free to travel despite my vaccination? Probably so.

Napa County's RFP process has been delayed once. The deadline for the bids to be presented to the County is now March 2, 2021 by 12 PM. I am aware of several companies developing bid proposals. We may learn more if the bidders agree to have their names made public by the "January 29, 2021 Deadline for Registration to Share/Receive Contact Information". This may be unlikely due to their probable confidentiality concerns.

I expect that a few bidders may turn up at the "February 1-5, 2021 Site Visits – to be Scheduled per COVID-19 Regulations". No word yet as to whether these visits will be delayed a second time. Napa County's latest schedule still projects:

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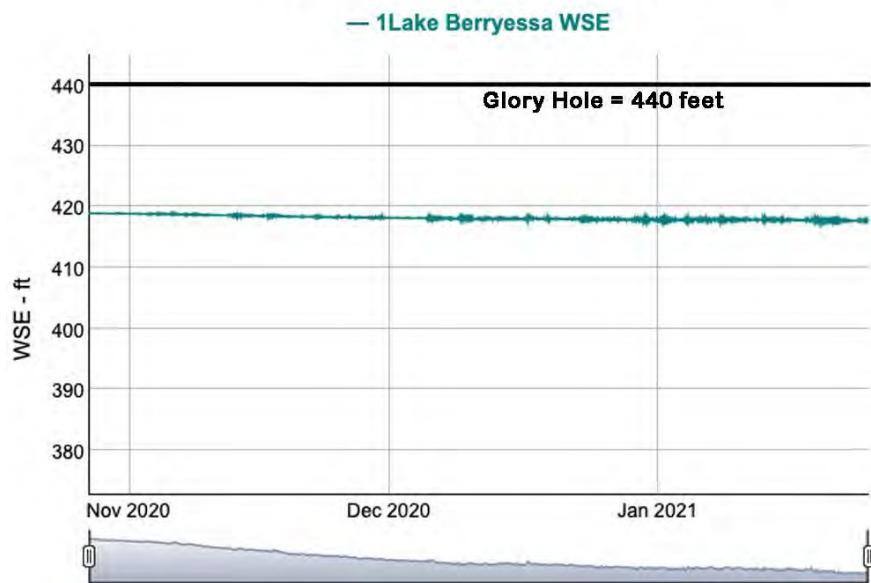
My expectation is that no new construction or capital investment will take place until fall of 2021. The old cliche, "what you see is what you get", will be the operative description for the coming 2021 recreation season.

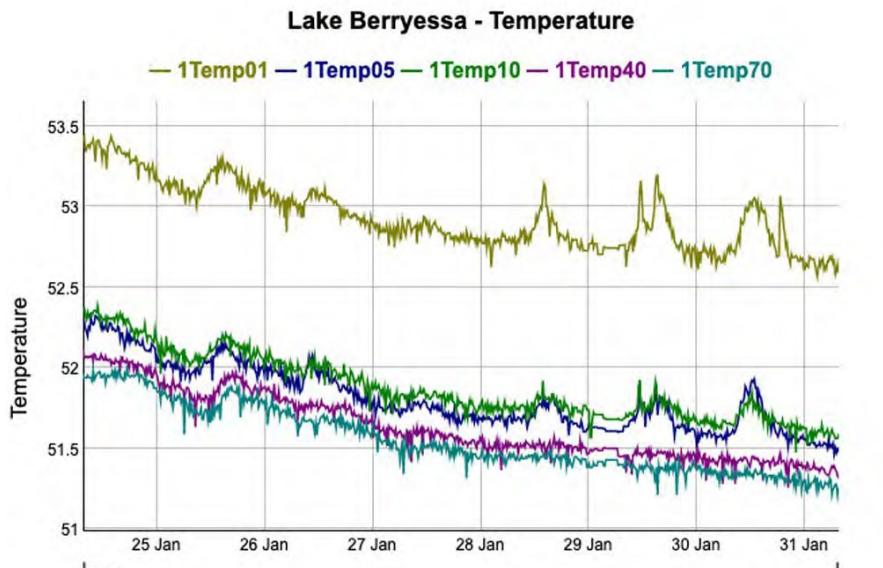


[Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 1/31/21](#)

Lake level has remained at 417.9 feet, 22.1 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. Rainfall has reached 6.3 inches at Monticello Dam and 5.54 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Lake temperatures are 53 degrees at the surface and 51.5 degrees down to 75 feet and below.

**Lake Berryessa - Water Surface Elevation - 90 Day
Lake Spills @ 440 ft. (1002.502)**





Darwin Gardner - R.I.P. ❤️

Another tragedy has hit the Berryessa Highlands. Long-time resident and friend to many, Darwin Gardner, died a few days ago. Darwin was always ready to help a neighbor. Many folks will remember him driving his tractor over to do some needed dirt or rock work. His bison sculpture was the monument of Eastridge. This photo shows Darwin in his work clothes using his tractor to help a neighbor - with his bison looking after him. When Darwin's house burned down last year his bison survived. When I first met Darwin and his bison, I thought it was a wood sculpture, but when I touched it I found it was made of metal.



Karl Popper's Paradox of Tolerance - A Lesson for the Present?

Among philosophers, Karl Popper (1902-1994) is best known for his contributions to the philosophy of science and epistemology. Among the educated general public, Popper is best known for his critique of totalitarianism and his defense of freedom, individualism, democracy and an "open society." His political thought resides squarely within the camp of Enlightenment rationalism and humanism. He was a dogged opponent of totalitarianism, nationalism, fascism, romanticism, collectivism, and other kinds of (in Popper's view) reactionary and irrational ideas.

The paradox of tolerance states that if a society is tolerant without limit, its ability to be tolerant is eventually seized or destroyed by the intolerant. Karl Popper described it as the seemingly

paradoxical idea that in order to maintain a tolerant society, the society must be intolerant of intolerance. Popper refused to tolerate views that reject reason, fact, and argument in order to incite and perpetrate violence and persecution. It's difficult to imagine any democratic society surviving for long if it decides that, while maybe objectionable, such tolerance is tolerable. The question these days is "can a tolerant society survive the internet?"

In the past few years, when far-right nationalists are banned from social media, violent extremists face boycotts, or institutions refuse to give a platform to racists, a faux-outraged moan has gone up: "So much for the tolerant left!" "So much for liberal tolerance!" The complaint became so hackneyed it turned into an already-hackneyed meme. It's a wonder anyone thinks this line has any rhetorical force. The equation of tolerance with acquiescence, passivity, or a total lack of boundaries is a *reductio ad absurdum* that denudes the word of meaning. It is a perversion of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Democracy can tolerate Flat Earth Society adherents, religious and UFO cults, and your crazy uncle's bizarre opinions, but what about white supremacists, domestic terrorists, holocaust deniers, QAnon crazies?

According to virtually every conception of liberal democracy, a free and open society requires tense debate and verbal conflict. Society, the argument goes, is only strengthened by the oft-contentious interplay of differing, even intolerant, points of view. So, when do such views approach the limits of toleration? Per Popper:

"Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them. In this formulation, I do not imply, for instance, that we should always suppress the utterance of intolerant philosophies; as long as we can counter them by rational argument and keep them in check by public opinion, suppression would certainly be unwise. But we should claim the right to suppress them if necessary even by force; for it may easily turn out that they are not prepared to meet us on the level of rational argument, but begin by denouncing all argument; they may forbid their followers to listen to rational argument, because it is deceptive, and teach them to answer arguments by the use of their fists or pistols. We should therefore claim, in the name of tolerance, the right not to tolerate the intolerant."

Popper saw how fascism cynically exploited liberal toleration to gain a foothold and incite persecution, violent attacks, and eventually genocide. As he writes in his autobiography, he had seen how "competing parties of the Right were outbidding each other in their hostility towards the Jews."

The line for Popper is not the mere existence of exclusionary or intolerant beliefs or philosophies, however reactionary or contemptible, but the open incitement to persecution and violence against others, which should be treated as criminal, he argued, and suppressed, "if necessary," he continues in the footnote, "even by force" if public disapproval is not enough.

Napa County's fight against COVID-19 in 'deep purple' zone

Napa Valley Register, Barry Eberling, Jan. 26, 2021

https://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/napa-countys-fight-against-covid-19-in-deep-purple-zone/article_14e56c26-cf95-5fb7-8d30-9ad9f3a7e8f7.html

Napa County is once again mired in purple and focused on making the big leap to red and beyond. The Bay Area's five-and-a-half week stint under a state COVID-19 stay-at-home order ended on Monday. Counties are once more subject to California's color-coded system for restrictions, from the most restrictive purple to red to orange to the least-restrictive yellow. "We landed back in purple and I can tell you it's deep purple," Dr. Karen Relucio, county public health officer, told the county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

Restrictions include limiting restaurants, fitness centers, wineries and places of worship to outdoor service and limiting retail uses to 25% capacity. Moving to red would allow restaurants, fitness centers and houses of worship — but not winery tastings — to be indoors with

restrictions. Retail could operate at 50% of capacity. For Napa County, the immediate goal is clear — move from purple to red. But the journey as of Tuesday seemed daunting.

To be in red, counties must have a seven-day average of between 4 and 7 new COVID-19 cases daily per 100,000 people. Napa County as of Tuesday averaged 56.2 cases, with adjustments for testing leaving it at 32.1 cases for rating purposes. That's not the only challenge. The rate for positive COVID-19 tests must be from 5% to 8%. Napa County has a seven-day average positivity rate of 8.5 %. In addition, the "health equity" positivity rate designed to make sure certain neighborhoods don't lag behind must be from 5.3% to 8%. Napa County has a rate of 12.9%.

On a possibly positive note, Relucio said it seems like the peak of the recent COVID-19 surge is beginning to fall. But she didn't say for certain that is the case. Napa County a couple of weeks ago announced its goal of vaccinating 10,000 people a week against COVID-19 — if the vaccines are available. Since the first vaccinations in mid-December to Tuesday, the county had seen 17,583 doses administered.

Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht on Tuesday reiterated that the county can meet and even top the 10,000-a-week goal, but it must first have enough vaccine. "The vaccine supply is what is slowing us down," Relucio said. County officials said they receiving mixed messages from the state regarding vaccine supplies. In addition, local health jurisdictions and providers are being asked not to save vaccines for second doses and are being pressured to use them. That could mean trusting the second dose supplies would arrive.

Relucio said she wants to see scientific guidance before delaying second doses. The situation will become more pressing in February when the county will start to see large numbers of second doses due. Meanwhile, California has changed its vaccination priority list, allowing earlier vaccinations for those 65 years old and older. A state press release on Monday talked about simplifying and standardizing the priority process.

Wagenknecht said the situation is at best confusing and asked why the county should have confidence in the directions the state has given. "There have been a lot of changes in direction," Relucio said. Napa County has a vaccination interest form on its website and county officials said more than 40,000 people have signed up. The county notifies people when they can make an appointment to be vaccinated.

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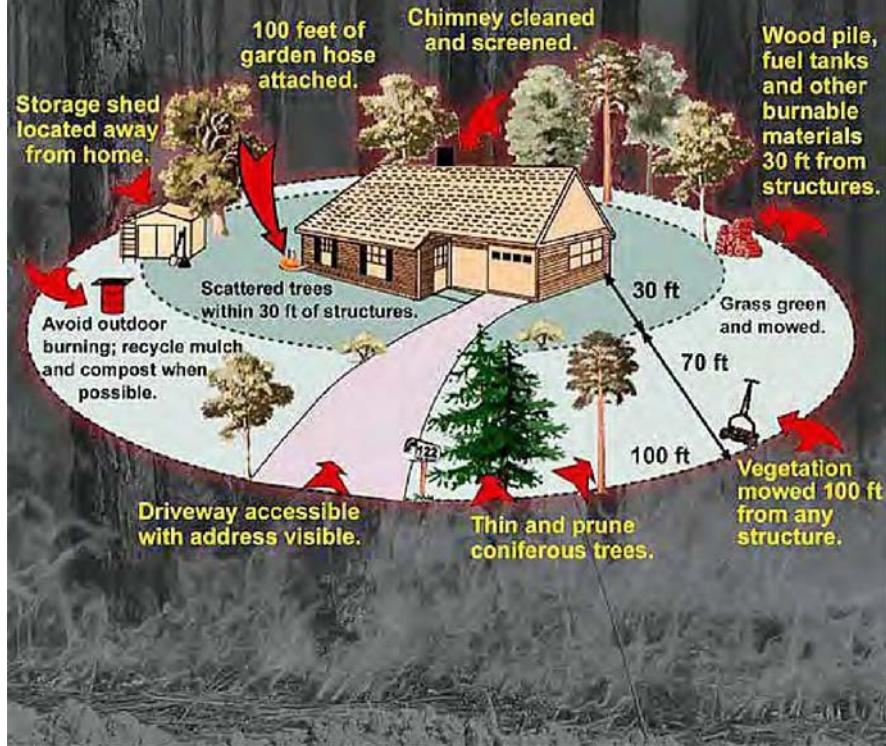
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Are you Firewise?



What They Were - What Will They Be?

Here are a few historical aerial photos of some of the lake resorts in 2007. The photos were provided by the Bureau of Reclamation as part of the 2009 bid prospectus that resulted in the 2010 contract with Pensus - a major failure on Reclamation's part.



Steele Park Resort - Now Steele Canyon Recreation Area



Spanish Flat Resort - Now Spanish Flat Recreation Area



Rancho Monticello Resort - Now Monticello Shores Recreation Area



Putah Creek Resort - Now Putah Canyon Recreation Area

Meals on Wheels Program Available at Lake Berryessa

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- Deliveries are made between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday. Clients must be home to receive the meals.
- Meals will be delivered in advance of seasonal holidays.
- Constant contact - saves lives and allows seniors to remain independent in their own homes.
- Seniors receive a monthly menu and information on other social service programs.
- We provide nutritional and preventive health information.

- Clients will receive 7 meals on Friday.
- Our suggested contribution is \$4.50 per meal to help support the program. No senior will ever be denied a meal based on their inability to contribute.

If you would like to request Home-Delivered Meal Services visit our website www.canv.org and download our application. Once completed please send back to our office via email or fax. We are happy to start meal services the next following day upon receipt of completed application.

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Many of you are feeling extra anxiety these days due to the COVID-19 pandemic ... you are not alone. This has us facing stress and uncertainty and we worry about our friends and loved ones near and far. One thing you **don't have to worry about** is the meal program here at Meals on Wheels of Community Action Napa Valley.

We have expanded our services to provide meals to those age 60 and older who are sheltering at home and there is **no wait list** at this time. We have implemented safety precautions with safe distancing when meals are delivered and when available, we bring hard to access items such as toilet paper and paper towels to those without.

Community members and businesses continue to reach out for ways to help, and Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers are committed to the important work of feeding our community seniors. Deliveries may run late, but we **will be there**.

Like you, I feel the enormity of the situation and it can be overwhelming. Times like these tend to bring out the best and worst in people. At Meals on Wheels, we are seeing so much of the best of humanity and this makes our community stronger.

We don't know when... we won't be the same when it does... but this too shall pass, and we will be ok. What I do know is that **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**. Today, tomorrow, and for hopefully many years to come. We maybe 6 feet apart, but we are in this together.

Lisa DeRose-Hernandez Program Director



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**"IT'S SUNDAY ...
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Ooops! I forgot it's Super Bowl Sunday.

The Lake Berryessa News on the First Sunday in February

Here we are at the first Sunday in February, 2021. Still not much breaking news - except that the weather is outstanding, although that's not good for our rain deficit. The Napa County RFP project moves on. Very few, if any, bidders requested site visits last week. The next milestone is Round 2 Questions due by tomorrow.

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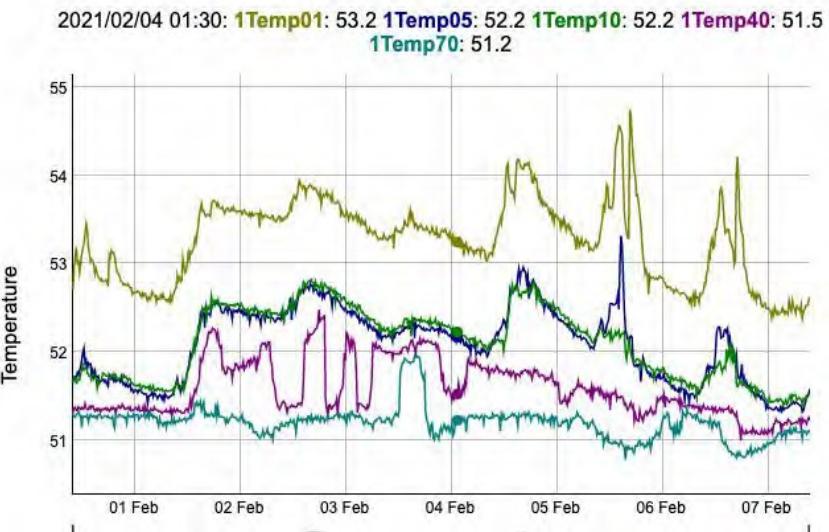
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Lake Berryessa - Temperature



A Tale of Two Books

With apologies to both Charles Dickens and Barry Eberling

Dickens' famous opening sentence to "A Tale of Two Cities" introduces this classic book about the French Revolution, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." Although written in 1859 something sounds familiar.

Barry Eberling's article today starts out with a similar description. "Two very different books spotlight Lake Berryessa's human and physical turbulence: Lake Berryessa's resort battles and nature's geological upheavals. Peter Kilkus has lived the recent, human history upheavals at Lake Berryessa. A group of experts from Davis knows about the area's geological upheavals.

The result is two very different, recently-published books. Berryessa buffs can read Kilkus' "Policy and Politics Betray the People" and the Davis group's "Exploring the Berryessa Region: A Geology, Nature and History Tour." One focuses on perceived Berryessa resort war blunders, the other on the landscape across geological time. Both portray Berryessa as more than an afterthought to world-famous Napa Valley wine country, but as something special in itself."



Peter Kilkus (above) in his backyard at his Lake Berryessa home.

A fight for Berryessa's future

Kilkus tackles a topic he has been immersed in for more than two decades. He criticizes how the U.S Bureau of Reclamation has handled the seven privately run resorts on the federally owned shoreline of the massive east Napa County reservoir.

Some will likely agree with Kilkus' conclusions and others disagree, given the controversies surrounding the resort redevelopment push. Still, Kilkus sees his book as being more than his perspective.

"It's a point of view based on fact, based on research and based on public documents," Kilkus said.

Lake Berryessa used to have about 1,300 mobile homes and trailers at the resorts where owners could stay part-time. San Anselmo resident Kilkus went to the lake to jet ski and in the mid-1990s bought a mobile home at Steele Park resort so he could spend part of the year there. "That was the genesis of my love affair with Lake Berryessa," he said.

But the federal government had long chaffed at having people own mobile homes on the public shoreline. In the early 2000s, Bureau of Reclamation officials talked of getting rid of what one called "private trailer villages" and redeveloping the resorts. Agency officials took journalists out in a boat for a view of the shoreline and delivered their message — those mom-and-pop resorts with all of the trailers and mobile homes could be transformed into something much better.

The Battle for Berryessa was on and Kilkus was in the thick of things. He and others banded together under the name Task Force 7 and took on the federal government, circulating a petition that the group at one point said had 10,000 signatures.

Task Force 7 argued the private concessionaires who ran the resorts needed the dependable, year-round revenue stream from mobile homes to succeed. It saw the resorts as a place where retirees and working people could recreate.

"It's clear (mobile homes) are the financial backbone of the lake," Kilkus said at the time.

At the heart of the Bureau of Reclamation's argument — a view shared by many local environmentalists — was this sentence from a 2003 report: "The project is needed to correct over four decades of resort operations under which prime recreation areas have been reserved for long-term trailer site permittees, to the exclusion of the majority of visitors to Lake Berryessa."

Kilkus calls this reasoning "The Big Lie." He writes that "The Big Lie" led to "The Big Betrayal." By the late 2000s, the Bureau of Reclamation had evicted the 1,300 mobile homes and trailers. It razed five of the seven resorts of infrastructure — marinas, roads and other features — so new concessionaires could step in and build new resorts from scratch.

One facet of this long-running saga that no one disputes is that resort redevelopment didn't go as planned. A decade later, the Bureau of Reclamation has yet to successfully find concessionaires. It has estimated that annual visitation at Lake Berryessa fell from more than a million guests in the heyday of the resorts to about 400,000.

As for Kilkus, he moved to a house at Lake Berryessa in 2005 and publishes The Lake Berryessa News. He lives on 60 acres at the small community of Berryessa Highlands. "I love it up here," he said recently by phone. "I'm looking right now at a beautiful lake with blue sky and sun."

Kilkus doesn't end his book on a downer. Napa County has stepped up to help the Bureau of Reclamation find concessionaires to redevelop the five razed resorts. Kilkus said he's optimistic that the county can succeed. "I know there are some good companies looking into it," Kilkus said.

He self-published "Policy and Politics Betray the People." Go to Amazon.com to order it. "I don't think I'll have an impact on the world," Kilkus said. "I just don't want (the story) to be forgotten."

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(Editor's Note: I, of course, recommend my book as the definitive political history of what happened at Lake Berryessa. However, I highly recommend the other book reviewed below in this article. It's simply beautiful and adds more visual layers to your appreciation of the lake.)

A little treasure hunt

Bob Schneider, Eldridge and Judy Moores, Marc Hoshovksy and Peter Schiffman tell a story of their own in "Exploring the Berryessa Region." This group from Davis want people to get out and appreciate the Berryessa area.

"It just adds to people's lives to have a little understanding of where they live," Schneider said. Schneider came to UC Davis as a student in 1966 and studied geology. Eldridge Moores at the same time arrived as a professor of geology. Moores went on to teach geology for 47 years and gained fame for his work on plate tectonics. Noted author John McPhee made Moores a subject of his 1993 book "Assembling California."

As for Schneider, he co-founded the environmental group Tuleyome in 2002 and worked to establish the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. President Barack Obama created the 350,000-acre monument in 2015.

Moores for years gave geology tours of the Berryessa area. Schneider and others decided to do a pamphlet of the tour. Then Moores died in 2018 and they wanted to dedicate the project to him.

"How do you dedicate a pamphlet?" Schneider said. "We made it a book."

The book gives the basics of the area's geologic history. It also has a tour that can be started in either Napa or Winters. "It's like a little treasure hunt, in some regards," Schneider said.

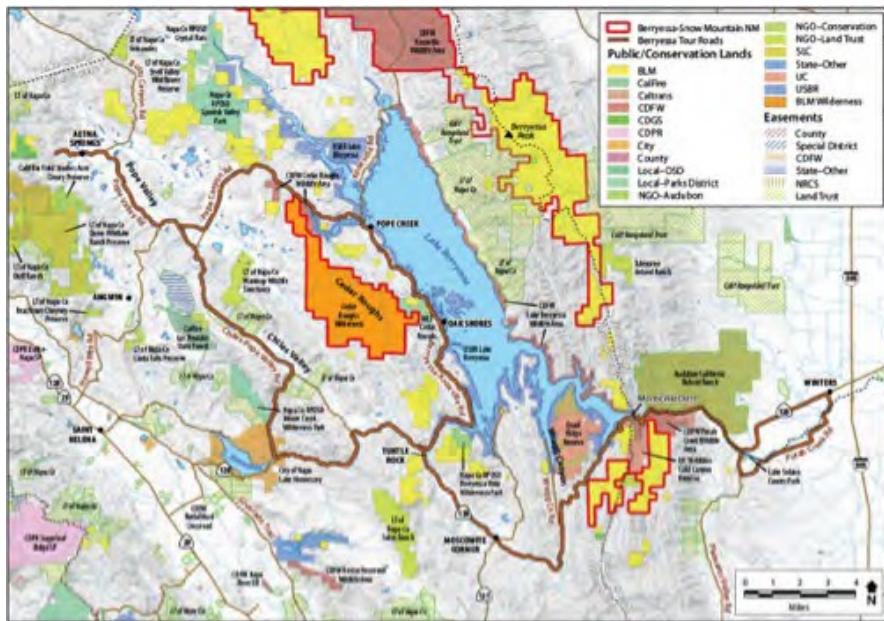
One of his favorite treasures is an outcrop of eclogite on Highway 128 between Lake Hennessey and Nichelini Family Winery. Eclogite is a metamorphic rock created as a tectonic plate is subducted deeper and deeper beneath the earth's crust. Somehow, this rock along Highway 128 uplifted to the surface.

The book also has cultural and historic notes about the region. Schneider said the geology, natural history, biology, Native American history, and the mining and ranching history make the Berryessa area an "incredibly rich place."

Of course, the Berryessa landscape looks different than when the authors wrote the book. The Hennessey and Glass fires in August and September 2020 blackened most of the area. Some areas have more severe burns than others, Schneider said. Vegetation needs fire occasionally, though he wondered how climate change will affect the revegetation.

"The landscape will come back," Schneider said.

"Exploring the Berryessa Region: A Geology, Nature and History Tour" is published by Backcountry Press. Go to backcountrypress.com for more information.



Some Sunday Funnies

Here are a few vintage cartoons by my musician and artist friend, Bill Scholer. Bill illustrated the ongoing battle over Lake Berryessa in the Lake Berryessa News. Several of his cartoons are included in my book.

The first one is dedicated to my friend Marty Rodden of Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals who continues to educate me about the alien spacecraft we have in our possession and the alien creatures that live among us!

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by Bill Scholer



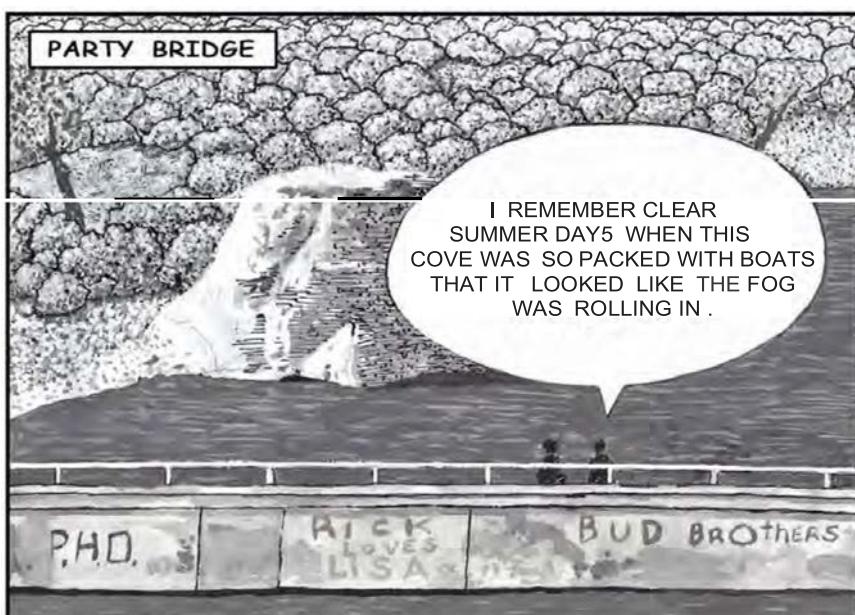
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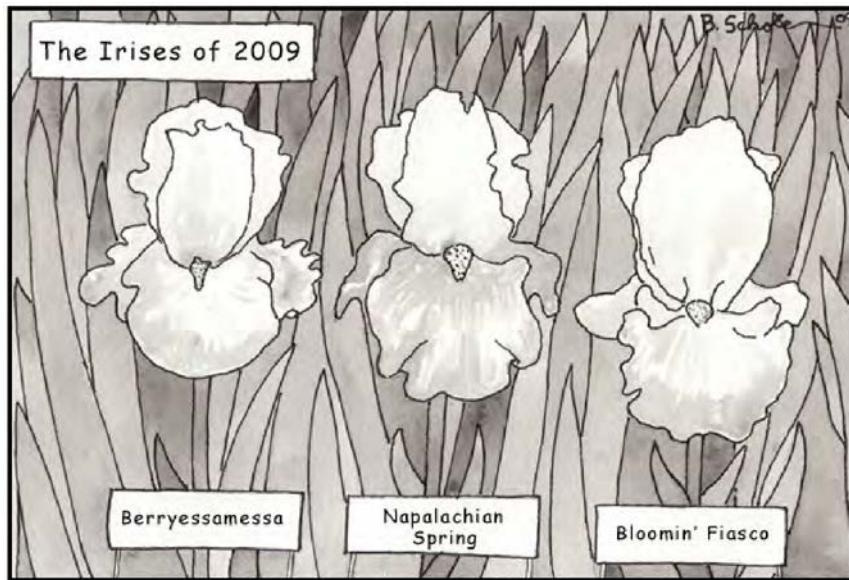


...and even the Sheriffs on jet skis started getting the munchies!



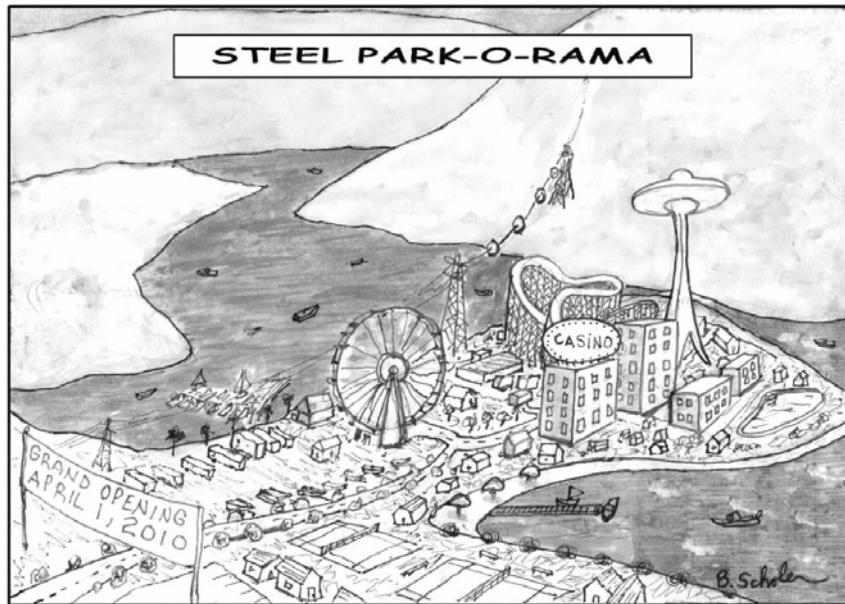
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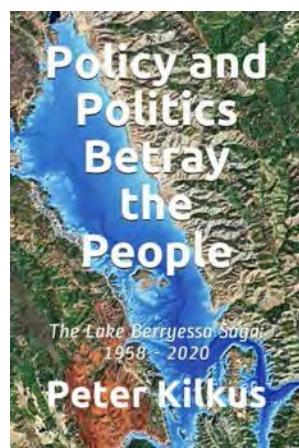
The shopping cart is the ultimate litmus test for whether a person is capable of self-governing.

To return the shopping cart is an easy, convenient task and one which we all recognize as the correct, appropriate thing to do.

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The Shopping Cart is what determines whether a person is a good or bad member of society.



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Oops! It's Valentine's Day. I still need to get some candy.

[The Lake Berryessa News on the Second Sunday in February](#)
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Here we are at the second Sunday in February, 2021. It appears that the Lake Berryessa News has become a Sunday Paper in 2021 (minus the paper, of course).

Still not much breaking news EXCEPT for the very good news that Napa County now has a Lake Berryessa Concession Manager - Leigh Sears. Leigh will now take over the management of the Napa County RFP project. I met with her Friday and was impressed with her experience dealing with government agencies, recreation companies, and concession management issues for the last 15 years at Lake Tahoe. She is dedicated to the successful revitalization of the Lake Berryessa resorts. Leigh reports directly to the Napa County CEO - which is another sign of how seriously the county takes this process.

The Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days with March 2nd being the bid submittal date.

March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)

In response to only a single question submitted last week by potential bidders (which means that all the bidders know what they need to know and are working diligently to complete their bids) the County had this response:

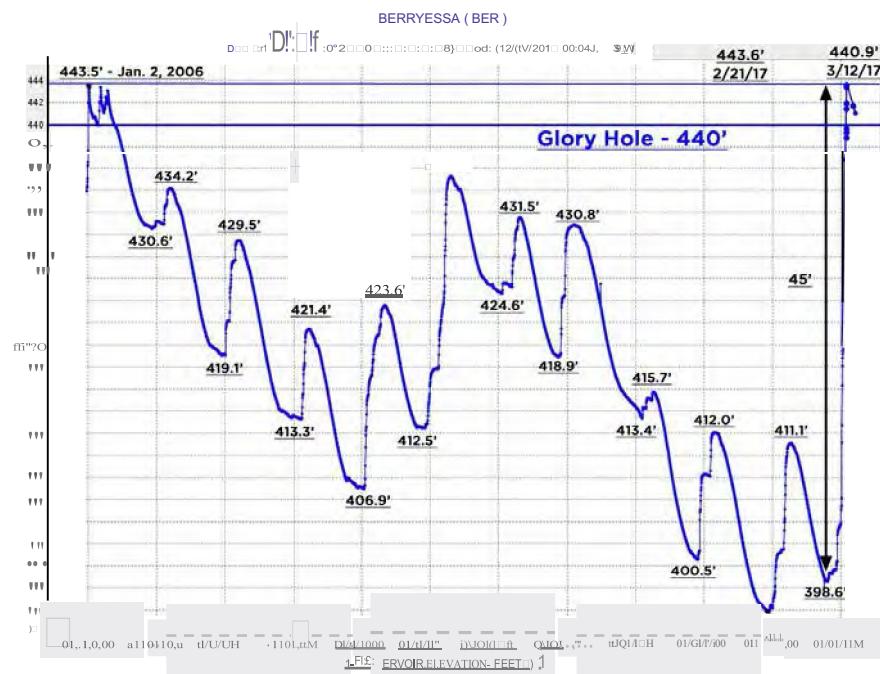
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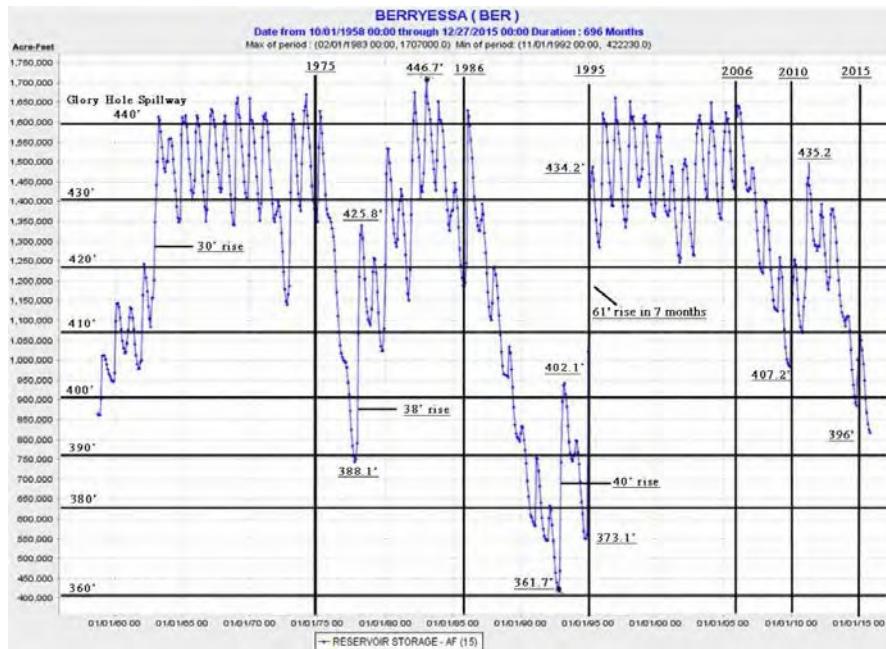
A. The current target date for contract approval (start date) is May 2021. It should be up to the individual proposing entity as to how the years are numbered. As noted in Addendum No. 2 in answer to Question 21; "The proforma should show projected financial results for the 'stabilized' year of operation and include an estimate of how many years it will take to achieve stabilization."

