

**Lake Berryessa News: New Year's 2022**

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**Welcome to the First Lake Berryessa News Newsletter of 2022**

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Goodby to a Hell Year 2021

Hello to a Renewal Year 2022

**A Special Appeal to Our Readers**

The end of the year is always filled with appeals for donations. The Lake Berryessa News is no exception.

Many of you may have noticed that there has been no print edition of the Lake Berryessa News since October, 2021. 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.

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. Our one-person operation is definitely a "not-for-profit".

Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

The revitalization of Lake Berryessa Sun Communities LLC during the next few years 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.

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What should I do to keep the Lake Berryessa News coming to you and everyone else who cares? In 2021 I decided to try something simple - the 20 for 21 Donation Program. The program was successful in 2021 with 54 donors (see names below) contributing about \$2,000. This kept the Lake Berryessa News afloat last year.

So I will make the appeal again - the 20 for 22 Donation Program!

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A simple \$20 for 2022, a revitalization year for the lake, keeps the news coming.

Sun Communities, LLC is already working on the Steele Canyon Recreation Area which is to become "The Launch at Steele Canyon" and the Spanish Flat Recreation Area which is to become "The Outpost at Spanish Flat".

I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community.  
Thanks.

Peter  
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DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT: Steele Canyon

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**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

SAFE HARBOR, HORNBLOWER, PADI

DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT: Spanish Flat

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**WAYS TO STAY:**  
 GLAMPING

**GETTING AROUND:**  
 Kayak & Canoe Rentals, Electric Boat Marina, Ferry & Water Taxi

**PROPERTY FEATURES:**  
 Lookout Tower & Restaurant, RAND Electric Boat Marina, Wedding & Event Space, Protected Swim Only Cove

**Amenities**  
 Lookout Tower & Sunset Restaurant, Star Gazing Deck, Clubhouse, Infinity Pool, & Swim Up Bar, Electric Boat Marina & Rentals, Hillside Therapeutic Soaking Tubs, Fitness Center & Wellness Spa, Room Service/Housekeeping

**Activities**  
 Creative Center, Taco Shop & Wood Fired Pizza, Container Coffee Cafe, Sunrise / Sunset Outdoor Yoga, Challenge stairs, Sandy Beach & Adventure Cove, Special Event & Wedding Lawn, Protected Swim Only Cove, Swim & Activity Dock, Hiking Trails & Nature Trails, Wellness Expeditions, Swims to Steele Canyon

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#### Lake Berryessa Statistics - January 1, 2022

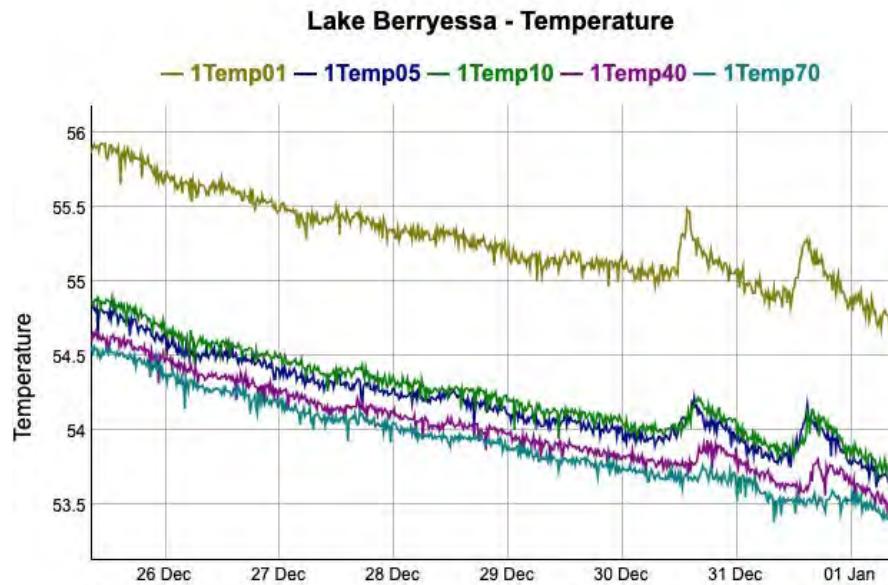
Welcome to the New Year!

The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam has reached 15.6 inches.

The lake level has risen 4.9 feet since December 1, to 409.2 feet 30.8 feet below Glory Hole.

The lake is at 63.6% capacity.

Last year on this date the lake was at 417.9 feet, 22.1 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall was at 1.9 inches. Only 9.44 inches fell that whole year.



#### New Year Smiles

[Free Sunday Funnies at: https://comics.azcentral.com/](https://comics.azcentral.com/)

I'm not buying a 2022 calendar until I see the trailer.

My New Year's resolution was to read more, so I turned on the subtitles on my TV.

I'm going to stay up late this New Year's Eve—not to ring in the New Year, but to make sure this one leaves.

My New Year's resolution is to procrastinate. I'll start tomorrow.

My New Year's resolution was to stay out of shape. Maybe I won't stick to this one either.

I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.

Not to brag, but I already have a date for New Year's Eve—it's December 31.

At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 15 pounds. Only 20 more to go!

#### New Year's Brain Exercise

Have you ever wondered how different cultures can see the world as we do when they have different spoken languages and their written language is often so far different from ours? Below is the simple phrase, "Hello, how are you" shown in various written languages. If you were born in one of these cultures, how do you learn to speak and especially how do you learn to write and read? Which culture would you like to be born into to learn to write?

**Hello, how are you?**

Language

As Written

As Pronounced

Arabic

مرحباً كيف حالك  
marhaban kayf haluk

Japanese

こんにちは元気ですか  
Kon'nichiwa genkidesuka

Chinese simplified

你好吗  
Nǐ hǎo ma

Chinese traditional

你好嗎  
Nǐ hǎo ma

Sindhi

سلام تورهان ڪيئن آهي  
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Hindi

नमस्ते कैसी हो तुम  
namaste kaisee ho tum

Korean

안녕하세요. 어떻게 지내세요  
annyeonghaseyo. eotteohge jinaeseyo

Russian

Привет, как ты  
Privet, kak ty

Punjabi

. ਲਾ ਤਸੀ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਹੋ  
Hailō tusī kivēñ hō

Burmese

မဂ္ဂလာပါ, နောက်လား  
maingalarpar, naykaunglarr

Thai

สวัสดี พេន นก ບັງ  
Swāsdi pĕn ngi bāng

Tamil

வணக்க. எ. பா இப்பகுறைய்  
Vanakkam eppati irukkiraay

Ukrainian

Привіт як ти  
Pryvit yak ty

Mongolian

сайн уу, сайн байна уу  
sain uu, sain baina uu



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"Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

I am deeply gratified by the responses to my 20 for 22 appeal in my last newsletter! Thanks for your donations to keep the Lake Berryessa News moving forward. But also for your compliments and notes of encouragement. These are the things that help keep me going.

The descriptions of your love of the lake, your experiences here, your family history at the lake convince me that there is a real Lake Berryessa Community. We may be geographically dispersed, but we are united in spirit. And looking forward to the revitalization of our lake.

### **One Last Special Appeal to Our Readers**

Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news! Where else could you find the kind of information about Lake Berryessa that you see in today's newsletter below?

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If you have not yet decided to donate, please do so. If you wish to keep getting your Lake Berryessa News for free, that's fine too. I hope you enjoy reading the Lake Berryessa News as much as I enjoy writing it. I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community.

Thanks.

Peter Kilkus

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### **Lake Berryessa Statistics - January 9, 2022**

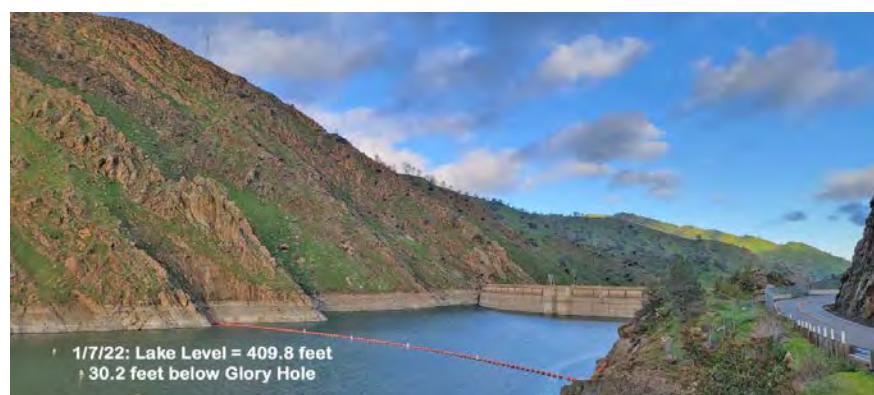
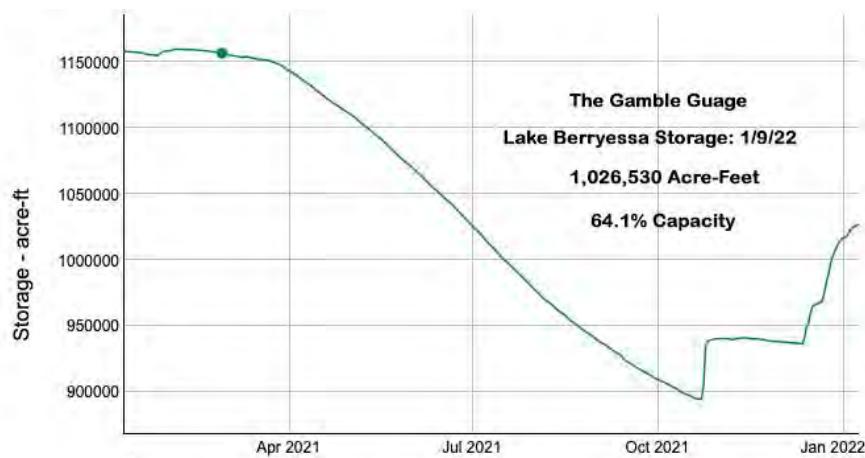
The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam has reached 15.8 inches.

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The Stork Metric is "about 7 buoys down".



The Gamble Guage: The lake is at 64.1% capacity.



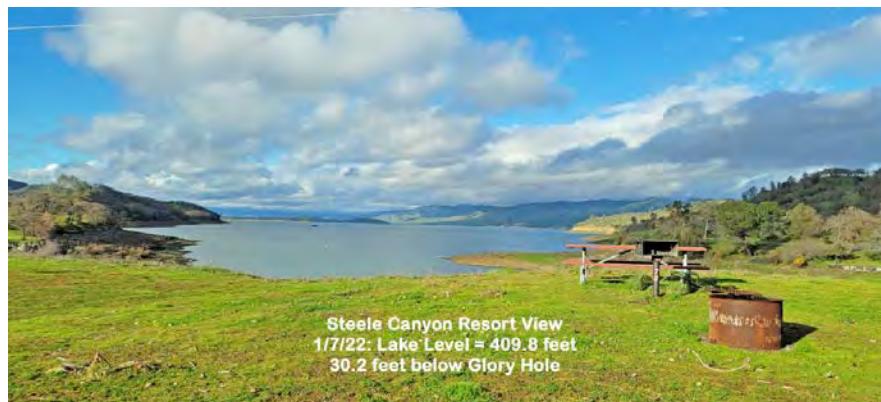
**Steele Canyon Resort Update**

Steele Canyon Resort is open for business as Sun Lake Berryessa continues its clean-up in preparation for rebuilding. The front gate is open. Local residents, Stacy and Rocky, welcome you. The launch is open and the view is spectacular.

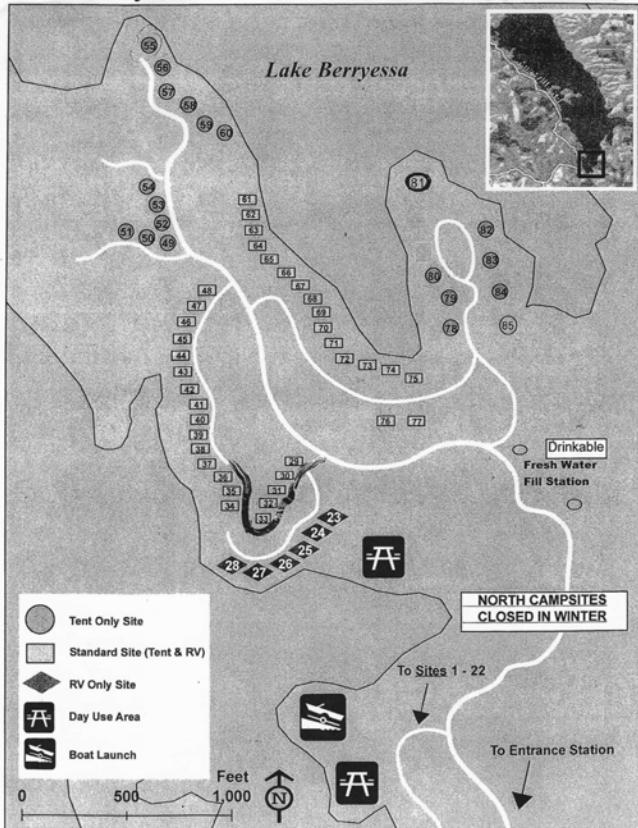
Steele Canyon online booking site:  
[www.campspot.com/book/steele-canyon](http://www.campspot.com/book/steele-canyon)

Spanish Flat also has an online booking site:  
[www.campspot.com/book/spanish-flat](http://www.campspot.com/book/spanish-flat)

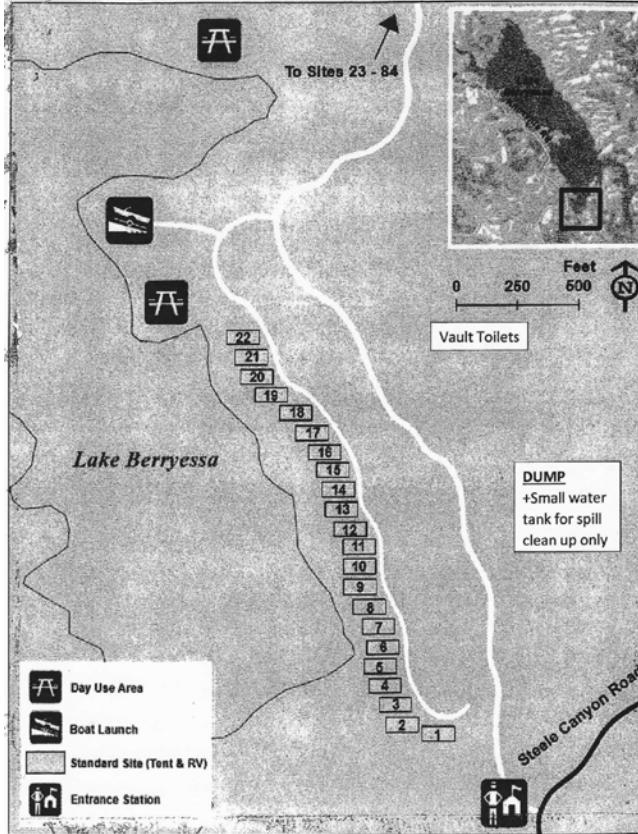
Sun Outdoors Booking Number: 1 (888) 734-5317



### Steele Canyon Recreation Area - North Campground Map



### Steele Canyon Recreation Area - South Campground Map



Facility or Service		Fee
RV Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$55
	(each add'l guest – max 8 guests)	\$5
Standard Campsite (Max 2 vehicles)	(2 guests)	\$50
	(each add'l guest – max 8 guests)	\$5
Tent Only Campsite (Max 1 vehicle)	(2 guests)	\$45
	(each add'l guest – max 4 guests)	\$5
Extra Person (day use) per person, walk in		\$5
Pet Fee per pet, per day or night of camping		\$5
Extra Vehicle/Parking per vehicle, per night of camping		\$10
Day Use per vehicle		
Option 1: per vehicle up to 4 guests		\$20
	(each add'l guest)	\$5
Option 2: per vehicle up to 2 guests		\$14
	(each add'l guest)	\$5
Boat Launch		
registered camper		\$10
general public		\$30
Annual Day Use Pass		\$175
Annual Boat Launch Pass		\$350
RV Dump Fee		\$25

#### Markley Cove Recovery!

While the Lake Berryessa News was out and about we stopped by Markley Cove. There's not been too much news about Markley lately. They suffered significant fire damage and had to go through a rebuilding process. They lost their offices and the nice store at the entrance which has been replaced by temporary building.

But they are open!





**Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Returns on April 1, 2022 (April Fool's Day)!**

Due to the success of the 20 for 22 Donation Program the print version will return featuring my favorite topic - the April Fool's Day edition. You can read many previous year's editions including the classic "Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa" at:

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/1-best-of-april-1-stories.pdf>

But this year I have a small problem. I'm not sure I can come up with new ideas. I need your help. If you have an idea for an April Fool's Day story or product, please send it to me at

pkilkus@gmail.com. I'll credit you if I use your idea.

## Idiotic New Year's Resolutions You'll Never Actually Keep

Exercise More: It's time to finally accept your body for the damaged, irreparable pile of trash that it is.

Improving Your Life In Any Capacity: Widely acknowledged to be completely impossible.

Be Kinder To Yourself: Ha! You're going to give up on day one and hate yourself for it the rest of the year for it.

Getting Your Online Shopping Under Control: The only time your brain has felt a spark of joy these last two years has been when you see that a new package arrived. Don't deprive yourself of that.

Be More Confident: You know you'll never do it, but try hard anyway.

Climb Mount Kilimanjaro: You haven't even looked up what country that's in—it's not happening.

Binging All Old Prestige TV: Sad to think that even this purely frivolous goal that contributes nothing to society will be too much for you to handle this year.

Go To Therapy: And pay some “professional” to say “tell me all your problems”. You already knew them.