Remember how beautiful it can be!

Those of you who have been able to visit Lake Berryessa lately know how grim the fire damage looks and how low the lake is. But the lake has been going up and down for more than 50 years. We can still go boating even if it is 40 or more feet down. To give you a bit of Sunday cheer here are a couple of drone videos by Evan Kilkus from 2017 when the lake finally broke the 10 year drought.





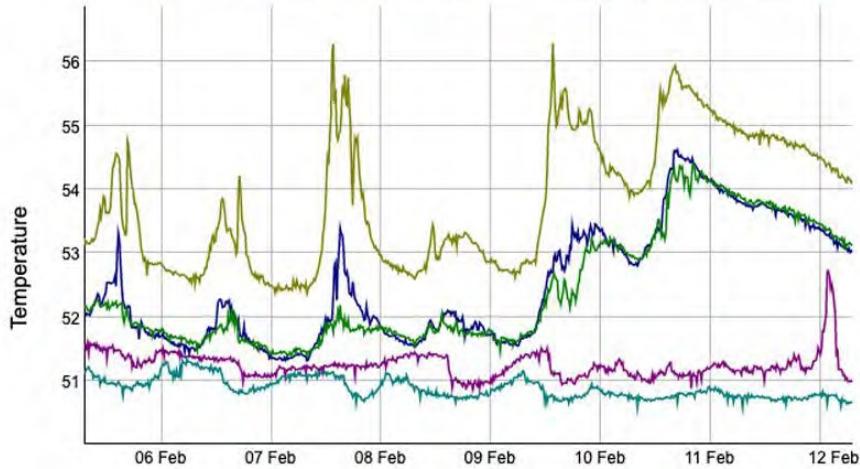


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Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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Never Forget! The Human Toll of the The Big Lie!

The Big Lie: "The Lake Berryessa resorts, especially the mobile homes in the resorts, discouraged the general public from accessing the lake, prevented the public from using the best parts of the shoreline, and also polluted the lake."

But there was also the pernicious, mean-spirited "Little Big Lie".

As you read my book you will notice the strong strain of enviro-elitism driving some of the negative comments and the mean-spirited attacks on the lake's mobile home owners. The opponents tried to paint the mobile homeowners as rich folks lording it over the teeming masses of normal people trying to get to the lake shore. Here's a quote from one of the most malicious advocates supporting the Bureau of Reclamation in its unfortunately successful campaign to destroy the lake recreation community.

"These sites are handed down in families from generation to generation. For a member of the general public to have access to one of these sites, they must buy the trailer, at a premium of course, for the location."

This "Little Big Lie" is strictly Nonsense! We were not rich. The average mobile home owner was just a normal family that decided to focus all their discretionary income on family water-based recreation. They were construction workers, contractors, small business owners, teachers, retired grandparents wishing to provide some fun for their children and grandchildren - a wide range of incomes and occupations. And the turnover was about 10-20% per year so anyone had the opportunity lease their little piece of paradise.

I received a letter from one of those normal folks after I sent out my last newsletter. This story is typical of the families who enjoyed Lake Berryessa for decades. If you had young children when the lake community was destroyed by the Bureau of Reclamation, with the collusion of Pensus in 2009, your children would now be more than ten years older and would never have had the chance to enjoy the lake as so many thousands of other families had.

I feel angry and I feel sad when I write about this issue. Imagine what it was like documenting 20 years of abuse by the Bureau of Reclamation. Read Luella's letter below and imagine being there yourself. How would you have felt?

From: Luella Garrett

Hi Peter,

This newsletter is probably the first I have read since the day we had been forced to give up our little get away at Lake Berryessa. I am 73 and honestly, have never felt as painful a loss as I have this one. In 1993, my husband passed away and left us a very small life insurance policy of \$25,000. Instead of frivolously wasting the money, I shared it with my sons.

During my marriage, my husband and I always said: "I wish we had a vacation place to enjoy with the children." Well we never did get the I wish until he passed. The Donati family had a place up at Rancho Monticello and invited us up for the weekend. Well, the children and I enjoyed it so very much that we would just go up and scout around to see what we could one day do.

Then, with luck, having this small amount of \$\$\$, we were so happy to find a little trailer at Rancho Monticello which the owners sold to us for \$10,000. With that, we closed the deal and went into the office at Rancho Monticello and spoke with the staff of our great luck. The lady there was so kind that she really did a great job helping us do the paperwork that came with the purchase of the trailer. (Her name slips my mind. I know she ended up living somewhere there at the Lake).

With the residual of the insurance, my kids and I decided to use the rest of the money towards rent. We were so happy to know we would be there for seven years. Quickly, my son and a couple of his friends, along with the Donati family, went up and cleaned up our property. As weekends passed, my son and friends used whatever money was left over and made the area and place where we called "The Garret's Hog Den".

No, it wasn't a mansion. It wasn't new. It was our Pride and Joy. We had years of weekends of joy, laughter, peace, and tranquility. It was a place we were proud of. Until the day we received our HORRIFIC Eviction Letter from the BOR! When we had been forced to walk away. I have yet to get over the pain. Today, it is still painful, but it is what it is. I agree with your newsletter. The BOR are liars. That's a Politician's attitude for sure.

My oldest has since passed. He leaves behind a wonderful 19 year young grandson. My youngest who did most of the work with help has graduated UCD, became a SFPD, lives in San Bruno. They now, the have their "Get Away Home" in Chester at Lake Almanor. It was a smart move. I only wish I had more money to buy a place of my own.

Yes, you may print this letter. My heart went to all those we had breakfast and coffee with at Rancho. Many of the folks were on a limited income. Rancho will always stay in my heart. Thinking about or reminiscing still shoots that pain in my heart. I know I need to move on, but how does one move on when losing your heart to unmerciful Politicians of the Country you respect and love???

Take care, Keep Healthy, Be Safe.



When I posted the story above on the Lake Berryessa Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/> it received an overwhelming and emotional response. (18,500 people reached, 4,095 engagements, 333 likes, 120 comments, 64 shares) I've posted some of the comments below so you can get a feel for the damage done to real people by the Bureau of Reclamation and their enablers more than 10 years ago.

So well said. We bought our little place in 1988. Our kids and grandkids and we loved it. Good, good memories. So sad what happened.

We had a place at Rancho back in the day. I was an enlisted man in the Navy, so we were not "rich" by any means, & My wife was a waitress, so we weren't rolling in the dough...Our children were small, & just learning to water ski, my wife was a very good skier & loved being out on glassy water....& I was able to pursue my love of fishing...Then as you said the big lie started, the big question I have is "Why". How could a handful of spiteful people take away the enjoyment of millions

It was a working mans paradise. We had a trailer at Spanish flat for 6 years, my son had the best time growing up there with awesome neighbors. How one evil selfish woman with a few friends could destroy the entire community and economy thousands of people loved is beyond me. I remember at one of "meetings". There were hundreds of people against her there. She stood up and read her opinion out loud "I can't wait for the day when no boat wakes will ever hit the side of my kayak again on Lake Berryessa". Then our government bought her lies, and ignored 10's of thousands signatures protesting the lie.

Best years of my life were spent in trailer that was built by my contractor grandfather. They took so much from all of us when they took our lake

Our family was not rich by any means either. My dad was a city employee for public works and my mom worked for a bank. We had our little trailer at pleasure cove in the outback. Not 1 person in our cove was rich. Everyone was blue collar workers for the most part.

Our place that my parents had at Rancho Monticello was the best child hood memories. We had a community of friends and we got to have so much fun. Now as an adult and my parents are retired it's so sad that we can't have this place to enjoy!

I searched for almost 20 years for a place at the Lake....When I found The One, no money so I put it on a credit card AND NEVER REGRETTED THOSE 10 years of Happiness

At one point there were about 5 families of friends and when all our kids would get together they were called a gang, but we always knew where they were and what they were doing and I wish I would have been able to give the same experience to my grandkids and great grandchildren.

Literally grew up in Rancho during the summers. The White family ran the resort. The Bureau took it away from us and many, many families. We all miss it terribly

I grew up on that lake. Our families rarely had time to see each other during the year but when summers came we all camped. My uncle Kenny and aunt Lori had a place out there and made sure all of us kids were able to run in and out of it. My favorite memories as a kid were spending the summers with my cousins out there. It's so sad. It was a special time growing up and then having a spot we all would meet up at.

Love your post. Had a place at Spanish Flat Resort for years and being able to have a place for the family to get away every weekend and make the memories I still cherish to this day

My family and grandkids loved it. I was just a working guy who could barely afford it, but it was our place. My oldest son passed away 6 years ago from cancer and my wife passed 2 weeks ago from Covid. They both loved Rancho as well as the rest of the family.

We got married at South Shore Resort and years later, when we were ready to retire, we built a log home in the Highlands. That home overlooked the cove that we and other friends and family had our trailers in. It broke our hearts when the BOR closed down so that we could never return. The wonderful memories are endless.

We had a 1957 trailer with a sunroom and large deck at Rancho Monticello for many years. Our kids grew up there. So many FUN memories. It's a terrible shame that it was all taken away from so many and for what?? Look at it now. Such a huge waste.

Our family was lucky enough to get a trailer at Berryessa Marina. Still miss the family times there. We were far from rich.

Our family wasn't rich. My father and three of his sibling's families went together on one mobile home. So glad for the time we did have spending our summer weekends there (when our kids didn't have weekend games.)

No words can express the feelings and memories I have of growing up going to Lake Berryessa. The circle of family friends I grew up with share many of these memories. I would give anything to have been able to give these types of memories to my children, sadly no other place or vacation would ever compare



Every year on February 14th, people honor their love for one another by spending time together, sending flowers and sharing Valentine's messages of love. The ritual of expressing love and affection goes far beyond the courtly love of Chaucer's time. He may have been the first person to link the Catholic Saint Valentine with romance, but today Valentine's Day is a time to show appreciation for family and friends as well. Since your grade school days, you've likely passed around candy hearts with Valentine's Day messages, and now that you are older and your Valentine's card list is smaller, you have more time to fully express yourself. Here are some deeply philosophical messages you can use.

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." – Charles M. Schulz, Cartoonist

"I love being married. It's so great to find one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life." – Rita Rudner, Comedian

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance." – Oscar Wilde, Playwright

"True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked." – Erich Segal, Author

"Love is a grave mental disease." – Plato, Philosopher

"I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?" – Zsa Zsa Gabor, Actress

"It's better to have loved and lost than to have to do forty pounds of laundry a week." – Laurence J. Peter, Educator

"What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork." – Pearl Bailey, Actress

"Money can't buy love, but it improves your bargaining position." – Christopher Marlowe, Playwright

"If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?" – Lily Tomlin, Actress

"Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties." – Jules Renard, Author

"Lord! I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing." – Jonathon Swift, Political Satirist



February Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While it's true your future holds a possibility of love and a chance of financial success, it also holds an absolute certainty of angry Russian kidnappers.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You're a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): It may be years before your coworkers treat you with respect again, but it will have been worth it for the brief time spent inside the panda suit.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the

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failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Sometimes we find amazing things in places we least expect them, whether it's true love, peace of mind, or, in your case, a pack of furious marauding cannibals.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enlightenment and confusion will both be yours this week, when a tree falls in the woods only to make the sound of one hand clapping.

Libra (9/23-10/22): 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

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): 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.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): 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."

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.

Tim Cook Unveils Rows Of Artificial Wombs After Announcing Apple Will Begin Manufacturing Own Employees In House

Deranged Conspiracy Theorist Marjorie Taylor Greene Convinced Large Cabal Of Americans Want Her To Disappear

Pundits Warn Removing Marjorie Taylor Greene From Committee Assignments Could Leave Her With Free Time

Ted Cruz Deeply Disturbed By Part Of Capitol Riot Video Where Chuck Schumer Not Beaten To Death

FBI machine gunners fail to stop Trump jumping his motorcycle to freedom over the Mexican border wall.

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Area man unaware how bad the situation really is until every single Super Bowl commercial promises we'll get through it together

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Marjorie Taylor Greene Demands Local Jewish Deli Not Use Space Lasers to Toast Bagel

Nation's Hedge Funds Hire Workers At Sub-Minimum Wage To Protest Recent Stock Atrocities

What Science Is, and How and Why It Works

By Neil deGrasse Tyson

If you cherry-pick scientific truths to serve cultural, economic, religious or political objectives, you undermine the foundations of an informed democracy.

Science distinguishes itself from all other branches of human pursuit by its power to probe and understand the behavior of nature on a level that allows us to predict with accuracy, if not control, the outcomes of events in the natural world. Science especially enhances our health, wealth and security, which is greater today for more people on Earth than at any other time in human history.

The scientific method, which underpins these achievements, can be summarized in one sentence, which is all about objectivity: Do whatever it takes to avoid fooling yourself into thinking something is true that is not, or that something is not true that is.

This approach to knowing did not take root until early in the 17th century, shortly after the inventions of both the microscope and the telescope. The astronomer Galileo and philosopher Sir Francis Bacon agreed: conduct experiments to test your hypothesis and allocate your confidence in proportion to the strength of your evidence. Since then, we would further learn not to claim knowledge of a newly discovered truth until multiple researchers, and ultimately the majority of researchers, obtain results consistent with one another.

This code of conduct carries remarkable consequences. There's no law against publishing wrong or biased results. But the cost to you for doing so is high. If your research is rechecked by colleagues, and nobody can duplicate your findings, the integrity of your future research will be held suspect. If you commit outright fraud, such as knowingly faking data, and subsequent researchers on the subject uncover this, the revelation will end your career.

It's that simple.

This internal, self-regulating system within science may be unique among professions, and it does not require the public or the press or politicians to make it work. But watching the machinery operate may nonetheless fascinate you. Just observe the flow of research papers that grace the pages of peer reviewed scientific journals. This breeding ground of discovery is also, on occasion, a battlefield where scientific controversy is laid bare.

Science discovers objective truths. These are not established by any seated authority, nor by any single research paper. The press, in an effort to break a story, may mislead the public's awareness of how science works by headlining a just-published scientific paper as "the truth," perhaps also touting the academic pedigree of the authors. In fact, when drawn from the moving frontier, the truth has not yet been established, so research can land all over the place until experiments converge in one direction or another—or in no direction, itself usually indicating no phenomenon at all.

Once an objective truth is established by these methods, it is not later found to be false. We will not be revisiting the question of whether Earth is round; whether the sun is hot; whether humans and chimps share more than 98 percent identical DNA; or whether the air we breathe is 78 percent nitrogen.

The era of "modern physics," born with the quantum revolution of the early 20th century and the relativity revolution of around the same time, did not discard Newton's laws of motion and gravity. What it did was describe deeper realities of nature, made visible by ever-greater methods and tools of inquiry. Modern physics enclosed classical physics as a special case of these larger truths. So the only times science cannot assure objective truths is on the pre-consensus frontier of research, and the only time it couldn't was before the 17th century, when our senses—inadequate and biased—were the only tools at our disposal to inform us of what was and was not true in our world.

Objective truths exist outside of your perception of reality, such as the value of pi; $E = mc^2$; Earth's rate of rotation; and that carbon dioxide and methane are greenhouse gases. These statements can be verified by anybody, at any time, and at any place. And they are true, whether or not you believe in them.

Meanwhile, personal truths are what you may hold dear, but have no real way of convincing others who disagree, except by heated argument, coercion or by force. These are the foundations of most people's opinions. Is Jesus your savior? Is Mohammad God's last prophet on Earth? Should the government support poor people? Is Beyoncé a cultural queen? Kirk or Picard? Differences in opinion define the cultural diversity of a nation, and should be cherished in any free society. You don't have to like gay marriage. Nobody will ever force you to gay-marry. But to create a law preventing fellow citizens from doing so is to force your personal truths on others. Political attempts to require that others share your personal truths are, in their limit, dictatorships.

Note further that in science, conformity is anathema to success. The persistent accusations that we are all trying to agree with one another is laughable to scientists attempting to advance their careers. The best way to get famous in your own lifetime is to pose an idea that is counter to prevailing research and which ultimately earns a consistency of observations and experiment. This ensures healthy disagreement at all times while working on the bleeding edge of discovery.

In 1863, a year when he clearly had more pressing matters to attend to, Abraham Lincoln—the first Republican president—signed into existence the National Academy of Sciences, based on an Act of Congress. This august body would provide independent, objective advice to the nation on matters relating to science and technology.

Today, other government agencies with scientific missions serve similar purpose, including NASA, which explores space and aeronautics; NIST, which explores standards of scientific

measurement, on which all other measurements are based; DOE, which explores energy in all usable forms; and NOAA, which explores Earth's weather and climate.

These centers of research, as well as other trusted sources of published science, can empower politicians in ways that lead to enlightened and informed governance. But this won't happen until the people in charge, and the people who vote for them, come to understand how and why science works.



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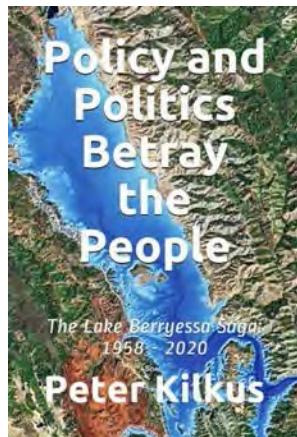


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1052 Eastridge, \$125K, .329 acre, lake view,
1053 Arroyo Grande, \$49K, .262 acre
131, 133, 135 Poppy Ln., 3 lot pkg., .868 acre total



Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



[**Policy and Politics Betray the People**](#)

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The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version and a paperback version.

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This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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The Lake Berryessa News on the Third Sunday in February

Here we are at the third Sunday in February, 2021. It appears that the Lake Berryessa News has become a Sunday Paper in 2021 (minus the paper, of course).

Still not much breaking news EXCEPT for the very good news that Napa County now has a Lake Berryessa Concession Manager - Leigh Sears. As I mentioned last week Leigh will now take over the management of the Napa County RFP project. Here's a short bio which list some of her qualifications for this important position.

Leigh Sears, Lake Berryessa Concessions Manager

"For over 15 years Leigh has managed and developed lake resorts including beaches, marinas and restaurants in South Lake Tahoe while also managing and producing city wide events for the city of South Lake Tahoe, including the city's well known firework events for July 4th and Labor Day and the 2015 Iron Man Triathlon.

She has expertise in contract and concessions project development and water utility management and administration and has represented districts in the preparation of agreements, reports and budgets. She has negotiated complex contracts with other executive level government officials and private consultants that resulted in continued community involvement, revenue growth, and ROI.

Before moving to South Lake Tahoe, Leigh worked in the sound and event production industry for more than 8 years in Atlanta, GA., producing touring and show events for world renowned artists such as Brian Ferry, Moody Blues, Whitney Houston, Joan Jett, Kansas, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra to name a few."

The secrecy surrounding the Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP process is expected. Bidders want to keep their bids confidential. The rest of us will have to wait until after March 2 to learn more. I expect we should at least learn who the bidders are - hopefully several financially-strong companies with imaginative plans for the revitalization of Lake Berryessa.

The Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days with March 2nd being the bid submittal date.

March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)



20 for 21

Many of you may have noticed that there has been no print edition of the Lake Berryessa News since October, 2020. I hope to restart the print edition of the paper in April. But I need your support to make it happen. I need to make a personal appeal for your financial support.

TOP 20 LARGEST CALIFORNIA WILFIRES

Year	Fire	Location	Size (acres)
2020	2020	Various	1,000,000
1992	1992	Various	1,000,000
2009	2009	Various	1,000,000
2019	2019	Various	1,000,000

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The revitalization of Lake Berryessa will help the local community prosper. Your decision to support the Lake Berryessa News will show your vote of confidence in the future of the Lake Berryessa community.

The Lake Berryessa News print version is distributed widely throughout the Lake Berryessa region and reaches more than 1,000 readers per month. Website hits average hundreds per day - and up to a thousand per day during the summer season. Our Facebook page has more than 20,000 Likes. Our email newsletter reaches hundreds more readers per month. You can download searchable pdf files of the Lake Berryessa News since 2005 at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/

The Napa Register charges \$9 per month for a digital subscription. I subscribed for several months. You get a nice color pdf version of the paper and access to several online features.

Unfortunately, I found little of direct interest to me and few articles about Lake Berryessa, except the regular fishing reports by long-time "Friend of Lake Berryessa" Bill Ryan. Last year there were a couple of short Lake Berryessa articles in the Fairfield Daily Republic and a very short blurb in the Winters Express. There is an excellent weekly digital newsletter about all things happening in the Napa Valley which charges \$50 per year (and mentions Lake Berryessa from time to time).

Any regular news about Lake Berryessa simply comes from my website (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com), my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>), the print version of the paper, and the regular email newsletter you are now reading.

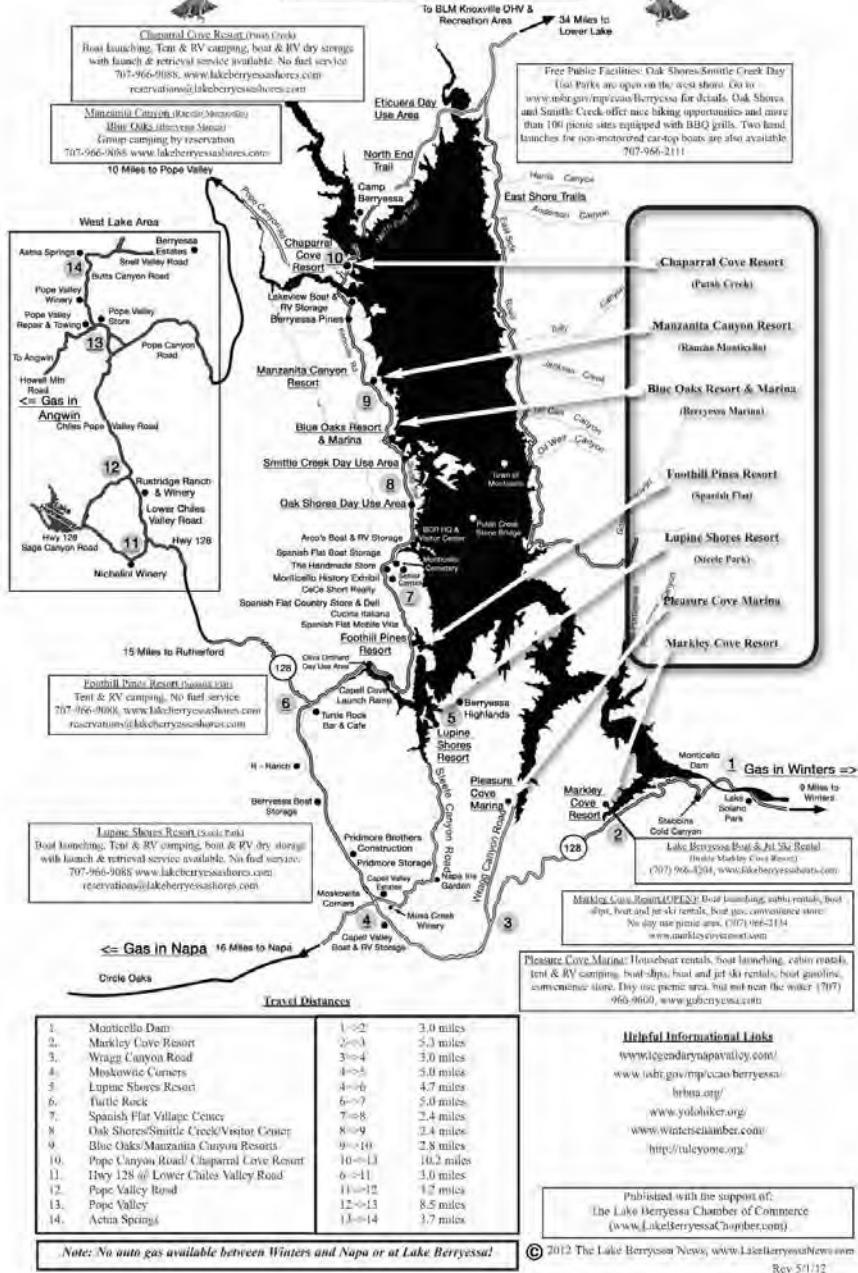
So what should I do to keep the Lake Berryessa News coming to you and everyone else who cares?

I thought about a GoFundMe campaign, but they charge a fee to donors - maybe later. I don't have the software ("Paywall") to limit digital access to paid subscribers only, and why would I do that when I want to increase readership, not limit it?

So I decided to try something simple - the 20 for 21 Donation Program.

If you like the Lake Berryessa News in all its forms please send a donation check of \$20 (or more if you feel so inclined) made out to Peter Kilkus (not the Lake Berryessa News) and mail it to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. If you trust the US Postal Service you can stick a crinkly old \$20 bill in an envelope with your information and send it to the same address. If you wish to contact me directly call 415-307-6906 or email me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (Note: Your donation is NOT tax deductible)

A simple \$20 for 2021, a revitalization year for the lake if all goes well. I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community. Thanks. Peter



Why Not Advertise in the Lake Berryessa News in 2021?

2021! The new decade is one year older. And the new advertising season is upon us. I would like to make a personal appeal for your advertising support. As with all news organizations, including small ones like mine, costs are pushing higher and revenue is trending lower. Your financial support is vital so that the Lake Berryessa News can continue to publish. Sorry to say, we barely break even. Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

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The Lake Berryessa News print version is distributed widely throughout the Lake Berryessa region and reaches more than 1,000 readers per month. Web site hits average hundreds per day - and up to a thousand per day during the summer season. Our Facebook page has more than 20,000 Likes. Our email newsletter reaches hundreds more readers per month. Your ad will be displayed in all those social media.

I would like to offer you a continued advertising presence in the Lake Berryessa News for our Summer 2021 program. This 7 for the price of 6 program will run from April, 2021 through October, 2021. A single payment will guarantee your seven months of community support for the price of a standard six month ad.

I hope you'll be a Lake Berryessa News supporter as we continue our efforts to reinvigorate our community and this great recreational resource. To advertise during this period of revitalization and show your support for our community, please contact me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (See price list below.)

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Eighth Page (5 in wide by 2.5 high) - **\$60 per month**

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Chipping Program Request: <https://services.countyofnapa.org/chippingForm/>



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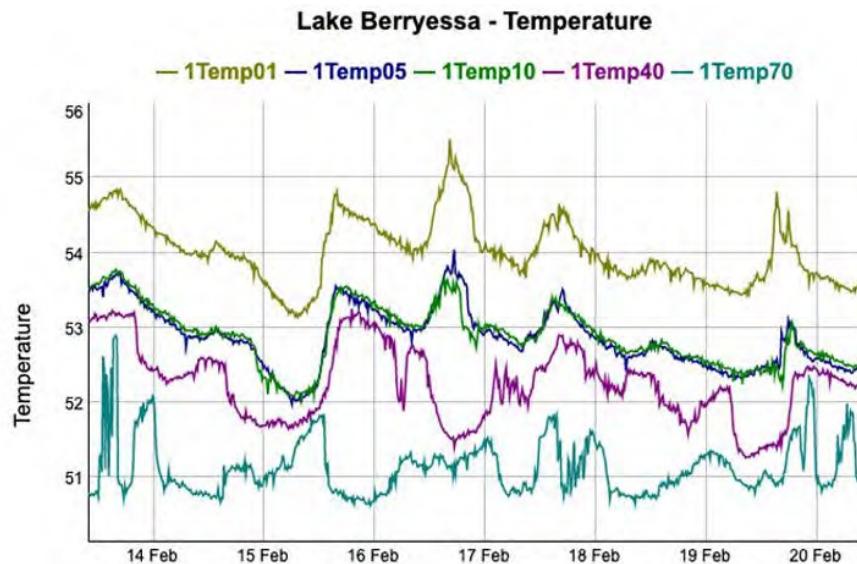
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- FOREIGN MATERIALS/NON-VEGETATIVE ITEMS (Oleanders etc...)
- ROOT BALLS, STUMPS, DIRT, OR TWIGS
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- THE NCFD WILL NOT CHIP FOR TIMBER HARVEST PROJECTS, OR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
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Lake Berryessa Fishing: Catch Bass, Salmon and Trout

New Website Does Fishing Right

www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-berryessa-lake-fishing.html

A bass angler's paradise that also harbors abundant populations of trout and salmon, Lake Berryessa ranks among California's finest fishing lakes. Nestled in the heart of Napa County, Lake Berryessa is a very large reservoir encompassing 20,700 acres at full pool, with a shoreline that stretches over 160 miles. Its waters harbor some of the most diverse and abundant fish populations in California. Yet, compared to many other lakes in the state, it receives relatively little fishing pressure at times.

With being this close to the Bay Area, you can bet that nice weekends will bring out hordes of pleasure boaters. Still, there are times all year long when you can find plenty of quiet water, especially when you strike out during the week and head off away from the major access points. Lake Berryessa's shoreline is home to a handful of resorts and marinas and several more modest boat access sites.

It may lack some of the grand facilities that would be conducive to major fishing tournaments but nonetheless holds dozens of regional tournaments spread across the year, especially in the cooler months. Whether you fish tournaments or not, make no mistake—there are big fish here, and lots of them.

Bass Fishing

There are lakes where you can catch a lot of bass, and there are lakes where you can catch big bass. At Lake Berryessa, you can do both. When the bass action is hot at Lake Berryessa, 50-fish days are not a rarity. There are plenty of 2- to 3-pound bass out there, but it's at least possible to catch a 10-pound kicker,

Lake Berryessa also belongs to a rarified class of California lakes where you can catch all three major black bass species in the state: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and spotted bass. It's even possible to catch all three species on back-to-back casts when conditions are right. For anyone out after the three-species grand slam, the best time to hit the water is May or June.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass may be the most sought-after species at Lake Berryessa, if only because they are so rare in California as a whole. There are only a handful of really good smallmouth fishing lakes in California, and Berryessa is one of them. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-smallmouth-bass-best-fishing-spots.html) The two opposite ends of the lake tend to offer the best smallmouth fishing.

Up north the Putah Creek inlet offers an abundance of the rocky habitat that smallmouths love. Down at the south end, the area known as the Narrows is similarly productive. The Narrows tends to be the area where smallmouths first start to become active in spring, sometimes as early as February. By March, lots of smallmouths will be on their way to shallow areas to spawn, and by April, fishing for smallmouths is in full swing.

Crawfish-imitating jigs are top smallmouth lures on Lake Berryessa, but smallies also feed on shad and smelt, so minnow-imitating crankbaits and swimbaits can be effective too, especially early in the season. As smallmouths gradually start to make their way toward deeper habitat in May and June, try soft plastics on drop-shot rigs around rocky points and drop-offs.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouths are the heavyweights among Lake Berryessa's bass. With a lake record just over 17 pounds, there are some real giants out there, making this one of the best largemouth bass fishing lakes in Northern California. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-largemouth-bass-best-fishing-northern-lakes.html) The best time to target double-digit largemouth bass at Lake Berryessa is late winter into spring.

Following patterns that are generally a few weeks behind smallmouth bass, largemouths usually spawn by early May. Overall, May is probably the best time to be on the water, as you can find bass in various stages of pre-spawn, spawn and post-spawn in different parts of the lake. Markley Cove is a perennial favorite spot to target big largemouths, but you can find them in areas all over the lake. Their location is most predictable around the spawn, when they head toward some of the shallowest available water in the far backs of coves, often three feet or less.

Look for big largemouths around weeds and especially fallen timber. Carolina-rigged creature baits often tempt strikes, and wacky worms are ever-reliable. Oftentimes, big largemouths at Lake Berryessa tend to fall for surprisingly dainty lures. Downsized finesse worms could net you the biggest catch of the day. After the spawn, as the water continues to warm and bass hunt more actively in increasingly deeper water, crankbaits become more and more effective, and bass may be triggered into a reaction strike. Topwater lures can work wonders on calm days around sundown.

Spotted Bass

Spotted bass were introduced to Lake Berryessa more recently than smallmouth or largemouth bass. Yet they have come to thrive here, and now proliferate in great numbers. Spots reach sizes similar to smallmouth bass, so you can expect to catch an occasional 5-pounder, but true giants are rare. A lot of the fish you'll catch are nearly-identical "cookie cutter" spots weighing 2 to 3 pounds.

But spotted bass bite readily, sometimes even during the winter, when other species are hard to catch. They also spawn a little colder and deeper than their brethren. Finesse soft plastics on drop-shot rigs are great for spotted bass. Jigs and wacky rigs will definitely draw strikes, and crankbaits are effective for covering a lot of water in a hurry. In summer, spotted bass are more likely to chase schools of shad and other baitfish in open water, and you can have great success casting jerkbaits, cranks and swimbaits that mimic the local forage.