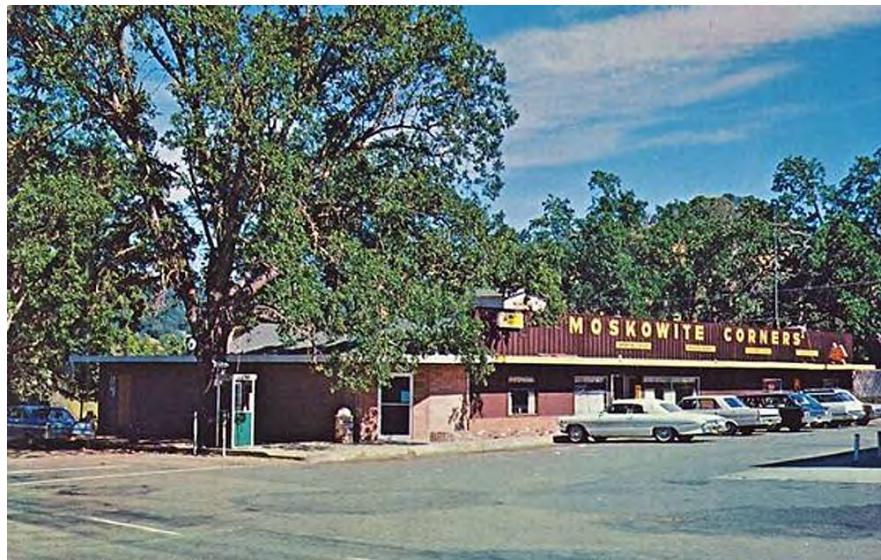
Read More Books: Yeah, the person who got overwhelmed by "How to Appear Normal at Social Events: And Other Essential Wisdom" is definitely going to tackle Anna Karenina.

Memorize The Bible: You try this every year and it always breaks down by Genesis chapter 10. Time to give it a rest.

Do Something About That Eagle Devouring Your Liver: Ever since you gave humanity the gift of fire and Zeus sentenced you to have an organ torn out of your body every night, you've been moaning about making a change. But you know you'll somehow never get around to it.

Just Make It Through Till Next Year: Good luck, pal.

Lake Berryessa History: A Few Historical Photos



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# Putah Creek Bridge 1965



## Onion Headlines

Florida's Governor DeSantis Threatens To Cut Hospital Funding If Surgeons Keep Wearing Masks

Trump commands his followers to siege Twitter HQ and force them to reinstate his account

Statistic: 1 out of every 14 Minnesotans play ice hockey

A prominent Russian window who was a Putin critic, was found dead after falling through a journalist

Epidemiologists Expect Pi Variant To Arrive By 3/14

Woman leasing all-electric Nissan Leaf really sticking it to Saudi regime

Creationists Vow Not To Be Vaccinated For Fear It Will Alter The DNA They Don't Believe In

Senators Josh Hawley and Ted Cruz were spotted driving tanks through Washington, D.C. for unclear reasons

Scientists agree: your baby cries because it wishes it were born to a wealthier family

How Do Self-Driving Cars Avoid Driving Straight To The Beach?



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## Lake Berryessa News Newsletter: January 23, 2022

"Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

It's been a quiet few weeks here at the lake. So this edition will highlight some interesting stories about Lake Berryessa's world famous Morning Glory Spillway, better known as the Glory Hole.



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### Sunday Funnies

Free Sunday Funnies at:

<https://comics.azcentral.com/>

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### Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area Update

Although it's been relatively quiet at the lake several sources report that Sun Lake Berryessa is continuing to work on resort development. They are still in the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval processes.

Although this is an unofficial statement, Sun has not formally commented, Sun appears to be getting ready to ramp up both sites with extra amenities and services. Their goal appears to be to get the sites improved by the upcoming peak summer season. They're also looking forward to launching new websites for both Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat by the first week of February. This will allow for guests of the campgrounds to make their reservations online up to a year in advance.

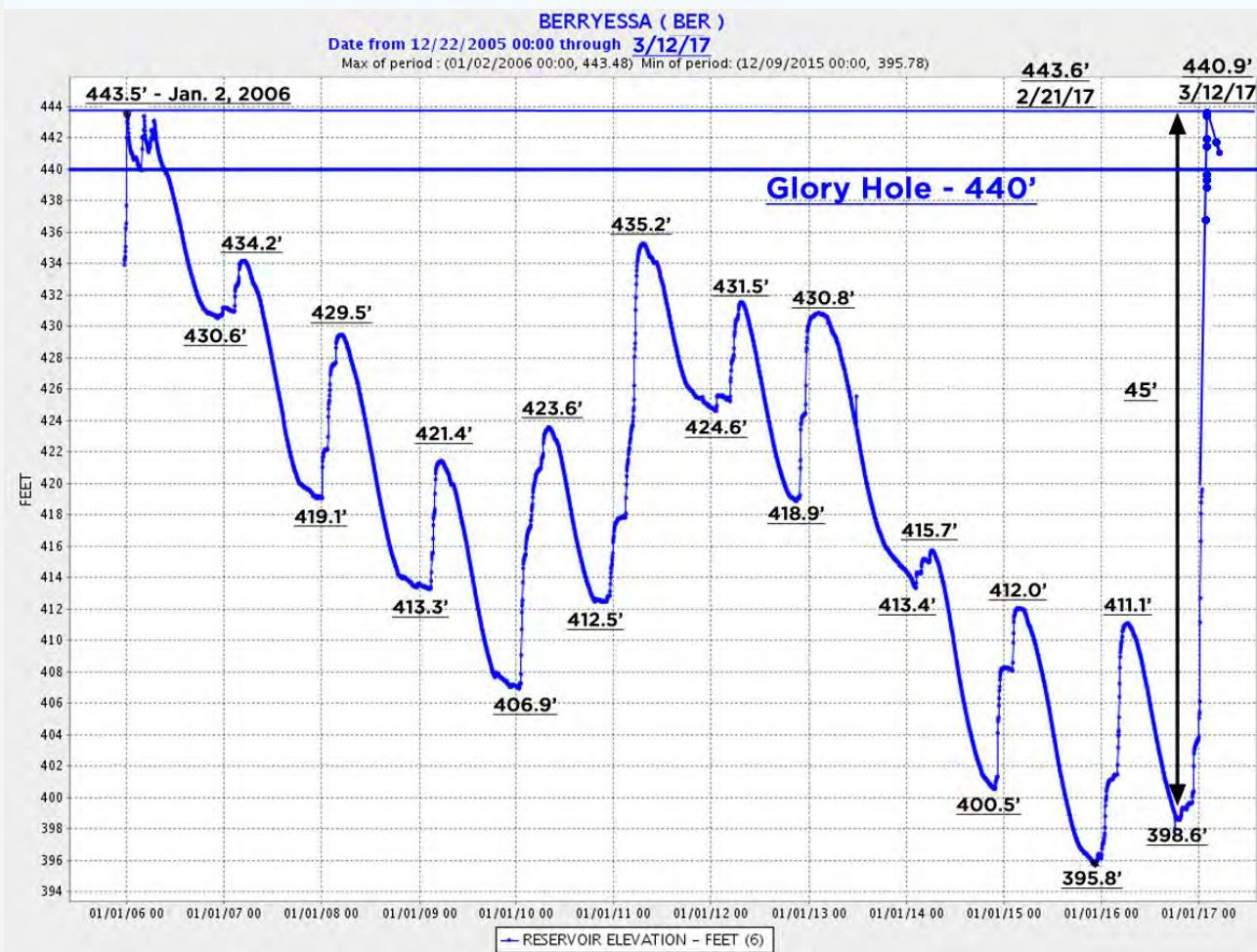
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The lake level is 410.1 feet - 29.9 feet below Glory Hole. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam has reached 15.6 inches. The Gamble Gauge shows the lake is at 64.4% capacity.

It's been a dry January with no rain in sight. Although we've had about half an inch in the first week of this month, it's not as bad as January, 2015 when NO rain fell at all in January.

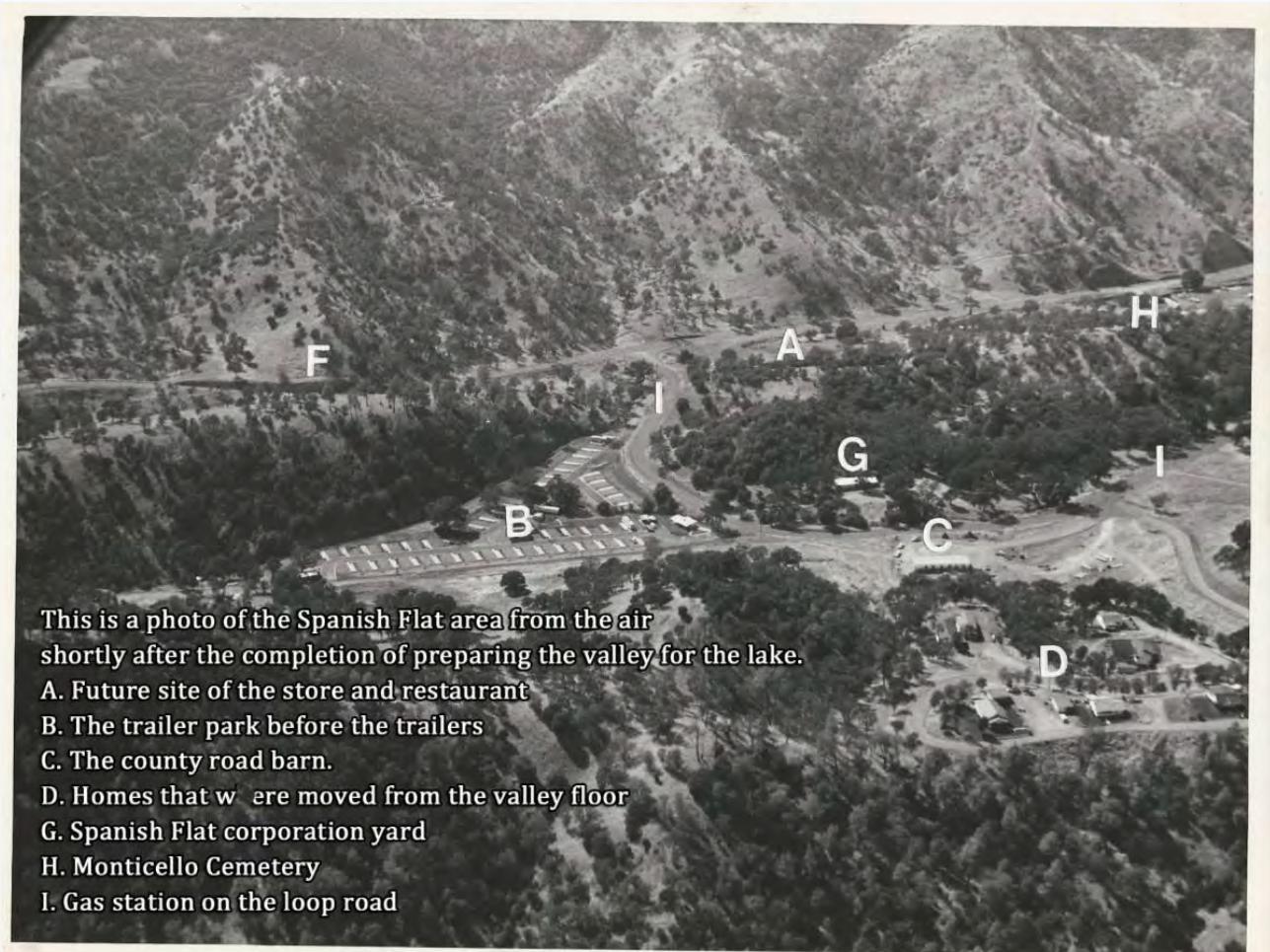
Rainfall had reached 13.3 inches by the end of December, 2014. Annual rainfall that 2014-2015 year totaled 19.6 inches. Lake level in 2016 reached only 411.1 feet - 28.9 feet below Glory Hole. But in 2017 the lake rose 42.3 feet in a three weeks on 13 inches of almost continuous rain. The total rainfall that year 47.6 inches.

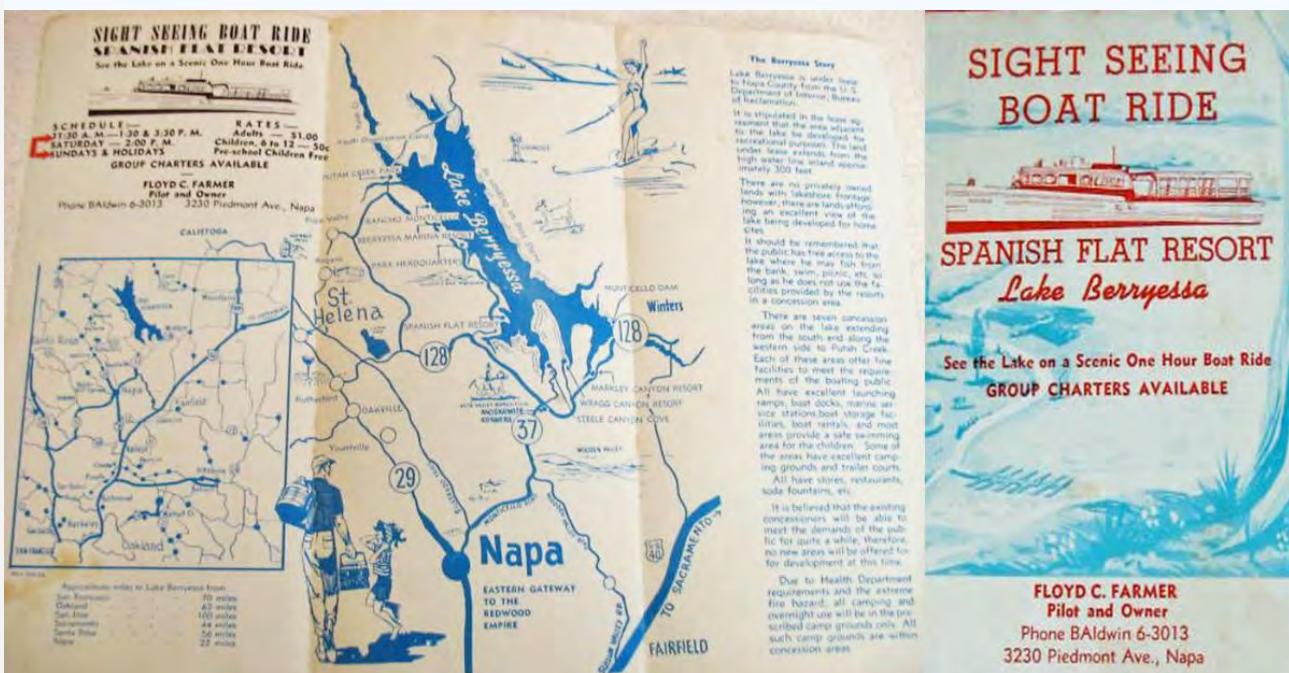




### Spanish Flat History

Here are a couple of historical Spanish Flat Resort items for your amusement. A photo of the original Spanish Flat layout before the lake filled. And a flyer advertising my dream job when the new resorts are rebuilt.





## Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?

by Peter Kilkus (1/19/22)

There was a lot of news coverage of Lake Berryessa in 2017 (47.6 inches of rain) and then again in 2019 (40.5 inches of rain) when Glory Hole spilled for the second time in three years. The photos and drone videos taken by the Lake Berryessa News have amazed, and frightened, people who have never seen the Glory Hole in action before.

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/videos.html>

As a counterpoint, the rainfall total in 2020 was 10.9 inches, and in 2021 was only a measly 9.2 inches, the lowest in 24 years.

Inevitably the question is raised about the danger of Glory Hole itself.

Fact: There has never been anyone "sucked" into Glory Hole since it was constructed!

It's difficult to get close to the Glory Hole at any time due to the barriers in place. And only a fool would cross the buoy line to get close to it when it's flowing strongly four feet over the edge, as it did in 2017 (3.6 feet over) and 2019 (4.1 feet over). The Glory Hole has only spilled 26 times in 60 years.

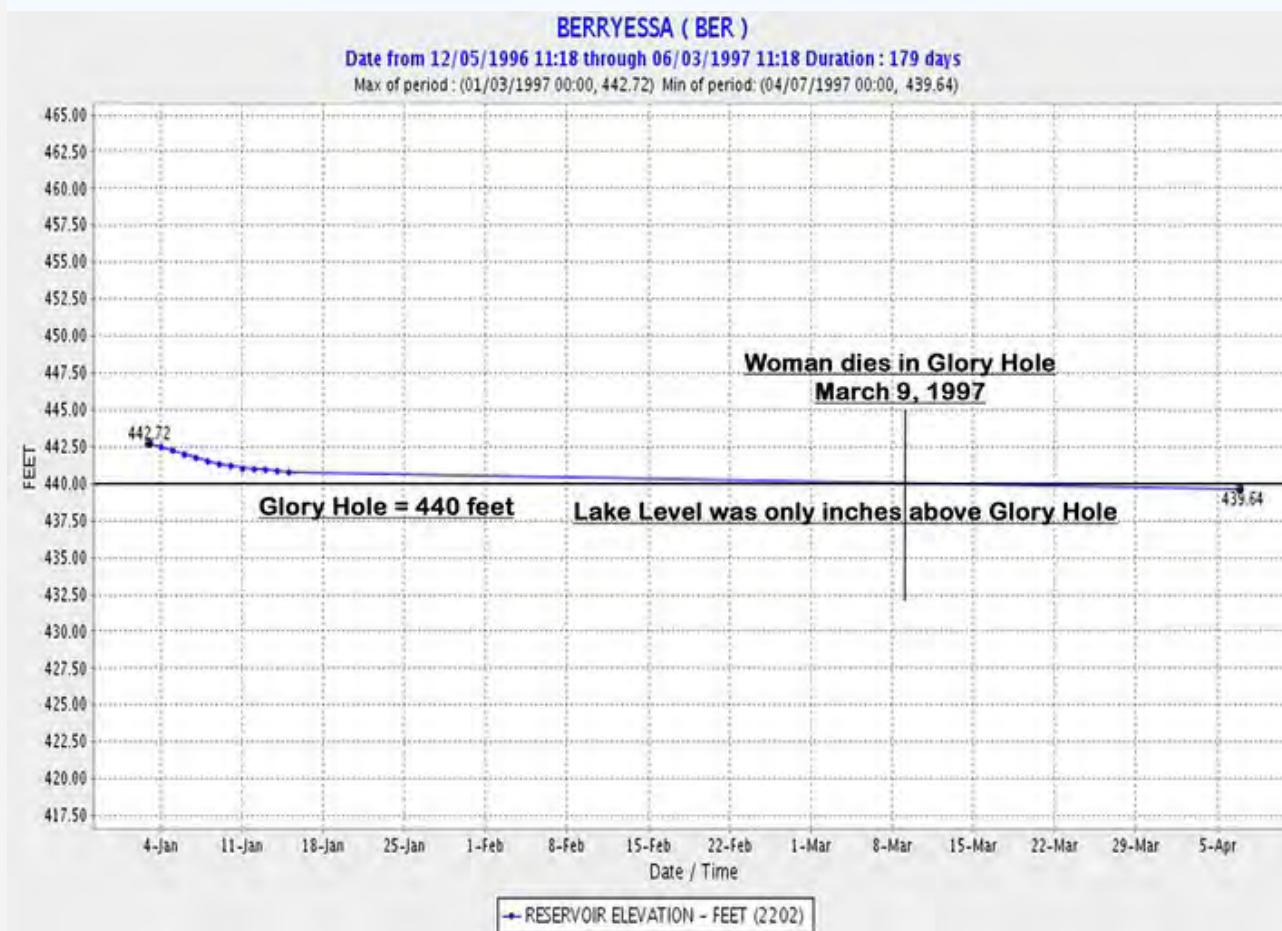
But back in 1997 a woman did die when she "fell" into the spillway. In the story from SFGATE below you can see that the water was not very high if she were able to grip the top for so long. There was speculation at the time that she had purposely pushed herself over the edge, committing suicide, not been "sucked" in.

Witnesses had tried to talk to the lady for many minutes to convince her to swim to shore, but she refused. Data shows that the lake level was only a few inches above the lip of the spillway. She was never "sucked" into the spillway. Her body was found several hours later in Lower Putah Creek.

The story from 1997 resurfaced at other news sites due to the coverage of the Glory Hole spilling over in February 2017 and 2019.

SFGate Editor's Note - 2017 Update: Woman Sucked Into Lake Berryessa Spillway (Wednesday, March 12, 1997)

Napa -- Emily Schwalek, 41, of Davis was killed Sunday when she was "sucked" down a spillway at the Monticello Dam at Lake Berryessa. The spillway, which drops straight down more than 200 feet, is known as the Glory Hole. It routes excess water from the lake into a 72 foot diameter entrance structure known as the Glory Hole down to a 28-foot-wide exit pipe. Authorities said witnesses reported seeing Schwalek swimming toward the spillway at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The woman dropped out of sight after gripping the edge of the hole for about 20 minutes, witnesses said. There has never been a documented case of anyone else falling through the Glory Hole, said Don Burbey of the Solano Irrigation District.



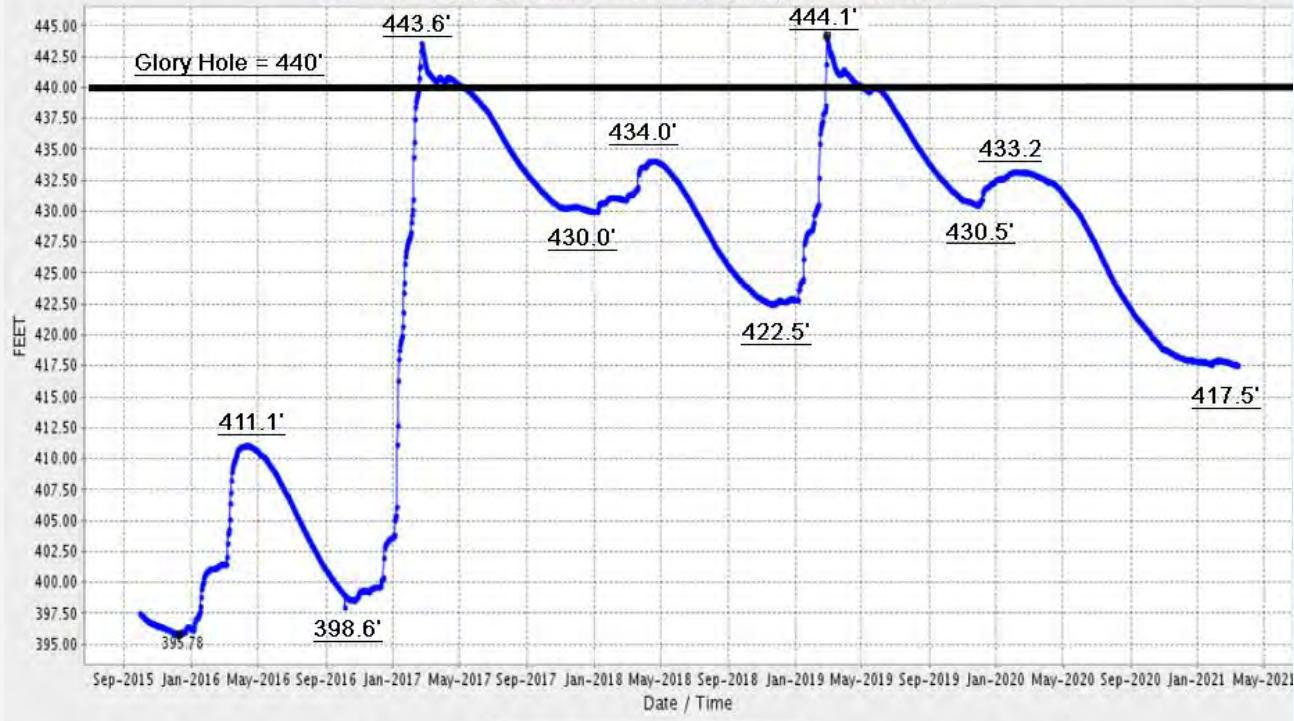


2/26/19 - Noon

**440.1 feet - 1.2 inches above Glory Hole**



2/21/17  
Lake Level = 443.5 Feet  
3.5 Feet Above Glory Hole



### Am I Using Critical Thinking?

- Curiosity: Am I open-minded or am I biased?
- Skepticism: Am I carefully evaluating the credibility of the information?
  - Analysis: Am I examining and evaluating the evidence carefully?
- Logic: Am I reaching well-founded conclusions?
- Creativity: Am I trying to look at information from multiple perspectives?

### How Does Glory Hole Work?

Lake Berryessa is a man-made lake (reservoir) in Napa County that was created in 1958 with the construction of Monticello Dam. It is the seventh-largest lake in California. During wet winters the when the lake hits capacity (defined as a lake level above 440 feet msl), water starts flowing over this circular spillway popularly known as the Glory Hole - more formally known as a Morning Glory Spillway - into Putah Creek on its way to the City of Winters.

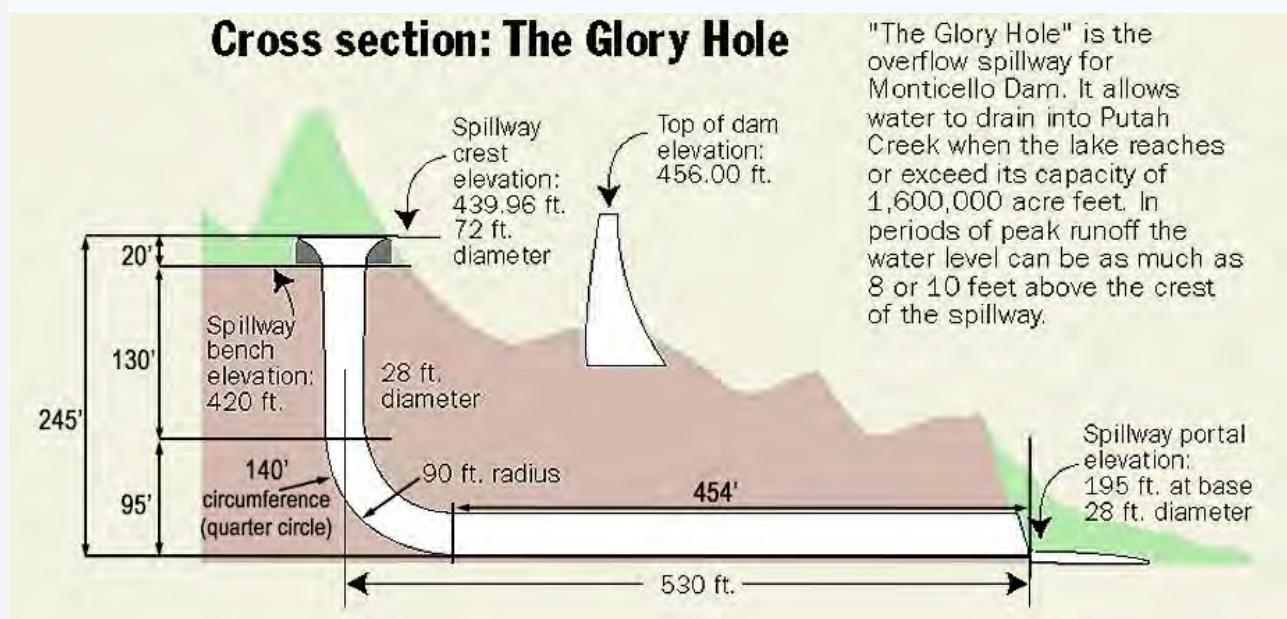
The spillway is 72 feet wide at the top and curves down to about 28 feet wide at 20 feet below

the spillway lip. The spillway can drain 48,400 cubic feet per second (96,000 acre-feet per day) in the unlikely event that the lake level would rise to 15.5 feet above the level of the funnel - which is almost the height of Monticello Dam (456 feet above mean sea level - msl).

48,400 cubic feet per second in a full 28 foot diameter circular pipe means the water would be flowing at 53 miles per hour.

If the lake ever reached 455.5 feet msl the system is designed so that water would first go over Highway 128 before it overtopped the dam. The highest level the lake ever reached was 446.7 feet msl in 1983.

During dry years skateboarders have used the Glory Hole output tunnel for doing tricks.



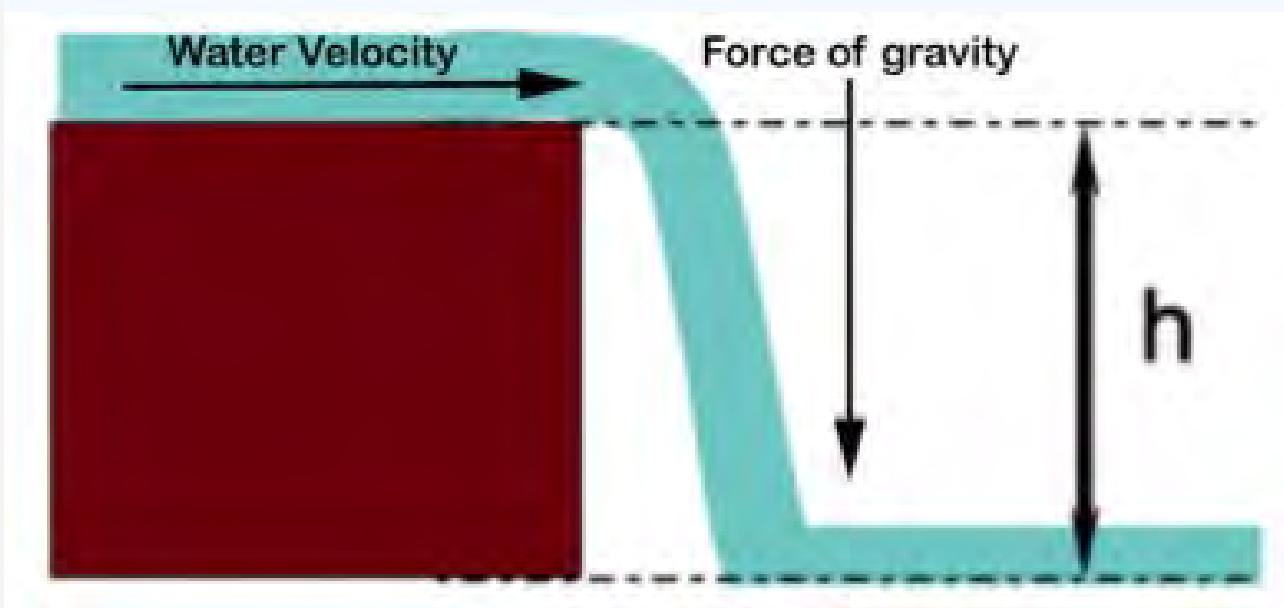






### The Glory Hole Is A Circular Waterfall

A review of photos and videos shows that laminar (smooth) flow over the lip of Glory Hole and down the spillway is the same as the flow over a waterfall.





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"How to Write Big Books" by Warren Peace

"The Lion Attacked" by Claude Yarmoff

"The Art of Archery" by Beau N. Arrow

"Songs for Children" by Barbara Blacksheep

"Irish Heart Surgery" by Angie O'Plasty

"Desert Crossing" by I. Rhoda Camel

"School Truancy" by Marcus Absent

"I Was a Cloakroom Attendant" by Mahatma Coate

"I Lost My Balance" by Eileen Dover and Phil Down

"Mystery in the Barnyard" by Hu Flung Dung

"Positive Reinforcement" by Wade Ago

"Shhh!" by Danielle Soloud

"The Philippine Post Office" by Imelda Letter

"Things to Do at a Party" by Bob Frapples

"Stop Arguing" by Xavier Breath



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**Lake Berryessa News Newsletter: February, 2022**

"Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

February is the month of St. Valentine's Day. Love is the theme.  
But a word of caution from that premier news source, the Onion headline:

**"Nation's Girlfriends Admit Absolutely Everything Riding On Valentine's Day!"**

No pressure, guys.



**First Lupines in the Berryessa Highlands**



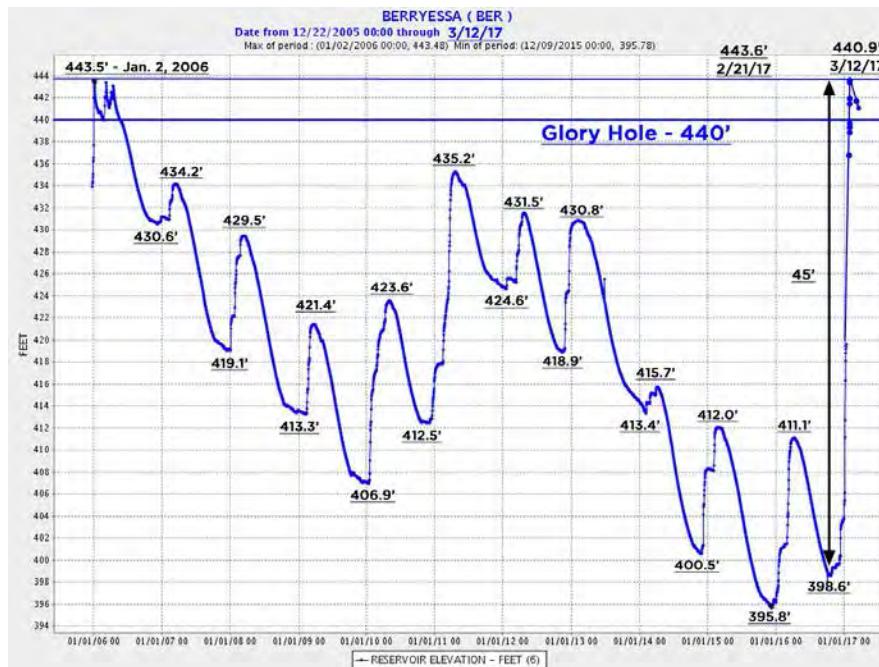
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<https://comics.azcentral.com/>

The lake level is still at 410.1 feet - 29.9 feet below Glory Hole. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam has reached 15.8 inches. The Gamble Guage shows the lake is at 64.4% capacity.

It's been a dry January with no rain in sight. Although we've had about half an inch in the first week of this month, there has been no rain since January 5 - 32 days and counting.

It's almost as bad as 2015 when NO rain fell at all in January. Rainfall had reached 13.3 inches by the end of December, 2014. Annual rainfall for 2014-2015 year totaled only 19.6 inches. Lake level in 2016 reached only 411.1 feet - 28.9 feet below Glory Hole. But in 2017 the lake rose 42.3 feet in a three weeks on 13 inches of almost continuous rain. The total rainfall for that year 47.6 inches - the highest in 25 years.



Some of you may have missed this announcement.

**Get free at-home COVID-19 tests through the Post Office.**

The White House announced last month that it would begin offering four free at-home COVID-19 tests per household. The tests can be ordered here:

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

and would be delivered by mail — but the tests weren't expected to arrive for seven to 12 days.

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

**Skateboarding Inside Glory Hole 2021**

In my post about how Glory Hole works I included a couple of skateboarding photos of the inside of Glory Hole's huge outlet pipe. This got a lot of reaction from readers who were also skateboard savvy. So I decided to do a post of Glory Hole skateboarding photos and video. There are quite a few lake Berryessa Glory Hole skateboard videos on YouTube.