Spotted bass inhabit areas all over the lake, and fishing around steep-sloping rocky points and drop-offs can almost always be effective. The Narrows is arguably the best area for spots though, with lots of the steep, rocky cover that they love, and easy routes of travel between deep and shallow water. Spotted bass frequently cohabit with smallmouths in the Narrows, and a few largemouths are often in the vicinity too, making it probably the best place on the lake to catch all three in a single outing. If you get hooked on these fish, find more spotted bass lakes in California (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-spotted-bass-best-fishing-spots.html)

How to Catch Bass

You'll find additional ideas of how to catch all of these three species in our Bass Fishing: Simple Techniques and Tips: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-bass-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html

Kokanee Salmon

Kokanee are a landlocked sockeye salmon that are widely stocked in California's large, deep man-made lakes. In some of those lakes, kokanee salmon don't amount to much. They tend to proliferate in large numbers, but end up stunted, seldom exceeding 10 or 12 inches in length. In some cases, they are even smaller and provide forage for big bass and trout, and little else.

But Lake Berryessa is one of the few lakes where "kokes" reach sizes up to 18 inches, or 2 pounds. And they do so in great numbers, making this arguably the best lake in the state for kokanee fishing.

Kokanee tend to inhabit open water throughout much of the year, and anglers for the most part seek them out by trolling in deep areas of the lake. Mid-lake near the deep side of the big island is a great spot, and areas near the dam are regularly productive. Markley Cove and Skier's Cove are also worth a few passes as you search for schools of kokanee.

Spring is prime time for kokanee fishing on Lake Berryessa, with the action starting in March and really kicking into high gear by May. By summer the numbers will be fewer, but size tends to increase throughout the season. Try trolling at various depths to locate schools of kokanee. They typically range from 10 to 30 feet below the surface. They especially tend to hold in deeper water as surface water conditions rise.

Trolling with small spoons and spinners behind flashing dodgers is the go-to presentation for most local kokanee enthusiasts. Almost any color can be effective, with bright and fluorescents leading the way. No matter what lure you choose, be sure to tip the hooks with a kernel of white sweet corn. Kokes can't seem to resist it. We have lots of how-to tips in Kokanee Fishing: Simple Techniques and Tips: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-kokanee-fishing-simple-tips-and-techniques.html.

Landlocked King Salmon

Lake Berryessa also harbors populations of landlocked king salmon. While not as common as kokanee, they reach much greater sizes. Kings in the 4- to 5-pound range are the norm at Lake Berryessa. And while they don't typically live long enough in inland lakes to pass the 10-pound mark, it's not unheard-of.

To catch kings, your approach won't be too much different from kokanee fishing. But it's best to think a little bit bigger, and sometimes a little bit deeper. Throughout most of the year, kings inhabit depths of 45 feet or more. The main lake is the domain of big kings. To find them, the best tactic is often you watch your electronics for schools of bait fish, and then start trolling for the salmon that follow them.

Choose big, fat spoons that imitate shad, or longer, slender spoons to mimic pond smelt. Lake Berryessa has populations of both, and the best lure depends on what the salmon are chasing on any given day. Another tactic is to troll with fresh or frozen shad in a bait harness rig.

In late fall, the lake experiences a turnover phase, and king salmon are much more likely to hunt near the surface. Drifting with live shad is a popular tactic when salmon hunt close to the surface in relatively shallow water. You may also be able to adapt some of the tips in our salmon fishing how-to article to your fishing at Lake Berryessa and similar fisheries. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-salmon-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Rainbow Trout

Lake Berryessa has been stocked with trout for decades, and these fish offer incredible fishing opportunities. Rainbow trout are the more abundant species, but there's a good chance of catching the occasional big brown trout as well. In summer, you can expect to find trout in deep, open water, often in the 30- to 40-foot range. They tend to like the same general areas that kokanee do, but you may find trout at slightly different depths.

Trolling is the way to go throughout most of the year. Silvery spoons with a lot of flash are ideal, but spinners work as well. Squid-like plastic lures called hoochies are a favorite among many local trout fishermen and also will pick up kokanee. Downriggers are often the best way to get your lure down to the necessary depth, while trolling with a dodger can give your lure some extra flash to make it more attractive. A spoon behind a dodger looks a lot like a weak, injured bait fish lagging behind the school.

The time of year when Lake Berryessa's trout routinely inhabit shallow water is during the colder months. For many, this is the best time of year. From November through the winter, it's possible to find rainbow trout in 10 feet of water or less, and fishing from shore can be effective. If you don't have the advantage of a boat, the colder months are your time to shine at Lake Berryessa!

Casting spinners, spoons and small crankbaits from shore is a great way to nab winter trout. Bait under a bobber works too, with options ranging from live minnows and nightcrawlers to salmon eggs and marshmallows. The Putah and Pope Creek arms offer a great shallow water bite this time of year, and areas around the Narrows, Markley Cove and the dam are often productive as well.

Read our simple how-to article to learn more about trout fishing methods and some extra tips. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-trout-fishing-basics-how-to-catch-techniques-tips.html)

More Fish Species

Lake Berryessa harbors a wealth of different fish species that provide excellent fishing opportunities, even though many of these fish are seldom pursued by anglers. Some, like bluegill and other sunfish, are abundant and easy to catch. They inhabit shallow weed beds and under docks all over the lake, and sunfish offer fun and easy fishing for kids and grown-ups alike. (Find bluegill and sunfish fishing tips here: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-bluegill-sunfish-fishing-techniques-and-tips.html)

Others, like the Sacramento pikeminnow—a giant member of the minnow family that some anglers might mistake for trout at a glance—are rarely targeted specifically by fishermen. But they put up a hard fight when hooked, often by mistake.

Catfish

While many pursue more "glamorous" game fish like bass and trout, the simple enjoyment of fishing for catfish is undeniable. Lake Berryessa harbors a thriving population of these hard-fighting and good-eating fish.

Channel catfish are the most prized catfish species in Lake Berryessa. The lake produces great numbers of 2- to 4-pound catfish, which are perfect for the table. There are giants out there too, including channel cats weighing 20 pounds or more in the lake's depths. The lake also supports bullhead and white catfish, though these species are smaller and less often targeted by fishermen.

Catfish are bottom feeders, and the tried-and-true method of catching them is to drop smelly, natural baits like chicken livers, nightcrawlers, cut shad and prepared stinkbait to the bottom of Lake Berryessa, and watch your line closely for a strike. The Putah Creek Inlet and Pope Creek Inlet are great for catfish. The best time to catch them is at night, when they are most active. As the sun sets, catfish in Lake Berryessa head towards relatively shallow water—often in 10 feet or less—to feed. During the day, they tend to hole up 25 feet deep or more.

Learn more catfish fishing tips in our easy guide. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-catfish-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Crappie

Typically weighing about a pound, crappie are often abundant in Lake Berryessa if you know where and when to find them. Crappie are naturally cyclical, so some years are better than others. Spring is the best time for crappie fishing, as these fish head toward shallow water in droves to spawn. Look for them under docks, in weed beds and around brush piles and fallen timber in April and May.

By summer, crappie take up a more nomadic lifestyle, following schools of small minnows around the lake, often schooled in open water but usually not too far from the deep edge of a weed bed, point or drop-off. They can be hard to find, but once you find one, chances are you've found many. Drifting live minnows or casting small jigs are often the best methods of catching them. Portuguese Cove, Steel Canyon, the Putah Creek area and around Lake Berryessa's islands are some of the best parts of the lake for crappie. Learn more about how to catch crappie in this article (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-crappie-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Best Fishing in America is a project that started in 2010 as Best Fishing in Oregon but is preparing to expand to other states. The website is owned by Eric Apalategui, an award-winning journalist in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years — and crazy about fishing much longer. My goal is to provide a free, easy-to-use website where recreational anglers can learn where, when and how to get the most out of their precious fishing time, whether close to home or on the road. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding this website, please email me at eric@bestfishinginamerica.com

Best Fishing,
Eric Apalategui

New Sunday Feature: 10-Year Old Horoscopes - Are They Still Relevant?

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While you're often disgusted by the shallowness and ignorance you see all around you, you have to admit it's made it easy for you to get dates.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your combined proclivities toward paranoia and depression combine when you start to think a race of alien lizard people are controlling life's lowest echelons from behind the scenes.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll suddenly be torn away from your friends and cast out of the only home you've ever known by the authorities, who will insist your sentence is over and you're free to go.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Next week will be a time of magical romance and unending joy for you, thanks to your boundless talent for self-delusion.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): In a wacky horoscopic mix-up, you'll encounter a mysterious stranger who takes you on a journey over water just as you're trying to start new projects at work.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A messenger from the Lord will appear to you in glory this week and, in a voice that shakes mountains and shivers oceans, announce price hikes on all divine services.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will be given the Legion of Honor by the French for crocheting an adorable pink, yellow and blue cover for the Eiffel Tower.

Libra (9/23-10/22): This week's revelations will be especially mortifying for you, seeing as how you've been insisting for years that life is not some sort of big pie-eating contest.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While you're starting to think your problem is that you're too "in your head," it's actually a rare species of cranial tapeworm.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The king's men part you can understand, but you've never really comprehended how all the king's horses were supposed to help.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You'll be trapped in a paralyzing dilemma that can only be solved if you learn something new, take the initiative, or have an original thought of your own.

Kafka and the Doll: The Pervasiveness of Loss

Franz Kafka was a German-speaking Bohemian novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures of 20th-century literature. His work fuses elements of realism and the fantastic. Many of us have read some of Kafka's weird but compelling stories, especially "The Trial" and "The Metamorphosis". There is also a touching story about Kafka and a little girl who lost her doll which I thought appropriate for this period of loss we all feel due to the Covid crisis.

There are many versions of the story of Kafka and the doll. Whether this story actually ever happened it seems so real and true and provides a template for the impact of human grief.

Kafka, the Lost Doll and the Little Girl

At 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), who never married and had no children, walked through the park in Berlin when he met a girl who was crying because she had lost her favorite doll. She and Kafka searched for the doll unsuccessfully. Kafka told her to meet him there the next day and they would come back to look for her.

The next day, when they had not yet found the doll, Kafka gave the girl a letter "written" by the doll saying "please don't cry. I took a trip to see the world. I will write to you about my adventures."

Thus began a story which continued until the end of Kafka's life. During their meetings, Kafka read the letters of the doll carefully written with adventures and conversations that the girl found adorable.

Finally, Kafka brought back the doll (he bought one) that had returned to Berlin. "It doesn't look like my doll at all," said the girl. Kafka handed her another letter in which the doll wrote: "my travels have changed me." The little girl hugged the new doll and brought the doll with her to her happy home. A year later Kafka died.

Many years later, the now-adult girl found a letter inside the doll. In the tiny letter signed by Kafka it was written:

"Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way."



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Covid Confusion:
Disposable Plastic Bags, Reusable Plastic Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags.

It's only been a few years since we all went through a major societal change in our shopping habits. Disposable plastic grocery bags were banned. We all learned to carry reusable grocery bags when we went shopping. If we didn't we were charged ten cents for a paper bag. This change went relatively smoothly. And then Covid hit and we were not allowed to bring our own bags into the store. Back to the old decision - paper or plastic - no outside bags allowed! When things calmed down a bit some store allowed you to bring in your own bags but you had to pack them yourself. I do this if my shopping run is only for a few items.

So plastic bags, most are of substantial strength and reusable, came back into our shopping lives - and we have to pay for them. And so, a year later, I have a lot of extra plastic bags. I've reused as many as I can. I won't throw them away. So what do I do?

You'll probably think, "Recycle them." But I'm still a bit gun shy. I helped start the first recycling programs in my town of San Anselmo in the 90s. It was a struggle. People didn't care. They mixed dirty items or items that could not be recycled into the same recycling can which simply contaminated the whole batch which had to be tossed into the garbage truck.

Even then plastic bags were a controversial and growing problem. Some grocery stores provided recycling bins for customers to return their plastic bags. But there was no real market for mixed plastics and plastic film at the time. My investigation showed that many stores simply took the full plastic bag recycling containers and tossed them in the dumpster behind the store with the garbage.

So it was natural for to wonder if it's still a gimmick or a feel-good tactic to justify the store using plastic bags.

Do grocery stores really recycle bags?

Yes. Grocery stores that place collection bins for plastic bags do recycle them. The plastic grocery bags collected by grocery stores are first cleaned to get rid of any food particles. These are then transported to a recycling center, where they mix plastic film together with wood pulp and heat the mixture up until it melds together. These plastics are recycled into decking and railing products. They, in turn, pass them on to recycling companies who turn those bags, and other plastic films, into outdoor decking and railing, park benches, and picnic tables. But not all grocery stores have those bins, and you can't put your plastic bags in with your regular recyclables on garbage pick-up day.

Why can't I put bags in my curbside recycling bin?

Unless you live in one of the few communities in the U.S. that accepts plastic bags, wraps, and films in curbside recycling, you must take your them to the store for recycling, no matter what the claims on the package may suggest. These bags, wraps, and films get tangled up in the recycling equipment in facilities that serve curbside recycling programs, causing problems for recyclers. As a result, workers have to stop the machines to cut out the bags. Then they go straight to the landfill.

Can bubble wrap or Saran wrap be recycled with plastic bags?

Yes. Bubble wrap or Saran wrap can be recycled with plastic bags. All plastic bags are considered plastic film. They are soft, flexible polyethylene packaging. As long as it's clean and dry, bubble wrap and plastic wrap can be dropped in the plastic bag bin.

Here are a few other things you can put in the plastic bag bins at the grocery store:

Bread bags
Case overwrap
Dry cleaning bags
Newspaper sleeves
Ice bags
Wood pellet bags
Ziploc and other resealable bags

You cannot, however, put these plastic film items in your curbside recycling.

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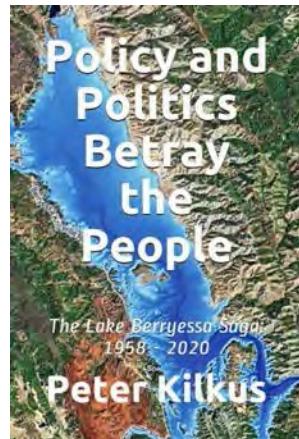
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1227 Steele Canyon, \$19K
1069 Headlands, \$57K, .223 acre
1013 Arroyo Lindo, \$99K, .224 acre mostly flat
1113 Rimrock, \$99K, .25 acre ~ lake view
1052 Eastridge, \$125K, .329 acre, lake view,
1053 Arroyo Grande, \$49K, .262 acre
131, 133, 135 Poppy Ln., 3 lot pkg., .868 acre total



Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



[**Policy and Politics Betray the People**](#)

[**The Lake Berryessa Saga:**](#)

[**1958 - 2020**](#)

The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version and a paperback version.

https://www.amazon.com/Policy-Politics-Betray-People-Berryessa-ebook/dp/B08MFSQDBR/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=peter+kilkus&qid=1604774826&sr=8-1

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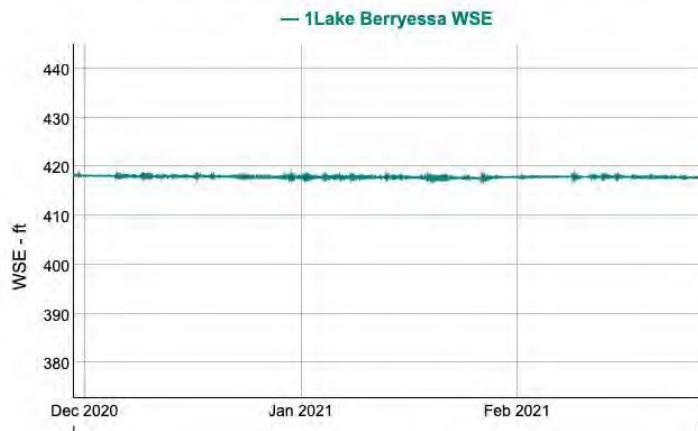
The Lake Berryessa News on the Last Sunday in February

Here we are at the last Sunday in February, 2/28/21. The weather is quite nice, but rainfall is historically low so far. Only two weeks until Daylight Saving Time is here.

Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 2/28/21

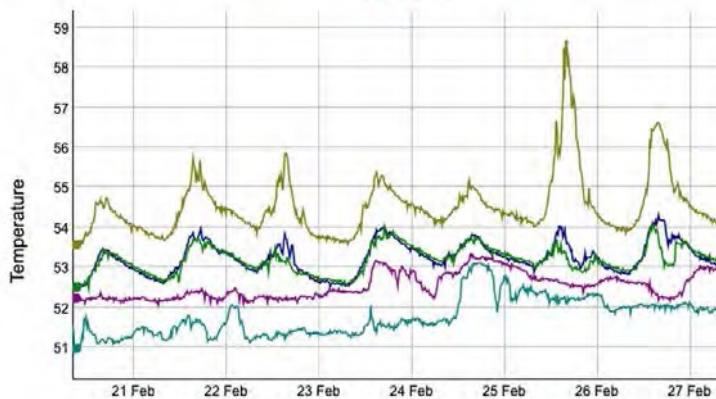
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Lake Berryessa - Water Surface Elevation - 90 Day
Lake Spills @ 440 ft. (1002.502)



Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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Napa County Lake Berryessa Request for Proposals

The Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days. March 2nd is the bid submittal date.

March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST

March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)

The County released a final Addendum to the RFP: Addendum No. 5. The County wishes to clarify three issues that have come to the County's attention:

1. The Managing Agreement between Napa County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation requires that visitor services be "provided in accordance with the 2006 VSP ROD" a copy of which has been made accessible through the Dropbox link on page 35 of the Request for Proposals. Neither the VSP ROD (Visitor Services Plan - Record of Decision) nor the Managing Agreement specifically limits the number of accommodation units that may be built or developed in any of the concession areas.
2. The Bureau of Reclamation requires that "Rates charged by concessionaires for services, food, lodging and merchandise will be based on charges for comparable facilities, services and merchandise provided by the private sector in similar situations." Napa County, as the Managing Partner, must approve the rates requested by concessionaires.
3. It is believed that the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District has adequate system capacity to provide potable water to the Steele Canyon concession area. However, it is unlikely that the District's sanitary waste collection system will have adequate capacity to treat the entire sanitary flows expected from the concession area. Standby (Immediate Availability) charges for sewer and water were last adopted in 2020 by the District's Governing Board at a rate not to exceed \$30.00 per month per acre. Connection Charges and User Rates have been in effect since 2011, without change, and these are set out in the 5-page schedule that is appended hereto as Attachment A. However, as a result of more than 100 service connections

that were lost in last year's wildfires in the area, the District will likely have to consider, in the near future, revised rates consistent with the provisions of California's Proposition 218.

Bidders Names To Be Released, Eventually

Napa County has stated that the names of the bidders who submit proposals on March 2 will become public information eventually. Once the review committee initially evaluates the proposals and goes through the bid check list, the names of the bidders should be released. It may take a week or so depending on the complexity of what is submitted. Of course, none of the details of the bids such as financial information or proposed facilities will become public during the review period. Detailed financials will probably never become public. When the final contracts are signed, the contracts themselves will become public information.

The Lake Berryessa News used the Freedom of Information Act process to acquire the original Pensus bid (with all cost and financial information redacted) that was accepted by the Bureau of Reclamation - an interesting read. That bid is available on the Lake Berryessa News website at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/pensus-bid-redacted-copy.pdf (828 pages, 61MB PDF)

20 for 21 Donation Program Continues

Thanks to those of you who have sent in donations to support the continued publication of the Lake Berryessa News. I will restart the print edition of the paper in April. But I continue to need your support to make it happen. I again make a personal appeal for your financial support. As with all news organizations, including small ones like mine, costs are pushing higher and revenue is trending lower. Your financial support is vital so that the Lake Berryessa News can continue to publish. Sorry to say, we barely break even. Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

(See the excellent editorial below by Sean Scully, Editor of the Napa Valley Register, that speaks to the serious issues facing local news sources, including the Lake Berryessa News. He convinced me to subscribe for the good of the community. I hope you'll again consider donating to the future of The Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa community.)

Any regular news about Lake Berryessa simply comes from my website (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com), my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>), the print version of the paper, and the regular email newsletter you are now reading.

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I have both a Paypal and a Venmo Account if that is more convenient for you. They are in my name - Peter Kilkus. The username is pkilkus@gmail.com.

A simple \$20 for 2021, a revitalization year for the lake if all goes well. Thanks for your consideration. The Lake Berryessa News is a one-person operation. I do it all - writing, editing, ads, graphics, distribution. I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community. Peter

Journalism, readers come to terms with a new subscriber-based business model

Sean Scully, Editor, Napa Valley Register

https://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/columnists/from-the-editor-journalism-readers-come-to-terms-with-a-new-subscriber-based-business-model/article_0193ddd5-5c43-5ce7-a657-1611e91059d4.html

Over the course of the last century, newspapers developed a business model that most business owners would find puzzling. Ad revenue — particularly classified ad revenue — just kept booming and publishers were making plenty of money, far more than they needed to run the paper. News publishers responded by doing two things that would otherwise seem counter-intuitive.

First, they made the physical newspapers cheap, or even sometimes free. The daily paper might sell for a nickel or a quarter on the street, even though the physical cost of getting it to your door was many times that. Second, they increasingly separated the newsroom from the advertising department. That meant that an editor or reporter would be less likely to ignore an important story for fear of offending some deep-pocketed advertiser. So seriously did newspapers take this separation that it's usually known as "the wall" between advertising and news.

Pretty much everyone who's worked as a journalist since the early 20th century has been trained not to deal with advertising issues in any way. In many cases, editors and reporters made it a point of pride not to know anything about the newspaper's finances at all. This worked out great for a long time. At least until suddenly it didn't.

There are two other side effects of the changes, however, that are a little less obvious. First, we had to convince you, the reader, that the news we were bringing you had value. Quite by accident, we had trained the reader to assume that the newspaper was worth the pittance that we charged. Second, we had to convince ourselves, the journalists, that we needed to worry about where the paper's revenue comes from. Again quite by accident, we had trained the reporters and editors to think that money didn't matter and the paychecks would just keep clearing the bank forever.

It is as if you were running a hardware store by giving away merchandise for pennies on the dollar and forbidding half or more of your staff from doing any activity that might generate any revenue to make up for it. Anyone who runs a business will understand how preposterous this situation sounds, but that's where newspapers found themselves in the early 2000s as the ad market on which we had counted transformed beyond recognition. The answer has been a slow process of transformation for journalists. We have had to learn to become entrepreneurial after decades of avoiding that kind of behavior with a near-religious zeal.

If you own or work in a normal business, you know you have to constantly engage the customer, to explain why your product or service is worth the price, and is maybe a little bit better than the next guy's version. In marketing and fundraising, it's called the "big ask," where you convince the customer that it is worth dropping some hard-earned money on your project or business.

It took about 10 years, but we're finally getting pretty good at explaining why what we do is worth some real money and reminding the public that "local journalism matters."

And over that time, it seems that the public is getting the message that journalism is worth real money. The turmoil of the last five or six years has helped elevate the importance of fact-based news, but even without that, I think the public was beginning to understand that news organizations need money. Since the late 1990s, newspapers and broadcast outlets have consolidated, cut staff, and reduced their offerings. In far too many cases, they have gone out of business entirely.

At first, I suspect, readers and viewers assumed these cuts were just penny-pinching greed by owners. As we got better at explaining the real costs of gathering and presenting news, and explaining the fundamental transformation of the ad market, however, I sense that the public began to understand that they needed to step up to preserve their trusted news outlets.

So here we are: we're finally willing to ask for your support, and an increasing number of our readers are willing to underwrite the real cost of providing this important public service. I have asked before, but I will ask again: If you are not a subscriber but you see value in what we do, please consider visiting napavalleyregister.com/members and becoming a member at whatever level you can afford.

Sad news for the Lake Berryessa family.

Bob Migliore has left us...

Bob was a stalwart supporter of Lake Berryessa revitalization and a long-time Steele Park resident. Robert "Bob" T. Migliore Robert (1945 – 2021) passed away peacefully Monday surrounded by family in his Vallejo home. A devout Catholic, he was born in Petaluma and grew up fishing San Rafael Bay as a young boy.



Growing up in an Italian family known for making bricks, he was not shy to hard work. After graduating from San Rafael High, he continued working at McNear's Brickyard with his father; the brickyard Foreman. Vietnam took him away from Marin and to West Texas for boot camp. Serving in the Army his father served, forged his character and emblazoned his dedication and love for our country.

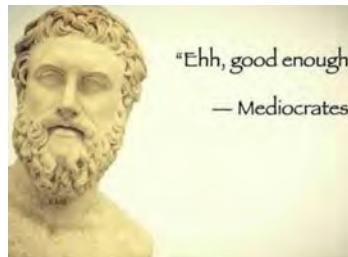
After the war, he returned to the brickyard. Dabbling in hot rods, motorcycles, and fast times, he looked for something to feed his fire. From sleeping in his car to management in 6 short months. "Closing the deal" came naturally. He quickly rose to the top in his auto sales market while working at Boas Pontiac in San Francisco.

In 1976, he was recruited for a management position at Bill Lang Cadillac Pontiac in Vallejo.

In 1980, he moved his family from Marin County to Solano County to reside in Benicia. He started taking his family to Lake Berryessa in the mid 1980s. From the campgrounds, to a tent site, to a "I don't know how we got that in there" trailer, to a poor man's paradise on pavement, "The Lake" was the family's solace. His grandson's first fish! His kids getting up on skis! Parties beyond parties to include one with Elvis. Good times were had and he provided. The Lake was taken from him in 2009 and he moved to Vallejo.

Groaners from 2010

Random New Feature: 10-Year Old Humor - Old Jokes Never Die.
Do Any of You Remember These?



Those who jump off a bridge in Paris
are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor
of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
Practice safe eating - always use
condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or
death.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Reading while sunbathing makes you
well red.

A bicycle can't stand on its own
because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a
dead give away.)

In democracy your vote counts. In
feudalism your Count votes.

**Explaining to a child
that we're mortal
and that death is
inescapable is
probably for me the
hardest part of
being a party clown.**

With her marriage, she got a new name
and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery
machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you
can't budge it.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted; Taint yours
and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to
beat.

He had a photographic memory that
was never developed.

Once you've seen one shopping center,
you've seen a mall.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Angwin's Pacific Union College forest to have control burn Sunday, Feb. 28

A 13-acre control burn is scheduled for the Pacific Union College forest at Angwin on Sunday, weather conditions permitting.

The forest has an overabundance of ground-level vegetation, primarily tanoak and Douglas fir. Forest thinning followed by a prescribed burn will help the forest ecosystem and make it more fire-resistant, a PUC press release said.

People in Napa Valley, Pope Valley and Angwin could see smoke. The burn is scheduled from about 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact PUC forest management at 965-7635.

The burn has met strict guidelines and will be done by trained personnel. It required a permit from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the press release said.

PUC is doing the burn with support from Audubon Canyon Ranch's Fire Forward, Good Fire Alliance community members, Prometheus Fire Consulting and Firestorm Wildland Suppression Inc.

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Summer Jobs at Lake Berryessa

Solano County Water Agency: Watercraft Inspection Intern (\$19/hour)

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit your online application, cover letter, resume, and a list of 3 references. Full details are at this link:

<https://secure.onehcm.com/ta/SCWA.careers?CareersSearch>

From April 19, 2021 to October 11, 2021. Mandatory virtual training sessions on: 4/21/21, 4/22/21, 4/23/21.

Paid temporary position screening and inspecting watercraft at Lake Berryessa. Staff conduct boat screenings, biological inspections for invasive species (including but not limited to quagga and zebra mussels), provide water quality and invasive species education to Lake Berryessa users, and write weekly and a seasonal final report. Staff are expected to work all holidays and holiday weekends including: Memorial Day, Mothers day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Father's Day.

Required hours are primarily Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from approximately 6:00AM to 2:00PM and/or 10:00AM to 6:00PM, as well as additionally scheduled weekday shifts, meetings, and trainings.

Minimum Requirements:

Excellent communication and organizational skills as well as the ability to work under pressure.

Must be comfortable working alone, with a partner, and on a team.

Must be able to work in extreme heat and inclement weather.

Reliable transportation and valid CA Driver's license.

Good driving record as evidenced by freedom from multiple or serious traffic violations or accidents for at least two (2) years duration.

Willingness to have a relatively consistent schedule (minimum of 12 hours per week, maximum of 40 hours per week) and perform other tasks as assigned by SCWA staff.

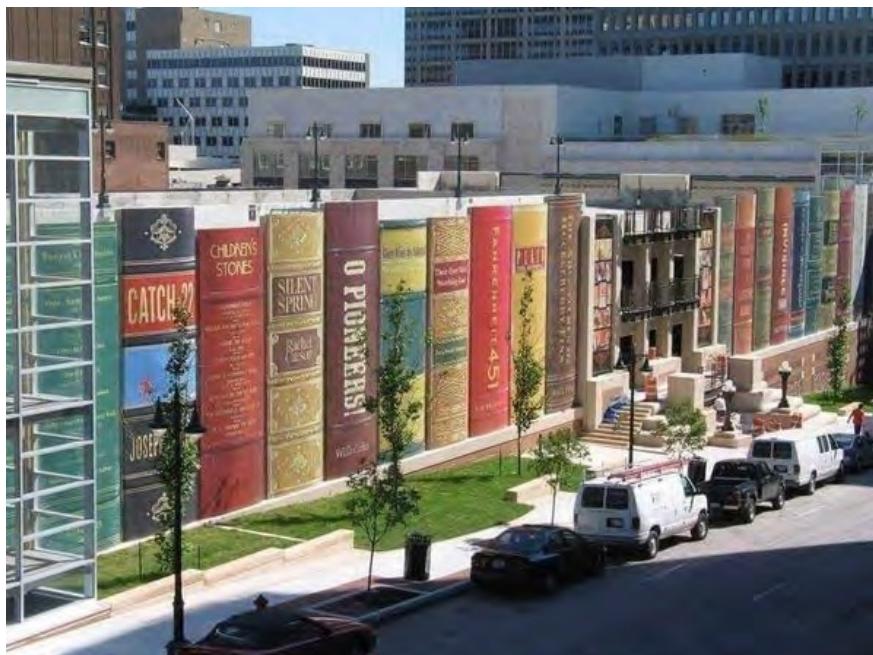
Preferred but not required:

Current student in the process of an undergraduate degree or a recent graduate student that graduated within the last year.

Focus of study or declared major in: environmental science, environmental planning, engineering, watershed science, biology, ecology, horticulture, soil and water science, landscape design, architecture, public relations or similar field.

Prior experience in customer service such as service industry, retail, or other.

Environmental education and outreach experience.



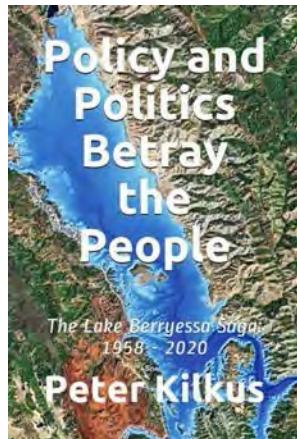
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6. 253 Sugarloaf - \$87,500
6. 1140-1144 Steele Canyon \$89K
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Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



Policy and Politics Betray the People

The Lake Berryessa Saga:

1958 - 2020

The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version
and a paperback version.

https://www.amazon.com/Policy-Politics-Betray-People-Berryessa-ebook/dp/B08MFSQDBR/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=peter+kilkus&qid=1604774826&sr=8-1

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This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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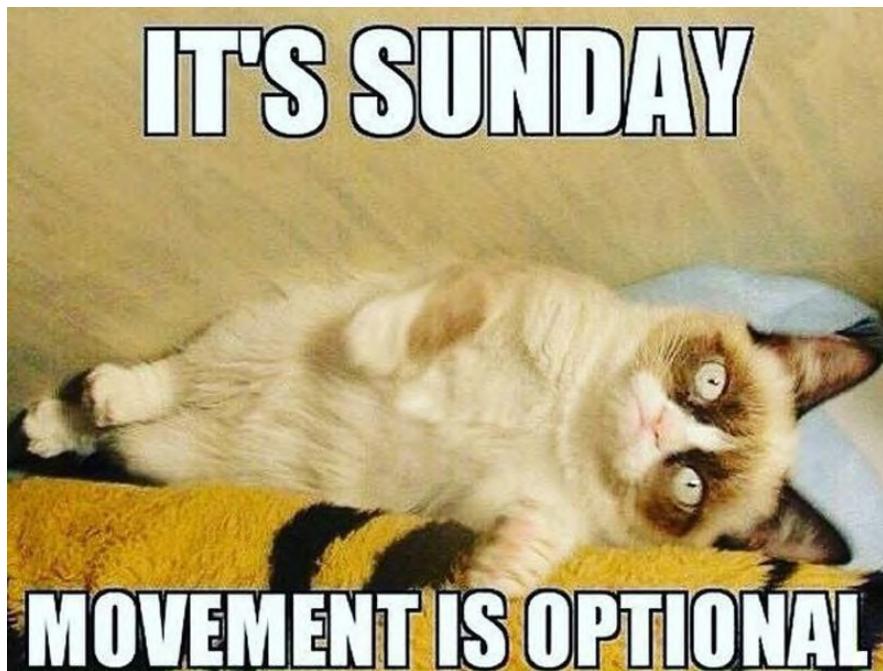
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The Lake Berryessa News on the First Sunday in March

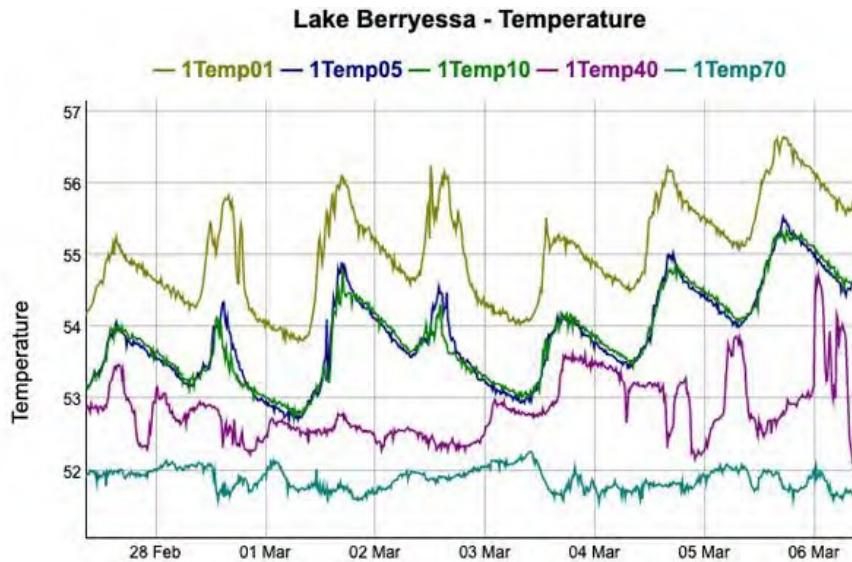
Here we are at the first Sunday in March, 3/7/21. The weather is quite nice, but rainfall is historically low so far. Only one week until Daylight Saving Time is here.

Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 3/7/21

Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. The level has slowly dropped 4 inches during the last two weeks to 417.6 feet, 22.4 feet below Glory Hole. The anemic rainfall we've had contributed nothing to holding the level up.

Rainfall has reached 7.26 inches at Monticello Dam and 6.55 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Last year at this time the lake was at 433.2

feet, only 6.8 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall stood at 8.4 inches at Monticello Dam. Glory Hole did not overflow last year. Water temperatures are up slightly.



Napa County Lake Berryessa Bid Evaluation Process

Who Can Know What and Why?

The County sent the report below to the Lake Berryessa News on Wednesday, March 3. It was a bit disappointing since it said the public will get no further information until contract negotiations are complete - potentially the end of April. The Lake Berryessa News responded immediately with a list of questions and a request for more information. As of this time (four days later) the County has not responded.

The Lake Berryessa News believes this delay in releasing any information is unacceptable. This process needs to be much more transparent. For example, why can't the County at least say how many bids were received for each of the three resorts up for bid? There is nothing confidential about this information, and it will give the public some confidence that positive change is on the way.

We are not asking for the names of bidders, although that information would certainly be of extreme interest. This is a deeply emotional issue for thousands of Lake Berryessa area residents, businesses, and potential recreationists.

Another question is who is on the bid evaluation team? If the County wishes the names to be kept confidential for some reason, why can't the public get a short description of the evaluators' professional qualifications for this evaluation team?

One positive aspect of the County being in charge of this process is that it is unlikely they will reject all the bids - as the Bureau of Reclamation did in 2015. All we need is at least one good bid for each of the resorts in question: Steele Park Recreation Area (previously Steele Park Resort), Spanish Flat Recreation Area (previously Spanish Flat Resort), and Monticello Shores Recreation Area (previously Rancho Monticello Resort).

So if you wish to encourage the Board of Supervisors to provide a non-confidential status report to the public, please do so. The Lake Berryessa Community has been waiting a long time for this moment. It is basically not fair for the County to turn off the information switch now.

Below is the email the Lake Berryessa News received last Wednesday. Judge for yourself.

"Bids were received March 2 and are being evaluated. The number of bids received and from whom will be made publicly available once contract negotiations are done and staff is prepared to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The first step after we receive and document the proposals, is that proposals will be reviewed to make sure that they are responsive to the details of the RFP. Once that happens an

evaluation team will review and score each responsive RFP. This scoring review is scheduled to start on Friday, 3-5-21; the length of time it will take to complete the review is dependent on the number of responsive proposals received.

Proposals earning the three highest scores, for each concession area, may be invited to make a presentation to the County. The County will then elect to enter into exclusive negotiations with only one proponent for each concession area and, potentially, the same proponent for more than one area.

The current timeline is March - April: Review/score the proposals and negotiations
May: Target for approval of a contract.

Approval of the recommended proposals will be made in open session.

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Did Someone Forget the Dollar Sign?

By Peter Kilkus

On my first road trip from Minnesota to California in 1964 to try some surfing and hit the wild San Francisco scene to see Carol Doda (look it up), we paid these gas prices! The three of us were driving a big old Buick that was like a soft flying mattress due to its weight and heavy shock absorbers. But it only got about 12 miles per gallon. So we calculated the mileage of every section of our trip using my friend's AAA "TripTik" to decide how much gas to put in the beast to get to a lower priced gas station. We were sensitive to 3 or 4 cent changes since we had to survive on only about \$150 for our whole two week adventure. Campsites and cheap motels!

AAA still offers TripTiks, not only as a paper map through mail order and branch offices but online and on the mobile app. The app highlights AAA-diamond rated hotels and restaurants, directions, attractions and more, with information from AAA travel editors.

I remember the McDonald's prices since the father of my first college girlfriend owned the only McDonalds in Winona, Minnesota (look it up). More than 50,000 served. Often as I could afford it, my dinner in the physics lab was 3 hamburgers, 2 cheeseburgers, large fries, and a coke. Her father must have been in on a good thing since he owned a beautiful Porsche which he kept in a heated garage during the sub-zero Minnesota winters.



Sunday Vocabulary Lesson

Acyrologia

An incorrect use of words - particularly replacing one word with another word that sounds similar but has a different meaning - possibly fuelled by a deep-seeded desire to sound more educated, which results in an attempt to pawn off an incorrect word in place of a correct one. In academia, such flaunting of common social mores is seen as almost sorted and might result in the offender becoming a piranha, in the Monday world, after all is set and done, such a minor era will often leave normal people unphased.

This is just as well sense people of that elk are unlikely to tow the line irregardless of any attempt to better educate them. A small percentage, however, suffer from severe acyrologiaphobia, and it is their upmost desire to see English used properly. Exposure may cause them symptoms that may resemble post-dramatic stress disorder and, eventually, descend into whole-scale outrage as they go star-craving mad. Eventually, they will succumb to the stings and arrows of such a barrage, and suffer a complete mental breakdown, leaving them curled up in the feeble position.

March 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Though last Monday may not have seemed like much to you, trust us: It was the best day of your life.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your trip to the astral healer will be a major spiritual success, but your physical body will be destroyed by a truck on the way home.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You can't for the life of you figure out why they call it a loveseat, as it does not love you and never will.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Avoid people who find meaningful patterns in the randomness of Nature.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Jupiter ascending in your sign indicates that the Cosmos couldn't give a good gosh darn what happens to you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The stars indicate you should purge yourself of the sin of

Onion Headlines

Loved Ones Talk Down Goat Standing
On Mountain's Edge

New Texas Law Requires All Masks
Have Word 'Scaredy-Cat' Written
Across Front

Heroic Conservative Risks Own Life To
Hide Mr. Potato Heads In Attic

Parakeet Unaware Its Companionship
The Only Thing Stopping Man From
Committing One Of Bloodiest Acts In
American History

World Leaders Pledge To Cut
Emissions By As Much As They Can
Realistically Back Out Of

Parliamentarian Cuts Minimum Wage
From Stimulus Due To Obscure Rule
Requiring Poor Citizens To Needlessly
Suffer

In An Op-ed, Former Vice President
Mike Pence Writes, "Stockholm

vanity. After all, you've got a face like a hog's butt.

Syndrome is really nice this time of year".

Leo (7/23-8/22): After a long, hard search for a hot meal and a place to sleep, you finally just reheat yesterday's pizza and sack out on the couch.

As Lady Gaga's Dogs are Returned, World Lets Out a Collective Sigh of "Who Gives a Darn?!?!"

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Though you've prayed earnestly all your life, it has never worked. Consider having your hands surgically enlarged.

"I Am Not a Robot," Says President Captcha

Libra (9/23-10/22): After taxes, overhead, and legal fees, that million-dollar idea you've been working on for years will wind up costing you several thousand dollars.

Republicans Finally Put Country Before Party, But Only When Organizing Spotify Playlist

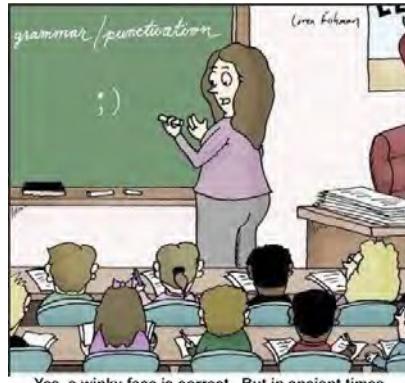
Scorpio (10/23-11/21): What you'll later choose to describe as a "through the looking glass" moment will actually be more of a "down a set of stairs, through a plate-glass window, and out into heavy traffic" sort of afternoon.

GOP Senators Lindsey Graham and Ted Cruz were spotted at a D.C. Traitor Joe's

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): This week, you will prove the binomial theorem, posit a rule of gravitation, and develop a new theory of color, only to find that it's all been done before.

Smart fridges become self aware, turn into army of relentless chilling machines

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You passionately believe that modern society fosters political, intellectual, and spiritual repression, which is just fine by you.



Yes, a winky face is correct...But in ancient times, the semicolon was actually used to separate archaic written devices known as "complete sentences".

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(Dedicated to Don, RoseAnn, and Geoff)

While working in Rome, two physicists and a food anthropologist marveled at just how quickly the *pizzaiolo*, or man who makes pizza, could transform a disc of raw dough into the perfect Margherita pizza, with a crisp, golden brown crust topped with enticing bubbly buffalo mozzarella and savory tomato sauce. So in true scientist fashion, they decided to analyze the secrets of the perfect pie, and even concocted a thermodynamic equation that you can use at home—if you've got some physics know-how.

It all comes down to the oven. Seasoned pizza makers told researchers that only wood-fired brick ovens that produce dry heat and a whiff of woodsmoke can create the perfect crust. Modern electric ovens, they argue, just couldn't replicate the pies. They also revealed that the oven needs to be heated to 620 to 660 degrees, which should crisp up the average pie in about two minutes.

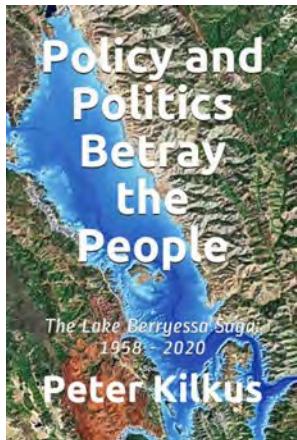
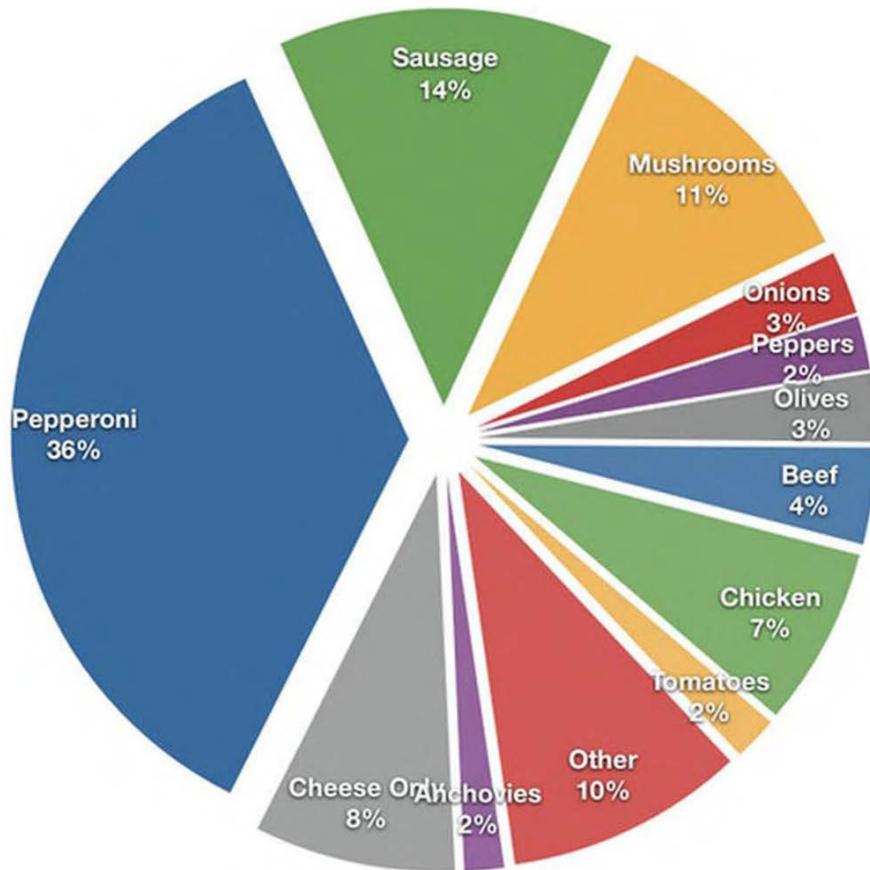
In a series of thermodynamic equations, the researchers determined the formula for exactly how the brick oven imparts the perfect amount of heat to the pie. In general, heat is released relatively slowly from the brick, causing the crust to crisp up without burning while the toppings cook more quickly and give off some of their moisture, leading to the perfect balance.

Of course, not everyone or every restaurant can construct an authentic Roman brick oven. So, the researchers tried to convert the perfect pizza formula for an electric oven with a metal surface. Because metal conducts heat so much more quickly than ceramic bricks, cranking up the oven to over 600 degrees would simply produce a charred pie. Instead, they found that to replicate what is happening in the wood oven, the heat needs to be reduced to 450 degrees and the dough should stay in the oven for 170 seconds.

However, they suggest that pie with toppings containing a lot of water, including most vegetables, needs more time. In Rome, the study says, some pizza makers raise topping-heavy pies off the bricks for about 30 seconds using a metal or wooden pizza peel to prevent the crust from burning but allowing the toppings to cook. The truth is, the researchers admit, it's close to impossible to replicate brick-oven pie with electricity.

This isn't the only formula for creating the perfect pie. Several years ago, Sheffield University mathematician Eugenia Cheng came up with an equation describing the perfect amount of toppings to put on pizza. A larger pizza reduces the potential for sogginess depending how evenly its toppings are distributed and the thinner and crispier its crust. Smaller pies tended to have the toppings crammed into the middle with fewer towards the edges, meaning fewer bites with your favorite toppings.

A whopping 36% of people order pepperoni on their pizzas, according to point-of-sale research data from 604 pizza locations across the United States. Here's the chart of the findings:



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The Lake Berryessa News on the Second Sunday in March

Here we are at the second Sunday in March, 3/14/21. It's been a quiet week. A couple of inches more rain came down this week but had no impact on the lake level.

Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 3/14/21

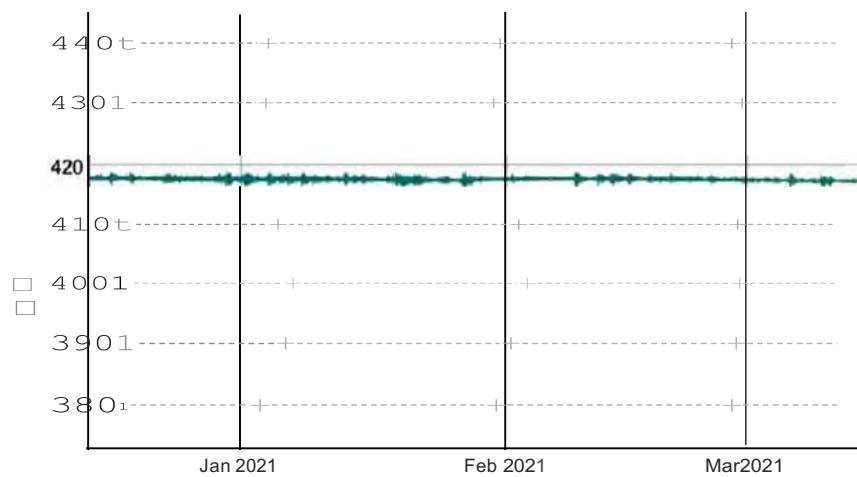
Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. The level is now at 417.6 feet, 22.4 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall has reached 8.5 inches at Monticello Dam and 7.9 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30).

Last year at this time the level was at 432.8 feet, 7.2 feet below Glory Hole, and rainfall had reached 8.9 inches at the dam. Although the rainfall total last year at this time (8.9 inches) was about the same as this year (8.5 inches), the lake had topped Glory Hole last year so the lake had started at a higher level.

This is also the second lowest rainfall by Jan.1 in the past 24 years. The only lower total was January 1, 2014 at 1.88 inches. That year the total rainfall reached 13.69 inches at the dam and the highest level the lake reached was 415.7 feet, 24.3 feet below Glory Hole. This was during the 10 year drought that ended in 2017.

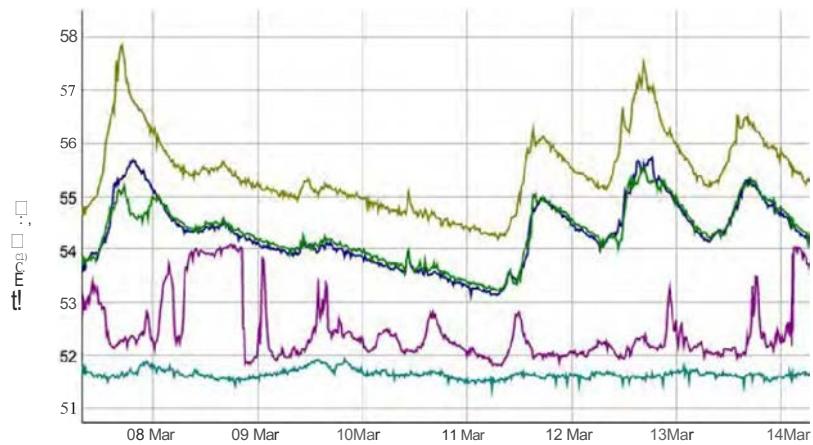
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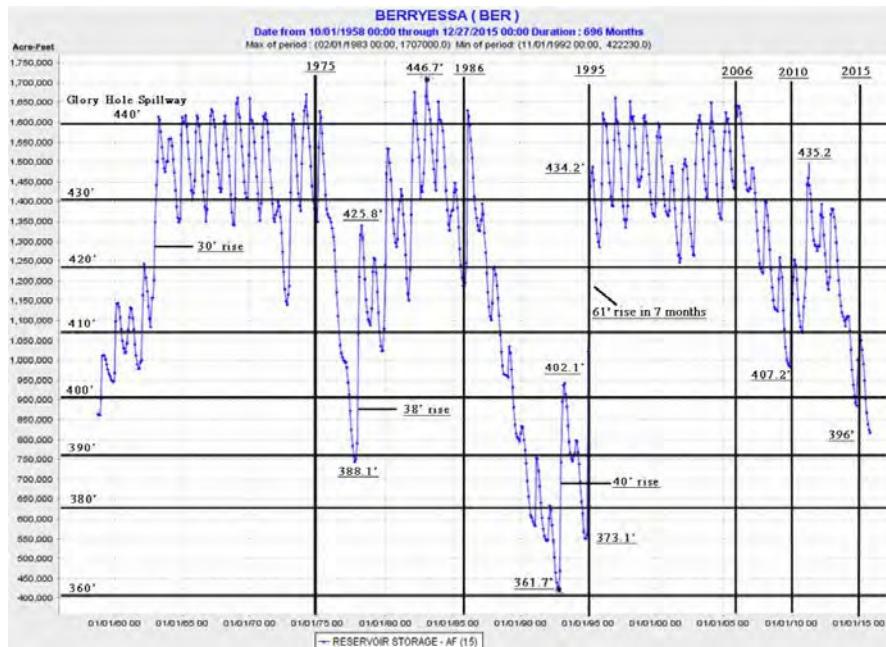
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Napa County Lake Berryessa Bid Evaluation Process:
Bids Are Now Being Evaluated

The Lake Berryessa News believes the RFP bid results appear positive, but questioned why the public could not be told how many bids were submitted for each resort without identifying the bidders by name?

The County responded with an excerpt from their policy: Section 8-1.7 (b) states: Because RFPs are negotiable, they will not be opened in public, and proposal content and evaluation information will only be made available after an award recommendation has been made.

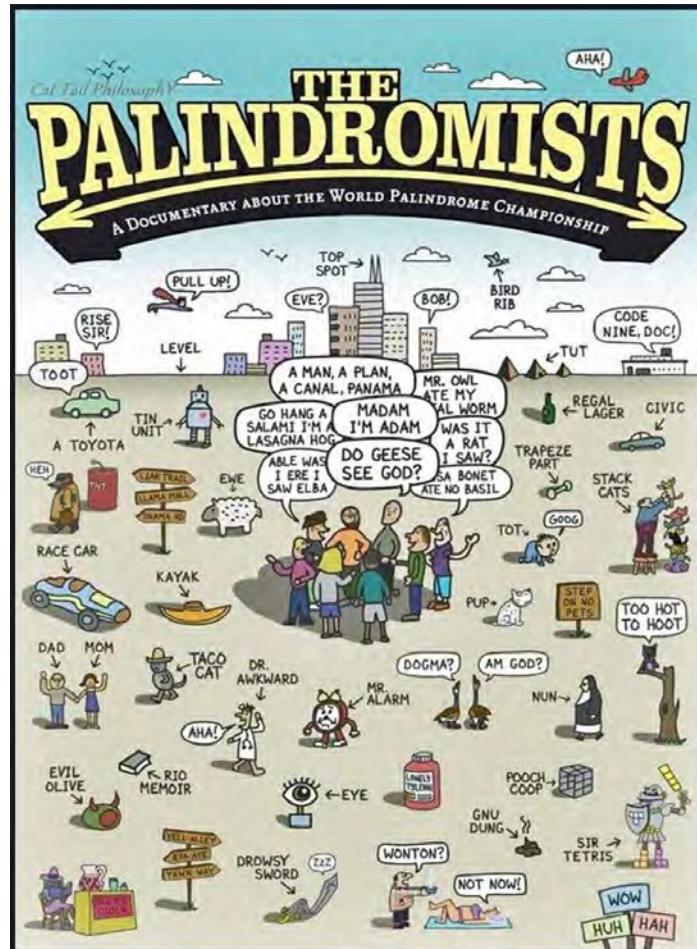
The County added: "Consistent with past practice, the County does consider that information as proposal content. We will make sure we contact you proactively as soon as we can. As we get a better idea of the timeline, we will keep you apprised. We are committed to this being a transparent public process."

The Lake Berryessa News also asked: "Who are the members (or at least the qualifications) of the evaluation committee?"

The County responded: "The names of the individuals will be made public later in the process and we will make sure you get that information. The reason we make the names public later in the RFP cycle is so that evaluation committee members are not lobbied by the competing firms prior to arriving at a recommendation for award. The evaluation committee is made up of senior representatives from Public Works, Sheriff's office, Purchasing, CEO's office and a contracted technical/subject matter expert."

What's a Palindrome You Say?

Perhaps this illustration can help.



The 20 for 21 program is still active.

If you like the Lake Berryessa News please send a donation check of \$20 (or more if you feel so inclined) made out to Peter Kilkus (not the Lake Berryessa News) and mail it to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. You can stick a crinkly old \$20 bill in an envelope with your information and send it to the same address. I have both a Paypal and a Venmo Account if that is more convenient for you.

As an added incentive I will send all donors a couple of the newly-designed Lake Berryessa News stickers to show your support for the Lake Berryessa News and the revitalization of Lake Berryessa. Put them on your car window or your forehead as you desire.

Peter



Sticker Fun, Not Sticker Shock

Let's have some fun with the Lake Berryessa News sticker. This may be the year that the history of the New Lake Berryessa begins! You can download the sticker here or from the Lake Berryessa News website:

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/miscellaneous/lake-berryessa-news-sticker.html>

Photoshop it (or whatever photo editing software you use) in imaginative settings promoting the wonders of Lake Berryessa. Neither this email software nor my website software allow attaching Photoshop .psd files so you'll need to eliminate the corners of the image to get the pure oval. You can also remove the white interior to get a transparent version of the sticker.

The photo below shows a promo shot for my possible new tourism business venture, Big Island Blimps! Send your photos to pkilkus@gmail.com and I'll post them. Send your address and there may be a couple of stickers in your future.





New 2021 Advertiser

Jeff Parady of Pope Valley Repair and Towing is our second new ad (after long time advertiser Amber Payne Realty) of the 2021 advertising season just getting started. Jeff is the trainer of the Titanic Tow Truck that has helped so many people in the Lake Berryessa Region over the years. He's gotten me out of a couple of jams (of my own making). The tow truck of choice for Lake Berryessa. Also his repair facility is in the heart of Pope Valley within easy reach of the Berryessa Pines and the north lake area.

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An incorrect use of words - particularly replacing one word with another word that sounds similar but has a different meaning - possibly fuelled by a deep-seeded desire to sound more educated, which results in an attempt to pawn off an incorrect word in place of a correct one. In academia, such flaunting of common social norms is seen as almost sorted and might result in the offender becoming a pariah, in the Monday world, after all is set and done, such a minor era will often leave normal people unphased. This is just as well sense people of that elk are unlikely to tow the line regardless of any attempt to better educate them. A small percentage, however, suffer from severe acyrologia, and it is their upmost desire to see English used

properly. Exposure may cause them symptoms that may resemble post-dramatic stress disorder and, eventually, descend into whole-scale outrage as they go star-craving mad. Eventually, they will succumb to the stings and arrows of such a barrage, and suffer a complete mental breakdown, leaving them curled up in the feeble position.

Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall Status as of 3/12/21

Our Center sustained fire damage last August. It is still being repaired as I write this. The garage building structure was repaired, stuccoed, painted and a new roof put on. The inside of the building was completely cleaned and painted. The outside of the building is being repaired, cleaned and painted. The roof on the patio is being replaced, and half of the main building roof will have to be replaced. The heating and cooling systems are being replaced, plants and drip system being replaced and more!

We have not been able to use the building due to the fire damage. I will keep you updated on the repair progress.

A few of our members have made very generous donations. We thank them very much. Our expenses for insurance and utilities do not stop so we are having a difficult time with no income from the events that we would normally have. Unfortunately there will be no crab feed this year as the building repair is still not completed.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. You can send a donation for the center to the address below, but make the checks out to the Berryessa Senior Center. Thank you in advance to all those who can help out their Center. Thank you for your support,

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This one's for RoseAnn!



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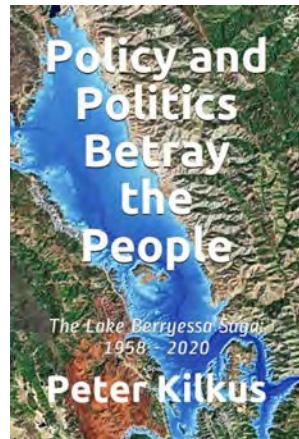
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 What if sleeping dogs told the truth?
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 What if I hadn't turned the tables on her?
 What if at the end of the day and you do the math, it isn't what it is?
 What if there were no what ifs and only why not!
 What if the time warp isn't just a jump to the left?
 What if the fifth dentist recommended sugarless gum.
 If god were to sneeze, what would we say?
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 What if a stitch in time doesn't save nine?
 What if an apple a day didn't keep the doctor away?
 What if I'm not walking on eggshells anymore?
 What if the sauce in a Big Mac wasn't special?
 What if this too, won't pass...?
 What if where there's a will there isn't a way?
 What if today is not the first day of the rest of your life?
 What was the greatest thing BEFORE sliced bread?
 If there were no chickens what would everything taste like?
 What if, at first you did succeed?
 What if a stitch in time only saved 2?
 What if a football team only went "the whole 9 yards"?
 What if rolling stones DID gather moss?
 What if a cat didn't have nine lives?
 What if the chicken stayed on his side of the road?
 What if truth be NOT told?
 What if time swims?
 What if tomorrow wasn't going to be another day?
 What if the sun shines and you can't make hay?

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ed about the same frequency.

here are multiple fools in the world for which April Fools' Day is their holiday. Following this same logic would also explain why the holiday is sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day because there are many, many fools and this is their day. But like Father's Day, April Fool's Day can be a holiday directed at individuals.

Lake Berryessa News Proposes April be declared April Fools' Month.

Because there are so many, many fools and their stories out there, they should be given the honor of a full month of publicity.



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protect and rebuild the Lake Berryessa community, you know that some people find the truth too confining. Some of these types of folks were instrumental in creating "The Big Lie" about Lake Berryessa which helped bring about the present situation out here.

The Oxford Dictionary announced several years ago that "post-truth" was its 2016 word of the year. The word is "an adjective defined as 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.'" The word has been around for a few decades or so, but there has been a spike in usage since the period before the 2016 American presidential election. That sounds about right.

Feelings, identifications, anxieties and fantasies, that's what actuated the electorate. Not arguments. Not facts.

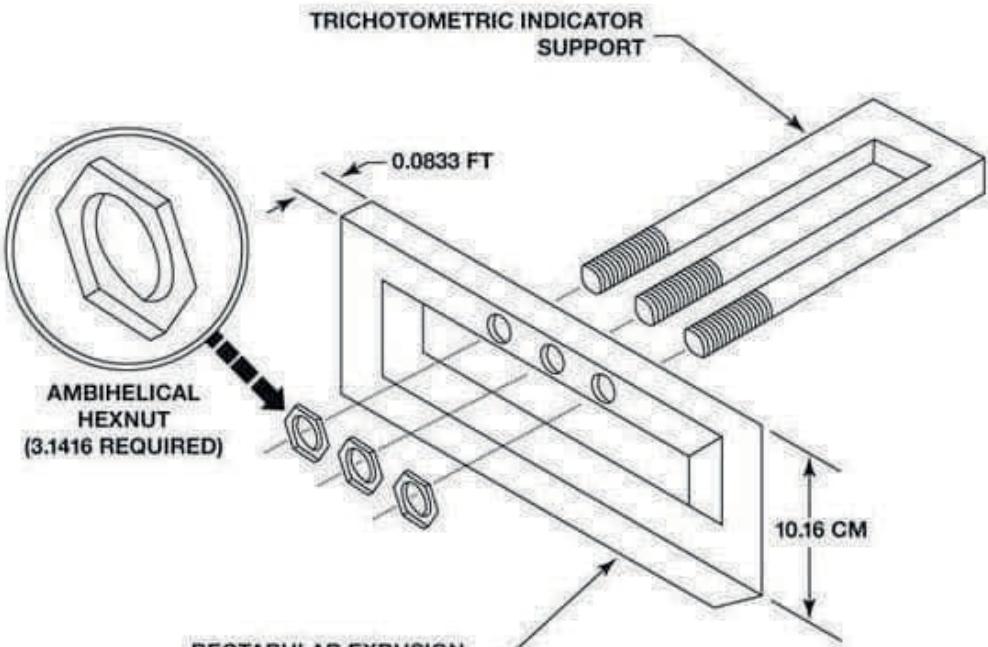
Post-Truth links nicely as an extension of the word Truthiness. Truthiness is a quality characterizing a "truth" that a person making an argument or assertion claims to know intuitively "from the gut" or because it "feels right" without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual examination, or facts. Truthiness refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

Scoop Nisker was a longtime fixture on San Francisco radio station KFOG during hippie times and after. He became well known for the catchphrase, "If you don't like the news... go out and make some of your own,"

Today his catchphrase would probably have to be "If you don't like the news... go out and make up some of your own."

"It's hard to win an argument with a smart person, but it's damn near impossible to win an argument with a stupid person." Bill Murray

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is my favorite issue of the year because it allows me to express some of my opinions without being too offensive. Sometimes satire is so close to reality that the satire simply escapes the uneducated and ignorant. And satire usually escapes the profoundly stupid. How can someone understand a joke about the moronic beliefs of Anon when they are already pickled in the jar of those fantasies and have no skill in critical thinking?

St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

though April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools Day, the date has also become a holy day for some organizations such as the Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco. Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade.

Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude trumping over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.)

though April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public, as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

Are Some People Just Ignorant or Actually Stupid (Combo Anyone)?

What level of a mental black hole in the brain does it take to consciously slather gorilla glue over your hair and plaster it permanently to your scalp? Science has at least one subject to study.

The intrinsic difference between ignorance and stupidity is that ignorance simply implies lack of awareness about something while stupidity denotes the inability of a person to be aware of something.

The dictionary says “ignorance” is “lack of knowledge or information,” while “stupidity” is “behavior that shows a lack of good sense or judgment” or “the quality of being stupid or unintelligent.” Ignorant means lacking

“Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege.”

“Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity.” -Anonymous

“Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.” -Albert Einstein

“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kids now speak this language... “Oh, and I’m like, so happy to like, be here! And he’s like, really cute”. Teachers have coined the phrase “Like Latin” to describe this language.

The biggest cause of trouble in the world today is: the stupid people are so sure about things, and the intelligent folks are so full of doubts. -- Bertrand Russell

As you may imagine I get a lot of strange comments on my Facebook page and in emails. One of the saddest from 2010 still haunts me. It was discussing a recent drowning at Oak Shores. I never found out who this was, or if it were a prank, but it is illustrative, even if intended satirically:

amcyngirl said on March 21, 2010

It’s unfortunate that this ever happened! Lake Barryessa has

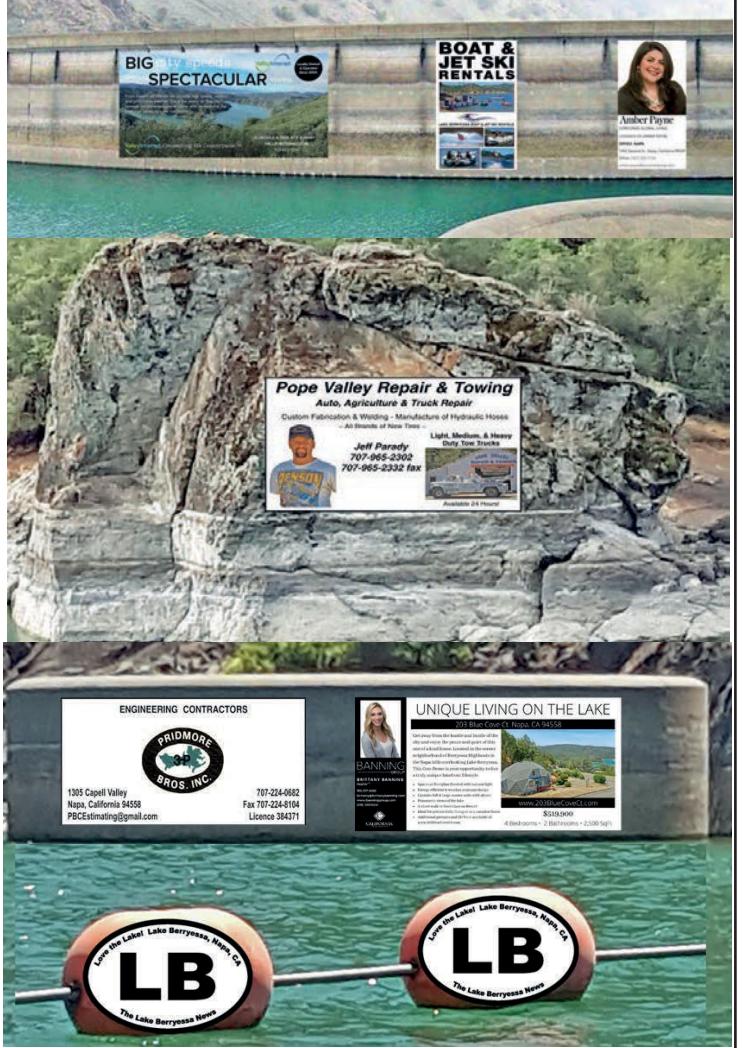
“Dont want to scare people from going there”.