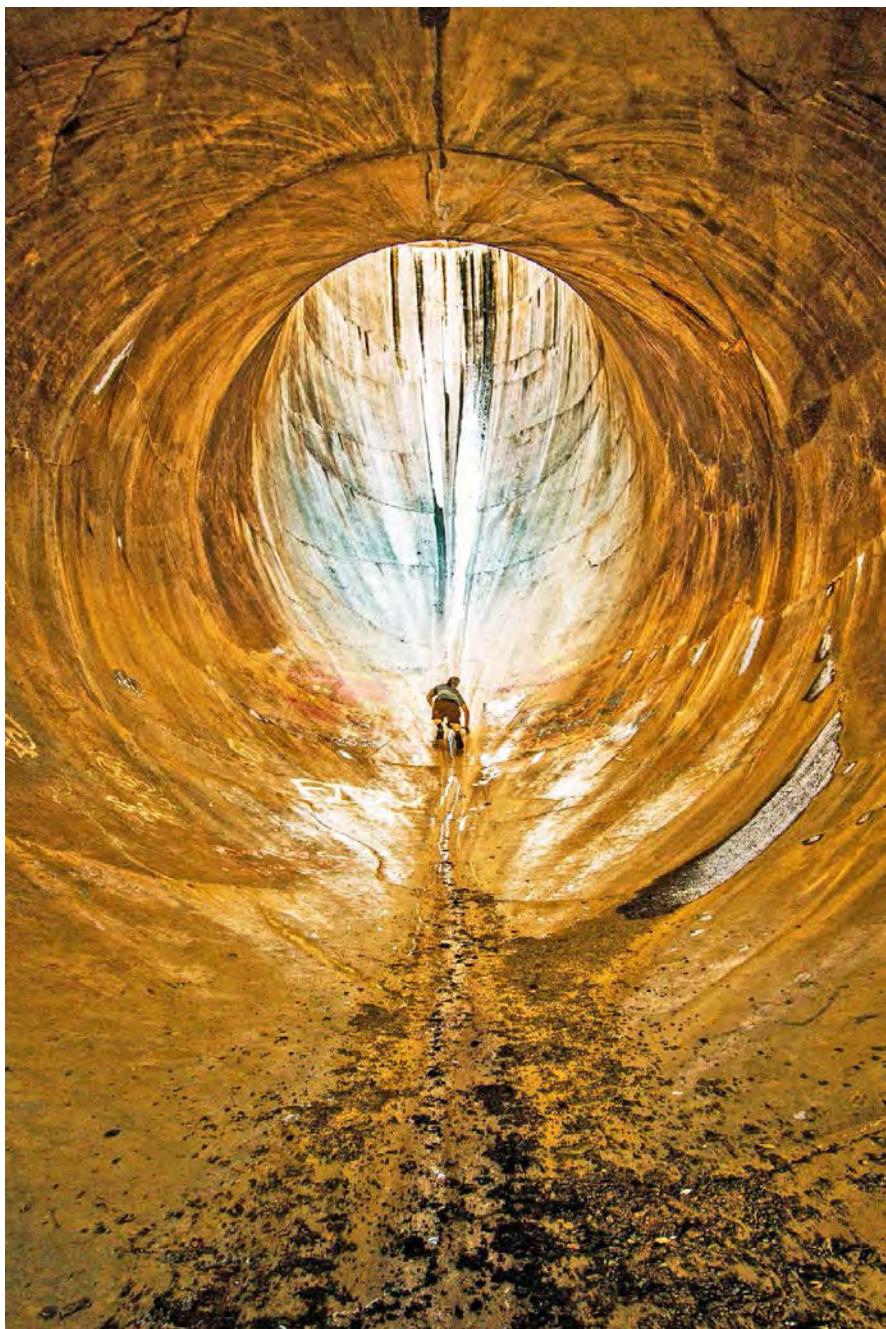
Most are not that great, but I did find an excellent one (9 minutes) at:

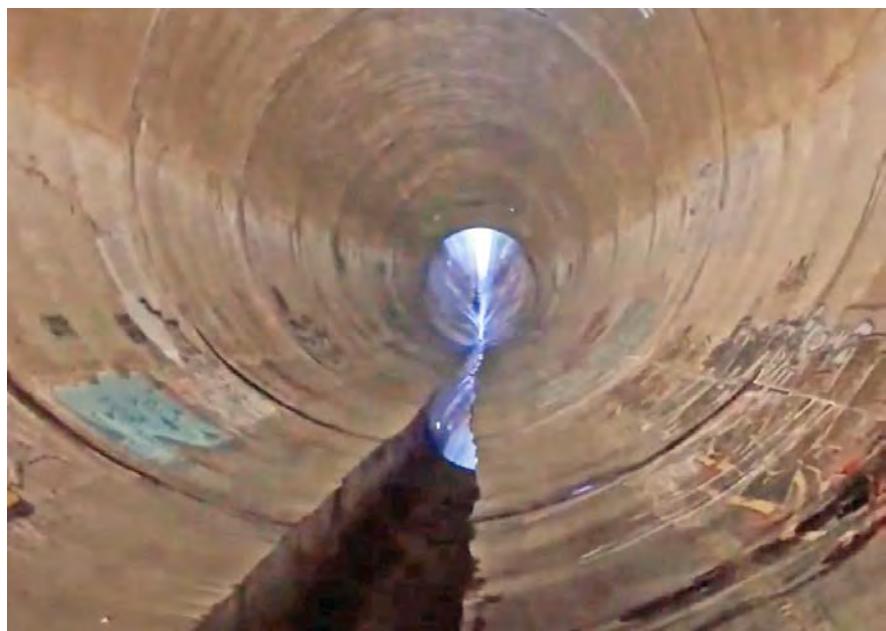
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDbsJWJ9ooA>

There's also a good video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aUEs8VLn-M>

Here are a few photos.









### **Does Lake Berryessa Sweat in the Summer?**

#### Evaporation Effects in Reservoirs and Lakes

Human beings sweat (perspire) to stay cool. The laws of physics require that when water changes from a liquid phase to a gas (water vapor) heat is required to support that transition. This is called "the heat of vaporization" and is 541 calories per gram. Boiling water takes heat from some source - fire, stove - to change it to steam. In hot weather, or when the individual's muscles heat up due to exertion, more sweat is produced. The heat source in this case is your own body. Your body heat is absorbed by sweat, which consists of 90 percent water, to change it to vapor - thus your body is cooled - especially in a breeze.

Sunlight and the air temperature support the change of lake surface water to vapor. This does not cool the lake, just evaporates the surface water. And this evaporation can cause significant water loss in a reservoir during hot weather - especially in desert regions. If you stand on the shore of Lake Tahoe on a hot summer day, the far shore is obscured by haze. This is not smoke, it's water vapor rising from the lake's surface.

Evaporation is a large and continuing problem in the Colorado River basin, including Lake Mead and Lake Powell where about 500 billion gallons of water evaporate annually. This represents roughly 10 percent of the total natural flow of the Colorado River Basin.

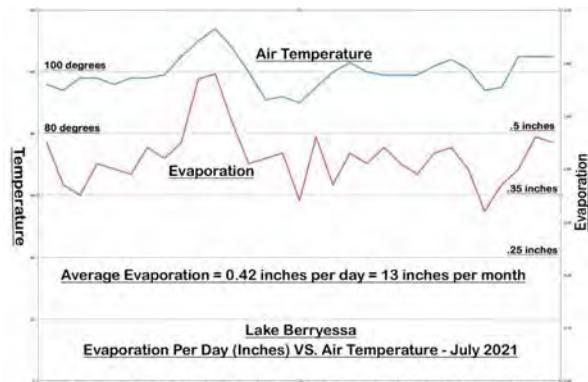
Measures to reduce evaporation included using a reflective layer on the surface. A modular floating cover stops evaporation by preventing the dry ambient air from contacting the water in the pond. These covers are particularly effective for irrigation ponds in desert climate.



Lake Berryessa has its own evaporation losses which are noticeable - up to one foot lake level decrease per month during summer months.

The Solano County Water Agency tracks all elements of Lake Berryessa water use with regular reports. Examples of their weekly and monthly reports for July, 2021 are shown below. Evaporation is measured in inches using actual evaporation measurements from an evaporation pan, 48" in diameter 10" deep, is located at Markley Cove.

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
7/12/21	408.60	0.49	108	58	0.00
7/13/21	408.50	0.41	100	57	0.00
7/14/21	408.39	0.42	91	54	0.00
7/15/21	408.26	0.43	92	56	0.00
7/16/21	408.16	0.34	90	50	0.00
7/17/21	408.08	0.46	95	58	0.00
7/18/21	407.99	0.37	100	60	0.00



DATE	WATER SUR ELEVATION	STORAGE A.F.	SPILL CFS	RELEASE CFS
07/01/21	409.72	1,025,151	0	630
07/02/21	409.61	1,023,410	0	615
07/03/21	409.52	1,021,988	0	560
07/04/21	409.43	1,020,566	0	535
07/05/21	409.33	1,018,987	0	505
07/06/21	409.22	1,017,251	0	620
07/07/21	409.10	1,015,359	0	675
07/08/21	408.99	1,013,626	0	705
07/09/21	408.90	1,012,209	0	667
07/10/21	408.80	1,010,635	0	630
07/11/21	408.70	1,009,063	0	580
07/12/21	408.60	1,007,491	0	540
07/13/21	408.50	1,005,921	0	650
07/14/21	408.39	1,004,195	0	620
07/15/21	408.26	1,002,157	0	645
07/16/21	408.16	1,000,590	0	605
07/17/21	408.08	999,337	0	530
07/18/21	407.99	997,928	0	515
07/19/21	407.91	996,677	0	460
07/20/21	407.79	994,801	0	575
07/21/21	407.71	993,551	0	605
07/22/21	407.62	992,146	0	605
07/23/21	407.53	990,742	0	590
07/24/21	407.43	989,182	0	515
07/25/21	407.36	988,091	0	515
07/26/21	407.25	986,377	0	535
07/27/21	407.13	984,510	0	575
07/28/21	407.02	983,265	0	640
07/29/21	406.95	981,710	0	620
07/30/21	406.87	980,467	0	600
07/31/21	406.73	978,294	0	580

Lake Berryessa Annual Evaporation

Surface area when full: 20,700 acres. Surface Area at the 400-430 foot level: Approximately 17,500 acres. At 700 cfs (1,400 AF/day) summer outflow, with a surface area of 17,050 AF at the 400 foot level, the lake experiences a one-foot drop every 12 days – which matches observation. (Evaporation is less at lower surface areas.)

Month-Year (Days)	Lake Level (Feet)	Evaporation per day (Inches)	Evaporation per month (Inches)	Evaporation per month (Acre-Feet)
Oct-20 (31)	418	0.18	5.58	8,138
Nov-20 (30)	418	0.07	2.1	3,062
Dec-20 (31)	418	0.04	1.24	1,808
Jan-21 (31)	418	0.05	1.5	2,188
Feb-21 (28)	418	0.09	3.08	4,492
Mar-21 (31)	417	0.11	3.3	4,813
Total (6 month)	-1		16.8	24,501
Apr-21 (30)	416	0.19	5.7	8,313
May-21 (31)	414	0.3	9	13,125
Jun-21 (30)	411	0.39	11.7	17,063
Jul-21 (31)	408	0.42	13.02	18,988
Aug-21 (31)	406	0.31	12.6	18,375
Sep-21 (30)	403	0.22	6.6	9,625
Total (6 month)	-13		58.6	85,489
Total (Annual)				110,000

Month-Year (Days)	Outflow per Day (CFS)	Outflow per Day (A-F)	Outflow per month (CFS)	Outflow per month (A-F)
Oct-20 (31)	289.5	573	8,975	17,802
Nov-20 (30)	86.3	171	2,589	5,137
Dec-20 (31)	84.8	169	2,629	5,216
Jan-21 (31)	76.8	152	2,381	4,721
Feb-21 (28)	82.1	163	2,545	4,554
Mar-21 (31)	219.8	436	6,814	13,516
Total (6 month)				50,946
Apr-21 (30)	460.2	913	13,805	27,334
May-21 (31)	487.8	968	15,123	29,944
Jun-21 (30)	559.2	1109	16,775	33,215
Jul-21 (31)	588.5	1167	18,242	36,119
Aug-21 (31)	464.3	921	14,395	28,502
Sep-21 (30)	357.7	709	10,730	21,245
Total (6 month)				176,359
Total (Annual)				227,305

More Water Evaporates from Lake Berryessa During the Summer  
Than Is Released From The Lake During the Winter!

Total Winter Evaporation (2020-2021): 24,500 acre-feet (48% of Winter Outflow)

Total Winter Outflow (2020-2021): 50,946 acre-feet

Total Summer Evaporation (2020-2021): 85,489 acre-feet (48.5% of Summer Outflow)

Total Summer Outflow (2020-2021): 176,359 acre-feet

Total Annual Outflow (2020-2021): 227,305 acre-feet

Total Annual Evaporation (2020-2021): 110,000 acre-feet (49% of Total Annual Outflow)

Total Summer Evaporation (85,489 acre-feet) is 1.7 times (168%) Winter Outflow (50,946 acre-feet)

### Summer Evaporation Impact on Lake Levels

July 1, 2021: 409.7 feet

July 31, 2021: 406.7 feet

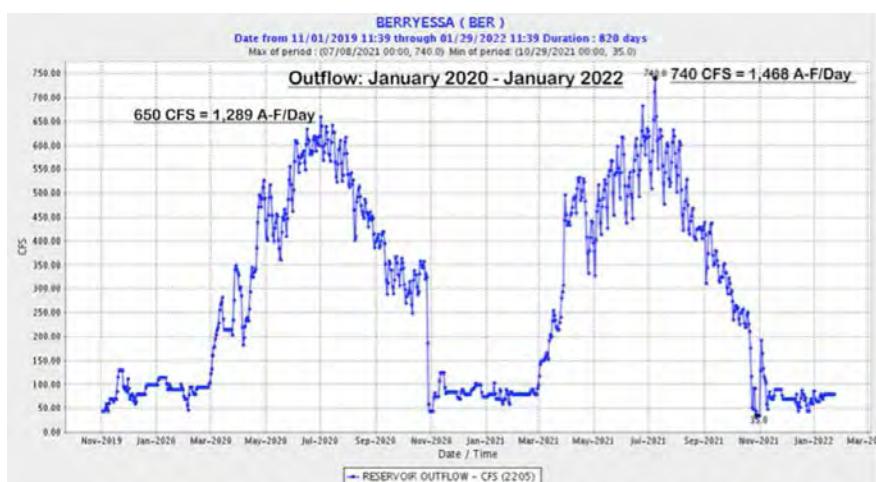
Decrease: 3 feet

Decrease Due to Evaporation: 1.1 feet

Decrease Due to Outflow: 1.9 feet

% Decrease Due to Evaporation: 37%

The majority of Lake Berryessa water is released during May-September – the growing season. Peak outflow can hit about 700 CFS or 1,400 AF/day on a July day.



### Onion Headlines

Obnoxious Toddler Really Rubbing His Childlike Sense Of Wonder In Everyone's Faces

Nation's Gun-Toting Uncles Announce It's Time To Learn Where Food Really Comes From

NFL-Military Partnership Sends First 1,000 Fans To Stand For National Anthem Off To War

Man's Problems Really Don't Seem So Bad After Therapist Completely Trivializes Them

Archaeologists Find Rare 4,000-Year-Old Board Game

Is It Ethical For Prenatal Testing To Tell You If Your Baby Will Be Too Annoying To Love?

Leaked Documents Confirm ExxonMobil Has Known Which Day Earth Ends Since the 1970s.

CDC Announces Plan To Send Every U.S. Household Pamphlet On Probabilistic Thinking

### Berryessa Valley History - Town of Monticello

Often people still ask what is left of the submerged Town of Monticello. The answer is simply "nothing". All the buildings and houses were demolished and burned. The Monticello Cemetery was moved, bodies and headstones, to the present location next to the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall in the Spanish Flat. I found these "before and after" old photos of Monticello's Main Street in the archives of the Napa County Historical Society.





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### Job Announcement for Environmental Outreach Intern (Temporary)

Solano RCD currently has four vacancies for the Environmental Outreach Intern position. The individual selected for this position will report to the Solano RCD office located in Dixon, CA, but will also work from various boating venues throughout Solano County, including Lake Berryessa during weekend shifts.

We are looking for motivated individuals to join our team and provide environmental outreach and education to boaters and day-users in Solano County and Lake Berryessa. The person in this position must be civic-minded and enjoy interacting with diverse communities; work well with a dynamic and collaborative team, as well as independently; and have strong time

management and organization skills. The Environmental Outreach Intern will receive oversight from the Assistant Project Manager, with direct supervision from the Education Program Director.

Download full announcement and application here...

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/environmental-intern-job.pdf>

Some ANT jokes

A good smelling ant = fragrant  
5 ants + 5 ants = tenants  
Bringing ants from another country into your home country = important  
Ants that never give in = persistant  
Using a pesticide on ants = antagonistic  
Ants can't speak = mutants  
Gymnastic ant = flippant  
Ant that needs other ants = dependant  
An ant that constantly praises you = sycophant  
What do you call two teenage ants running to vegas? Antelope  
What do you call an ant who likes to be alone? Independant  
What is the biggest ant in the world? Elephant  
What ant is even bigger than that? Giant  
What do you call a 100 year old ant? Antique  
What game do ants play with elephants? Squash  
Why don't anteaters get sick? Because they are full of antibodies  
Why did the ant race along the boxtop? Because the box said: "Tear Along Dotted Line."  
What do you call an ant who sluffs school? Truant  
What kind of ant is good at adding things up? Accountant  
What do you call an army ant? Militant



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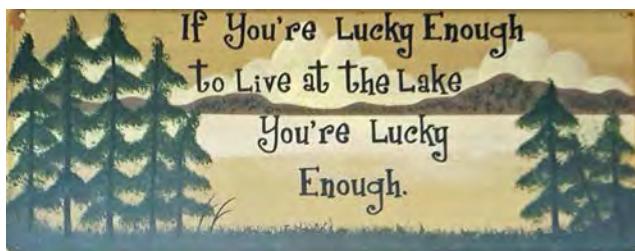


## Lake Berryessa News Newsletter: February 20, 2022

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### Life at Lake Berryessa is Good!

Here's a beautiful photo from a neighbor's yard in the Highlands. Also a gift plaque I received.