What I think the reason is for all the casualties at Lake Barryessa is the simple fact that the lake is angrily haunted and very hungry. I am aware of the existing town that was flooded and the cemetery which remains under water. There seems to be angry energy destroying many happy peoples lives in retaliation.

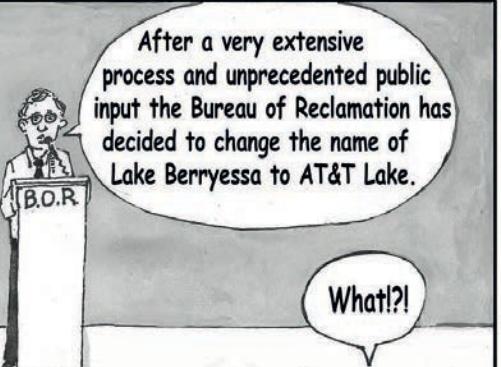
I forbid my children to go there and avoid the area completely. As beautiful as it appears, it is very hungry, waiting for an opportunity to take another life...and more! Why doesn’t the Register do a census or statistic on the casualties at that lake instead! Save a life!



where the BOR will sell advertising space on iconic structures at Lake Berryessa including Monticello Dam, Glory Hole, Jumping Rock and others. To avoid any criticism they will use environmentally-acceptable paints. Examples below.



NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



unfolded of the universe. You're just stupid.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Ultimately there will be nothing your friends can do for you, putting you in a position requiring more competent friends.

Aries (3/21-4/19): This week will bring you a healthy, fulfilling romance in the workplace. That will motivate you to get a real job.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): No one will be able to figure out your enigmatic last words, and the fact that you'll live in silence for three more years after uttering them makes that somehow cooler.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): Travel and adventure are in your future as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay a step ahead of the law.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You've always said that if you were king, you'd make college free, but there won't be time between your coronation, the palace coup, and the beheading.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Remember: If you give in to the impulses to do whatever you want with your life, you'll become one of those happy, satisfied people you resent so much.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enough about you. This week, Virgo will be unable to shake the feeling that you never listen to her.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll discover a great new diet that lets you eat whatever you want while ballooning up to 450 sexy, sexy pounds.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will find yourself lost in a strange new world in which the hairless, vaguely simian natives seem to be trying to communicate with you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any worse, the stars confirm that you are correct and it is pretty much as bad as possible.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Everyone thinks you're making a hilarious reference, undermining your efforts to warn everyone that the alien manifesto is a cookbook.

wanted, but water rolls off it like "off a duck's back". And you never have to worry again about bumping your head if you are distracted and walk into a wall. A special "Brain Dead" option increases overall safety bounciness for the chronically stupid. A single application protects your head like a football linebacker's helmet!



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Push on a Rope (Team Building Exercise)

signed to give insight into deflecting criticism from local community groups.

all groups will tie a rope to an object on a table and all push the rope to see how far and fast they can move the object.
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Paper Bag Punch (Individual Exercise)

signed to give insight into deflecting criticism from individual community members. Staff members are covered in a custom-designed large paper bag and directed to punch their way out.

ocal example: Entice a local community member or community group (see "Push On A Rope exercise described above) to assist in developing a strategy for the creation of a local program to establish guidelines for future strategic planning sessions which encourage local participation in formation-gathering activities which further the goals of a strategic plan, yet to be scheduled, to develop positive alternatives for future action.

Sincerity Seminar (Senior Staff)

signed to give upper level managers insight into deflecting criticism from local Boards and Commissions

members will practice speaking before simulated Board of supervisors meetings. This intensive seminar will focus on the importance of feigned politeness and respect, the ability to bring together several misleading assurances of future results, and the importance of a simulated self-deprecating tone while admitting past errors in judgment. Includes a review of successful video exchanges.

ocal examples: Presentations by Bureau of Reclamation area Manager, Mike "Seamless Transition" Finnegan before several meetings of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive

expected to help cows relax by offering them sun-filled summer views of green pastures. The VR goggles have been specially made to help them relax in order to produce more milk. In order to develop the simulation, researchers considered what contributed to a positive emotional state for cows.

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So why should I/we worry? Because of history. Spanish philosopher George Santayana is credited with the aphorism, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." We must not forget the history of how Lake Berryessa got into the present predicament. That's why I wrote my book, Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020..

One of my unanswered questions has always been why, when they worked so hard to install Pensus as the concessioner for all the lake resorts in 2010, did Reclamation immediately begin to harass them over their proposed development plans. Was it the inherent bureautocracy element - bureaucratic ego, a belief that a federal government agency is more important to our small piece of the country than the local county officials, or just the perverse joy of exerting power behind the cloak of policy?

How would the past apply today? Reclamation could claim they have the right to approve the County's choice of concessioner. They could request documents, memos, and reports from the County to which they (Reclamation) also have no right per the MPA. More damaging would be unnecessarily delaying approval of County planning requests - a tactic they used against Pensus.

Some excerpts from the MPA:

Reclamation hereby transfers to Napa County and Napa County hereby accepts Management of the Concession Area as defined in this agreement for the benefit of the public pursuant to this Agreement.

"Concessionaire" or "Concession Contractor" is the entity that Napa County enters into an agreement for the operation of a Concession within the Concession Areas for the purpose of providing visitor services.

"Concession Area Plan" means the plans created by Napa County that apply to the specific Concession Areas, and consistent with Napa County's Planning Standards.

The Bureautocracy of Reclamation Unilaterally Creates "New No Wake Zone"

With no public input nor documented justification, Wrecklamation has relocated No Wake buoys

ould the Board of Supervisors approve the proposal, possibly on June 8, the company could install the early fire detection poles by mid-October. Sonoma County is year announced it would begin using artificial intelligence technology to detect possible fire outbreaks. Using a federal grant, it will add the technology to existing Sonoma County ALERTWildfire cameras.

Surprisingly, the community group Napa Neighborhood Association for Safe Technology objected to the potential of increased wireless radiation from telecommunication poles stating they would increase health risks despite more than 5 years of scientific evaluation concluding the opposite.

recent FDA report, "Scientific Evidence for Cell Phone Safety" (2/10/20), www.fda.gov/radiation-emitting-products/cell-phones/scientific-evidence-cell-phones-safety) stated "To date, there is no consistent or credible scientific evidence of health problems caused by the exposure to radio frequency energy emitted by cell phones" - and by extrapolation - other EMF-emitting equipment like wi-fi or telecom antennas. The level of emissions is so low that no negative physical effects have been documented in more than 25 years of research.

An analogy would be that of sunlight compared to moonlight. You can get a sunburn, if you cannot get a moonburn!

Napa County Declines Fire Boss Planes for the 2021 Wildfire Season

After hearing from Cal Fire, Napa County will forego an offer from a private group

planes and crew from Dauntless Air. But in the face of Cal Fire opposition, the Napa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday rejected the offer for now.

The county contracts with Cal Fire to operate the Napa County Fire Department. Cal Fire officials said their own water-dropping helicopters hold more water than the single-engine Fire Boss scooper planes and can refill from smaller reservoirs. The two Fire Boss planes might slow and complicate the helicopter response, Cal Fire said.

A plane equipped with Fire Boss water apparatus can hold up to 800 gallons to dump on a fire. Growers/Vintners for Responsible Agriculture made the \$1.5 million offer in the wake of wildfires that since 2017 have burned about half the county and destroyed about 1,500 structures.

Cal Fire earlier this month announced it will base a helicopter in Napa County capable of dropping 1,000 gallons of water on a fire and then scoop more out of local reservoirs. It will also add 46 people to staff a 24-hour fire crew. The cost is \$3 million.



An Air Tractor 802, with the Fire Boss water system attached.

It is equipped with pontoons, allowing it to land on open water to refill the tank.

Gone But Not Forgotten: Global Supertanker Grounded and Up For Sale

The awesome spectacle of a Jumbo Jet riding through the Lake Berryessa valleys at low-level, before dumping more than 17,000 gallons of bright red retardant over a blazing Lake Berryessa forest could be consigned to history as of now. The unique Boeing 747 Supertanker has been grounded, for the time being at least, after the investment group that owns the single aircraft decided to cease operations. This is extremely disappointing as the aircraft has been configured and tuned with a new digital cockpit system and other upgrades to make it more safe and efficient. The news comes following the worst wildfire season in California's history with the most acres ever burned. The Supertanker was used 119 times in 2020 just in California alone.

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Usually made of wood heated until it's almost pure carbon. Pull the pin, and the fuse will set it smoldering: When combined with potassium nitrate, charcoal is easy to ignite.

Potassium nitrate

Aka saltpeter, it gives off great quantities of oxygen when it burns, feeding the fire. Plants need potassium and nitrogen, so KNO_3 has been used in fertilizer for centuries. The stuff used to come from bat poop or livestock pee, but today it can be made from ammonia.

Silicon

As the potassium nitrate and charcoal burn, elemental silicon is converted into tiny droplets of 2,500-degree silicon dioxide (aka superhot glass), which then spatters onto the other ingredients and ignites them.

Sucrose

Fuel for the fire. Sugar melts at 370 degrees Fahrenheit, a relatively low temperature that heats and vaporizes the tear-making chemical without destroying it. An oxidizer will help keep combustion going.

Potassium chlorate

An oxidizer. When heated, KClO_3 releases copious amounts of pure oxygen. It also breaks down into potassium chloride, which makes up some of the smoke from the grenade.

Magnesium carbonate

Potassium chlorate does not get along with acid (the mixture is explosive). This stuff, found in laxatives, fire extinguishers, and pool cue chalk, keeps pH levels slightly basic, neutralizing any acidic content caused by chemical impurities or moisture. When heated, it gives off CO_2 , further dispersing the tear gas.

O-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile

A lachrymator, meaning it produces tears. It also causes that burning sensation in the nose and throat and on the skin. As little as 4 milligrams per cubic meter will disperse unruly crowds. It's believed that a lethal dose is around 25 grams per cubic meter.

Nitrocellulose

Some grades of nitrocellulose, like guncotton, are explosives. Others are lacquers that might provide the finish on, say, a vintage guitar.

faithful American, you don't really want to watch anything that's on TV right now.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The stars are happy to announce that starting next week you will pay your zodiac bill on time, if you know what's good for you.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You're not getting any younger, which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions."

Taurus (4/20-5/20): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): 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.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): 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 (7/23-8/22): 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.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): If there is more to life than fishing, you don't want to know what it is. This will help explain your death from malnutrition and dehydration next week.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will be shocked to learn that, due to a legal fluke, your long-term houseguest is now your common-law wife.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Financial experts know that a number of factors are to blame for the downturn, but they won't be able to shake the hunch that it was all your fault somehow.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your uniqueness as a human being is threatened when you find a person who enjoys ham just as much as you do.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): No matter how bad things get, you will always be able to find a



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I see you have set aside this special time to publicly humiliate yourself.

I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.

Ahhh, I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.

I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.

You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.

I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't give a damn. I am already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.

I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.

Thanks! We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.

What am I? Flypaper for freaks?

I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.

It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of karma to burn off.

Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.

I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

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I'll try being nicer if you try being smarter.

Chaos, panic and disorder. My work here is finally done.

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ture that transpired in 2020, the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council (BHFSC) turned the age into 2021, with a push to get back to living at beautiful Lake Berryessa the only way they now know. By helping the neighborhood get more ready than ever for the next fire season.

Utilizing a \$60,000 grant from California Fire Safe Council, the BHFSC brought in a work crew for 30 days and detailed 30 acres of shaded fuel break. The work was focused in 3 areas of vacant private property around homes along the West and North areas of the neighborhood. The effort resulted in the cutting, piling, and burning off about 100 truckloads of brush in over 225 burn piles. The work stretched along Steele Canyon Road from the beginning of the neighborhood to the end, reinforcing the community's evacuation route, while also preparing for fires starting along the shores of Lake Berryessa. "Homeowners are responsible for their first 100', and we get



to use the grant money to help increase that defensible space zone, to help the homes in the immediate area, and help protect the entire community", stated Volunteer Project Coordinator Evan Kilkus at a recent meeting. "It is an amazing thing to be able to manage hundreds of acres around the neighborhood, clean them up, and make them more wildfire resistant."

Additionally, a Community Wildfire Preparedness Meeting was held with 25 neighbors in attendance. The goal of this community outreach was to ask all homeowners to "please remove their overgrown landscaping vegetation from around their home". From where the meeting was held near the top of Rimrock Road, residents saw vacant lots where homes once stood, and they saw over a dozen homes still standing, thanks to defensible space and firefighting efforts. "Defensible space works", stated Kilkus. "You just have to do it!"

The BHFSC has been organizing defensible space project work like this since 2011, overseeing over 300 days of work just a little at a time, and improving hundreds of acres of land around the neighborhood. The fire breaks and defensible space made it possible for firefighters and residents to put up a fight and save the as many homes as they could in the neighborhood in 2020. To continue these efforts in the future, a large effort has been made by Napa Communities Firewise Foundation and Napa County Fire/CAL Fire to identify more projects around the county, and fund them. The Napa County Board of Supervisors has committed to fund \$5,000,000 for the first years worth of work, which will include projects around Circle Oaks, the Berryessa Estates, and the Berryessa Highlands.



roadsides for enhanced safety of evacuees and the ingress of first responders is one of CAL FIRE's top priorities for vegetation management. The LNU Lightning Complex and Glass fire were both deemed natural disaster areas. With expedited CEQA analysis, NCFF could start work of fuels treatments. Napa Firewise has mapped these qualified roadways to begin obtaining landowner approval for work once funding is obtained. This project will be started from April to June 30, 2021.

2. Subdivision fuel break in the Circle Oaks community (\$1 million) Circle Oaks experienced two near-miss fires in both 2017 and 2020. The fuel loading surrounding the subdivision and interior lands between the homes has not burned and treatments are desperately needed. This includes a large perimeter fuel break encompassing the Circle Oaks community. This project will be started from April to June 30, 2021.

3. Environmental studies (\$400K) Fuel reduction projects are required to undergo large amounts of environment studies prior to work, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), being one major component. The CAL FIRE Vegetation Treatment Programmatic EIR (Cal VTP EIR) streamlines analysis will be used, but even with this product, studies are conducted by private industry firm's at large costs. NCFF would use leverage the Cal VTP EIR to facilitate CEQA review. This project will be started from April to June 30, 2021.

4. Angwin subdivision fuel breaks in the Linda Falls Terrace and Rancho Lajota (\$1 million) These two fuel breaks would provide greater opportunities for fire suppression on the South West slopes of Angwin. Any established wildland fire in these geographical areas will amount to catastrophic damage of the Angwin community.

5. Angwin subdivision fuel break along Pacific Union College Forest ridgeline (\$1 million) The Pacific Union college owns 1,366 acres of forested land on the South Eastern side of Angwin. This rural town was narrowly spared during the 2020 Napa wildfires and is home to nearly 4,000 residents. Napa Firewise, Napa County Fire and CAL FIRE have identified this ridgeline fuel break project as a crucial defense mechanism in protecting Angwin from future wildland fires.

6. Subdivision fuel break in the Berryessa Highlands community (\$850k) Berryessa Highlands was heavily impacted during the 2020 Lightning Complex and this region consists of steep slopes and grassy oak woodlands. The rapid fuel growth of annual grasses will present similar problems during fire season 2021. A subdivision fuel break is needed for the entire perimeter of Berryessa Highlands. With expedited CEQA analysis, NCFF would construct strategic fuel breaks to support fire suppression.





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in Lake Berryessa and keep it a project. With no giving details, Board of Supervisors Chairperson Alfredo Pedroza struck an upbeat tone. "We're very fortunate to be in this moment of time when people want to do business here," Pedroza said. "We have to make sure it's not short-term, that it's sustainable."

The County agenda for the Berryessa project closed sessions identifies the negotiating party only as the "firm to be selected." The person/entity the Board of Supervisors selects will be publicly identified, as well as other respondents, the county said. "However, at this stage, the law is intended to protect and maintain the leverage the county has going into negotiations with some or all of the respondents, so the Board can arrive at the best price and terms of payment for the public," the County statement said.

Supervisors know the names of the parties with whom the county is negotiating, but have been instructed to keep the information confidential. Napa County is overseeing redevelopment and operations for the Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon, and Monticello Shores resorts, which are on federally owned land. That involves selecting concessionaires to do the work.

The county is waiting for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to say proposals from prospective concessionaires comply with Bureau requirements. Next, the County Board of Supervisors will give direction on negotiations.

Before the Board of Supervisors votes on a staff recommendation, the county will reveal the names of all respondents. Supervisors will consider the staff recommendation in public session before giving final approval.

"I've never been more optimistic than now about Lake Berryessa," Pedroza said. "I'm very excited about the future of the lake, of having economic development that is sustainable, that works for Napa County and Lake Berryessa residents."

And for you language expert cat lovers out there!

An Englishman, Frenchmen, and Spaniard were racing their cats on paper boats in Lake Berryessa. They each name their cat the same in each language. The Englishman names his cat "One Two Three". The Frenchman names his "Un Deux Trois". The Spaniard names his "Uno Dos Tres". The race begins, and Uno Dos Tres wins, with One Two Three at second place. The Frenchman's cat is nowhere to be found.

After searching, the Frenchman comes to a conclusion. He goes to the other men, and says,

"The Un Deux Trois cat sank!"

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What Side Are You On?

A lost hiker is on one side of a raging river when he sees a buddhist monk on the other side. There are no bridges. He has no boat. He shouts out to the monk on the opposite bank, "How do I get to the other side?"

CHP H-30 is conducting joint agency water training with Napa County Sheriff's Office, Vacaville Fire Dept, Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Station, AMR Napa County, CAL FIRE/Napa County Fire Department at Lake Berryessa. Great training to prepare us for the traditional busy summer at Lake Berryessa.



Sheriff's Land Based Services

In addition to the Marine Patrol, deputies are assigned to provide typical land based law enforcement services to the areas surrounding Lake Berryessa.

Two of the "land" deputies assigned to the Lake Berryessa area are assigned through a contract with the federal Bureau of Reclamation to maintain a visible presence and provide services specifically to the B.O.R. controlled areas.

These deputies use a Community Oriented method of policing in that they invest their time into developing and maintaining collaborative relationships with community stakeholders to provide an exceptional level of service.

relatively flat, the boat was smooth and powerful, the ride was a delight. I'm sure that this is an experience enjoyed by many Lake Berryessa lovers over the years. But this was not a pleasure trip. I was riding along with Sergeant Jon Thompson, head of the Marine Patrol Division of the Napa County Sheriff's Office and another deputy on a high speed run to the Putah Canyon Recreation Area launch ramp. They had just received a report of a possible domestic violence incident.

The Sheriff's Department is responsibly planning for the future. As Sergeant Thomson pointed out, the number of people buying new boats due to the pandemic is skyrocketing. There are waiting lists for new boat availability and it is difficult to find used boats. Folsom Lake is going dry as is Lake Sonoma.

Thus, the number of new, inexperienced boaters coming to Lake Berryessa will be higher than ever, putting additional boating pressure on the whole lake. Sergeant Thompson explained that the Marine Patrol's objective is safety through education.

When I arrived at the Steele Canyon launch ramp I noticed a boat out in the middle of the cove doing white wake acrobatics. As I watched the Sheriff's boat coming to pick me up, it stopped and confronted the subject boat.

Sergeant Thompson explained that they had just made a DUI stop and one of the passengers had an injured arm. We towed the DUI offender back to the Capell launch ramp. The Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department and local CalFire resources had been notified and were waiting for us at the ramp to attend to the injured person.

At the same time the Sheriff received a call about a possible domestic violence incident at the Putah Canyon Recreation Area launch ramp which led to our high speed trip to the north end of the lake. When we arrived we found a young woman curled up at the end of one of the launch ramp loading docks.

A few minutes later a Sheriff's SUV and the same CalFire truck we had just left at the Capell launch arrived and the EMT personnel began checking the woman's vital signs. Finally she was carried off the ramp up to the shade of the CalFire truck crying and screaming as if in pain. After several more minutes an ambulance arrived. The activity I witnessed was very impressive. Eight

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was feeling particularly snitty about Himself that day.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your life will continue on pretty much the way it always has.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You will soon embark on a long journey over water by night, which will be extremely romantic until you figure out how low the pilot is flying.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): This week, you'll gain employment in a strange office in which everyone is happy, no one makes irritating small talk about reality TV, and the work is challenging and rewarding.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Your life will be cut tragically short next week by the untimely discovery that your breadmaker can also be used to make doughnuts

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Love flickers, love fades, and love can gutter and die, but love is still better than those irritating compact fluorescent bulbs.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You claim to be a champion of truth and beauty, but you still can't name three poems by Dean Young.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Future archaeologists will find your desiccated skeleton exactly where you starved, midway between two 64-ounce bags of Bugles.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You may be heartbroken, but you can no more stop him from leaving than you can stop the toaster from falling into your bathtub Thursday.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): It's time you learned to treat people as individuals instead of mathematically predictable members of an aggregate set, no matter how well that works.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): On a dark night this week, the men in lab coats will once more come for you, but it's just because they left one of their lab coats at your place last time.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The stars had

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January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years

or younger

January 1, 2022 Persons 45 or younger

January 1, 2023 Persons 50 or younger

January 1, 2024 Persons 60 or younger

January 1, 2025 Everyone of any age.

California Boater Kits Available at Lake Berryessa Boat Launches

Boaters visiting Lake Berryessa can now receive their free 2021 California Boater Kit from staff interning with Solano Resource Conservation District's Boater Outreach Program. This years' boater kits, include oil absorbents and fuel bibs, a West Marine coupon, pamphlets, and other resources about clean and safe boating practices.

Solano Resource Conservation District staff will continue distributing the boater kits primarily on the weekends until Labor Day. Over the past 13 years, the Boater Outreach Program's staff have taught more than 67,000 boaters about keeping Lake Berryessa and Solano County waterways clean from oil, fuel, sewage, and marine debris.

The program focuses on raising awareness about clean boating practices through an educational survey and by distributing the California boater kits. The program is also committed to getting eligible boaters to install the oil absorbent from the boater kit in their boat's bilge compartment.

Oil absorbents are designed to absorb oil and repel water, and can be returned for oil recycling curbside in some cities, at a local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility, or at an oil absorbent exchange station located at Lake Berryessa.

A. Within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, it is unlawful for any person:

To pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit, cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate, injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, fence, structure or improvement of any kind, unless an employee of the county or an employee of the bureau while in the performance of official duties or unless authorized by special permit by the bureau;

Unless authorized by the bureau, to cut, remove, paint, mark, paste or fasten to any tree, fence, wall, rock, building, monument or other object within the Berryessa Lake and Park area any bill, advertisement or inscription;

Unless authorized by the bureau, to dig up, remove any dirt, stones, rocks or other substance whatever, make any excavation, carry any stone, or lay or set off any blast within the Berryessa Lake or Park area. Any proposed blasting must first be submitted and receive approval from the county;

To leave or abandon in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except in receptacles designated for that purpose by the bureau, man or animal waste, cans, bottles, waste paper, broken glass or other rubbish or garbage;

To light, build or maintain in the Berryessa Lake and Park area any open fire, with the following exceptions:

When a written permit has been obtained from the bureau,

When fires are maintained in fireplaces, stoves or other facilities provided and designated for that purpose by the bureau,

When fires are in oil or gasoline stoves or gas grills in camps and picnic areas maintained and designated by the bureau;

To bring any dog or cat or any domestic animal into the Berryessa Lake or Park area kept on a leash;

To ride, drive, lead or keep a horse or other

animal in, upon or near the shoreline of such tree or shrub. This subsection shall not apply to the use of horses for law enforcement purposes, or if prior approval has been obtained through issuance of a special permit by the bureau;

8. To pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill any bird, mammal or reptile or to attempt to pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill, or to disturb any bird, mammal or reptile's habitat in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, unless certain areas are designated from time to time to be hunting areas by the bureau and the California Department of Fish and Game;

9. To operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour on any road in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, other than upon state or county highways, unless otherwise posted;

10. To operate any vehicle within the Berryessa Lake and Park area except upon roads and thoroughfares and areas designated for such purpose by the bureau;

11. To sell, peddle or to offer for sale any food, liquids, edibles for human consumption, or any goods, wares, services or merchandise within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except under permit issued by the bureau, and subject to such laws and regulations as may now or hereafter exist, promulgated by the board of supervisors of the county, the director of public health, or the director of environmental health of the county;

12. To camp in any portion of the Berryessa Lake and Park area other than in areas designated for such purpose by the bureau, unless authorized by special permit by the bureau;

13. To wade, swim, bathe, operate a boat or water ski within one thousand five hundred feet of Monticello Dam;

14. To operate a boat or pass through any

area of water;

16. To enter any areas of the Berryessa Lake and Park area which are closed to entry by the bureau, and posted against trespassing in accordance with the provisions of Section 602 of the California Penal Code;

17. To carry and possess any firearms in the Berryessa Lake and Park area without a valid concealed weapons permit or a permit issued by the bureau;

18. To destroy, injure, deface, remove and/or alter public property, including but not limited to developed facilities, natural formations, gravel, mud, sand, mineral deposits, designated historical or archaeological features, except when in accordance with written permission from the bureau;

19. To cut down or remove live trees, or gather wood, without the written permission of the bureau;

20. To bring into the Berryessa Lake and Park area any household or commercial garbage, trash, rubbish, debris, dead animal(s) or litter of any kind for disposal or dumping without the written permission of the bureau;

21. To engage in the sport or activity of parasailing on Lake Berryessa in the following areas:

a. Within one thousand feet of any powerline, or

b. As posted on at least two signs on shore or on buoys in or near the prohibited area, or

c. Within two thousand feet of Monticello Dam.

22. To park any vehicle in a fire lane, in a red zone, or in any other area that is not a designated parking area within the Berryessa Lake and Park area;

23. To bring any glass containers to the day use facilities at Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park areas;

24. To jump from any bridge, pier, or

B. Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this section, other than provisions relating to the parking of vehicles, may be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction pursuant to Section 17 et seq. of the California Penal Code, and Government Code Section 25132.

12.08.040 Boats and other vessels

Operation restrictions.

A. No person shall operate or navigate any commercial motorboat carrying passengers for hire on or around the Berryessa Lake and Park area unless licensed in accordance with law. Authorization must also be obtained from the bureau prior to engaging in such activities.

B. No person shall moor any boat, vessel, personal watercraft, watercycle, water ski, innertube, air mattress or other device which can be used for floating on the water, or designed for travel upon the water, to the pillars, abutments or appendages of the Pope Creek Bridge or the Putah Creek Bridge.

C. No person shall operate a motorboat or other vessel at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in any area marked with a buoy bearing the words "5 miles per hour" or bearing the words "No Wake." "5 miles an hour" shall be interpreted to mean creating "no wake" as the boat travels through or on the water.

Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this section may be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction pursuant to Section 17 et seq. of the California Penal Code, and Government Code Section 25132.

Chapter 12.12 - Jumping from Putah Creek and Pope Creek Bridges

The county board of supervisors makes the following findings:

That many persons, particularly young persons, when engaging in recreational



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into its tank and keep on dropping. One Charlie Hotel can suck up 2,500 gallons a minute through a hose and hold up to 2,800 gallons.

Cal Fire decided to base the helicopter at Napa County Airport this fire season in the wake of last year's massive Hennessey and Glass fires. The helicopter is owned and operated by Columbia Helicopters, Inc. under Cal Fire supervision. One Charlie Hotel is a phonetic version of the helicopter's tail number 1CH used to dispatch the helicopter. It is part of Cal Fire's larger aerial attack that includes 60 of its own aircraft and the ability to expand this by another 100 on-call aircrafts when needed.

Napa County Fire Chief Geoff Belyea said, Cal Fire will also have a Blackhawk helicopter in Lake County that can reach Napa County in less than five minutes. Air tankers and aircraft can reach the county in five minutes from Sonoma County, 10 minutes from Ukiah and 25 minutes from Sacramento County.

The red-and-white helicopter is 99 feet long from rotor tip-to-tip and sits on asphalt at Napa County Airport ready to take off. Its first stop in the event of a wildfire would be a reservoir, lake or other water source to take on water.

Caltrans has begun repairs on Capell Creek Bridge

A four-month project to repair a bridge built in 1907 on Highway 121 has begun. Caltrans crews will perform preservation work on the Capell Creek Bridge, between Circle Oaks Drive and Longhorn Ridge Road.

The repair work will require crews to shift traffic for both directions of travel into a single northbound or southbound lane depending on the construction stages. A one-way traffic signal system and temporary concrete barriers are being used to guide traffic into one lane for use by both directions of travel during the construction work.

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which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

vidence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Evils to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

which has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Bill of Rights (First 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution)

Amendment 1: The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment 7: In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10: The powers not delegated to the United

States by the Constitution, are reserved to the States, or to the people. We are winning a living place and an establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We cannot be content, no matter how high that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people — whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth — is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure.

This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights — among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty.

We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. "Necessitous men are not free men." People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.

In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all - regardless of station, race, or creed.

Among these are:

- > The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;
- > The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;
- > The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;

- > The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;

- > The right of every family to a decent home;
- > The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity

- to achieve and enjoy good health;

- > The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;

- > The right to a good education.

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Pisces (2/19-3/20): The flaw in your plan was the part where your accomplice would start a fire, and in the confusion, you would sneak into the philosophy department and finish writing your dissertation.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll get a free beverage refill when ordering a large-sized French fries, but really that's going to be about it for you this week.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Time and space are both illusions, making it even more frustrating that you're always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While the ideal gas law is certainly important, your attempt to apply it to every situation in your life can only lead to disaster

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Don't worry: There's absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they're unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Children are our nation's



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There is no Sasquatch.

There are no alien spacecraft flying around.

911 was not an inside job.

There is no significant voter fraud.

Chemtrails are not a medical experiment on people.

Lizard People ("Reptilians") Are Not Running the World.

Trickle down economics is a debunked rich man's myth.

(The rich have trained the middle class to hate the poor.)

respire and can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through the glands in the pads of their feet and noses, which is adequate to cool them down in extreme heat. Dogs have a higher internal body temperature than humans and they can overheat very quickly. There are steps we can take to make the hot weather more comfortable for our dogs.

Exercise your dog early in the morning or late in the evening when it is cooler outside. Watch out for surface temperatures. Pavements, asphalt and sand can become so hot, your dog's feet can burn and blister in as little as 10 minutes.

Keep medium and longhaired dogs especially well groomed in the summer. A well-groomed coat protects your dog from the sun and acts as insulation from the heat. A tangled and matted coat will trap heat and expose skin surfaces. Rashes, hot spots and sunburns can develop.

ar and truck rides can be extremely stressful for your dog on hot days. Please consider leaving your dog at home during the mid-day heat. If he does go for a ride with you, never leave him in a parked car. Even opening the windows, while parked in the shade, will not prevent a dog from overheating. Riding in the back of a pick up truck can also be dangerously hot for your dog. Inside or outside, with only hot air to breath, dogs can suffer irreparable brain damage and die from heatstroke.

heir feet can burn and blister on black duraliners and hot metal truck beds. Be sure your dog has plenty of water, a cool surface to stand on and shade from the sun during those “quick trips to town”. Ice packs, or even a frozen plastic bottle of water, can

othing can trap heat, dramatically increase your dog's body temperature and cause heat stroke. Muzzles that don't allow your dog to open his mouth will prevent him from panting and drinking water. Avoid tying up your dog outside because ropes and chains can easily tangle and prevent your dog from reaching the shade and water that he needs.

our dog will need "cool" shade during the summer. Doghouses do not provide adequate protection from the heat and sun. Plastic doghouses are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. In the direct sunlight, plastic doghouses will trap the heat making the inside of the house unbearably hot for your dog. Wooden doghouses can provide better protection on hot days because wood does not conduct heat and can stay cool to the touch, even in the direct sunlight. The best choice is always a shady area, behind a structure or under a tree, for your dog's use.

Dogs need to hydrate frequently and a clean supply of water should be available to them at all times, day and night. Dogs need to drink a minimum of 1 oz of water per one pound of body weight each day and this can easily double, or triple, in extreme heat or during exercise. Dehydration occurs when dogs lose body fluids faster than they can replace them. A prominent sign of dehydration is loss of skin elasticity. When the skin along the neck is pulled up, it should spring back into place. In a hydrated dog, the skin stays up in a ridge for 5-10 seconds. Heat stroke begins with heavy panting and difficulty breathing. The tongue and the gums will appear bright red, the saliva will be thick and vomiting often occurs. A dog will become

A photograph of a dog sitting in a blue, above-ground kiddie pool. The dog is facing away from the camera, looking towards a lush green lawn and trees in the background. The water in the pool is clear and reflects the surrounding environment.

Dogs know when they are getting too hot and, in most cases, will slow down and look for a cool resting place. Dogs are so faithful, they will follow their owners anywhere, anytime. When the conditions are not suitable for their comfort and safety, we need to decide what is best for them. A cool, shady spot at home is always the best choice for your dog during the mid and late day heat. Be good to your dog, he is counting on

James Hartley and Joe Schiavoni arrived at the scene in water about 25 feet deep, approximately 40 minutes after the accident. The two deputies worked together to rope the bull, then haul him ashore. The owner of the bull is thankful for the quick response.

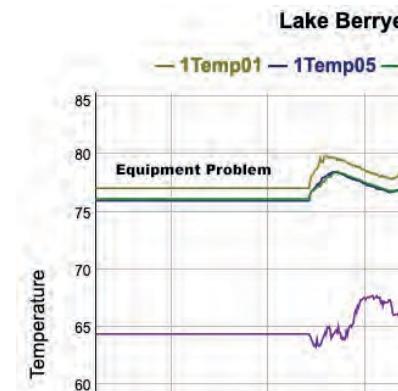
Coincidentally the Lake Berryessa News and of the Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Rentals party the two sheriffs came by and asked us if we had a few pleasantries exchanged they took off on You may notice in the photos that both sheriffs



Lake Level and T

The level is now 409.7 feet, 31.3 feet below 1 (412.5 feet). Surface temperatures hover at

Effect of evaporation on lake level: Average exceeding 100 degrees at times, has been .. inches since June 1. That's 36% of the total



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Visit Napa Valley Supports a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa"

ior to the destruction of the Lake Berryessa resorts by the Bureau of Wrecklamation in 2010, the Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce worked diligently to have "the Napa Valley" recognize Lake Berryessa as a key piece of the economic structure of Napa County. It took several years but the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau (NVCVB) did begin to support Lake Berryessa as a vacation destination.

ater the organization became Visit Napa Valley (NVB) and continued its support of Lake Berryessa on its website (above) and visitor publications. With Napa County now managing several of the Lake Berryessa Resorts (Steel Canyon RecArea, Spanish Flat RecArea, and Monticello Shores RecArea previously Rancho Monticello) the connections between Lake Berryessa and the Napa Valley will continue to expand leading to a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa".

Visit Napa Valley was founded in 2010 as the official destination marketing and management organization for Napa County, with a continued mission to promote, protect, and enhance the region's position as an attractive travel destination while also enhancing its public image as a dynamic place to visit, live, and work.

he Napa Valley historically welcomes 3.85 million visitors, who spend \$2.23 billion and provide \$85.1 million in tax relief to residents. The tourism industry is the second largest employer in Napa County (after the wine industry), supporting the livelihood of nearly 16,000 people in the community, with a combined payroll of nearly \$500 million (per 2018 Visitor Profile Study).

Visit Napa Valley is the official destination management organization for the Napa Valley, with a mission to promote, protect, and enhance the region's position as the world's premier wine country experience and to enhance its public image as a dynamic place to visit, live, and work. Napa Valley's

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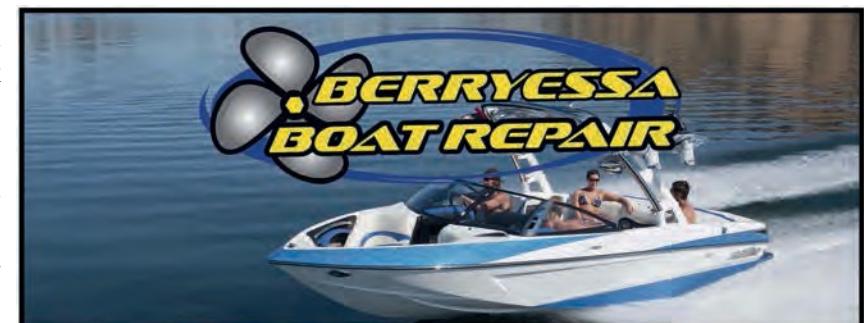
One of the largest bodies of fresh water in California.

Lake Berryessa offers boating, water skiing, wake-boarding, tubing and other fast-paced water sports, plus quiet coves for kayaking, swimming and fishing. In the summer, the water can reach 80 degrees — the perfect cool-down after a hike or a stroll through sun-drenched vineyards.

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itics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020. They support my contention that any required reports and permits for the redevelopment of the sorts should be fast-tracked because they have all been done before.

Did You Hear the One About...

how many bureaucrats it takes to screw in a light bulb? Not that one – the one about how many Reclamation officials it takes to dig a one-foot diameter hole only four feet deep? Witnesses at Chaparral Cove (formerly Putah Creek) last month say it was four – and it took six hours! The hole was for a PG&E pole. They would dig six inches down, then sift the dirt for Native American artifacts.

As silly as this may seem to some, there is often a good reason (and some legal requirements) to exercise care when excavating in areas that may potentially contain Native American cultural artifacts. But from a scientific point of view, the areas inside the resort boundaries, and even areas outside them, around Lake Berryessa are not significant cultural value.

This excessive bureaucratic oversight is not justified based on previous archeological studies done above the 40 foot lake level. Any delays in redevelopment such as requiring hours to dig a hole are just nonsensical academic exercises for the Reclamation participants, especially considering Reclamation approved the "sink it to the ground" approach originally.

Historical and Cultural Artifacts

No archeological studies have been done in the past confirming that there are no significant cultural artifacts in the lake:

Milling Stone Cultures in Northern California: Berryessa I (1979)" and "Archaeological Investigations of Lake Berryessa, California: Berryessa II (1985)". Both documents are available on the Lake Berryessa News website.

The basic conclusion of the UC Davis investigators was: Although the study area (Oak Shores Park) is contiguous to Lake Berryessa and appears (at the present time) to be a favorable place for human occupancy, prior to the construction of Monticello Dam it was a considerable distance from the principal stream draining the area (Putah Creek), and would not usually be considered a very likely place to search for or find

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

The Lake Berryessa News believes any further requirements by the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in the redevelopment areas should be eliminated.

NEPA, CEQA, COULD A, WOULD A, SHOULD A

Although the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been raised as issues which could slow down the redevelopment process, it is not clear why this should be an impediment since a new concession company will simply be replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. Any delay because of NEPA/CEQA is even more puzzling since the demolition of the old resorts was accomplished with a minimum of environmental oversight. Let's hope we will not be facing another "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles!" moment as perpetrated against Pensus by the Bureau of Reclamation in 2010.

Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa News in the Vacaville Reporter

Thanks to Richard Rico, former publisher of The Vacaville Reporter, for this nice article about the Lake Berryessa News. Excerpt below.

"PETER Kilkus had me at, "Without The Lake Berryessa News, There Would Be No Lake Berryessa News." That's the subtitle of his focused newspaper of the same name. I get that. There was a time when I could have claimed the same of The Reporter, for Vacaville.

For much of the past 20 years, Lake Berryessa News has been Kilkus' paper, and his voice. He is and has been a Berryessa advocate, a gatekeeper and very likely a thorn in the side of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as pertains to its position on mobile homes on the lake rim.

Feds have long chafed at mobiles that they claim give the public limited access. Years ago it ordered the removal

of mobile homes from the lake rim. Kilkus has visited the lake, loved it and bought a mobile home so he could visit often. Now, the Berryessa panorama is outside his door, on Headlands Dr. He has earned a reputation of being the last word on all things Berryessa. He writes of lake status (the level is 33 ft. below the Glory Hole) and Monticello history in his paper. Kilkus has chronicled his version of botched planning in a book, "Policy and Politics Betray the People—The Lake Berryessa Saga, 1958 – 2020."

When we talked, he had just returned from "my 150-mile paper route," which is what he calls his monthly trip to a valley newspaper plant that prints his 8-page editions. Afterward, he drops them off at 10 locales. They're free, but it doesn't stop supporters from offering donations. They like the fact he is holding the Bureau's feet to the fire.

Meanwhile, Kilkus is hopeful that Napa County and the BOR will soon announce successful bidders to redevelop three lake shoreline resorts. He will no doubt have his articulate say about that, too. It's no wonder he has a big Facebook following."

2005 History: New Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Elects Board Members

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

Yevo Jeworowski - Boone's Saloon

Shirl Katleba - The Lake Berryessa News

Jeff Parady - Pope Valley Repair and Towing

Gil Pridmore - Pridmore Bros. Inc.

Sharyn Simmons - Cucina Italiana

Linda Tschida - Squeaky Clean - Secretary/Treasure

Bob White - Rancho Monticello Resort

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

2021 Update: Our Chamber still exists although smaller due to the destruction of our recreational community by the Bureau of Wrecklamation in 2009 and the disastrous fires of 2019. However, the Chamber intends to

ilarious.

isces (2/19-3/20): Your best friend convinces you to quit your job so you can both run away and become ballerinas. Due to your inborn grace and natural beauty, you will become the most famous ballerina in the world.

ies (3/21-4/19): You will get promoted. As the big boss, you will set new rules for the office. Casual Friday will mean going drunk at work, wearing a robe, flip flops, and a tiara. Mondays will be forbidden.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): One day, as you walk through your favorite supermarket, listening to your favorite supermarket playlist, and pushing your favorite supermarket shopping cart, a movie director notices your looks and offers you a part in a movie. You become a celebrity, and the paparazzi start following you everywhere!

gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be progressive. You lie a great deal. You make the same mistakes repeatedly because you're stupid. Everyone thinks you're a freaking jerk.

cancer (6/22-7/22): One day, during a BBQ party, a scientist notices you and invites you back to his lab for some tests. His research shows that you're the most intelligent person on Earth, and they give you a document stating that you're always right.

leo (7/23-8/22): You wake up one morning and decide to quit your job and pursue your childhood dream of becoming a pirate. You buy a talking parrot, start wearing an eye-patch, and grow a mustache. Your family doesn't approve at first, but they change their minds when they see how happy you are.

virgo (8/23-9/22): After you drink ice water too fast, you get a brain freeze, and you start to like bad music. No one even notices at first, but then you start wearing sandals with socks, and you get a belly button piercing. Your family throws you a surprise party, which turns out to be an intervention.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will receive the heartwarming news that your family is about to grow with one extra member. You are getting another cat.

scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will win the lottery. Your winning numbers are 1, 3, 6, 7, 23, 67. You will win the jackpot and share your winnings with the Bouncy Mustard family because that's what you do when someone tells you the winning numbers.

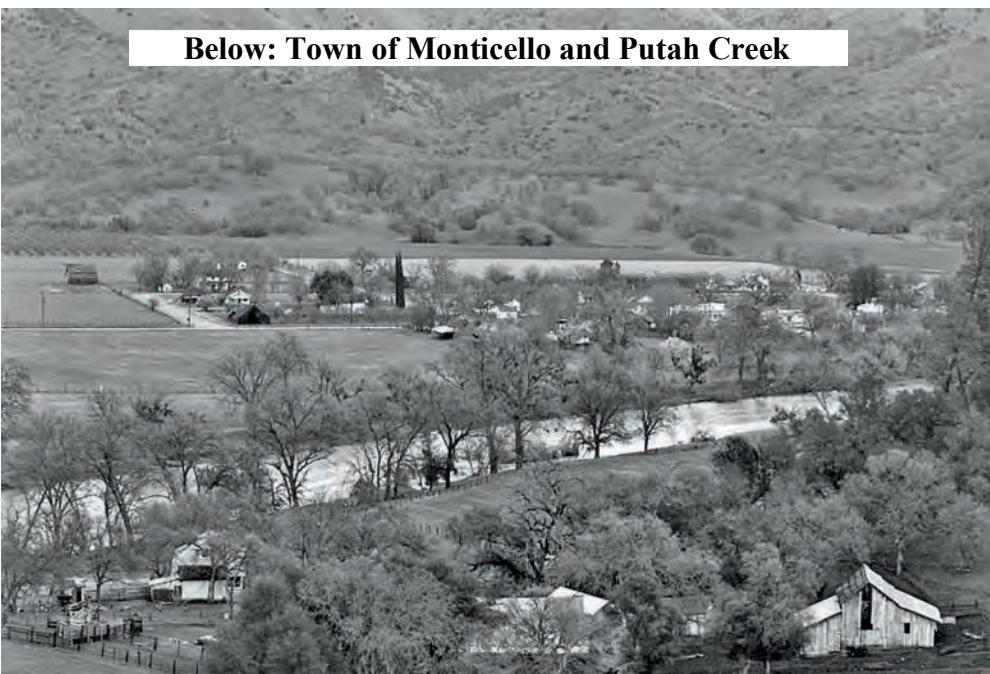
sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You will go on a cookie diet and become very, very sexy. You will win the prize for the sexiest person on Earth, and they'll send you to Mars to compete for the title of the sexiest person in the Universe. You lose, as the winner from Uranus bribes the jury.

capricorn (12/22-1/19): You discover that you've got healing powers. With

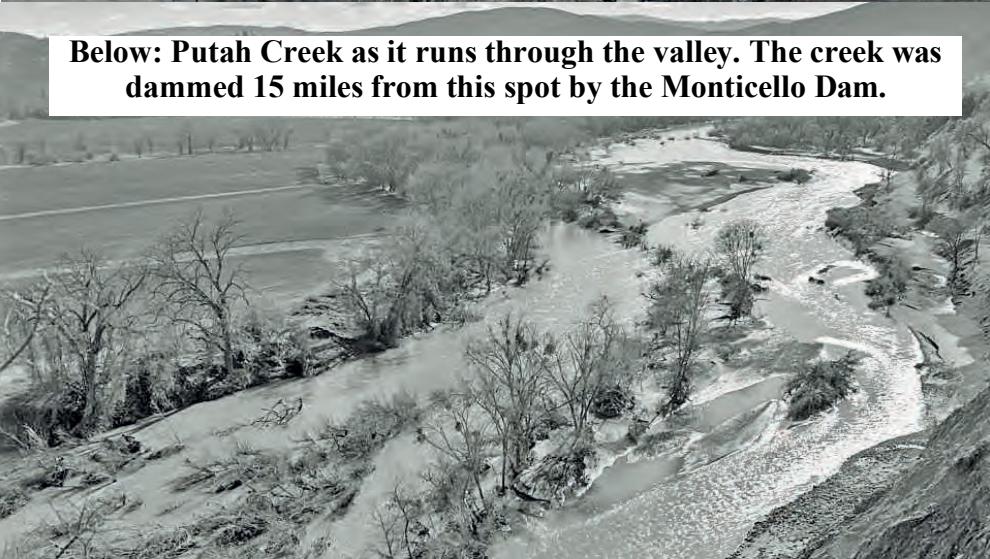
many old photos on the Lake Berryessa News website, www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/berryessa-valley-history, and the Berryessa Valley Exhibit Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BERRYESSA-VALLEY-EXHIBIT-767097649995856/photos/.

However, there is another treasure trove of historical photos in the archives of the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC). These archives include almost 2,000 photos of Berryessa Valley life before the dam. Many of the photos are included on the two local sites mentioned above. But there are many more to explore. The photos include those taken by Pirkle Jones and Dorothea Lange from "Death of a Valley".

The archive is available at: https://digitalcollections.library.ucsc.edu/catalog?locale=en&page=78&q=Berryessa&search_field=all_fields



Below: Town of Monticello and Putah Creek



Below: Putah Creek as it runs through the valley. The creek was dammed 15 miles from this spot by the Monticello Dam.

neath the tranquil waters of Lake Berryessa lies the village of Monticello. The community was sacrificed as part of the Solano Project, which created the Monticello Dam in the 1950s.

boat Island in Lake Berryessa pokes up from the water like a crown of a hat. Beyond it, the hills are unusually angular, coming to soft peaks instead of rolling mounds. Standing on the shore, I tried to imagine the island as it had been 62 years ago: not an island at all but the top of a hill.

The idea that there's a town under a lake in Napa County, an hour-and-a-half drive from my house, was intriguing. Add that the fact that Dorothea Lange, whose photographs chronicled the Great Depression, shot a series on the flooding of the valley and the town, and I knew I had to see Lake Berryessa.

Berryessa Valley was named after Jose Jesus and Sisto Berryessa, two brothers who obtained a Mexican land grant of about 36,000 acres in 1843. They built a 90-foot adobe and raised cattle and horses, but had to slowly sell off the land to pay gambling and other debts. In 1860, the last plot was auctioned off for \$1,653. Monticello was founded six years later. In the 1950s, when the dam was being built, the town had a hotel, a general store, a restaurant, two gas pumps, and a cemetery.

ound 300 people lived there, mostly ranchers and farmers, many of them related. While Napa wasn't yet known for wine, by all accounts the soil was remarkably productive. Crops grew alfalfa, grain, grapes, pears, and walnuts. By the time the dam opened in 1957, crops had been torn out and residents forced from their homes.

Today, Monticello Dam provides water to Solano County. Historic documents call what happened to the valley "irreversible destruction—scheduled down to the last fence post." Everything was removed. Houses were relocated or burned. Concrete structures leveled. Trees were cut down, bushes dug up, grapevines removed. Lange and Jones photographed it all.

In 1956, Life magazine paid Dorothea Lange \$1,000 to shoot a series on the flooding of Berryessa. With Berryessa, she wanted to emphasize the toll the dam would take, not only on people, but on the environment, too. Lange enlisted fellow photographer Pirkle Jones to accompany her to the valley. They made multiple trips in 1956 and 1957. The

are the before pictures: a woman in a field of poppies extending her arm for a handshake, a white farmhouse with a vibrant, blooming garden. Visible changes came slowly and quietly. There was packing, selling, moving. Families disappeared, melting away, emptying the valley.

The human impact is also evident. In one photo, a tractor drags a white house on a rolling platform through a field. In the foreground, two men in cowboy hats are turned away, as if they don't want to watch. Their body language is bent, resigned, sad. In another photograph, a couple walk through the cemetery with their backs to the camera. The woman appears to be holding flowers. Soon the graves will be dug up and the bodies moved to a new cemetery.

As the "government men" came in, the demolition sped up. Catastrophe came to the old Berryessa Valley. Fires burned. Dust and smoke filled the air. The valley was black at night. Lange's portrait of a bulldozer highlights the blades in front so that, gleaming, it emerges from the dust like a monster. Another photograph shows desolation—a pile of debris in an empty field, three figures barely visible in the distance. Then the rains came, and Jones and Lange were there, photographing water creeping over the bleak landscape. Lange's picture of 304-foot-high Monticello Dam is taken at night from far away. It's lit up so that it seems to glow with malevolent light.

Berryessa Valley has a history of displacement. At least 12,500 Native Americans lived in the area before European contact, according to the Bureau of Reclamation. These early inhabitants were driven out by settlers, sent to California missions, or sickened by smallpox and other diseases.

Discussions about damming Putah Creek increased in the 1940s and '50s, along with the population. Solano County, on Napa's eastern border, was booming, agriculture was expanding, and the water supply was limited. Many in Napa were against the \$37 million dam, which would flood one-eighth of their county's agricultural land and yield them no water. The issue was debated for years, but then the military got involved. Solano County was home to Mare Island Naval Yard, Benicia Arsenal, and Travis Air Force Base.

One of the turning points may have been that in the postwar world, during the Cold War, the military in Solano wanted a reliable water supply. And they didn't feel like they were getting it from the groundwater and the Sacramento River delta, which can be salty. So at Travis Air Force Base, when

the water was pumped up, the water became salty.

implied, had been achieved.

I thought about what it means to be displaced. It often means more than losing a home. It can mean a loss of history, culture, and identity.

The following is an excerpt from the introduction to my book *Policy and Politics Betray the People, The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020*

by Peter Kilkus

The Five Tragedies of the Berryessa Valley: A History of Heartbreak

The First Tragedy: The Destruction of Native American Culture

Formerly known as Talalahusi (Beautiful Land), the Napa Valley is one of California's longest inhabited areas. Archaeological surveys indicate 10,000 years of uninterrupted habitation. "It was a paradise - a cultivated paradise where one only had to reach out their hand to eat. A place rich in beauty, water and food," stated the oral history of Native American Elder Jim Big Bear King.

After the Spanish and Mexican invasion in 1823, the tribes were nearly decimated by forced marches and smallpox. When forced to relocate to various missions for religious indoctrination, many fled to friendlier territory.

The Second Tragedy: The Destruction of Spanish Culture

Alta California stayed in Mexican hands until an infamous incident in 1846. John C. Fremont led a group of American adventurers and earlier American immigrants in an uprising to try to free Alta California from Mexican hands. On 14 June 1846 Fremont and company declared California to be an independent state: the Bear Flag Republic. What so stains the Bear Flag Republic is the killing by some of Fremont's men, lead by the famous Kit Carson, of three innocent Mexicans—Jose de los Reyes Berryessa and two of his nephews.

This "republic" only lasted until 7 July 1846. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican-American war and ceded northern Mexico to the U.S. California, then, became a territory of the U.S. In 1850 California was admitted to the Union as a state and stayed in the Union during the Civil War.

The next known inhabitants of the valley were two Mexican

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Albert Diaz
Art Courville
Bart & Cindy Barthelemy
Bill Hardin
Bill Marshall
Bill Ryan
Bonnie Fuller
Carol Metcalf
Chuck Baker
Dan Sabalvaro
Darryl Davis
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DeAnna Kneis
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Fall 2021 - Spring 2023: Public input, community meetings, CEQA/NEPA studies and review.
Spring 2023: Approval of CEQA/NEPA documents, award of (long term) concession development and operating agreements.
Spring 2023: Groundbreaking, commencement of construction.
Spring 2024: Opening of 3 new concession areas.
Note: It is the considered opinion of the Lake Berryessa News that this schedule is much too long. Lake Berryessa redevelopment should be on a fast track. A review of Sun Communities' development capabilities shows that they can do this faster. The irony here is that these sites have been open for more than 50 years. Numerous environmental studies have been completed. Every site has undergone significant impacts including excavation, road, structure, and launch ramp construction. Let's not take a "Reinvent the wheel" approach to such a critical process after almost 15 years of delay!

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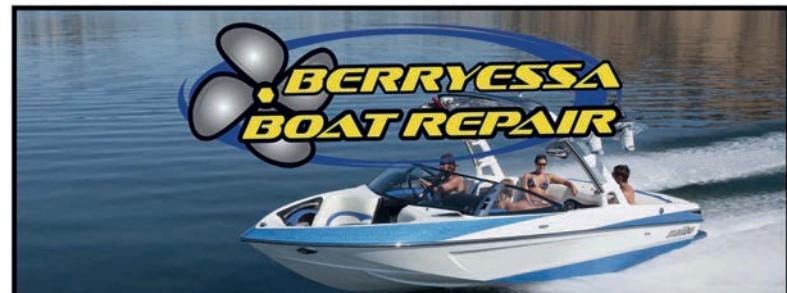
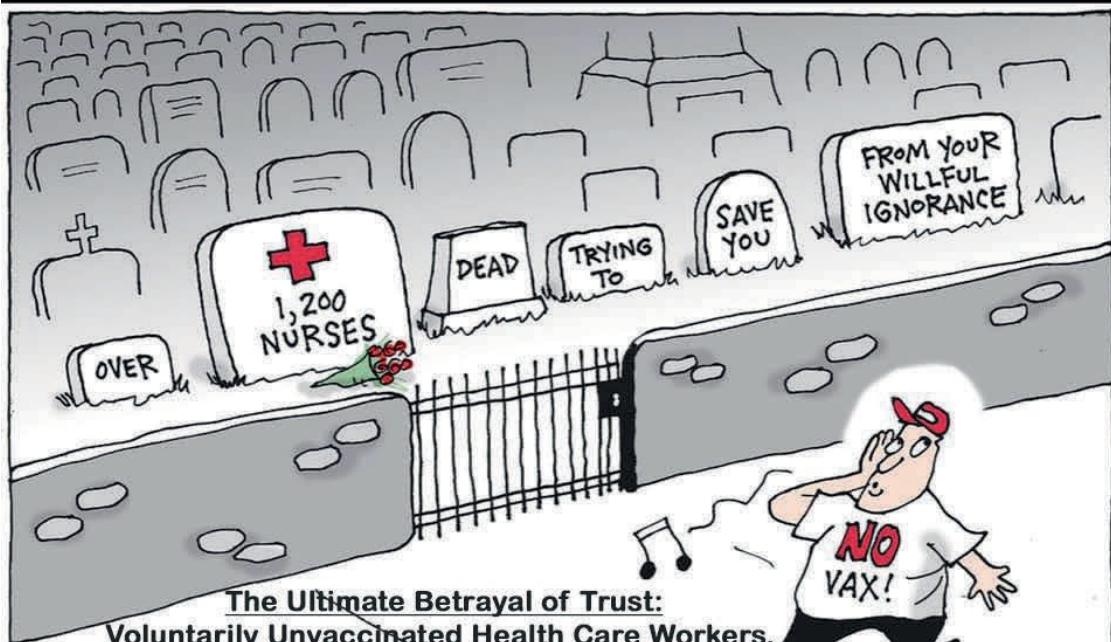
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immunities, recreational vehicle resorts, and marinas. As of June 30, 2021 the company owned interests in 569 such communities in the United States and Canada consisting of over 153,300 developed sites and nearly 1,300 wet slips and dry storage spaces.

Established in 1975, Sun Communities became a publicly owned corporation in December, 1993. The company is a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: SUI.

Sun Communities has twice been honored by the Manufactured Housing Institute as winner of the "Community Operator of the Year" award. The award is emblematic of Sun Communities' focus on professional management at the community level.

In December 1993, the company became a public company via an initial public offering.

In March 1996, the company acquired 25 manufactured housing communities for \$226 million.

In August 1996, the company made a hostile bid to buy Chateau Properties Inc. for \$370 million in stock.

In September 1997, the company acquired 9 manufactured housing communities for \$93 million.

In September 1999, the company opened its 4th community in Austin, Texas.

In April 2013, the company acquired Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Wyoming County, New York.

In August 2015, the company sold properties in Ohio and Michigan to UMH Properties for \$34.5 million.

In June 2016, the company acquired a portfolio of 103 communities mostly located in California, Florida, and Ontario, Canada for \$1.7 billion from an affiliate, Centerbridge Partners.

In October 2019, the company acquired a portfolio of 31 manufactured housing communities for \$343.6M.

In September 2020, the company acquired Safe Harbor Marinas for \$2.11 billion.

Key people Gary A. Schiffman, Chairman & CEO

John B. McLaren, COO

Karen J. Dearing, CFO

Revenue US\$1.264 billion (2019)

Net income US\$0.160 billion (2019)

California covers nearly 900 miles of land. Along the Pacific coastline, popular beaches such as Rodeo and Pacific Beach attract thousands of visitors every year. Yosemite, Sequoia, Redwood and Joshua Tree National Parks are also popular attractions for hiking, backpacking, birdwatching, fishing and horseback riding.

Wine lovers from around the world travel to California's Napa Valley to sip their way through its many vineyards, an area known for nearly 90 percent of American wine production. Other popular California destinations like Hollywood, Los Angeles and San Francisco offer a plethora of dining, entertainment and attractions to choose from. Whether you're looking for the warm southern climates of San Diego and Indio, the wine region of Paso Robles on the Central Coast, or up in the northern reaches of Plymouth, our outdoor vacation destinations put you near everything you'd want in a California vacation.

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We take pride in our professional and friendly guest service team, who strive to provide our residents with a carefree lifestyle—from our beautiful clubhouse to the meticulously manicured landscaping,

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ecoming Alice Cooper.

Alice Cooper (The Spiders)

1968 Lake Berryessa Bowl Concert Handbill

A rare handbill advertising the 'Grand Opening' of the Lake Berryessa Bowl, in Winters California, listing a number of upcoming shows by groups including one featuring The Spiders, at just about the time they changed their name to Alice Cooper.

The Lake Berryessa Bowl, 18 miles from Napa, opened with three days of concerts, featuring rock groups including H.P. Lovecraft, Loading Zone, Transmatic Express, and on June 1 The Spiders. The Spiders were, of course, the group that changed their name to Alice Cooper, and became world famous. This show took place exactly as that name change was happening, during a run of West Coast shows – in fact they had already played at least one show with their new name. Three weeks later, as Alice Cooper, they opened for Ten Years After at the Whisky-A-Go-Go in Hollywood. The handbill measures 7 1/4" x 11" and is in mint condition, with psychedelic artwork by Carson Morris. A scarce Alice Cooper collectible. \$300



some of your dreams.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): It's simply not true that most people think you're an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your charred, lifeless body will time and again debunk the old myth about lightning never striking the same place twice.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Your mother claims that she never raised a liar for a son, but then what else do you expect from a lizard-human hybrid born out of a top-secret government project?

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You've never been good at saying goodbye, which explains why your speech therapist keeps charging you for an extra half hour each week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): While you may have valor, resolve, and even vigor, what you don't have is a basic understanding of what those words actually mean.

Leo (7/23-8/22): After days of grave and anxious discussion, the stars have decided that it's better you don't know.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enjoy your position at the top of the food chain, because God is about to shake things up a little with the new Mountain Lion 2.0.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The inner world of every person contains realms unimagined, but you should still be able to guess what your license-plate-collecting brother-in-law might like for Christmas.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Your inability to conduct both parallel and distributed computational processes will prevent you from being an integral component in next year's hottest laptops.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

On July 27, 2021 Congressman John Garamendi leased a discussion draft of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act for public view and comment. This legislation would expand Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include nearly 4,000 acres of federally owned land, the Lake County portion of Walker Ridge. Walker Ridge is ready protected, as was the original land co-opted into the national monument map.

The Lake Berryessa News opposes the *Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act*, as it did the original National Monument designation. The draft legislation to add the Lake County portion of Walker Ridge to the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will do nothing of substance for the area. The original BSMNM was unnecessary and actually had little local support. BSMNM is actually the "Dumbest National Monument in the United States".

All the land in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (BSMNM) was land managed by various government entities and already protected. This "national monument" should never have been created, much less expanded! I previously documented this in detail. Read the full report at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/berryessa-snow-mountain.html

The History of the Creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: The Ultimate Political Perversion of the Antiquities Act (excerpt)

By Peter Kilkus

The Twisted Ten-Year Political Path From a Modest State Area Partnership to a Local Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area to a Large Disjointed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area to an Incoherent Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

Is it the "Dumbest National Monument in the United States"? An objective review of the process by which it was created and the final formal designation suggests the answer is YES. I personally support the creation of legitimate national monuments, but this is not that. Being part of the ten year political process that led to its creation convinced me that in many situations the Antiquities Act is being abused. The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is a perfect case study of

protection.

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), 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."

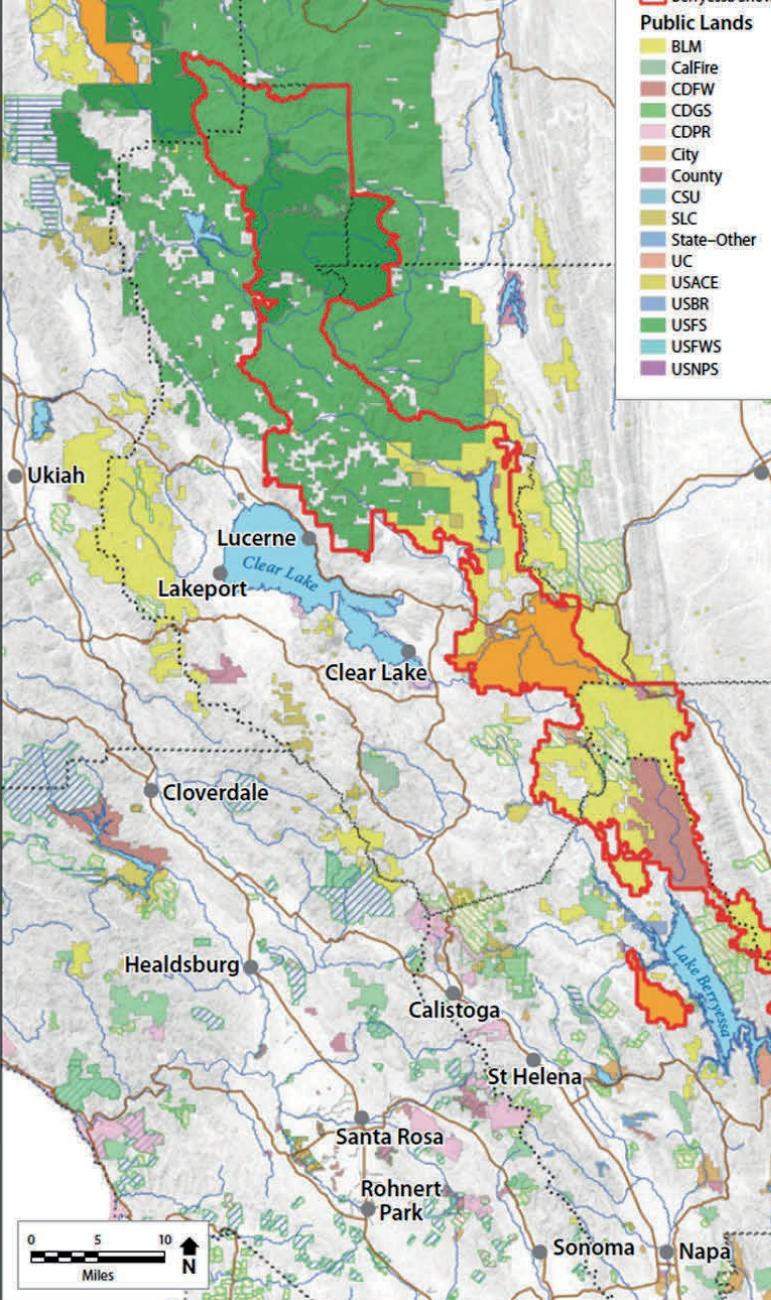
But more importantly, using economic benefits as a criteria for creating a National Monument is dishonest. National Monuments ARE NOT created to be economic benefits to rural communities and that criteria is not to be used in proposing this designation.

Lake Berryessa is not "nationally significant" enough to be included in any national monument and it is not part of the BSMNM. It is not even an especially important environmental resource. This is a man-made lake that did not exist before 1958. It is an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and a recreation resource – in that order. The lands around it have been significantly disturbed by construction and grazing for decades. Ecologically, the land is interesting but not critical to the existence of any species.

The water has no significant indigenous species, although some native fish from the old Putah Creek – Town of Monticello days still survive. Fish are stocked in Lake Berryessa by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for human recreation – not for conservation.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was created, as predicted, by a stroke of the presidential pen in a proclamation issued on July 10, 2015 by President Barack Obama under the Antiquities Act. The final map is reproduced below - little of the Lake Berryessa region is included. The designation has had no measurable effect on the economy of Lake Berryessa, the City of Winters, nor Napa County. Based on the standards for national monuments it clearly deserves the title of "The Dumbest National Monument in the United States".