**NapaLife**

For people who live in Napa Valley  
– or wish they did

First a mention of my friend Paul Franson's excellent weekly newsletter. I am constantly amazed that he can fill his newsletter with so much fun stuff to do every week. See the list of this week's edition below:

- Charles Krug and Buena Vista wineries create wine together
- John Legend and Jean-Charles Boisset to open LVE Lounge in Napa
- Monopoly developing Napa edition
- Waterfront Seafood Grill may open today
- More public tables at the Oxbow Public Market
- Hyde Vineyards offers new tasting experiences
- Wine and cheese class with Janet Fletcher
- Some projected new restaurant openings
- Napa Valley Book Fest RIP (at least for now)
- Stanly Ranch resort delayed again
- *Little Shop of Horrors* at Napa High
- A weekend at di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art
- Mantis Blue Skies Ahead Cirque du Ciel online auction
- Stuck promoting your group event or company?
- Help *NapaLife* gain more subscribers
- Napa County 10th annual AAUW Authors Forum 2022
- *A Rumbling of Women Revisited: Panel Discussion*
- Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra at the Blue Note
- Movie *Chef* at the CIA at Greystone
- The new Napa Valley Mustard Celebration at Jessel Gallery
- Potluck dinner at the Charter Oak
- Napa County Job Fair with 45 employers next Monday
- *NapaLife's Quick Guide to Public Relations*

From Paul: **Help *NapaLife* gain more subscribers:** There's no better way for *NapaLife* to succeed than for its subscribers to recommend it to their friends and associates. I welcome you to send an occasional copy to them if you think they might like it. They can subscribe at [www.napalife.com](http://www.napalife.com). You can also give them a gift subscription for \$25 but make sure they're not already subscribers. Send a check to Paul Franson, 2035 Oak, St., Napa, CA 94559, or use PayPal ([paul@napalife.com](mailto:paul@napalife.com)), Zelle ([paul@paulfranson.com](mailto:paul@paulfranson.com)) or Venmo (@PaulFranson3). Be sure to include your email and theirs.

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**Historical Tidbits**

On April 27, 1956, the 84th United States Congress, 2nd session, approved bill S-2775, which named the reservoir behind Monticello Dam. Until then, the reservoir had been referred to as "Monticello Reservoir." From then on, however, it would be known as Lake Berryessa.

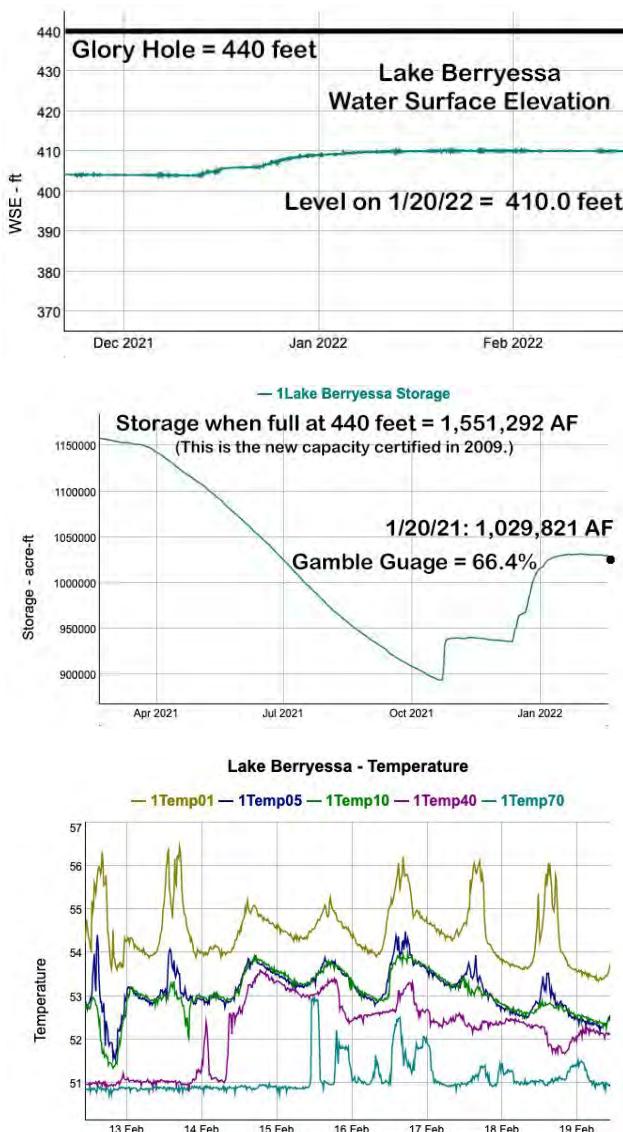
All Solano Project construction was essentially finished at the end of 1958. Monticello Dam, Lake Berryessa, and Putah Diversion Dam were all transferred to operative status on July 1, 1959. Lake Berryessa filled on April 18, 1963.

**Lake Berryessa Statistics (2/20/22)**

The lake level dropped an inch to 410.0 feet - 30 feet below Glory Hole. The lake level has held steady for almost 2 months. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is at 15.8 inches. The Gamble Guage shows the lake is at 66.4% capacity using the new number approved by the SCWA. See the capacity report at:

[www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/lake-berryessa/lake-capacity.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/lake-berryessa/lake-capacity.html)

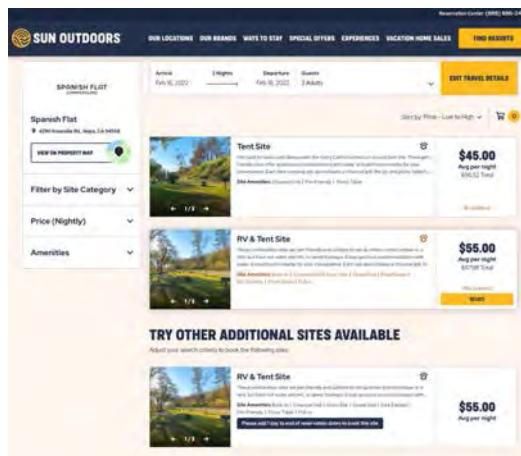
It's been a dry January with no rain in sight. Although we've had about half an inch in the first week of January, there has been no rain since January 5 - 42 days and counting. Water temperatures are bouncing around due to the warmer weather.



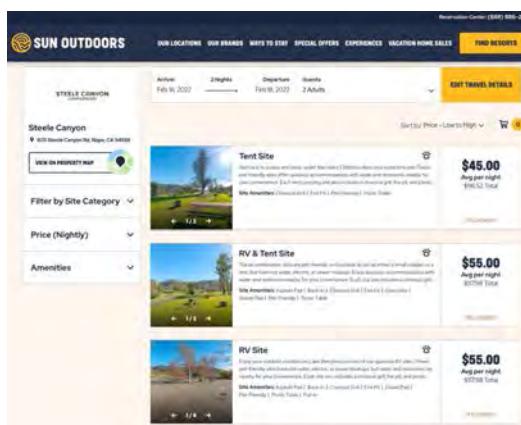
### **Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas Continue to Improve**

Both areas continue to make improvements for the summer recreation season. Members of Sun Communities management visited both locations last week to continue the planning process which is now going through the required NEPA, CEQA, and Corps of Engineers permitting processes. Sun has developed new websites with online booking capabilities.

SPANISH FLAT: <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/spanish-flat>



STEELE CANYON: <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/steele-canyon>



### **Why Does Lake Berryessa Exist?**

Many people still think that the lake was created as a water recreation resource. This is not true. The Solano Project, which includes the Monticello Dam, Putah Diversion Dam, and the Putah South Canal was created primarily for agricultural irrigation. The secondary purposes were for municipal (drinking water) and industrial uses (brewing Budweiser beer) in Solano County. The federal government never expected the lake to be used for recreation. The recreational benefits are considered a bonus not a goal. Napa County gave up all rights to the use of Lake Berryessa water. Only small amounts are used to supply the residential developments, such as the Berryessa Highlands and others, around the lake. Lake Berryessa supplies water to Benicia, Fairfield, Vacaville, Vallejo, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis Air Base.

Those of you interested in the historic details of the building of Monticello Dam and the creation of Lake Berryessa, can download primary sources,

Solano Project History-BOR,

[www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/reference-documents/solano-project-history-bor.pdf](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/reference-documents/solano-project-history-bor.pdf)

Solano Water Story-SID,

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#### C.A.S.T. for Kids

Saturday, April 16, 2022, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Steele Canyon Recreation Area

Catch A Special Thrill: Enriching the lives of children with special needs, supporting their families and strengthening communities through the sport of fishing. Volunteers and Participants wanted. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30 am. The organizers wish to thank Sun Lake Berryessa, LLC, and Adam Schiffman, for the use of Steele Canyon Recreation Area for this event at no charge.



The following article is a bit long, but it answers questions that many people have as to why Napa County has little present access to Lake Berryessa water.

#### Napa County Fights Building the Monticello dam

Excerpt from: Roots of the Present: Napa Valley 1900 to 1950, by Lin Weber

"In September of 1945, two Napans' attended a meeting of the Central Valley Water Project, the huge irrigation and riparian management program that sought to control the state's liquid wealth. They raced back to the County Board of Supervisors with word that 26 California counties had passed a resolution favoring the construction of a dam at Devil's Gate. Official

bodies in Solano County, they said, would make a "concerted effort" to have work proceed. The Napans vigorously opposed it, and the resolution was sent to the Project's executive committee without action.

Surveys of the area continued nevertheless. An idea for the proposed dam that stirred up additional controversy was to drill a tunnel from Clear Lake to Putah Creek so that floodwaters from Clear Lake could be collected in the dam, thus removing a winter weather problem that had troubled owners of Lake County resorts. Already unhappy that Lake County had sucked tourist dollars from the Napa Valley, local leaders were disgusted that beautiful Berryessa might be utilized as a holding tank for someone else's floodwater. The Clear Lake water proved to be too full of boron and other chemicals unfriendly to plant-life, however, and the idea went away.

While the forces in favor of the dam were formidable, there were a few agencies outside of Napa County that withdrew their support once they understood the Berryessa residents' position. The California State Chamber of Commerce, for example, recanted an earlier stance and came out against to the project. Every piece of good news was music to the ears of Monticello's worried grain farmers and cattle ranchers, whose labors produced a sixth of the county's agricultural wealth.

The Bureau of Reclamation presented a bill to Congress in the summer of 1946 urging early approval of the Devil's Gate dam. Nathan S. Coombs drew up a resolution seeking a delay while other places further up Putah Creek could be investigated as alternative sites. Berryessans donated \$4,000 for the problem to be professionally studied and sought matching funds.

The Board of Supervisors hired hydraulic engineer, August Kempkey, to concoct the stratagem that could save Berryessa, and by March of 1947 he was ready to report. His proposal required the active cooperation of Napa's "sister city." It had three key components:

- Vallejo should relinquish its reservoir in Gordon Valley to other Solano County users, namely Suisun, Fairfield and the Benicia Arsenal;
- Conn dam should be heightened and its capacity increased so that the City of Vallejo could receive all its water from Conn;
- Putah creek should be dammed in uninhabited Coyote Valley, and the water impounded there should be added to the Conn supply. Other small dams should also be built in remote locations.

Some in Vallejo liked Kempkey's plan, but there had been friction between the two cities recently, and the political atmosphere did not favor cooperation. Just prior to the Kempkey proposal, for example, there had been an unfortunate contretemps involving Napa's invitation to Vallejo to use its existing Conn Valley supply. For months Napa had been asking Vallejo to commit one way or another to buying Conn water, but Vallejo had refused to answer. Delay meant postponing the installation of water pipes. Finally, after Vallejo ignored Napa's final ultimatum for an answer, the Napa City Council voted not to sell any water outside the county. The next week, Vallejo said it might like to buy some water. Napa refused. Vallejo then asked Napa County to help fund a full-time lobbyist in Washington who could represent the area's needs. Napa politicians questioned why they should pay someone "to slit our throats." The "sister cities" now loathed each other.

Saving Berryessa was not consistent with newly emerging thought regarding resource management. The state of California now viewed itself as a huge thirsty organism, a gigantic system of mutually interdependent needs and resources. Water from the proposed Monticello Dam, for example, would not only irrigate Yolo and Solano farmland, but some of it would be sent to the San Joaquin Valley to supplement their water supply, which came from the dam at Shasta. This would leave more water at Shasta for use in generating power. Capturing and taming Putah Creek would, moreover, abate some of the winter flood problems experienced by the Sacramento River. Seen from this perspective, little valleys like Berryessa, and even large ones, like Owens in the south, could be sacrificed if necessary for the good of the whole.

Governor Earl Warren was mainly interested in the big picture. He assured a delegation of Vallejo businessmen and Mare Island representatives that he would do everything in his power to insure them a water supply as expeditiously as possible, as soon as the Bureau of Reclamation and the State Division of Water ironed out the details.

Napa and Solano drew up competing plans to form "irrigation districts" that would use Putah Creek water, a formality that preceded any final decision regarding a dam site. In the Napa plan, a "Berryessa Irrigation District" would use water from Coyote Valley and other uninhabited locations. In contrast, 757 Solano County residents petitioned for a "Solano County Irrigation District" that would drown Berryessa.

Twisting and omitting key facts regarding the Conn Valley pipeline controversy, a speaker accused Napa County at a public forum of hypocritically withdrawing its offer to share Conn water with its sister city and selfishly voting to retain all its water for its own uses. Solano W.E. Andrews then bitterly assailed Napa for "misrepresenting the facts" regarding the dam. The meeting erupted in a furor of outraged Napans.

County Supervisor Lowell Edington flew to Washington to garner whatever help he could in fighting off the dam. He also tried to find money to improve the Napa River, a perennial problem that never seemed to get resolved. What he found was that, despite the big muscles behind the Monticello Dam movement, Congress itself was preoccupied with something having nothing to do with water management. Both houses were crammed with bills to fight Communism. The House Committee on Un-American Activities was identifying certain members of the entertainment industry as disloyal, and a Congressional sub-committee was reading through junior high school textbooks seeking pro-Red propaganda. A Southern California politician named Richard M. Nixon was riding to power on the crest of anti-Communist paranoia, together with a frightening hate-monger named Joseph McCarthy.

Due to the urgency of these matters, Congress sidelined the issue of building a dam at Devil's Gate. Thanks to the federal obsession with Red and Pink, ranchers could watch a few more seasons play out in the green and gold little valley of Berryessa."



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#### **Could Monticello Dam Fail?**

The simple answer is yes, because anything is possible. But is it probable? Not very. The dam is 100 feet thick at the base and tapers to 12 feet at the crest. The Solano Irrigation District, which manages dam operations, states that the only way Monticello Dam could fail and put Winters underwater would be a complete immediate failure along the lines of the entire structure crumbling at once. If such a failure should ever occur, it was estimated that Winters would be under 40 feet of water in about 15 minutes, with floodwaters reaching Davis.

However, it is unlikely that it would ever go over the top of the Monticello Dam because the dam was designed to let water flow around it and out onto the Highway 128 rather than go over the top. The lake level would have to rise to 455 feet, which would be 15 feet over the Glory Hole rim. The Bureau of Reclamation would like to believe that this scenario is practically impossible.

The Bureau of Reclamation has a systematic four-step program that continuously monitors the status of its dams. There is a review and inspection every four years, which involves looking at seismic, hydrologic and static parameters. BOR headquarters in Denver and the local area office take turns being in charge of these inspections, which are exhaustive. It is visual, looking for anomalies like seepage in the internal galleries that house some of the sensing equipment relied on for data. But they also evaluate how much loading the horizontal joints are bearing and other structural parameters, evaluate seismic data.

If anything is out of specification, they will do more studies to analyze those potential weaknesses. If unwanted changes are found, they make plans for corrective actions and do it then. BOR routinely take cores of concrete from various points in their dams and test them for compressibility — how much load can they stand before giving way. In their experience, overloading of dams from seismic events is less frequent than static loads from the water being held in check. BOR engineers say that Monticello is one of the better dams they've ever built.

Locally, daily visual inspections of the entire dam site take place looking for any potential signs of change that could have consequences. Once every few years, the Bureau of Reclamation has people crawling all over the dam, checking every aspect of its stability. After any event in an area that could affect a dam, the dam is immediately inspected. Nothing unusual was seen at Monticello Dam after the Napa 6.0 earthquake in 2016.

What is the probability of an earthquake at Monticello Dam? There is historic evidence that a serious earthquake can occur in this area, as it did in 1892 with a magnitude 6.4 quake that leveled downtown Winters. However, it took 100 years for geologists at UC Davis, to establish the reason for the quake.

What would happen if the Great Valley fault, which basically runs under the dam, were to fail in an event such as the magnitude 6.4 Vacaville-Winters earthquake, which was located somewhere in that area? Very probably, this will not happen. But no one can say that it absolutely won't happen.

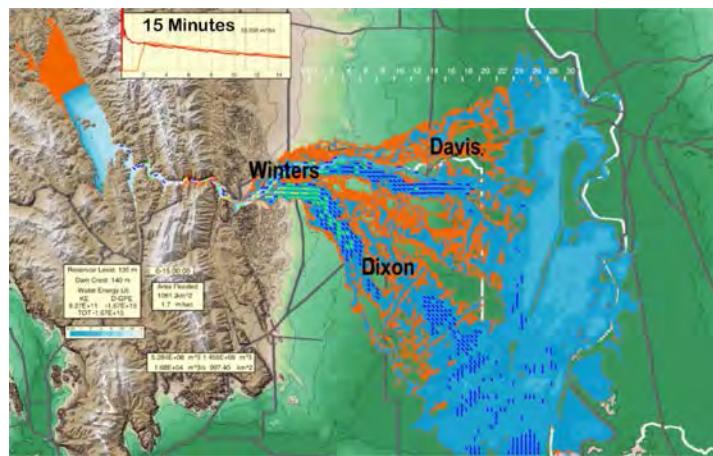
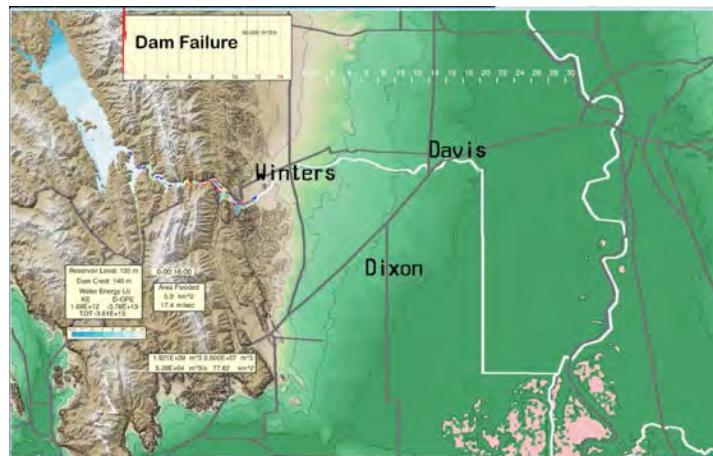
Steven Ward, a research geophysicist at the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at UC Santa Cruz has created a computer simulation of the first 16 hours of flooding that might be expected from the failure of Monticello Dam from a possible earthquake. This worst-case scenario envisions a nearly instantaneous breakdown of the structure and a reservoir filled to capacity. This is unlikely but informative.