The word Berryessa should not even be in the name. Lake Berryessa is not included in the BSMNM. The only reference to Berryessa is Berryessa Peak, a small hill at the far south end of the BSMNM. The name should have been logically been the Mendocino Snow Mountain



Mountain National Monument proposal is not just its name but the map itself. It is a geographically and ecologically incoherent patchwork of federal parcels. Look at the map - it is irrational!

Please express your opposition to another irrelevant government action by writing to:

The Honorable John Garamendi

Welcome to the Latest Lake Berryessa News Newsletter.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

I've stopped publishing the print version until April 2022. I plan to publish this email newsletter twice a month until then. You can also get the latest in news about Lake Berryessa by checking my website regularly.

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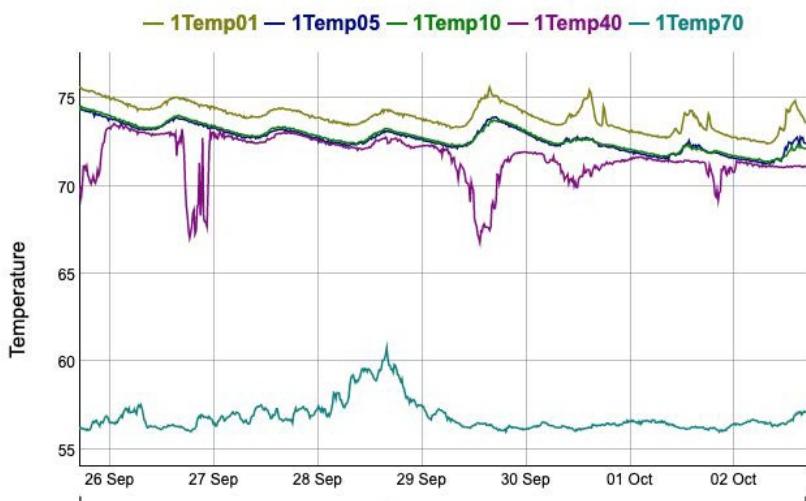
One of the original billboards advertising that new recreation destination - Lake Berryessa!



Lake Level as of October 3, 2021

The Lake Level is at 402.1 feet, 37.9 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall this season is at .05 inches. Water temps have dropped below 75 degrees

Lake Berryessa - Temperature



Hello Friends of Lake Berryessa

Just a note to let you know that just about everything you want to know about Lake Berryessa can be found on this Lake Berryessa News website. I often see questions on The Lake Berryessa Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/) and the Lake Berryessa Facebook page that have answers on this Lake Berryessa News website. This website has hundreds of photos and videos along with many interesting articles and reports. Explore it.

For example, "As Lake Berryessa Flows: A Combination of Science, Engineering, and Natural Beauty" is a detailed look at how the lake and Monticello Dam work. You can download it at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/special-publications/as-lake-berryessa-flows/as-lake-berryessa-flows.pdf

In this report I describe lake level rise per inch of rainfall. Most of us have heard of the rule of thumb that Lake Berryessa rises 1 foot for every 1 inch of rain. As with most rules of thumb, this is not accurate. Lake level rise depends on many variables like the actual lake level when it rains and how saturated is the ground.

It usually takes about 3 inches of rain on dry hills before there is any appreciable runoff into the lake. Also the lake is roughly like a V-shaped bowl, so the lower the level to start the faster it rises per inch of rain. Conversely, higher the level to start, the more rain it takes to make the lake rise even further.

So at the present level on Sept. 28, 2021, (402 feet, 38 feet below Glory Hole) once the ground is saturated and runoff begins (after 3 inches of rain) the lake will rise about one foot per inch of rain. But once the lake level reaches 420 feet and above (20 feet below Glory Hole) the lake will rise about 0.7 feet (8 inches) per inch of rain.

So approximately how many inches of rain will it take to overflow the Glory Hole again? Approximately - 3 inches to saturate, 20 inches for the first 20 feet, 14 inches for the second 20 feet. About 37 - 40 inches of rain. This happened in 2017 - 45 feet rise on 40 inches of rain. 2017 rainfall hit 47 inches total.

www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/glory-hole-overflows.html



See chart below for the 24 year history of rainfall and the date of the first rain each year.

Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/1 (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
97-98		10.77"	46.26"
98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
06-07	10/3/06 - .22"	5.36"	12.7"
07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"	25.32"
08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
09-10	9/14/09 - .24"	6.5"	26.41"
10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
12-13	10/22/12 - .73"	17.97"	20.65"
13-14	9/22/13 - .43"	1.88"	13.69"
14-15	9/19/14 - .11"	13.34"	19.56"
15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57
16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	8.8"	47.55"
17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
18-19	10/2/18 - .51"	7.28"	40.53"
19-20	11/27/19 - .73"	7.14"	10.93"
20-21	11/15/20 - .09"	1.92"	9.21"

File: Rainfall Summary 24 years **6/2/21**

Lake Berryessa Revitalization Update: September 25, 2021

Napa County has informed the Spanish Flat Partners that the County will not extend their interim contract to manage the Spanish Flat Recreation Area past October 31. Spanish Flat Partners had previously been asked by the County if they would be willing to operate Spanish Flat Recreation Area under an extension to their present interim agreement. They had said they would be willing.

Suntex/Pleasure Cove had also been asked by the County if they would be willing to operate the Steele Canyon Recreation Area under a new interim agreement. They declined.

Spanish Flat Partners was then asked by the County if they might be willing to also operate Steele Canyon Recreation Area under a new interim agreement. Spanish Flat Partners evaluated that business opportunity but declined to pursue it.

The result is the potential closure of both Steele Canyon Recreation Area and the Spanish Flat Recreation Area on October 31 for an indefinite period while Sun Communities has their plans for the future redevelopment of Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores reviewed and approved.

One alternative to any rumored closures is for Sun Communities to run both areas at a minimum function for anglers, boaters, possibly tent and RV campers, during the winter.

There has been no official statement from Napa County at this time.



"Honey, come look! I've found some information all the world's top scientists and doctors missed."

Logic Can Be Studied and Learned!

The cartoon above is emblematic of the anti-vaxxer/QAnon disease affecting our country and the world. Why are so many people so proud of their ignorance? When I was in high school we took a Logic Class. One exercise was to bring in editorials from the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times and dissect them for the logic of their arguments. I'm not sure any high schools teach logic (or critical thinking) any more. This editorial by Sean Scully describes the problem.

From the editor: Hunting for logical faults

Sean Scully, Napa Register

https://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/columnists/from-the-editor-hunting-for-logical-faults/article_5921b03c-faa1-5c24-a5fd-737501de6c96.html

Even if you've never heard of these things, you've certainly encountered logical fallacies. They are common fallacies or flaws in arguments and debates — so common that they have names.

For example, the "Ad Hominim" fault involves attacking the integrity or character of your opponent rather than the substance of his argument. "Your argument shows your level of intelligence ..."

The "Straw Man" fault involves distorting your opponent's position and then proceeding to demolish his supposed argument. "My opponent hates America..."

The "False Dilemma" fault involves suggesting that there is an either-or proposition with no possible compromise or gray area: "If you don't support tight restrictions on immigration, you are in favor of open borders..."

The "Red Herring" fault involves subtly changing the topic or reframing the debate with some distraction. "My guy may have done something bad, but what about your guy..."

The "Appeal to Authority" fault involves invoking the name of someone famous or knowledgeable as a substitute for concrete evidence to support your position. "As Thomas Jefferson said..."

On the other end, there is the "Appeal to Ignorance," which involves casting doubt on an argument because we don't know everything about the topic, or using the very absence of concrete proof as evidence to support your own position. "We don't know how the Egyptians managed to build the pyramids; we cannot discount the possibility that aliens helped them..."

As you can probably see, these faults sometimes bleed into one another. It is perfectly possible to have several logical faults wrapped into a single argument, or even a single sentence.

None of these are new — in fact, many of them were well-known and described by Greek philosophers. They have been part of arguments, debates, political conversations, bar-room

banter, and pretty much every form of human communication for as long as humans have been talking to each other.

But logical faults seem to be having some sort of golden age lately. Why? Because we're in a golden age of mass media. From talk radio to Congressional debates on C-SPAN to talking heads on cable news, you can get a 24-hour-a-day diet of slippery arguments and fallacious rhetoric.

Now social media has brought this to the masses. Fallacious arguments that used to be conducted among a handful of people at the coffee shop or on barstools now can be spread to hundreds, thousands, even millions in a keystroke on Facebook and Twitter. Pretty much every person on Earth has the opportunity to broadcast his or her own logical faults to the masses.

All this brings me to two of my favorites, both of which I have learned about fairly recently, but now that I know them, I see them everywhere on social media.

The first is called a "negative meta-induction," which basically means because we've been wrong before, we must be wrong now. This underlies lots of current discussion: for example, experts told us that Thalidomide was safe, so why should we believe them that vaccines are safe?

The other one I find even more common. It is known as "naive cynicism." There are several related meanings for this phrase, but the one that is most relevant to social media is, roughly, a reflexive tendency to be skeptical or cynical about an issue or person you know very little about. Think "All politicians are on the take ..." or "All the city cares about is tourists ..." or "Bureaucrats are just in it for a cushy job and a fat pension ..."

Once you know about these faults, it becomes kind of a sport to spot them and analyze them. Make a game of it as you're slogging through yet another social media debate.

[Lake Berryessa North End Trail opening on National Public Lands Day, September 25](#)

National Public Lands Day is a nation-wide annual event that promotes volunteerism and stewardship on public lands. I attended a pleasant event at the Eticuera Day Use Area at the north end of Lake Berryessa. The celebration was sponsored by Tuleyome and the Bureau of Reclamation to mark the dedication of the North End Trail. The trail had been refurbished and improved as a joint project by Tuleyome and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Margaret Bailey, Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Manager, hosted the event. Speakers included Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon; Lee Mao, Reclamation Deputy Area Manager; Andrew Fulks, Tuleyome Board member; and Carol Kunze, Tuleyome Trails Coordinator.







Bill Ryan, author of "Fishing Is My Day Job" column since 2002, died last week.

It is with sadness that I report that I report Bill's death. Bill was a vocal supporter of Lake Berryessa and often quoted Lake Berryessa News items in his column. He also had many suggestions as to how to improve the lake to attract the big money bass tournaments that usually went to Clear Lake.

He wanted any new company that took over the Lake Berryessa resorts to make bass fishing a priority in their plans to revitalize the lake. One of his ideas was to make Lake Berryessa attractive to more bass tournaments by catering to the families of the anglers by offering superior lodging and recreation amenities only a half hour from the world famous Napa Valley. In one note to me he said, "Berryessa is still one of the top rated bass waters in America by Bassmaster Magazine. Nearby are Clear Lake (top rated) and the Delta (also highly rated). So professional anglers know how to get here... BUT, they quit on Berryessa because it was a dull place with nowhere to eat or sleep – or recreate. Nobody said, "Welcome, we're glad you're here..."

Bill was also a proponent of attracting more high school and college bass fishing team tournaments to Lake Berryessa. I was surprised at how many of those actually exist.

Hopefully Bill's goals will be included in Sun Communities' plans for the renovation of Steele Canyon RecArea, Spanish Flat RecArea and Monticello Shore RecArea.



Book Sale - Price Cut

Paperback was \$7.99 - now \$4.99

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**Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot:
The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction
by Peter Kilkus**

The last few months and years have brought economic issues to the forefront of our lives. There is blithering, blathering, and bloviating going on in Congress right now. We've been shown how little most Americans understand about economics. How much do you personally really know and understand?

My book, "**Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction**", attempts to explain basic economics in a clear way. This book is not meant to be an academic or scientific exercise for economists or policy makers. The concepts discussed are easily accessible to thoughtful readers.

For example, one of the primary myths that has been debunked by the COVID 19 crisis is that the stock market plays some part in the basic economy. Links to example chapters from my book are:

[**The Stock Market Is Not The Economy, Stupid!**](#)

[**Where Does Money Really Come From?**](#)

[**What is Interest and Why Do We Deserve It?**](#)

Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot

Peter F. Kilkus

The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction

Here's a vintage photo of Sugar Loaf Park (now Arco's Storage). Those old Cadillacs with the spear rear fenders were a danger to us kids riding bikes on the streets of Chicago. Many other car models had those sharp things aimed at us as we zipped by.



Where does Lake Berryessa water go after being born as a rain drop?

Here's an amazing visualization tool! Click to drop a raindrop anywhere in the contiguous United States and watch where it ends up!

<https://river-runner.samlearner.com/?fbclid=IwAR1KlpIYKH0g5yfmG-hJAhHeIkTtYwkRzdDPZ3YG95tiS3WPimtMD8-QU>

This link is of the path of a raindrop flowing through Lake Berryessa to the Bay.

<https://river-runner.samlearner.com/?lng=-122.35407380109801&lat=38.83456484232542>



New Fishing Website: Your Bass Guy

<https://yourbassguy.com/>

Here's a link to a well done "How To" article about trout fishing. The editor states that: We're trying to get the word out that Your Bass Guy isn't just a bass site, by contributing diversified content (like trout articles) to other websites while bringing value to their readers.

<https://yourbassguy.com/trout/rainbow-trout-fishing/>



Rainbow Trout Fishing for Beginners

By Wesley Littlefield
Last Updated on July 28, 2021



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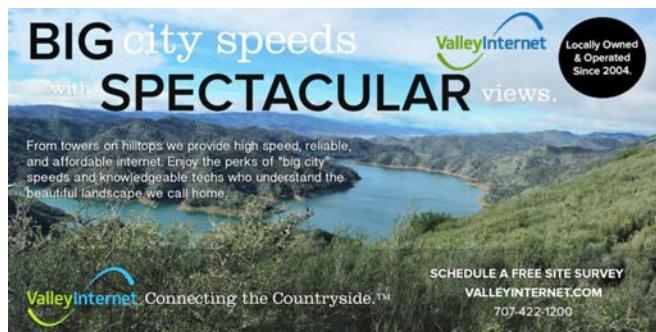
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October 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Remember: God means something different to everyone, but only you, and those who agree with you, are right.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Remember, the slow cycle of sun, wind, and rain can sunder even the hardest stone, so whatever you do, don't go outside.

Aries (3/21-4/19): 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.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. Plus you can fake patience by just sleeping constantly.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): 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.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): 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.

Onion Headlines

Breaking: All Of World's Problems Solved Overnight While You Were Sleeping

Nurse Carefully Weighs Whether She Better Off Getting Vaccine Or Losing Job And Dying

Unvaccinated United Flight Attendant Confident She Can Get Work On Medieval Plague Ship

Hospital ICUs At Capacity With Reporters Covering Anti-Vaxxers Dying From Covid

Experts Confirm Functional Democracy Generally Requires At Least One Party To Care About Voting Rights

New Texas Law Allows Private Citizens To Hold Pregnant Women Hostage Until Birth

Child Who Just Lost Balloon Begins Lifelong Battle With Depression

Iran Starts Stockpiling Strontium Just To Stress Out U.S. Intelligence

Poll Finds Most Americans Would Swap Democracy For \$100 Best Buy Gift Card

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your life story will bring much-needed happiness and laughter to the world, especially the hilarious ending.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will slowly come to appreciate the value of silence when everyone seems to want to say things you do not wish to hear.

Libra (9/23-10/22): More and more, you're beginning to suspect your nickname might be pejorative.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The human mind is a thing of startling beauty. Unfortunately yours is mostly filled with old phone numbers and minor celebrity trivia.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Any hope you once had of aging with grace and dignity will be dashed this week, when you turn 25.

Remorseful Poster Deletes Comment After Accidentally Telling Wrong Stranger To Kill Self

Man Up-Sold By Dentist Leaves With 300 Extra Teeth

Nation Doesn't Understand How Someone As Cool As Kyrsten Sinema Could Fight For Corporate Interests

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Lake Berryessa News Special Edition!

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

**Napa County Releases Sun Communities Development Plans for
Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat Recreation Area,
and Monticello Shores Recreation Area**

Below are a series of pages from the report.

Download the full document with detailed plans and financial projections at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/sun-lake-berryessa-master/sun-proposal-details.pdf

DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT: Property Descriptions

RFP SECTION 7a

Concept Overview:
Sun is pleased to propose 3 complimentary resort properties; each with its own distinct personality, amenities and activities.

THE LAUNCH
AT STEELE CANYON

outpost
BY STARWOOD OUTDOORS
AT SPANISH FLAT

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EST. 2024
LAKEFRONT RESORT
AT MONTICELLO SHORES

A family and pet friendly marina-based rustic glamping resort, packed with activities, dining, and retail for guests of all ages.

A luxury glamping resort with world-class amenities, relaxing activities, and intimate experiences with nature.

Two resorts in one: a family-friendly resort and adult-secluded retreat with RV camping options, luxury villa-pods, and stunning shoreline access throughout.

Protecting the environment while making nature more accessible, these properties are *designed to stand on their own or to be experienced together.*

DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT: Steele Canyon

RFP SECTION 7a

THE LAUNCH
AT STEELE CANYON

WAYS TO STAY:
RV, HOUSEBOAT, GLAMPING

GETTING AROUND:
Kayak & Canoe Rentals, Boat Launch & Marina, Ferry & Water Taxi

PROPERTY FEATURES:
Safe Harbor Full-Service Marina
Steele Canyon Provisions: Grocery
PADI Dive Center
Forestry & Conservation Center

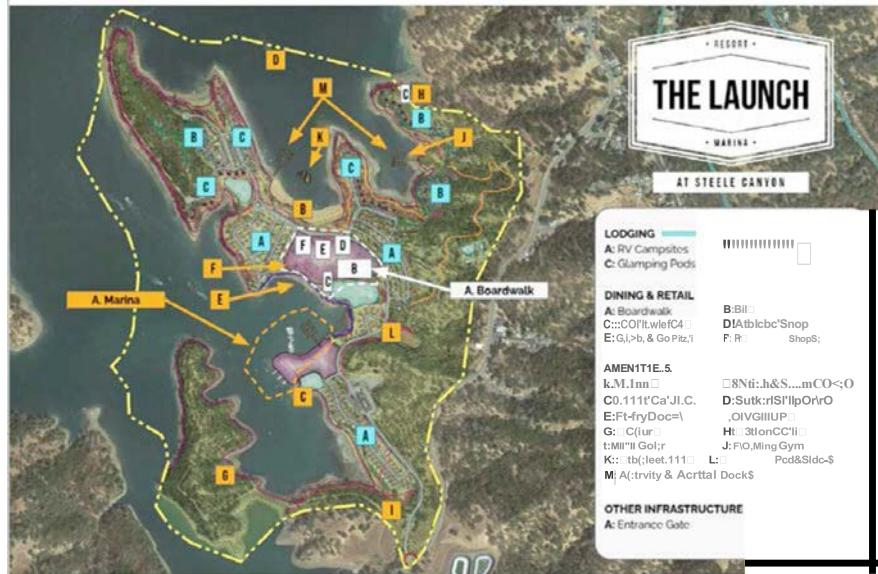
AMENITIES

Boardwalk; Dining and Retail
Steele Canyon Provisions; Grocery & Marketplace
Craft Brews Restaurant
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Shop
Pasta & Pizza Carryout
Container Coffee Cafe
BBQ & Picnic Pavilion
Full Service Marina & Boat Storage
Dive Center & PADI Certification
Leisure & Activity Pool
Floating Fitness Center
Forestry and Conservation Center

ACTIVITIES

Glow-in-the-dark Mini Golf
PADI Certification
Sunken Ship Guided Dive
Snorkeling
Boat Rentals
High Ropes Course
Sugar Sand Beach
Floating Obstacle Course
Kayak, Canoe, & Paddleboard Rental
Hiking & Nature Trails
Conservation/Forestry Workshops
Swims to Spanish Flat

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DEVELOPMENT CONCEIT: Spanish Flat



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BY STARWOOD OUTDOORS
AT SPANISH FLAT

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Lookout Tower & Sun Deck, Restaurant, Star Gazing Deck, Clubhouse, Infinity Pool, & Swim Up Bar, Electric Boat Marina & Rentals, Hihiide Therapeutic Tub, Fitness Center & Wellness Spa

Activities

Creative Center, Taco Shop & Wood Fired Pizza, Conaine, Coffee Cafe, Sunrise & Sunset Outdoor Yoga, Challer,ge stairs, Sandy Beach & Adventure Cove, Special Event & Wedding Lawn, Protected Swimming Only, Swimming & Hiking Dock, Hiking Trails & Nature Trails, Wellness Expeditions, Swims to Secret canyon

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CAMPING AROUND:
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AMENITIES

- Boardwalk Dining & An-**isan**
- Retail Shops
- Clubhouse with Bowling Alley, **Ar**cade, & Leisure Pool
- Float, **ng** Music & MO^lles on the **Lake**
- DIY Pizza & Pasta Workshops
- Outdoor p^zza Over Kitchen
- Grab & Go Picnic Shop
- Sculpture Carden
- Wildflower H111
- Activity Rental Dock
- Sailing School
- Electric Vehicle Rental Centr

ACTIVITIES

- Lawn Games
- Bocce Ball & Horse Shoes
- Sailing Classes & Sailboat Rentals
- Kayak, Canoes & Paddleboard
- Rental
- Electric Bk^z & Scoot^z, Rentals
- Outdoor P^zza Classes
- Rainy Day Indoor Activities
- Nature Walks & Hikes
- Shopping & Dining
- Sandy Beach
- Picnicking

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENT: Sustainability

RFP CRITERIA E

Sustainable design is at the heart of each of Sun Outdoors' resorts. We are deeply committed to the preservation of the natural world and strive to do everything possible to offset our collective carbon footprint and protect the one planet we call home. We have implemented a wide range of energy, water, and environmental design strategies to keep our footprint small and we consistently use sustainable building materials and practices both at Outpost as well as at each of the other hotels in our family of sustainable brands.

By encouraging guests to travel between resort properties via ferry, water taxi, and electric boats we aim to reduce auto traffic in the region while encouraging an intimate and one-of-a-kind multi-property experience for guests..



LOCAL ENGAGEMENT: ESG Initiatives

RFP CRITERIA E

Our community engagement strategy is focused across 3 key areas:



CONC[PT FEEOBACI\ SOLICITATION

Sun will proactively communicate with local residents and stakeholders throughout the design and approval process to build community consensus around the proposed development plan.



HIRING VENDORS AND KEY PERSONNEL FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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COLLABORATIONS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES, WINERIES, LOCAL CHEFS, GOURMETERS

Sun has been committed to returning with Nwp[County] to the-volop the concession roll. It is the original RFI was released in 2017 Sun responded enthusiastically to the RFI information request. With interest in dove-logging still strong offered at that time Sun remains fully invested in the opportunity to transform the Lake 81 REYS, community and we believe our proposal today only cements this up on the vision initially expressed in our HEYRS. Sun has no

SECURITY SERVICES

Sun is committed to ensuring a safe, secure and healthy environment for our guests, team members and community. Sun will at a minimum provide for the following Security protocols:

Properties will be developed with guard gated access points to screen and limit access to the Property

Sun will use such a detailed emergency preparedness plan, and developed for each site and will train staff members on emergency response protocols.

Sun will provide Z4 hour a day roving ranger staff and a

Sun will undertake to comply with any health safety regulations pre~~s~~ and/or ~~as~~ regarding COV~~19~~ ~~as~~ are pub~~l~~sh~~l~~d. from time to time ~~by~~ the County~~s~~ Health Officials

Sun will install state of the art security and surveillance equipment for monitoring the property.

Sun willwork with Napa County to determine Impacts on pubUc servc's including law cnfon:cmnt and will work with the County to provide collaborative solutions as part of the contract negotiation



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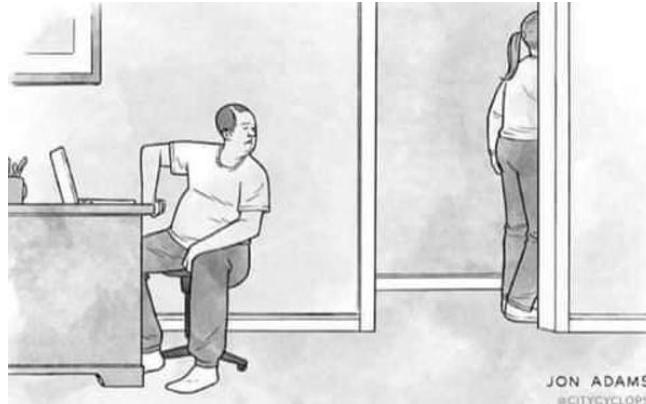
Sunday, October 17, 2021

I've stopped publishing the print version until April 2022. I plan to publish this email newsletter twice a month until then. You can also get the latest in news about Lake Berryessa by checking my website regularly.

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/>

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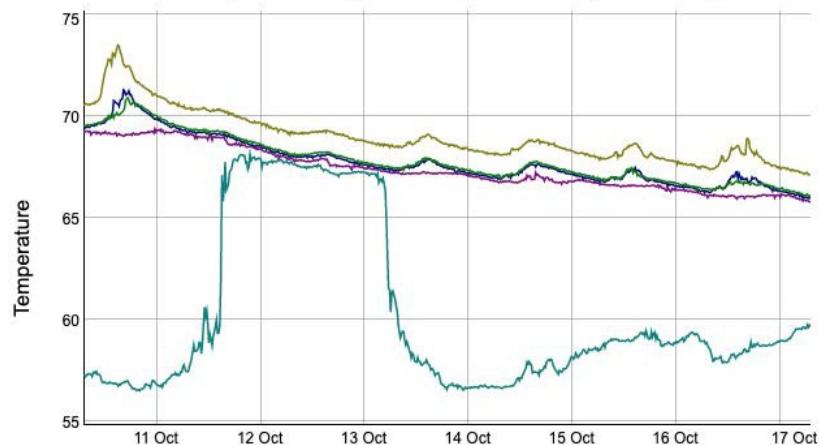
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there would be no Lake Berryessa news."***

Lake Level as of October 17, 2021

The Lake Level is at 401.4 feet, 39.6 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall this season is at .05 inches. Water temps are nearing 65 degrees. Looks like a small amount of "turnover" took place last week due to the recent heavy winds. "Turnover" is official when the temperature of the water is the same from bottom to top.

Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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Lake Berryessa Revitalization Update: October 17, 2021

Short Term

Most people are not aware that Napa County has been formally in charge of Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat Recreation Area, and Monticello Shores Recreation Area since November 2020 per the Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Since that time Napa County managed Steele Canyon Recreation Area through an interim agreement with Pleasure Cove (Suntex). Napa County also managed Spanish Flat Recreation Area through an interim agreement with Spanish Flat Partners, a group of local investors.

Those interim agreements are coming to an end. Per Napa County both recreation areas will cease operations on October 31, 2021. The present operators will have until November 30, 2021 to remove all of their personal property and equipment.

There has been no word from Napa County as to what happens at those recreation areas after November 30. One reasonable scenario is for Napa County to sign interim agreements with Sun Lake Berryessa LLC to operate the two locations with some minimum level of services.

Long Term

The future of Lake Berryessa has long been shrouded in a cloudy crystal ball of policy and politics. The last two years have brought some clarity to that crystal ball and this week brings even more reason for optimism. Although Napa County chose Sun Communities as the new concessionaire to redevelop and operate Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat Recreation Area, and Monticello Shores Recreation there has been little public information provided about the details of the proposed new developments. With the release of the latest documents by Napa County that will not change soon, but there will be a firm agreement on the future negotiation process resulting in Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs).

The Lake Berryessa resort lands have been NEPA'd, CEQA'd, environmentally-assessed, and culturally-prodded for fifty years. Nothing of significance has ever been found. The Bureau of Reclamation demolished the resorts in 2009 with no study at all - just a simple Categorical Exclusion, CEC 743, which stated:

"The removal of all existing trailers and associated appurtenances within existing and developed sites at Lake Berryessa resorts involves only minor construction activities on previously disturbed land and there will be no impacts to waters of the United States.

Because of the massive volumes of previous studies, all of which are available to any new developer, the Lake Berryessa News has always been a proponent of an expedited approach to the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa. The present projected date of July 2024, for the reopening of the new resorts just seems too far in the future.

However...

Sun Lake Berryessa LLC (Sun Communities) is a billion dollar company with hundreds of recreation properties across the country. For them, strategically, Lake Berryessa is a major entry into the internationally-famous Napa Valley market. They will be investing a minimum of \$100 million with a fifty-five year horizon. Their due diligence will be professional and profound. It is understandable that they wish to start from scratch and follow the old quality motto:

"Do It Right The First Time."

I guess I can wait until 2024 for my first margarita at the Steele Canyon Resort restaurant and bar overlooking beautiful Lake Berryessa.

So what may we expect to see as amenities at the new resorts? Definitely not a zip line between Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat nor a roller coaster at Monticello Shores. But there will be modern full-service marinas, new launch ramps and roads, stores, snack bars and restaurants, tent camping, modern RV camp sites, various types of modern lodging and glamping, family-friendly facilities, children's attractions, shuttle boats between resorts, tour boats around the lake, and more... The intent is to attract a wide range of recreationists, not to turn it into "rich persons" resort area.

Sun Communities is also dedicated to corporate responsibility and environmental sustainability. Their commitment is outlined in their Environmental, Social and Governance Report. The full report is available at:

[Environmental Social and Governance Report](#)

"In this report we describe how sustainability is an integral part of our corporate strategy and business activities. Our responsibilities and values are reflected in our dedication to Sun's core values of commitment, intensity, empowerment, accountability, and service to all our communities and stakeholders including team members, residents and guests, and shareholders. These set out the basic rules we follow to make sure we maintain the highest standards of conduct. This report presents some key performance measures, and shows how we endeavor to put our principles into practice."

The following are the agenda items for the Napa Supervisors Meeting this Tuesday, October 19. You'll notice the item about going out for bid for the Berryessa Point Recreation Area (formerly Berryessa Marina Resort).

Board of Supervisors Agenda 10/19/21

B. County Executive Officer will provide an update of activities at Lake Berryessa and requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements:

1. Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Sun Lake Berryessa LLC (Sun Communities) to conduct environmental studies, site investigation and due diligence, prepare environmental documents, and enter into negotiations for a long-term agreement for development and operation of resort concessions at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores concession areas; and
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 170664B-17 with Ragatz Realty increasing the amount by \$15,000 for a new maximum of \$140,000, extending the term through June 30, 2022, and amending the scope of work to include identification of eligible bidders for Berryessa Point.

Excerpts from the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (The full agreement is available for download at: [Exclusive Negotiation Agreement](#))

The County and Concessionaire agree for the period set forth below, to negotiate diligently and in good faith, pursuant to this Agreement, to prepare one or more Disposition and Development Agreements or other management or concessionaire agreements ("DDAs") to be entered into between the County and Concessionaire with respect to the Properties, generally as set forth in the proposals submitted by Concessionaire.

1.3 Period of Negotiations. The Parties agree to negotiate one or more DDAs for the Properties for a twenty-four (24) month period ending on October 18, 2023 ("Negotiation Period"), commencing on the Effective Date. If the Parties have not reached agreement on DDAs for one or more of the Properties at the end of 24 months, then this Agreement shall automatically terminate as to those Properties where agreement has not been reached...The Negotiation Period (consisting of the Investigation and Approval Periods described below) may be extended by Sun for up to six (6) months by delivering written notice thereof to the County, but any further extensions will require the mutual written agreement of the Parties. The Negotiation Period shall consist of two periods, an Investigation Period and an Approval Period.

1.3.1 The "Investigation Period" shall be four (4) months starting on the Effective Date and ending on February 18, 2022. The County shall use reasonable efforts to assist Concessionaire in obtaining copies of all written reports, studies, investigations, information or material in the BOR's possession or control and not previously delivered to Concessionaire relating to the condition or development of the Property (the "Documents"). By way of example, without limitation, the term "Documents" shall refer to surveys, topographic maps, engineering plans and specifications, soil boring tests, soils analysis, environmental reports, water table analysis, pending litigation and/or claims, and related correspondence. During the term of this Agreement, Concessionaire shall have full access to inspect the Property, perform all testing, and inspect all records relating to the Property, without unreasonably interfering with ongoing concessions activity or BOR operations...

1.3.2 The "Approval Period" shall be twenty (20) months starting on February 19, 2022 and ending on October 18, 2023 to complete the environmental analysis documents in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and secure all necessary permits, licenses, governmental approvals, including rezoning, if necessary, approval to extend utilities to the boundary of the Property, and all other governmental approvals, permits and licenses required for Concessionaire to commence and

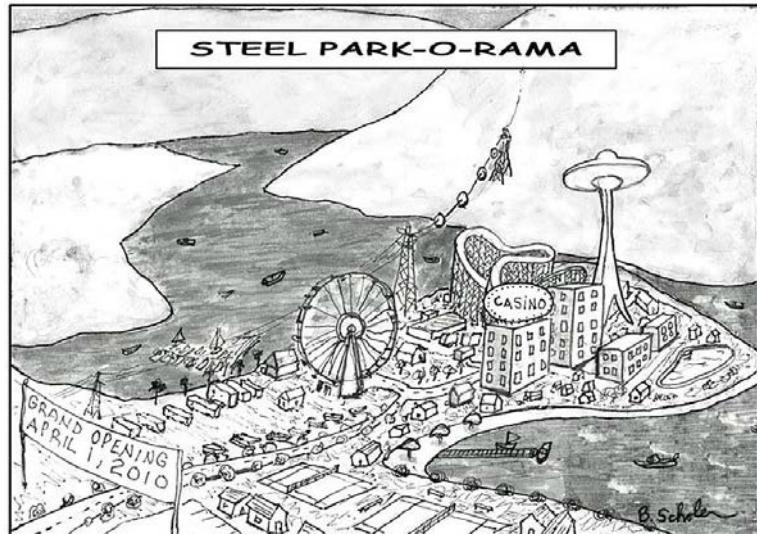
complete the development of the Property (the "Governmental Approval"). Concessionaire will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the Governmental Approvals...

2.1.8 Concessionaire will need to contribute towards the cost of improvements to local water and sewer facilities, in addition to capacity and connection fees, in order to ensure reliable service to the Properties.

2.4 Environmental Studies. Concessionaire shall prepare all required environmental analysis documents in accordance with the CEQA and NEPA at its own cost and expense... If the quality or pace of environmental review is inadequate as reasonably determined by the County CEO, then the County shall so inform Concessionaire and Concessionaire shall inform and direct its consultants to devote additional resources and/or correct the deficient work, but the cost of the consultant shall remain the Concessionaire's expense...