However, the simulation is the worst-case scenario. Ward writes, "Rather than flush-and-gone, a dam break here is akin to opening a valve to a hose that will spray at a nearly constant rate for hours and hours. Second, just downstream is California's Central Valley, a very flat and nearly un-channelled place. Don't expect the flood to follow a well-defined river track as you might elsewhere." The simulation suggests that about 1,000 square kilometers will be affected. Most areas would see water less than one or two meters deep, but the outburst would last a day or more.

The Glory Hole spillway is at 440 feet above mean sea level (msl). The height of the dam is 450 feet msl. Highway 128 is designed to be the initial spillway if water rises that high. The water level has never been above 446.7 feet msl and has only been at or above Glory Hole (440' msl) 26 times in its 64 year history.

See the dam failure simulation at:

<https://youtu.be/HEJEHnKrueo>



#### How could somebody be so wrong?

I was a sophomore in college when the Beatles came on Ed Sullivan. Our student union was packed to watch them on the one big TV on campus. Everyone loved it, especially when Ringo shook his hair. The beginning of a new era.

As someone raised on polkas and big band music, it was fantastic. And the Rolling Stones became popular at the same time. My favorite bands are still AC-DC, Rolling Stones, and Guns and Roses. The Beatles are in a special category all to themselves.

As I See It

# Sullivan Wasted Time with Beatles

By PAUL JONES

If Ed Sullivan can find no better use for the time allotted him on Sunday night than to devote it to such exhibitions as he presented last Sunday night I suggest that CBS-TV find something else to put in this hour of prime time.

Why Sullivan found it necessary to aid in the phony promotion of four rock 'n' roll exponents, all of whom resemble Moe of the Three Stooges, is beyond comprehension. And why he felt it necessary to "load" the theater with screaming teen-age girls when he normally restricts his audience to grownups, is also a mystery.

It was obvious to those who saw the Beatles, four young fellows from Great Britain, that they have not attained their present notoriety on the basis of their musical talents, for the sounds emanating from their mouths were anything but melodic.

Shorn of their mop-like hairdos they would look and sound like many other inferior rock



Jones

'n' roll groups which are still attempting to keep alive the fad which died when Elvis Presley entered the armed forces.

There is nothing attractive about the looks or the sounds of the Beatles.

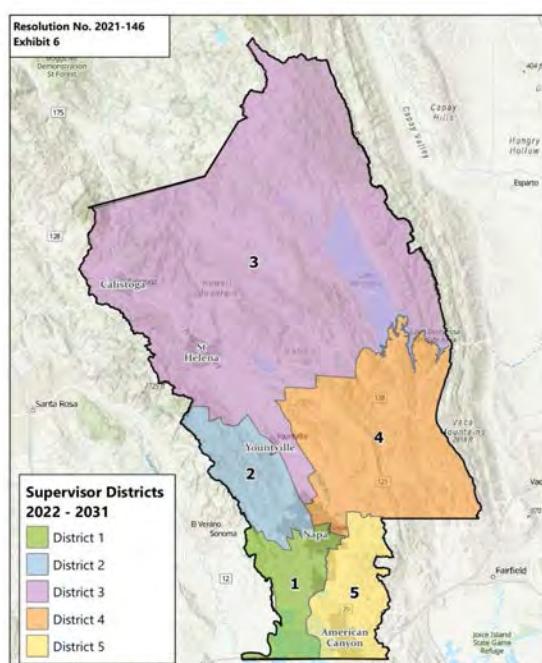
There is no reason why Sullivan should take part in the absurd campaign to make this group appear to be important.

But then Sullivan's program has been on the skids for several weeks. I have noticed a general deterioration in the type entertainment presented in at least three of the last four shows.

In catering to the screaming teen-agers who find this group exciting, Sullivan has shown his contempt for the vast millions who used to find his program diverting.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1964

## New Supervisor Districts



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<https://www.sonomatriathlon.com/>

Join us at Lake Berryessa in Napa for Sonoma Women's Tri on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Lake Berryessa in Napa! Our new home offers a great race, consistent water access and a new look at wine country. This is a women's event on a great course, starting with the swim and transition at Putah Canyon Campground. Come for the race and camp right near the start/finish!

Registration opens on December 27, 2021 through May 3 at midnight. The 2022 registration fees vary depending on when you register and whether you choose to fundraise. For the Sprint the fees are \$125 - \$165. For the Olympic, \$165 - \$210.

### Wragg Canyon Resort in 1961.

Just got his old brochure from Karen Buckland. She wrote: In the early 60s my in-laws built Wragg Canyon Resort on Lake Berryessa in Napa County. I was super jazzed the other day to find a brochure from the era they owned the resort on eBay. It arrived today and it came all the way from Illinois! The resort is now Pleasure Cove Marina.



Complete Wildfire Defense website: <https://completewildfiredefense.com/>

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**Lake Berryessa News Newsletter: March, 2022**

"Without The Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news."

Welcome to Spring at the lake - a seesaw between very cold and very warm, and very dry!

Daylight Savings Time in California will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

3.14 is PI DAY (that's March 14, 2022).

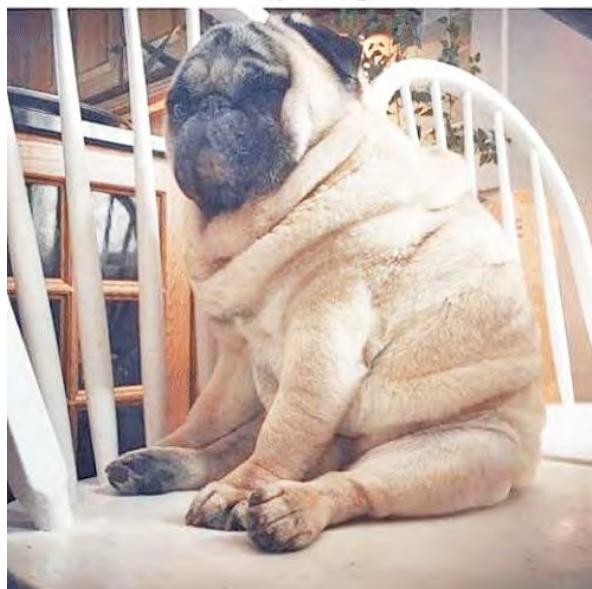
The 74th day of the Roman calendar is March 15. It is known as the Ides of March.

3/17 is St. Patrick's Day

3/19 is National Let's Laugh Day

If February 29 is someone's birthday, do they celebrate on March 1?

**Finally my Winter fat is gone,  
now I have Spring rolls.**



**Sunday Funnies**

Free Sunday Funnies at: <https://comics.azcentral.com/>

(Dilbert is perfect this week!)

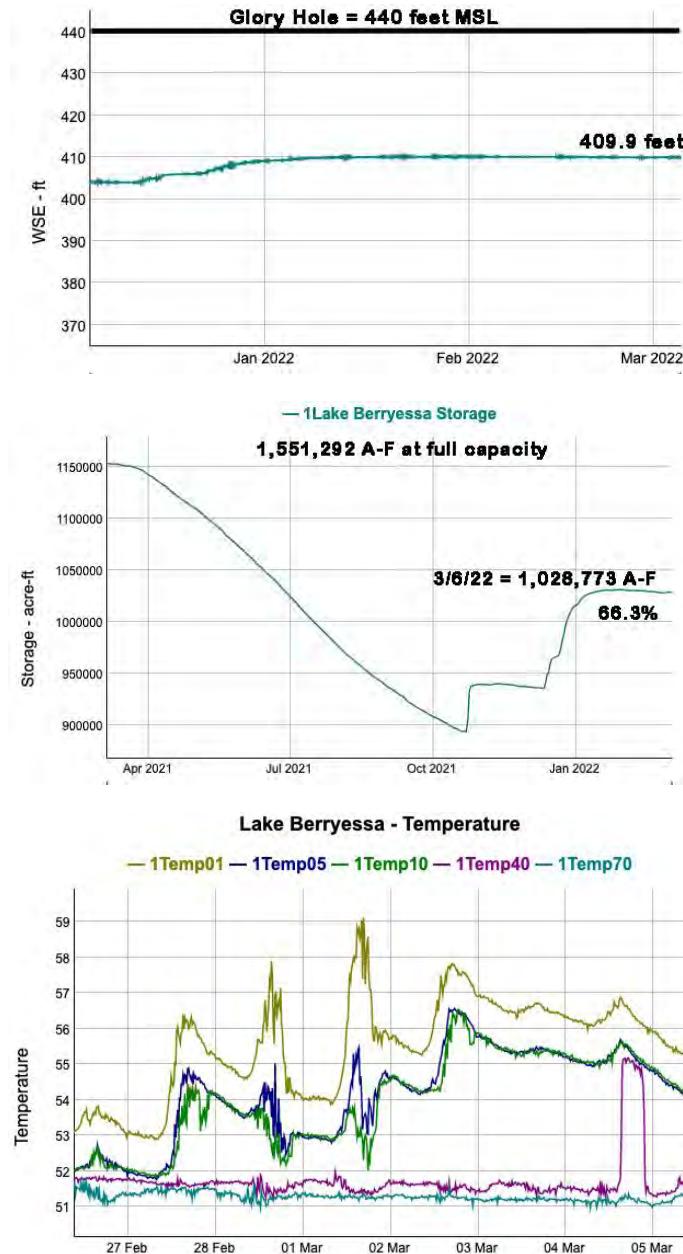
**Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/6/22)**

The lake level lost a tenth of an inch to 409.9 feet- 30.1 feet below Glory Hole. The lake level has held steady for almost 2 months. The light drizzle over the last two days can hardly be called rainfall and only added .14 inches. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is now at 15.98 inches.

We had a slight hailstorm on 2/22/22 but no measurable precipitation. There has been no rain since January 5 - 57 days. This is the longest winter dry spell since 2015. It is also the longest winter dry spell going back to 1993 in the records I can access. This third year of drought as January and February turned out to be two of the driest months in more than 100 years in California according to state water officials.

The Gamble Guage shows the lake is now at 66.3% capacity using the new number approved by the SCWA. See the capacity report at:

The standard capacity was 1,602,000 acre-feet (AF) The new curve has a lake capacity of 1,551,292 AF at a level of 440 feet - 50,708 AF less than previously calculated.



#### Historical Tidbits

On April 27, 1956, the 84th United States Congress, 2nd session, approved bill S-2775, which named the reservoir behind Monticello Dam. Until then, the reservoir had been referred to as "Monticello Reservoir." From then on, however, it would be known as Lake Berryessa.

All Solano Project construction was essentially finished at the end of 1958. Monticello Dam, Lake Berryessa, and Putah Diversion Dam were all transferred to operative status on July 1, 1959. Lake Berryessa filled on April 18, 1963.

The photos below show the lake filling from the north and the south. Check out the unfinished dam and roads in the second one.



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### More History - Never Forget!

The Bureau of Reclamation destroyed recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families and children. Many folks who live at the lake now, as well as others around the Bay Area, don't realize what a disaster the BOR and their fellow travelers perpetrated on the public.

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. Brian Hackney is still a news anchor on KPIX.

<https://youtu.be/nP9K8Ai0Lkc>



### Feds Final Folly: The Destruction of Steele Park Resort - Ten Years Later (2019)

The following story about Steele Park Resort from 2019 (updating an original 2009 piece) is meant to provide some context to the present efforts to revitalize Lake Berryessa.

"As the Bureau of Reclamation's Katrina-like process at Lake Berryessa lurched on to an unknown resolution, local residents and previous lake recreation users were fed up with the Feds. Both Supervisor Diane Dillon and Congressman Mike Thompson were clearly frustrated by their apparent helplessness to do anything about Reclamation's lack of progress in signing the new contract for the five major west shore resorts. The Steele Park Resort contract was especially important since it would have a major impact on the water and sewer rates for

Berryessa Highlands residents which appeared to be headed for a minimum 82% increase by August, 2009.

Four of the resorts had been closed since the middle of summer. Steele Park was shutting down soon and would be demolished during the next nine months. The Pensus Group was chosen in May to manage these five resorts, but Reclamation has been unable to finalize a contract with them since that time. In several public statements, Reclamation claimed that there would be a "seamless transition" and recreation services would be only minimally affected as the resorts were all upgraded and improved. Tragically, this did not happen, although the Reclamation refrain has remained, "We are making good progress and expect the contract to be signed soon." The first such statement was made in May, 2008 and last publicly-stated deadline expired with no action."



See more photos of the destruction of Steele Park Resort at  
<http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/steele-park-demolition/>

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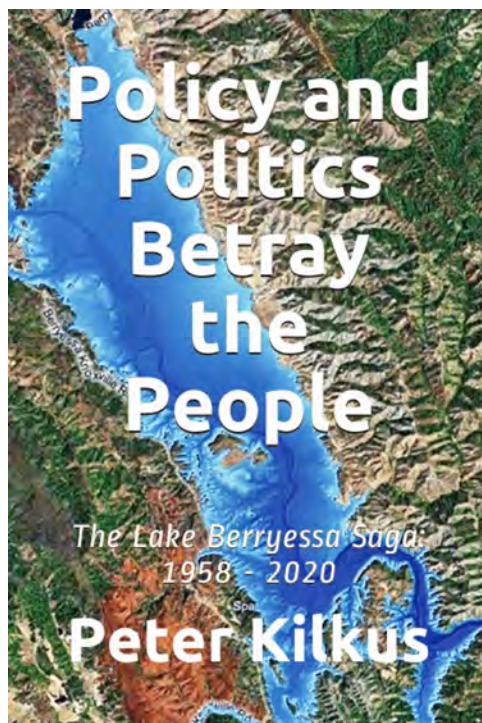
In a May 19, 2008 letter Reclamation stated: "Based upon evaluation of the successful proposal and subsequent confirmation with the successful offeror, The Pensus Group LLC, Reclamation has determined that all permanent facilities in your Resort concession area must be removed by the end of the concession contract."

See the original story at:  
[www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/feds-final-folly-the-destru.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/feds-final-folly-the-destru.html)

This KPIX Eye on the Bay interview I did in 2010 is a relevant introduction to the substance of the book: Policy and Politics Betray the People, The Lake Berryessa saga, 1958-2020.

Without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS there would be no Lake Berryessa News...and finally there would be no definitive history of what happened at Lake Berryessa. Having participated directly for more than twenty years as an advocate for the lake in the fiasco that was the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan, its farcical but tragic outcome, and the process of rebuilding, I have very strong views of the causes and results - supported by facts and data.

This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. 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.



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[English is Hard, But What About Ukrainian?](#)

This section was originally intended to be a humor post. But my son, Chris, who has been living in Kyiv, Ukraine for the last two years, escaped to Budapest, Hungary with his girlfriend, who is

a Russian model and fashion photgrpher, two days before the Russian invasion. He is a well-known fashion photographer and video producer. He had to leave all his possessions and photo equipment behind. He had been living most of that time in an Airbnb in Kyiv. Some of you may have seen all the Facebook posts about Americans supporting the Ukrainian people by renting Airbnb sites they will not use, some of which have been turned into shelters for displaced civilians.

He is now working with the Ukrainian resistance to rally artists and musicians to publicly show their support of the Ukrainian people.

<https://www.facebook.com/UkraineUA.MFA>

So this piece is my little bit of moral support for Ukrainians through humor. We've all seen posts about how hard a language English is to learn. Since I'm of Lithuanian heritage I sometimes use Google Translate for fun to translate English to Lithuanian for notes to my family since I don't remember all the Lithuanian I learned in my Chicago grammar school. So I took the original puff piece about English being difficult and translated the phrases into Ukrainian and then back into English. I'm glad I don't have to learn a new alphabet too.

Do you notice how many Ukrainians in the news reports, both politicians and ordinary people being interviewed, speak good English? How many Americans do you know who can speak even one other language?

- A. Translate English to Ukrainian
- B. Ukrainian Spelling
- C. Ukrainian Pronunciation
- D. Translate Ukrainian back to English

The bandage was wound around the wound.

На рану намотали пов'язку.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Na ranu namotaly pov"yazku.

A bandage was applied to the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

Ферма використовувалася для виробництва продукції.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Ferma vykorystovalasya dla vyrobnytstva produktsiyi.

The farm was used for production.

We polish Polish furniture.

Шліфуємо польські меблі.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Shlifuyemo pol's'ki mebli.

We polish Polish furniture.

The man decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

Чоловік вирішив залишити свій десерт у пустелі.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Cholovik vyrishev zalyshyty sviy desert u pusteli.

The man decided to leave his dessert in the desert.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

Оскільки нема такого часу, як теперішній, він подумав, що настав час представити сьогодення.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Oskil'ky nema takoho chasu, yak teperishniy, vin podumav, shcho nastav chas predstavyty s'ohodennya.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

При пострілі голуб кинувся в кущі.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: Pry postrili holub kynuvsya v kushchi.

When shot, the pigeon rushed into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

Я не заперечував проти об'єкта.

Ukrainian Pronunciation: YA ne zaperechuvav proty ob'yekta.

I did not object to the object.

They were too close to the door to close it.

Вони були занадто близько до дверей, щоб зачинити їх.