NAPALACHIA

By Bill Scholer



Bass Fishing is great at Lake Berryessa!

Just got a note and some photos from Don Paganelli, long-time Lake Berryessa suporter: The bass fishing has been great the last few weeks using Blade Runner spoons. We are fishing over large schools of bait (shad) and the Bass are feeding, getting ready for winter.

Donald Paganelli's Bass Fishing Experience

<http://www.guidebass.net/>





We all pay when newspapers die

This insightful Napa Register editorial by Sean Scully applies to the Lake Berryessa News as well. We have few advertisers and no software to be able to manage subscriptions. Last year I did a fundraiser to be able to keep publishing the print version. Thanks to our donors we were able to print six summer issues. I'm not sure what I'll do this year - GoFundMe? It is annoying and embarrassing to beg for money.

The Lake Berryessa News email newsletter goes out to more than 500 people. Our Facebook page has almost 24,000 followers. Our website hits average hundreds per day. Explore our website. There is nothing like it anywhere.

There are only three basic news sources for Lake Berryessa and Napa County. The first is obviously the Lake Berryessa News. The largest is obviously the Napa Register. The most unique is Paul Franson's NapaLife: "For those who live in Napa Valley –and those who wish they did."

Paul's detailed weekly newsletter includes everything entertainment and wine-related that is happening in the Napa Valley. Paul's newsletter is by subscription. A sample can be seen at <http://www.napalife.com/6122.html>.

Please read Sean's editorial, excerpts below. See the full editorial at:

https://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/columnists/from-the-editor-we-all-pay-when-newspapers-die/article_faa76f9a-ad6b-5f02-beab-98c4143f456f.html

Ask yourself the following questions:

What would you do if the Lake Berryessa News simply disappeared tomorrow?

What would you do if Paul Franson's NapaLife simply disappeared tomorrow?

What would you do if the Napa Register simply disappeared tomorrow?

We all pay when newspapers die

Sean Scully, Oct 16, 2021

It's always sad when a beloved local business closes. We all have memories of our favorite long-gone restaurant, or of shopping with our parents at some defunct department store. Usually, however, the direct financial and social effect of a business going under is confined to the owners, employees and most loyal customers.

What happens, though, if the closure of a business goes on to have an effect on everyone, to change the very way a community works? There's a growing body of evidence that this is exactly what happens when a newspaper closes.

As is well known, newspapers – and other traditional media outfits, too – are suffering a prolonged economic crisis. It isn't that people don't read or want news, but rather there have been profound changes in the advertising market that used to bankroll most of the expensive

process of collecting and presenting news. In the case of newspapers, this is particularly a problem with the formerly lucrative classified ad market, which was devastated by the internet.

A 2020 study by the Hussman School of Journalism and Media at the University of North Carolina found that about a quarter of all newspapers in the U.S. had closed completely since 2005, about 300 total. For the rest of the newspapers that survived, including the Register and its weeklies, the story was one of reduced staff and consolidated services. In the 15 years covered by the report, about 6,000 newsroom jobs disappeared at newspapers, and that doesn't count the jobs lost in advertising, production, circulation, and other functions.

You might well ask: So what? Businesses close all the time in the face of competition and changing consumer tastes and behavior. That's just the nature of economics. A 2018 study from Notre Dame and the University of Chicago suggests that a lot more is at stake...

A 2010 study from MIT and Stockholm University, meanwhile, showed a clear connection between the level of press coverage and the engagement and knowledge of voters. Voters in such areas were "less likely to recall their representative's name and less able to describe and rate him or her," the authors wrote. "Congressmen who are less covered by the local press work less for their constituencies..." That has real-world effects, including lower overall federal spending in a congressional district that lacks robust news coverage, the study found.

Similar effects have been noted in the behavior and budget priorities of local officials, who are less responsive and more willing to raise taxes or even their own salaries when there is little coverage of their actions.

An interesting recent study showed a less predictable result of the decline of local coverage: an uptick of corporate misbehavior...

In all these cases, the question of "why" remains open, but the authors speculate that is as simple as the fact that nobody is watching the politicians and companies, that projects that are funded by bonds aren't written about or familiar to the public...

All this is to say that local news matters in a real and tangible way. A lack of local news coverage will cost you money in ways you might not have predicted.

The Napa Valley Register has been hit by the same negative economic forces as the rest of the industry. We're not in any danger of going out of business anytime soon, but our resources are definitely more strained than they ever have been.

Demand remains high for our news, however. If you combine print and digital subscriptions, we actually have more subscribers now than we did when I started as editor in 2014. It's just that the changes in the ad market have shaken up the traditional method of financing our business. That's why I talk so often about the support of subscribers. It's largely up to our readers to make sure that we and other remaining newspapers can survive well into the future.

So, as always, if you are a subscriber, we thank you for your support and your faith in us as a reliable source of local news. If you're not a subscriber, but you find value in what we do (and you don't want all those bad things researchers found to happen here), please visit napavalleyregister.com/members/join and consider becoming a member today.

Every member of this community, whether they know it or not, has a stake in making sure our local newspapers survive.

A Personal PSPS Survival Story (PPSPSS)

by Peter Kilkus

The recent 36 hour Public Safety Power Shutoff on October 11 - 12 was very annoying but necessary. As someone who needs electricity to run my medical equipment, much less worrying about how long my refrigerator will remain cold, a PSPS is more than an inconvenience. I know that there are others, especially seniors in the Lake Berryessa region, who depend on electricity to power their medical equipment. They should take advantage, as I did, of the PG&E Medical Baseline Program.

The PG&E Medical Baseline Program, also known as Medical Baseline Allowance, is an assistance program for residential customers who depend on power for certain medical needs.

To qualify for Medical Baseline Program, a full-time resident in your home must have a qualifying medical condition and/or require use of a qualifying medical device to treat ongoing medical conditions. Eligibility for Medical Baseline is based on medical conditions or needs, NOT on income.

Apply for the Medical Baseline Program today.

https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/save-energy-money/help-paying-your-bill/longer-term-assistance/medical-condition-related/medical-baseline-allowance/medical-baseline-allowance.page

As part of their support for medical baseline customers, PG&E recently launched a program to further enhance safety when the power goes out for customers that depend on life saving medical equipment. PG&E's Portable Battery Program (PBP) provides no-cost backup portable batteries for eligible income-qualified customers who live in high fire-threat districts and are enrolled in the Medical Baseline program. Working in coordination with Community Based Organizations (CBOs), PG&E has identified approximately 10,500 customers who could qualify for this program. The CBOs then deliver the batteries to the homes of these qualified customers, set up the batteries, and educate customers on how to safely operate and maintain the equipment.

Since I qualified for this program I received my backup battery just two weeks before the latest PSPS. The battery is a lithium-ion unit with several AC and USB outputs. It charges from 0 to 100% in less than two hours. It can keep necessary medical equipment running for days.

The unit I received is the EF ECOFLOW Portable Power Station DELTA available on Amazon for \$1,199. See photo below.

It was like a generator in a box with no gasoline. It did more than run my medical equipment. It ran my coffeepot, toaster, and electric frying pan. Without electricity, I have no heat - and those PSPS nights were quite cold. I do have a propane fireplace, but it needs power to operate. I plugged the fireplace into this unit and had as much heat as I needed. Without electricity we had no internet. But this unit easily ran my iMac so with my AT&T cellphone' mobile hotspot application I had full access to the internet - and to my medical contacts and appointments.

Clearly this type of backup is only for short term power outages of a day or two. We all need gasoline or propane generators for longer term outages. We lived on generator power here above the Berryessa Highlands for six weeks after the last fire - no fun.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who has a need, especially seniors in our area. The local contact for the battery program is:

North Coast Energy Services Inc.
(707) 463-0303
www.nces.org

NCES is currently working with PG&E to try and assist clients by providing no-cost backup portable batteries for eligible income-qualified customers who live in high fire-threat districts and are enrolled in the Medical Baseline program. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (707) 463-0303. We service Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties.

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Welcome to the Latest Lake Berryessa News Newsletter.

November 1, 2021

Everyone is happy with the first big rain of the season. Hopefully much more to come.

Actually there is not much news to report. Everyone is waiting for Napa County to provide some word about the future.

Spanish Flat Recreation Area and Steele Canyon Recreation Area Are Closed

The interim agreements with Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon Recreation areas terminated yesterday, October 31. The companies have until November 30 to remove their personal property and any facilities investments they made. Their websites have been deleted. No word yet from the County on the status of the two locations after November 30th.

Remember: "Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

Is Facebook a mental illness or just a place for the mentally ill to gather and babble?

A few years ago I was managing the Facebook and Twitter feeds for a political campaign. I was astonished by the number of trolls and aggressively mean people making stupid comments not based on the reality of the discussions taking place. I've found this to be true even on my Lake Berryessa News Facebook page. I can post a simple news item about the situation at the lake and get some morons coming out of the woodwork to complain about something totally unrelated to the post. Some seem to believe that Gavin Newsom is responsible for every bad thing in their lives, including the zits on their butts.

Many experts contend that social media has contributed to an attitude of rudeness. People feel they have to share their opinions on everything, everywhere, at all times, even if backed up by scant knowledge. And then they have to broadcast that opinion, self- importantly. Most don't understand that almost no one cares what they think or say. They also don't understand that a Facebook post has a lifetime of only about 48 hours. They are simply talking to an audience of one in their own mirror.

My Lake Berryessa News Facebook page has about 24,000 likes. Of course they are not all active, but an interesting post about what's happening at the lake can get more than 12,000 hits in one day. My Lake Berryessa News web site can get thousands of hits in a day when some news is breaking - as when Glory Hole overflowed for the first time in 10 years back in 2017. The Lake Berryessa News YouTube videos by my son, Evan, got millions of views around the world. You can see these videos on my website at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/lake-berryessa-historical-2/

I've been very lenient about what folks post on the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page. Wide communication about the situation at the lake is my goal. I often respond to a post to answer a question or provide additional information. I enjoy the interactions with my readers, stories from the past, positive comments and suggestions for the future.

But I realize I may have contributed to the negativity (sometimes simple inanity) in some Lake Berryessa News Facebook threads. The Lake Berryessa News Facebook page is not an "interactive news site" for people to use as a chat room to communicate with their friends. It is not meant to be a site for baseless negativity and stupid comments - and yes, I get to decide what those are. And I will delete them.

As owner, publisher, editor, and only staff member (unpaid) The Lake Berryessa News is meant to provide the latest news and information about what is happening at the lake, including the plans for the future revitalization of the lake.

My son, Evan, proposed a new approach:

"Skepticism Without Criticism".

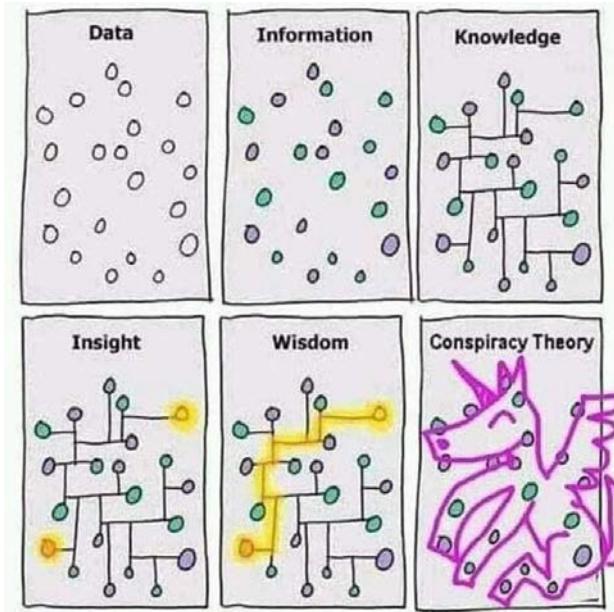
People can be skeptical without being critical. For example, you may look at the Sun Lake Berryessa, LLC. plans for the revitalization of the lake and not agree with some of the

proposals. That doesn't mean you need to post a negative comment about that particular proposal or trash the whole plan. Remember the details all still need to be worked out. It's only your personal opinion.

I know some of you may think you are smarter than a billion dollar company planning to invest \$500 million dollars in the lake resorts over time with a professional staff of recreation planners and marketing experts dedicated to the future success of Lake Berryessa. But maybe you're not?

On another annoying-to-me note. The news feeds can get long for an interesting topic I post. Please don't clutter it up with inane comments. I just deleted a comment a couple of days ago where the person simply wrote "Wow". I don't know what was going on in that persons' mind, likely the adrenaline rush at seeing their name on the computer screen.

If you don't like what I've written, simply unlike my page.

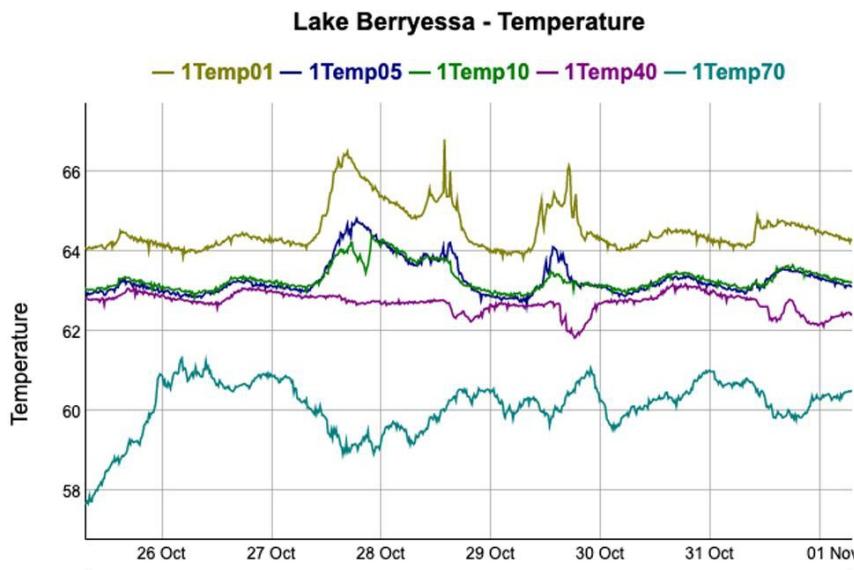


Lake Level as of Monday, November 1, 2021

The lake is stable at 404.2 feet - 35.8 feet down - and has stopped rising. Watch it for yourself at: www.scwamonitoring.com/LakeBerryessa/index.htm.

Official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is at 7.17 inches. Last year the level was at 418.9 feet and zero inches of rain on this date.

First rainfall last year was .09 inches on 11/14/21. We only got 9.44 inches for all of the season. Water temps continue to converge on 62 degrees top to 70 feet down, but full turnover has not yet occurred. We need more wind and wave action.



Aetna Springs resort in Pope Valley for sale again

Paul Franson (www.napalife.com)

The magnificent old Aetna Springs resort in Pope Valley is for sale again. Developers have proposed restoring the property into a luxury resort numerous times. I've written about it often, always hoping that someone would save the historic buildings before they have hopelessly deteriorated. The resort is one of Napa County's treasures but remote resorts fell out of favor. I suspect they may be coming back, and a helipad or airstrip might be great, if the county would approve them.

In Dec. 2018, CBRE Hotels and Compass Real Estate, the company marketing the resort, announced its sale to Alchemy Resorts for \$22 million. The seller was Dallas' police pension system, which had invested nearly \$111 million in it. The deal then included the 3,100 acres including the 672-acre resort, the closed 130-year-old, nine-hole golf course and land around Lake Luciana and Turkey Hill proposed for vineyard estates. George Smith Partners secured \$29,000,000 for the acquisition of the resort, but I'm not sure of the discrepancy in prices.

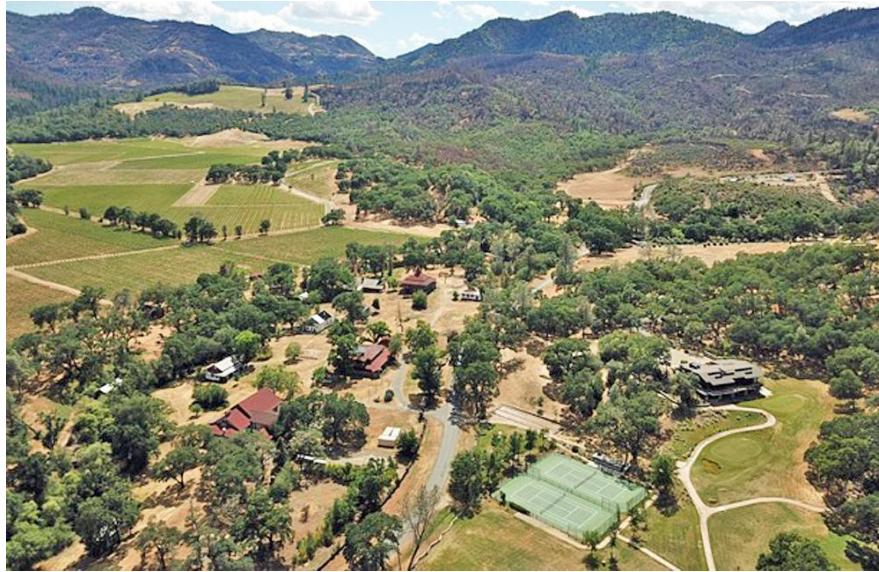
When Aetna Springs was originally built in the late 19th century, the property's natural mineral springs were the main attraction. It operated for decades as a summer retreat with lodging, dining, golf, tennis, swimming and live entertainment. According to the CBRE's marketing information, Aetna Springs currently totals approximately 2,870 acres with 670 acres to the west and 2,200 acres eight miles east, near Lake Juliana.

The property comprises producing vineyards, a modern community clubhouse, the golf course (currently closed) and approximately 40 estate lots. It notes that future plans include a resort village (depicted above), a spa and wellness gardens, a boutique winery, restaurants and resort amenities. The eastern portion of the property surrounds Lake Juliana where estate homes are planned with access to the lake for recreational activities. The three neighborhoods at the lake are known as Juliana North, Juliana West and Juliana East.

A second resort is planned at Juliana West as a luxury campground and reservoir with 40 glamping units and a restaurant. There is potential to expand the existing vineyards, 27 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, and Petite Syrah. An additional 300 acres are plantable. A winery and tasting room are planned and approved for the annual production of 57,000 gallons.

CBRE reports that "several top resort operators have expressed an interest in managing the resort at Aetna Springs, including Six Senses Resorts, with its focus on sustainable development and wellness." The website is www.cbredealfow.com www.cbre.us.

Below: Aerial view of Aetna Springs today from the eastern entrance



If you don't follow your dreams, your children will have no dreams to follow.



The above photo of a poster from 1979 was sent to me by a Berryessa Highlands resident. I hope to get it scanned and added to our gallery of historical maps.

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/lake-berryessa-historical-2/>

Welcome to the Latest Lake Berryessa News Newsletter.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

"Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

Your first Sunday dinner at a new friend's house!



Lake Berryessa Revitalization Takes Another Step Forward

At the Napa County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 new interim contracts with Sun Lake Berryessa, LLC should be approved for the continuing operation of Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area. These contracts will run from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2023.

The contracts are quite thorough and appear to be a foundation for the final contracts which will include the detailed development plans, Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs), which are scheduled to be completed in 2023.

The contracts also include new fees for the recreation areas, which are higher than the old fees, but have been approved by the Bureau of Reclamation based on a recently completed a rate comparability study.

The interesting part of the new contracts are the required and authorized services to the public. It is not clear how soon after November 1, 2021 many of these services will be available. These are 2-year contracts and many of the services will be phased in as quickly as feasible.

The services listed below for Steele Canyon are the same as those listed in the Spanish Flat contract.

1. Required Services - Steele Canyon Recreation Area

During the term of this Interim Concession Contract, the Concession Contractor shall provide the following Required Services to the public within the Concession Area:

a. Boat Launching - Manage, operate, and maintain a suitable lake access area for launching car-top boats, personal watercraft and paddle craft (trailered launching shall not be provided) ; launching amenities including signage, designated parking stalls, 5-mph buoys, restroom facilities, and trash and recycling receptacles.

b. Day Use - Manage, operate, and maintain day use sites which provide visitors a picnic table, barbecue, and access to the lake. The Concession Contractor shall also provide related day use amenities including signage, single vehicle parking stalls, truck and trailer parking stalls, trash receptacles, and trash disposal services along with restroom facilities and hand washing stations for day use visitors in accordance with this Interim Concession Contract and in the required quantities shown in Exhibit B.

c. Camping - Manage, operate, and maintain camping sites (campsites for tent only, recreational vehicles (RV) only, and standard multipurpose use) in accordance with this Interim Concession Contract and in the quantities shown in Exhibit B. Camp sites shall include a table, barbeque/fire ring, tent site as applicable, parking stall, and access to the lake. Concession Contractor shall provide supporting amenities including signage, trash and recycling receptacles, restroom facilities, and hand washing stations and shall service those amenities to provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment. Required quantities for restrooms shown in Exhibit B.

d. Retail Sales - The Concession Contractor shall manage, operate, and maintain public retail sale areas featuring bottled potable water at a minimum .

e. Buoys - The Concession Contractor shall manage and maintain Reclamation furnished 5-mph buoys at the Concession Area as specified in Exhibit B.

f. Site Security - The Concession Contractor shall assume full responsibility for providing for the security and safety of the public, and for facility and resource protection within the Concession Area. The Concession Contractor shall provide security at a level necessary to ensure public safety, including facility and resource protection for the term of this Interim Concession Contract. During peak periods additional safety and security personnel may be required to be provided by the Concession Contractor. Security personnel shall be registered with the State of California. Security Requirements are further specified in Exhibit D.

2. Authorized Services

During the term of this Interim Concession Contract, the Concession Contractor may provide the following Authorized Services with prior approval by County:

a. Marine Fueling Service - Provide, operate, and maintain manned fueling facilities and service for vessels.

b. Watercraft Rental Operation - Manage, operate, and maintain rental facilities and provide pleasure boats and Personal Water Craft for rent to the public.

c. Wet Slip Rentals - Provide, operate, and maintain temporary wet slip rentals for privately owned boats. County may limit rental wet slips of any size in accordance with allocations set forth in Applicable Laws including current or future policy regarding lake-wide capacity decisions.

d. Day Use - Additional day use sites which provide visitors a picnic table, barbeque, and access to the lake may be authorized as shown in Exhibit B. Additional day use sites shall provide the same level of amenities and service provision as those required by Section 2.B.I, of this Interim Concession Contract.

e. Camping - Additional tent, RV, and standard campsites providing a table, barbeque/fire ring, parking stall, and access to the lake may be authorized in the quantities shown in Exhibit B. Additional camping sites shall provide the same level of amenities and service provisions as those required by Section 2.B.I, of this Interim Concession Contract.

f. Retail Sales - Management , operation, and maintenance of public retail sales featuring supplies such as firewood, sundries, souvenirs, and groceries, along with camping, boating, and fishing supplies. County shall retain the right to prohibit the sale of any items determined to be inappropriate, obscene, or illegal for retail sales at such concession areas.

g. Trailered Boat Launching - Manage, operate, and maintain a suitable boat launch area for launching trailered boats; courtesy docks, and launching amenities including signage, designated single vehicle parking stalls and truck and trailer parking stalls, 5-mph buoys, restroom facilities, and trash and recycling receptacles.

h. Manage and operate a Reservation Service for the purpose of receiving advance reservation of day use and camping sites at the Concession Area.

The following documents are available for download:

[Interim Concession Contract - Steele Canyon Recreation Area](#)

Interim Concession Contract - Spanish Flats Recreation Area

BOR Letter of Approval

Fee Changes - Steele Canyon

Fee Changes - Spanish Flat

Steele Canyon			Spanish Flat				
Facility or Service	prior fee	new fee	Facility or Service	prior fee	new fee		
RV Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$43	\$55	RV Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$45	\$55
(each add'l guest - max 8 guests)	\$5	no change	(each add'l guest - max 8 guests)	\$5	no change		
Standard Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$40	\$50	Standard Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$45	\$50
(each add'l guest - max 8 guests)	\$5	no change	(each add'l guest - max 8 guests)	\$4	\$5		
Tent Only Campsite (Max 1 vehicle)	(2 guests)	\$34	\$45	Tent Only Campsite (Max 1 vehicle)	(2 guests)	\$25	\$45
(each add'l guest - max 4 guests)	\$5	no change	(each add'l guest - max 4 guests)	\$5	no change		
Extra Person (day use) per person, walk in		\$5	no change	Extra Person (day use) per person, walk in		\$5	no change
Pet Fee per pet, per day or night of camping		\$5	no change	Pet Fee per pet, per day or night of camping		\$5	no change
Extra Vehicle/Parking per vehicle, per night of camping		\$10	no change	Extra Vehicle/Parking per vehicle, per night of camping		\$10	no change
Day Use per vehicle		\$15	n/a	Day Use per vehicle			
Option 1: per vehicle up to 4 guests		n/a	\$20	Option 1: per vehicle up to 4 guests		\$20	no change
(each add'l guest)		n/a	\$5	(each add'l guest)		\$5	no change
Option 2: per vehicle up to 2 guests		n/a	\$14	Option 2: per vehicle up to 2 guests		\$14	no change
(each add'l guest)		n/a	\$5	(each add'l guest)		\$5	no change
Boat Launch			Boat Launch			\$23	\$30
registered camper		\$10	no change	Annual Day Use Pass		\$150	\$175
general public		\$23	\$30	Annual Boat Launch Pass		\$275	\$350
Annual Day Use Pass		\$145	\$250	RV Dump Fee		n/a	\$25
Annual Boat Launch Pass		\$325	\$350				
RV Dump Fee		\$25	\$25				
Slip Fee							
daily		\$30	n/a				
monthly		\$276	n/a				

Some Hopeful Sunday Philosophy

Don't let the QAnon crazies, the criminal anti-vaxxers, the cowardly unvaccinated, and the certifiably-stupid politicians get you down. Take a breath and remember that most people are good and only want the best for their families and friends and the world in general. Here are some positive thoughts and suggestions to go with your Sunday. First up is my favorite prayer.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

A rule of ethical conduct paraphrased from the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31). In other religions and belief systems there is a similar concept of "the ethic of reciprocity", also called the Golden Rule.

One of the earliest rules of this type is from the Old Testament days of Moses: "Love thy neighbor as thyself" (Leviticus 19:18). Similar rules have also appeared over time:

- ca. 950 BC: "...by making dharma (right conduct) your main focus, treat others as you treat yourself." - Mahabharata Shanti-Parva 167:9 (Hinduism)
- ca. 600 BC: "Avoid doing what you would blame others for doing." – Thales (Greek philosopher)
- ca. 500 BC: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful."
- Buddha Udanavarga 5:18 (Buddhism)

- ca. 500 BC: "A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated." — Sutrakritanga, 1.11.33 (Jainism)
- ca. 480 BC: "Is there any one word that could guide a person throughout life?" The Master replied: "How about 'shu' [reciprocity]: never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself?" - Confucius Analects 15:24
- ca. 400 BC: "Do not do to others that which angers you when they do it to you." - Isocrates (Greek philosopher)
- ca. 350 BC: "That which you hate to be done to you, do not do to another." - Egyptian Papyrus, Brooklyn 47:218:135
- ca. 50 BC: "What you do not want to happen to you, do not do it yourself either." - Sextius (Greek philosopher)
- ca. 1 AD: "Do not do to others what you know has hurt yourself" - Tirukkural (Tamil Hinduism)
- ca. 400 AD: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow: this is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation..." - Babylonian Talmud Shabbath 31:a (Judaism)
- ca. 600 AD: "None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself." - Muhammad, various hadiths (Islam)
- ca. 800 AD: "Whatever is disagreeable to yourself, do not do unto others." Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29 (Zoroastrianism)
- ca. 1200 AD: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss." Treatise on the Response of the Tao (Taoism)
- ca. 1400 AD: "If the entire Dharma can be said in a few words, then it is — that which is unfavorable to us, do not do that to others." Padmapuraana 19/357–358 (Hinduism)
- ca. 1850 AD: "And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour that which thou choosest for thyself." Baha'ullah (Baha'i Faith)

Social Justice Through a Veil of Ignorance (John Rawls)

All people are biased by their situations, so how can people agree on a "social contract" to govern how the world should work. Philosopher John Rawls suggests that we should imagine we sit behind a veil of ignorance that keeps us from knowing who we are and identifying with our personal circumstances. By being ignorant of our circumstances, we can more objectively consider how societies should operate.

Two primary principles supplement Rawls' veil of ignorance: the liberty principle and the difference principle.

According to the liberty principle, the social contract should try to ensure that everyone enjoys the maximum liberty possible without intruding upon the freedom of others.

According to the difference principle, the social contract should guarantee that everyone an equal opportunity to prosper. In other words, if there are any social or economic differences in the social contract, they should help those who are the worst off. And, any advantages in the contract should be available to everyone.

So, according to Rawls, approaching tough issues through a veil of ignorance and applying these principles can help us decide more fairly how the rules of society should be structured. And fairness, as Rawls and many others believe, is the essence of justice.

Lake Level as of Sunday, November 14, 2021

The lake is stable at 404.2 feet - 35.8 feet down. The ground has dried out enough that the latest light rain of .57 inches has had no effect on lake level. Official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is at 7.97 inches. Last year the level was at 418.5 feet.

First rainfall last year was .09 inches on 11/14/21. We only got 9.44 inches for all of the season. Water temps continue to converge on 62 degrees top to 70 feet down, but full turnover has not yet occurred. We need more wind and wave action.

Lake Berryessa is at 60.5% capacity (Gamble Guage)

Stork Metric: the lake is still "about 8 buoys down".



Sunday Smiles

[Free Sunday Funnies at: https://comics.azcentral.com/](https://comics.azcentral.com/)

Guy Named Brandon Unsure Why He's Suddenly So Popular Among
Crazy Uncles & NASCAR Fans

Recent study shows that 8 in every 10 Americans do not want to be part of a statistic

Climate Scientists Warn That Fish Will Be Under Even More Water By 2065

Paid Leave Struck Down By People Who Do Combined 4 Hours Of Work Annually

Billionaire Buying Sandwich Unfairly Targeted With 5% Sales Tax

'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom' Casting Assistant Discusses Difficulties Of Finding Extras
Who Are Willing To Be Eaten Alive

COVID Researchers Report Vaccine Efficacy May Drop To 0% After Death

Mark Zuckerberg announces Facebook will be renamed as Farcebook

A Dangerous New Strain of Covid-19 Mutates to Target Only Stupid People

New smart workout mirror shows you how you'll die if you don't get your act together

Napa County's Defensible Space Enforcement Program Will Begin April 1st.

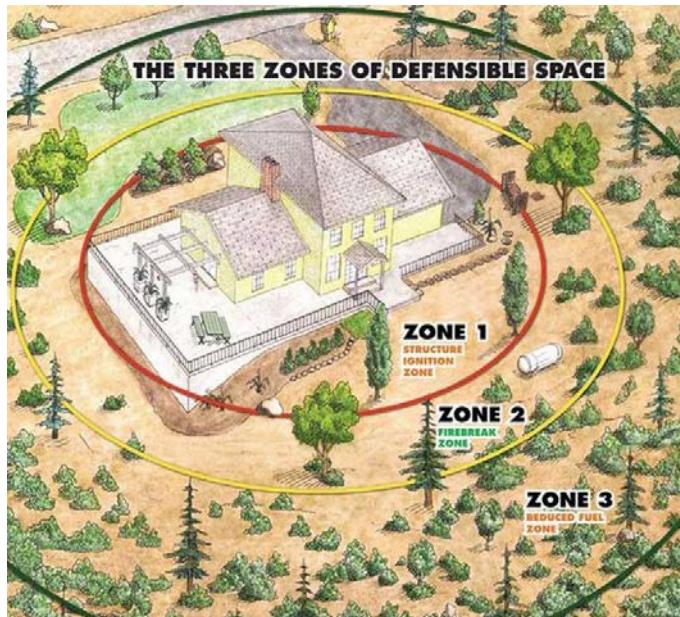
With the onset of winter approaching, now is the best time to request a consulting inspection. We will identify and provide a scope of work so that you have time to reduce fire hazards, meet Napa County's defensible space ordinance and to ensure that your property is ready for the 2022 fire season.

For more information please visit www.countyofnapa.org/firemarshal

Beginning January 1 in California the seller of a home in a designated high fire area built before 2010 must disclose to the buyer conditions that make the home vulnerable to wildfires. The seller must provide documentation stating that the property is in compliance with local laws pertaining to defensible spaces or local vegetation management laws.

Are you familiar with the three zones of defensible space?

Each zone is established at a specified distance with the intention of affecting the behavior of a wildfire entering the outermost zone. This helps to eliminate pathways for a fire to burn directly towards the home, reduces radiant heat exposures, and offers a safe route for evacuation and for firefighters to defend the structure. Now is the perfect time to ensure you have an adequate defensible space surrounding your property: bit.ly/NFDefSpa



Pope Valley From the Air

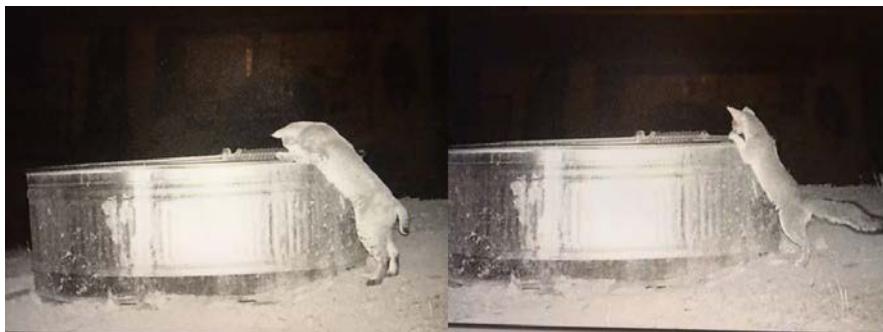
Some nice drone shots of beautiful Pope Valley.





Notes from the East Side of Lake Berryessa

George Gamble, east side cattle rancher, writes, "Since there have been such dry conditions in the hills, I put out some cameras at a few water troughs to see what was going on with the water needs for wildlife. I found the long-legged critters had no problem getting a drink. It was the short-legged animals who needed a boost. So, I devised a ramp and to my surprise the shorties took right to it. The pictures show the results."



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