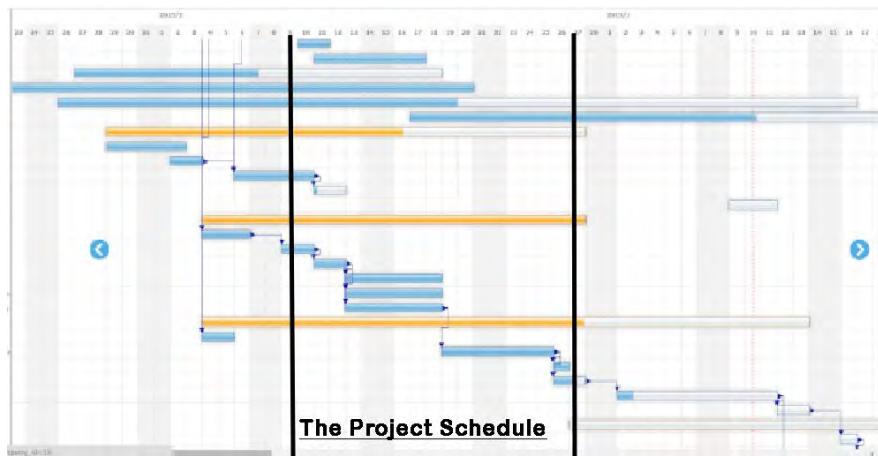
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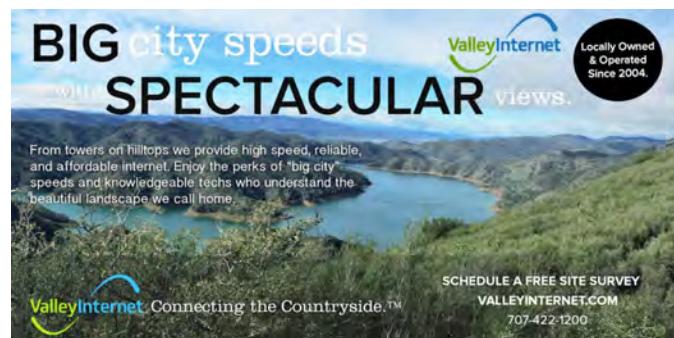
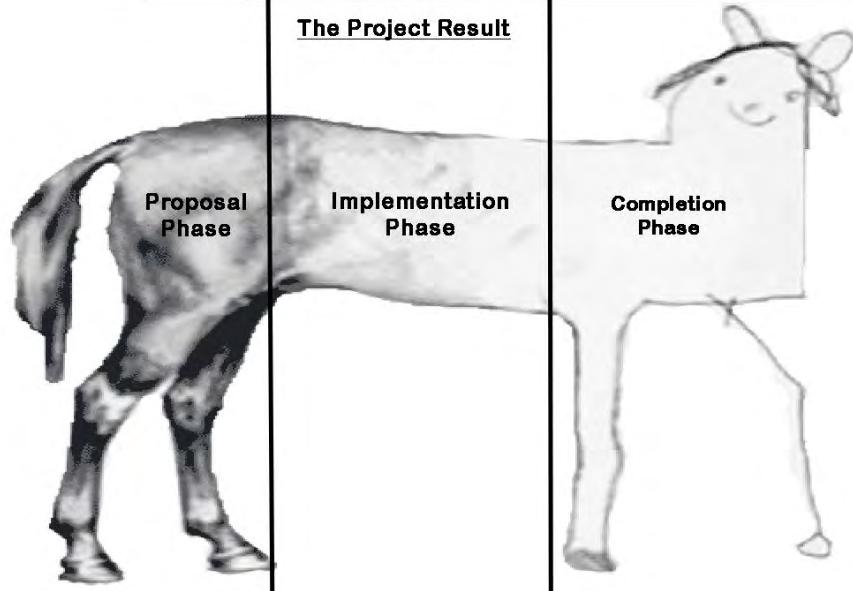
#### Project Management: Herding Cats

Many of us have had to run important, or maybe not so important, projects during our careers.

Sun Lake Berryessa has some extraordinarily complicated projects to complete here at the lake. Below is a graphic of the progress of a typical project. Remember, the initial 90% of a project takes 90% of the time. The final 90% of any project takes the last 90% of the time.



#### The Project Result



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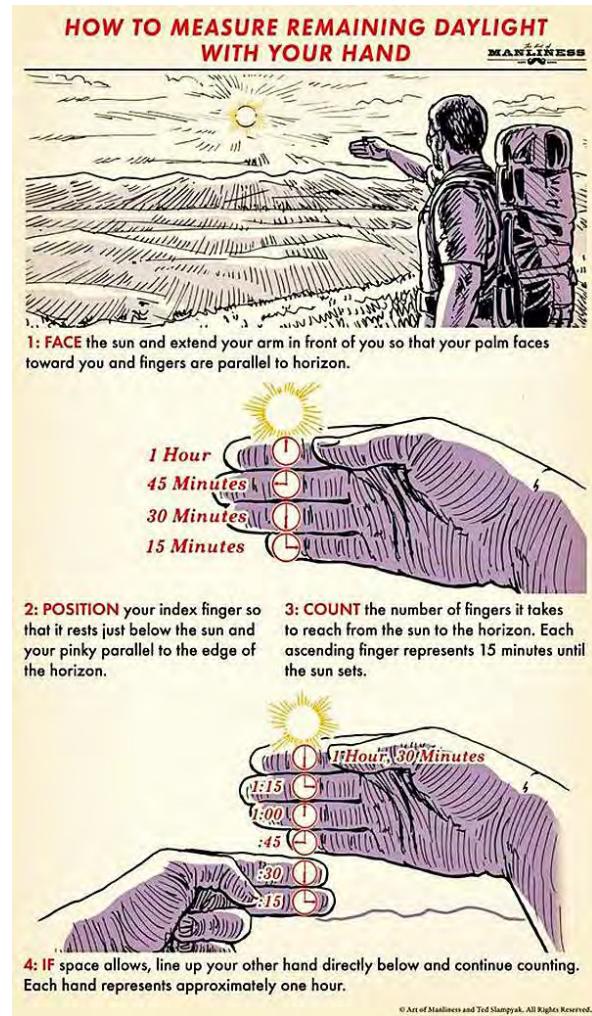
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**Time to Sunset: The Finger Clock**

Sure, you could check your watch/phone, if you have one. But maybe it's not working, and even if it is, there's a simple, age-old method you can employ to find out how many daylight hours there are before the sun sets. The cool part is that the only equipment you need is your hand. Keep in mind that this method varies depending on your geographical location. In the north, the sun sets at shallower angles, allowing more usable light than your hands will show. The day will grow dark quicker in the tropics, where the sun sets nearly straight down.



#### Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas Continue to Improve

Both areas continue to make improvements for the summer recreation season. Members of Sun Communities management visited both locations last week to continue the planning process which is now going through the required NEPA, CEQA, and Corps of Engineers permitting processes. Sun has developed new websites for both areas with online booking capabilities.

##### SPANISH FLAT:

<https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/spanish-flat>

##### STEELE CANYON:

<https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/steele-canyon>



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Scoop Nisker was a longtime fixture on San Francisco radio's KFOG during hippie times. 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."

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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

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 a 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

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Sadly, the days of people using proper English are went! Most people could care less that people say irregardless. This misuse should of been nipped in the butt long ago. Maybe they are just escape goats for the broader problems of the decline of education, but even though I have been biting my time here, cringing at the next foe par while they get off scotch free, it's truly a mute point these days. Face it: it's a doggie dog world. I think I'll just go curl up in a feeble position. Ex cetera, ex cetera, ex cetera...

### The Older Generation:

Walked to school and walked back.  
Did their homework quickly to get out to play in the street.  
Spent their free time on the street with their friends.  
Played hide and seek after dark.  
Collected sports cards.

Collected and returned empty soda bottles to the grocery store for 5 cents each, then bought a soda and candy bars with the money.

Bought vinyl albums to play on record players.

Collected photos and albums of clippings.

Played board games and cards on rainy days.

TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.

Had parents who were there but not smothering.

Read books under the covers in bed so parents didn't know we were still awake.

Road bicycles all over the city and countryside.

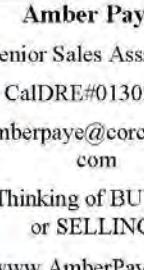
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Excuse me, sir. Do you think they named April Fools' Day in your honor?



# The Lake Berryessa News

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Remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News April 1 Special Edition it must be true?

## The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Is Back! Happy Saint Stupid's Day

### Glory Hole Up For Historical Landmark Status

Several local historical groups are thought to be bringing a proposal before Congress to have Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole Spillway designated as a national historical landmark. A National Historic Landmark is officially recognized for its outstanding historical significance as an aspect of American history and culture.

Although Glory Hole has been relatively well-known since Monticello Dam was built, it came to significant international prominence in 2017 when Lake Berryessa ended a ten-year drought with a dramatic forty-one foot rise in lake level and the overflow of Glory Hole by four feet!

Dramatic drone videos shot by the Lake Berryessa News Drone operator, Evan Kilkus, (available on the Lake Berryessa News website at [www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/videos.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/videos.html)) were distributed around the world and seen by millions of viewers on YouTube. Thousands of visitors flocked to Lake Berryessa to see the Glory Hole in person. Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole deserves NHL status!

The proposal includes adding statuary to the spillway lip. Subjects range from famous people associated with building the dam to symbols of the primary recreation and sports activities of lake recreationists.

### Big Island Lagoon Water Park Proposed

In a highly unpopular move with no real public support the Bureau of Reclamation arbitrarily closed Big Island Lagoon, a traditional family boating rest area, to motorized recreation more than ten years ago. Finally acknowledging that their decision to outlaw motorized boats in favor of kayaks was a failure, i.e., very few kayaks or non-motorized boats have been seen there, the Bureau of Reclamation may propose a "better" public use of that part of the lake – a floating water park!



Reclamation is thought to have partnered with In the Great Scheme of Things (ITGSOT) recreation development company to pursue the possibility. The customer service motto of ITGSOT closely matches the BOR customer service approach to new projects: "You may not like it, you may disagree with it, you may actively oppose it, but in the great scheme of things we believe it makes perfect sense – and we are in charge!"



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I can explain it to you, but I can't understand it for you!

This is my favorite issue of the year. Sometimes satire is so close to reality that the joke simply escapes the uneducated and ignorant. And satire usually escapes the profoundly stupid.

In this Post-Truth World the Lake Berryessa News stands firmly behind its 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, or facts. Truthiness is the error of preferring opinions or beliefs one wishes to be true, rather than concepts known to be true.

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Never miss a good chance to shut up.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Sun Communities, the parent company of Sun Lake Berryessa, is the nation's premier owner and operator of manufactured home and RV communities. It keeps growing quickly, and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce hopes to be on the leading edge. Tourists are traveling to all corners of the globe in pursuit of cosmetic surgeries and beauty treatments.

As an innovator in luxury RV camping opportunities, Sun is thought to be exploring new methods to provide facilities that would enhance a family's RV camping experience in locations such as Lake Berryessa with its spectacular views while producing a smaller environmental footprint. Enter the RV dry stack pod concept. You've seen it expand for boats and cars. Now imagine it for RVs!

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The burgeoning beauty tourism industry is developing quickly, and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce hopes to be on the leading edge. Tourists are traveling to all corners of the globe in pursuit of cosmetic surgeries and beauty treatments.

Why do Hollywood celebrities swear by "leech therapy"? Throughout the medieval period, leeching was a standard therapy. Leeches were allowed to remove the blood from patients that were deemed to be 'out of balance'. The treatment also helped people suffering from different skin diseases, diseases of the nervous systems, and inflammation.

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## April Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You've always had a strong fight-or-flight reflex, which turns out to be completely useless when negotiating for the best price on a bedroom set.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You've finally risen to the top of your profession only to find the world's other 450,000 deep-fryer operators are pretty much there, too.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You've avoided throwing the baby out with the bathwater. However, you're now left with the problem of how to dispose of a clean but rapidly drying baby.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): You won't be thanked for helping to solve a major social problem when people decide to give all the credit to the guy who made the bumper sticker.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): There aren't many people who get as angry at a poorly made Manhattan cocktail as you do, making it very easy for investigators to figure out what happened.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll learn a painful lesson about accepting dares while drunk, but at least the residents of Niagara Falls will have something to talk about for a while.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You always thought ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): 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.

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): The stars foretell that food will materialize in your refrigerator the fourth time you open it.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The baboon will see you as a threat to the social hierarchy of the pack, which truth be told, is giving you way too much credit.

## BitCoin, DitzCoin, NFTs, BFDs: Crypto-Craze for Lake Berryessa Investors

The Lake Berryessa News (LBN) has entered into a partnership with the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) to introduce a series of Incredible Investment Instruments (III-pronounced aye-a-ye-ayes!) founded on a radical new cryptocurrency, DitzCoin, developed at ULB's Lake Berryessa campus located deep beneath Big Island.



DitzCoin (a Little Bit o' Bitcoin) refers to a new type of cryptocurrency designed by Professor Eduardo Ponzi of the Advanced Economics Department of the University of Lake Berryessa. While a bit more dodgy than "traditional" cryptos, i.e., with a lifetime of more than one year, which have exploded as investment options, DitzCoin is designed to appeal to the uber-risk takers seeking a new get rich quick (GRQ) scheme. GRQers practice an eclectic thought process once referred to as "ditz" but now known to have created a class of millionaires trading financial instruments of no actual value.

Ditzcoin diving is equivalent to Bitcoin mining. But Ditzcoin diving occurs when a potential investor earns BFDs by scuba diving Lake Berryessa to retrieve hermetically sealed packages of DitzCoin.

The future value of BFDs is dependent on the number of Ditzoids who wish to play this game, getting in on the new financial bubble. As with the stock market, which also has no intrinsic or productive value, (See "The Stock Market Is NOT The Economy, Stupid!" at [www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/the-stock-market-is-not-the.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/past-stories/the-stock-market-is-not-the.html)). Investors assume all the risks and rewards.

### Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) vs. Berryessa Future Developments (BFDs)

NFTs, or Non-Fungible Tokens, are digital tokens stored on the blockchain. They have exploded on the financial market during the last few years.

Unlike cryptocurrencies where each coin is the same (there's no reason to prefer one particular Bitcoin over another), each NFT is unique using the Blockchain as a way to prove ownership over some sort of digital file which can then be bought and sold. NFTs have typically been used to purchase art but have expanded into the "anything goes when you're

trying to make money" realm. NFTs have no intrinsic value but have created several millionaires. Types of NFTs: Collectible items/Trading cards; Artwork; Event tickets; Music and media: Big Sports Moments; Virtual Fashion; Real-world assets.

BFDs, or Berryessa Future Developments, have no intrinsic value - the same as NFTs. BFDs will be photos and stories from the Lake Berryessa News of the future development of the lake resorts and community. Investors will be able to own these digital through the Blockchain, as is now the case with NFTs.

Investing in BFDs (Berryessa Future Developments) using DitzCoin is an innovative, yet risky and volatile application of decentralized finance. DeFi has skyrocketed in popularity recently thanks to further University of Lake Berryessa financial innovations such as yield farming, liquidity mining, and Ditzcoin diving.

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In the words of Dr. Ponzi's relatives and mentors from the past, "What could possibly go wrong?"



## Floating Native American Casino (FloNAC) Coming to Lake Berryessa, But When? (April 1, 2022 Update)

Now that Sun Lake Berryessa, LLC has won the bid to redevelop three resorts at Lake Berryessa to include a wide range of amenities and lodging, the subject of the long-delayed Floating Native American Casino (FloNAC), first proposed in 2010 and resurfacing in 2016, has once again become a topic of interest.

The business synergy between Sun Lake Berryessa and FloNAC is obvious. Sun provides nearby lodging, recreation, food services, electric shuttle boat services, and logistics support under contract with FloNAC; FloNAC attracts more customers and achieves more revenue without any large additional monetary investment.

Part 1 of this saga began in 2010 when, in a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, a consortium of Native American tribes forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. The April 1, 2010, announcement of the project included the timeline and legal basis for this development.

Native American attorney, Hadge Uefuul, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the 2009 Lake Berryessa concession bid process by formally defining the "land surface" as categorically different from the "water surface" under federal government control.

The recent Supreme Court ruling that corporations are people with the rights of individual human American citizens has added significant weight to the Native American tribes' arguments. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that private corporations can legally be considered private citizens with all the rights that entails, it follows that citizens can now be considered corporations with all the rights that entails.

The five-justice majority reached an outcome that greatly expands the legal rights and political power of corporations — by trying to redefine basic reality. Since Native Americans have historically had their basic reality redefined by the federal government in disastrous ways, they were quick to take advantage of this ruling.

The settlement reached with Reclamation allowing the construction of a floating casino on Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The original floating casino itself will not be a single structure — it will consist of approximately twenty or more individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate Native American tribe.

Native American organizers and their supporters had planned to reveal the next stage in this development on April 1, 2017 - seven years after the initial proposal was released. Native American attorney, Hadge Uefuul, said that year would have fulfilled the "7th generation" principle for the floating casino project.

This Native American principle says that in every decision, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendants seven generations into the future. Because of the speed of modern life and the impact of social media on decision-making, Native Americans are now substituting the word "year" for "generation". Thus 2017, seven years later, was the spiritual target for the casino's completion. Coincidentally, 2017 was the year that the political momentum for Napa County taking over management of the lake resorts from the Bureau of Reclamation peaked — spearheaded by the Lake Berryessa News.

Local businesses and residents were delighted with the prospect of this potentially very positive impact of FloNAC on the Lake Berryessa economy, especially

now that Napa County itself has taken over management of the lake resorts under a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974.

It was under Napa's guidance that the resorts were developed, mobile home units were leased to provide ongoing revenue to support the day-use facilities, and the lake became a profitable, top recreational destination for the whole Bay Area and beyond. This could be the new future legacy for the Native American community since they were the original residents of the Berryessa Valley. So here we are in 2022, five more years later — 12 years total delay. Finally full circle, anyone?



## 4 Lake Berryessa Statistics (4/1/22)

The lake is now down to 401 feet – 39 feet below Glory Hole. The level had held steady for more than 2 months. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam to 16.81 inches despite the .70 inches that fell on March 28.

The Gamble Gauge shows the lake at 65.4% capacity. Water temperatures are mixed but rising slightly. The surface is up to 65 degrees.



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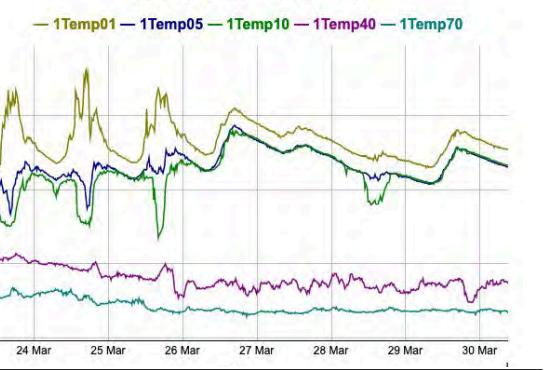
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### Lake Berryessa - Temperature



### New Health Supplement Features Unique Lake Berryessa Ingredients

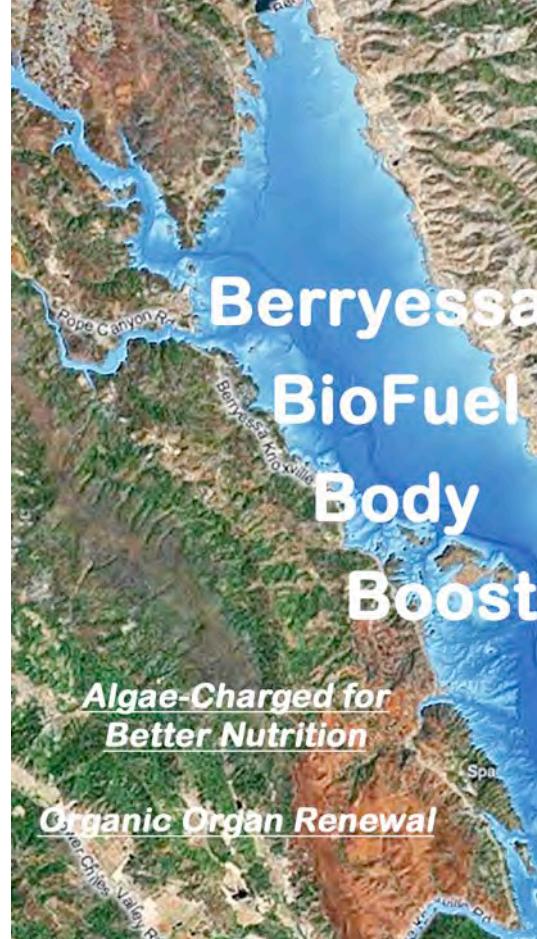
The spiritual and health benefits of Lake Berryessa water have been known since Native Americans lived along the banks of Putah Creek. The creek became a popular site for Christian baptisms, Ouija board spirit parties, and seances. Later Putah Creek became a well-known health spa location. After Monticello Dam was built and Lake Berryessa filled, the special properties of Putah Creek water were transferred to the lake water.

Thirty years ago, Anheuser-Busch Inc. was looking for a West Coast home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water. According to the Fairfield Brewery, "Lake Berryessa is a consistent, high quality water source for our brewery".

A new local company, Berryessa BioFuel Body Boost, LLC, has developed a process to make Lake Berryessa water's health benefits available to more than just Lake Berryessa swimmers and Budweiser drinkers. The company, founded by the same three young environmental innovators who just started Napachar, has also found a way to supercharge their Berryessa Biofuel Body Boost product by infusing it with algae harvested from the lake.

The potential health benefits of Lake Berryessa water may be due to the runoff from some of the endemic vegetation in the hills above the lake. The wide variety of local plant and water-based species, including the rare Lake Berryessa Golden Leeches, are still being studied for their unique chemical constituents and health attributes.

This may be the source of the nutrients that cause a rare intermittent bloom of a unique algae in the lake. These algae are harvested and grown in large high-volume bioreactors and filtered through biochar created by anaerobic transformation of select local manzanita cuttings. The Berryessa Body Boost is then inoculated with this special extract producing an elixir with enhanced benefits well beyond those found in less effective products.



### The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



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West Lake Area



15 Miles to Rutherford



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Circle Oaks

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34 Miles to Lower Lake

Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek DA  
Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to [www.usbr.gov/mp/cca/Berryessa](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca/Berryessa) for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

#### Putah Canyon Recreation Area

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Monticello Shores Berryessa Point Recreation Area Closed Closed

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### Alternative Medical Dictionary

Artery: The study of paintings

Bacteria: Back door to cafeteria

Barium: What doctors do when patients die

Benign: What you be, after you be eight

Caesarean Section: neighborhood in Rome

Catscan: Searching for Kitty

Cauterize: Made eye contact with her

Colic: A sheep dog

Coma: A punctuation mark

Dilate: To live long

Enema: Not a friend

Fester: Quicker than someone else

Fibula: A small lie

Impotent: Distinguished, well known

Labor Pain: Getting hurt at work

Medical Staff: A Doctor's cane

Morbid: A higher offer

Nitrates: Cheaper than day rates

Node: I knew it.

Outpatient: A person who has fainted

Pelvis: Second cousin to Elvis

Post Operative: A letter carrier

Recovery Room: Place to do upholstery

Rectum: Nearly killed him

Secretion: Hiding something

Seizure: Roman emperor

Tablet: small tab

Terminal Illness: Getting sick at the airport

Tumor: One plus one more

Urine: Opposite of you're out.

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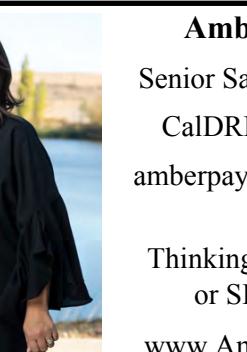
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DAM's Annual Lake Berryessa Swim is one of the longest running open water swim events in America. Started in 1981 as a friendly lake swim, this event now attracts more than 500 swimmers each year to the shores of Lake Berryessa at Steele Canyon Recreation Area,

### Agnorant

Definition: people who are extremely ignorant yet are simultaneously extremely arrogant.

Example: people who think they know more about science than scientists.



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1057 Arroyo Grande Dr, \$175,000.00

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# The Lake Berryessa News

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May 2022

Memorial Day: May 30, 2022

Open the Door to Summer Fun at Lake Berryessa!

### Things are a bit quiet here at the lake.

But more and more folks are starting to camp and enjoy boating as the weather gets better.

Sun Lake Berryessa is still working on the environmental permitting processes for Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat RecAreas..

Both resorts have been spruced up for RV and tent camping, but the results are still rudimentary. However, lovers of Lake Berryessa are filling up both sites so make your reservations now.

Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, and Putah Canyon Recreation Area are fully open. Monticello Shores Recreation Area (formerly Rancho Monticello Resort) is still closed but under contract to Sun Lake Berryessa.

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Berryessa Point Recreation Area (formerly Berryessa Marina Resort) is closed, but the bids for its operation have been received and reviewed.

Napa County supervisors have held closed session discussions of potential bid winners and contract issues. Sources say that the final results will be positive.

### What's Happening (or not) at Moskowite Corners?

by Peter Kilkus

Moskowite Corners has gone through

several changes during the last decade as various owners tried to make it a viable

business again. Here's a basic history.

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unexpected death on June 9, 2009, left improvements. Unfortunately, he had not factored in the new state water quality regulations that had been passed regarding beer brewing systems. His effluent would not pass the new standards without an upgrade to the wastewater system run by the owners of the Capell Valley Estates across the road which declined to do so.

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Today, the former Moskowite Corners property and building needs updating. A potential sale to Tran fell through a couple of months ago when the buyer found out how much it would cost to bring the site up to the latest code requirements.

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## A Mother's Day Special Report for Father's Day (June 19) Festivities

Nine tips for taking care of your husband (taken from a 1950s home economics book)

The goal "Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit."



### 1. Have dinner ready

"Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home, and the prospect of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed."

### 2. Prepare yourself

"Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift."

### 3. Clear away the clutter

"Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up schoolbooks, toys, paper etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too."

### 4. Prepare the children

"Take a few minutes to wash

the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part."

### 5. Minimize all noise

"At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, dryer, dishwasher or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and be glad to see him."

### 6. Some don't's

"Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day."

### 7. Make him comfortable

"Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind."

### 8. Listen to him

"You may have a lot of things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time.

Let him talk first."

### 9. Make the evening his

"Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to come home and relax."



## What Do Hummingbirds and Rattlesnakes Have In Common? Basically Nothing Except Being Out And About Now!

Every Spring I publish my rattlesnake story below to warn folks to watch out for them. This year I'm adding an interesting story about hummingbirds. Many of us have hummingbird feeders since the hummingbirds are fascinating to watch. This year I learned something new about hummingbirds' tongues from a story first published by Susan Holloway in the Environmental Forum of Marin's Notebook. See the full story and photos at:

<https://marinefm.org/EFM-Notebook/10709025>

The description of a hummingbird's tongue was new to me. A hummingbird's tongue wraps around the inside of its skull. Before we geek out on hummingbird anatomy, let's review the basics about what these little birds need to consume in order to keep up all their activity. Hummingbirds feed on nectar from flowers and feeders, as well as on small insects and spiders. They catch flying insects on the wing, and they pluck spiders and trapped insects from spider webs. They also visit sapsucker holes and feed on sap and insects attracted to the holes.

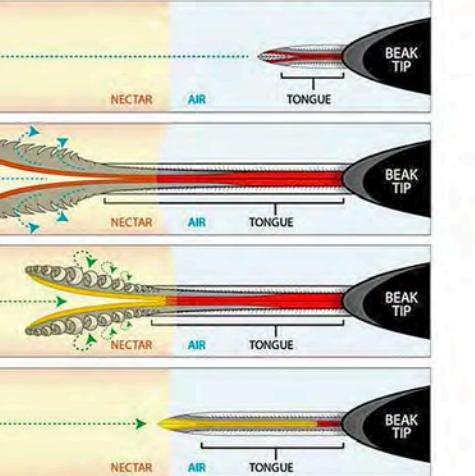
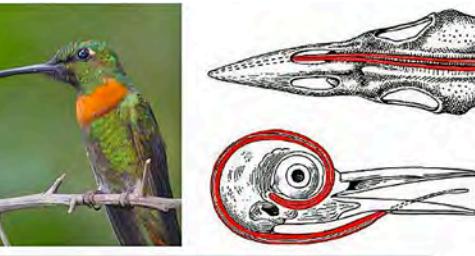
Hummingbirds need a lot of calories to fuel themselves and must eat several times their weight every day. They feed on nectar about 5-10 times per hour for 30-60 seconds each time. They have good eyesight, and they can see brightly colored red and orange flowers better than their insect competitors.

Given the exigency of their quest for nourishment, they are very lucky to have the most amazing tongues in the animal kingdom.

Hummingbirds have a long thin tongue that darts into the flower's corolla for nectar. When retracted, the hummingbird's tongue is curled up in the skull and encircles the eye cavity. They share this feature with woodpeckers, whose tongue mitigates potential brain damage caused by incessant pecking. But the precise

The topic of hummingbird feeders is somewhat controversial, but red plastic feeders filled with sugar water are OK. Just don't add red dye to the nectar and be sure to keep the feeders filled and clean.

You don't need to buy nectar; it's easy to make it because the only ingredients are sugar and water - 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. (1 cup sugar to 4 cups water). I have only 2 feeders but more than a dozen birds at a time.



mechanism by which the tongue captures nectar has been the focus of much scientific debate. Until recently, ornithologists thought the tongue functioned like a tiny, static tube, drawing up floral nectar via capillary action. However, ground-breaking research conducted by Alejandro Rico-Guevara at the University of Connecticut has shown that the tongue tip is a dynamic liquid-trapping device that changes its configuration and shape dramatically as it moves in and out of fluids.

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Sugar goes fast!

## May Headlines

Vladimir Putin arrested in Russia after accidentally calling the Special Military Operation a "war"

New international sanctions against Putin's allies target Deutsche Bank, Tucker Carlson, and former President Donald Trump

Ukrainian drone strike destroys Russian tank tops  
Man Shopping For Cheap Sunglasses Troubled By Reviews Calling Sunglasses Cheap

Education Report Finds American Children Severe Behind In Age

Florida Legislature Removes "Insurrection" From School Vocabulary, Makes Its Use By Teachers A Felony

Texas Bans Consensual Sex

Florida Bans Education

Florida Modifies "Don't Say Gay" Law To Permit Use Of Word As An Insult

Tennessee passes law to legalize child brides, as long as they're not for gay marriages

Frustrated CEO Stuck In Dead-End 7-Figure Job Health Insurance Plan Only Covers Random Hippopotamus Attacks

Twins Switched At Birth In Meaningless Mix-Up

'Real Housewives' Faces Backlash Over Decision To Film In Misogynistic, Homophobic New Jersey

NFL Satisfies Outraged Fans With New Overtime Rule That Both Teams Win

Pan Of Brownies Cornered Out Of Existence

"Algebra comes from where?!" screams Florida as it bans 54 mathematics textbooks

Lauren Boebert Submits Scientific Proof That There Is No Vaccine for Stupid

Turns out plants have souls. What now, vegans?

Putin Begs China And N. Korea To Lend Their Sanctioned Slaves To Fight For Russia

Bathroom Mirror Tired of Young Women Taking Photos of Him Without His Consent

Trump says 3 million illegals voted in Academy Awards ballot and that he actually won "Best Male Actor" and "Best Director"

Putin Adopts Peacemaker Approach, "I Cherish Peace With All My Heart. I Don't Care How Many Men, Women, And Children I Need To Kill To Get It."

## April Horoscopes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Husband 1.0 Upgrade

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

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Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed: Desperate

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The response that came weeks later out of the blue...

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck, Tech Support

My science alter-ego could not pass this up. It's like playing the old Trivial Pursuit game for science and engineering grads! I hope you get them or go back to your high school science book to figure them out.

## Responses to an invitation for a rather unusual REUNION of all-time greats:

Ampere was worried he wasn't current enough though alternately none were.

Archimedes said it was his bath night

Archimedes was buoyant at the thought.

Aryabhata said there were zero chances of him showing up.

Boyle said he was under too much pressure.

Darwin said he'd wait to see what evolved.

Dr. King dreamed this would be happening.

Edison stole Tesla's invitation.

Edison thought it would be illuminating and he'd call back.

Einstein said it would be relatively easy to attend.

Galileo wanted to know who the star attraction would be.

Dear Desperate,

Harry Potter said he'd come for a spell.

Hertz said he planned to attend with greater frequency in the future.

Marconi said he'd listen to the it on wireless.

Morse said, "I'll be there on the dot. Can't stop now, must dash."

Newton said he'd drop in.

Ohm resisted the idea.

Pavlov positively drooled at the thought.

Pierre and Marie Curie radiated enthusiasm.

Planck was a constant nuisance.

Pythagoras refused because he thought that the organizers were not looking at the reunion through the right angle.

Schrodinger said he would both be there and not be there, unless someone saw him.

Socrates said he'd think about it.

Tiger Woods said he might swing by.

Volta was electrified at the prospect.

Wilbur Wright accepted, provided he and Orville could get a flight.

## Why overwhelming 'stupidity' and 'fragmentation' have taken over American life

During the 1980s, political journalists focused heavily on the relationship between conservative Republican President Ronald Reagan and liberal Democratic House Speaker Tip O'Neill — stressing that for all their disagreements, they were genuinely fond of one another and managed to find common ground. Such an alliance is hard to imagine in the deeply divided America of the 2020s. The word "tribalism" has often been used to describe the United States' deep political and social divisions, but in an essay for The Atlantic, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt argues that the United States' divisions are even worse than tribalism.

Haidt uses the story of Babel in the Old Testament to describe modern-day America in his article, which was published on April 11. And he certainly doesn't mean it in a good way. "The story of Babel is the best metaphor I have found for what happened to America in the 2010s, and for the fractured country we now inhabit," Haidt explains. "Something went terribly wrong, very suddenly. We are disoriented, unable to speak the same language or recognize the same truth. We are cut off from one another and from the past."

Haidt continues, "It's been clear for quite a while now that Red America and Blue America are becoming like two different countries claiming the same territory, with two different versions of the Constitution, economics, and American history. But Babel is not a story about tribalism; it's a story about the fragmentation of everything. It's about the shattering of all that had seemed solid, the scattering of people who had been a community. It's a metaphor for what is happening not only between red and blue, but within the left and within the right, as well as within universities, companies, professional associations, museums, and even families."

Technology, Haidt laments, has played a major role in the "fragmentation" of the U.S. Historically, civilizations have relied on shared blood, gods and enemies to counteract the tendency to split apart as they grow," Haidt notes. "But what is it that holds together large and diverse secular democracies such as the United States and India, or, for that matter, modern Britain and France?"

Haidt adds, "Social scientists have identified at least three major forces that collectively bind together successful democracies: social capital — extensive social networks with high levels of trust — strong institutions, and shared stories. Social media has weakened all three."

As social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter evolved in the 2010s, Haidt argues, they "trained users to spend more time performing and less time connecting" — and that "encouraged dishonesty and mob dynamics" as well as plenty of amplified "outrage."

## You Might Be Old If You Remember ...

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5-cent packs of baseball cards with that slab of pink bubblegum

## Blonde Men Jokes

A friend told the blond man: "Christma is on a Friday this year." The blond man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

A blond man spies a letter lying on his doormat. The envelope says, "DONOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde man was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over, so he tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"

A blonde man's dog goes missing, and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Here boy!" he replies. (This one actually makes sense.)

An Italian tourist asks a blonde man:

"Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde man replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

## Rattlesnakes: Friend or Enemy — or just a primal fear?

By Peter Kilkus

Above the Berryessa Highlands we've regularly had close encounters with rattlesnakes in spring and summer. We had an adventure getting one out of our kitchen a couple of years ago. One just slithered between our friends on our shooting range last weekend. There's nothing quite like walking down a trail and coming upon a coiled rattlesnake looking you in the eye—the cold flash of adrenaline you feel.

I once chased a 3-footer off our road and it did something I've never seen. When I threw a rock at it, it gave a loud (kind of scary) rattle, then jumped into the lower branches of some tightly packed bushes and zipped away without touching the ground as far as I could follow it.

Rattlers have good vision to at least 15 feet away under moderate illumination. The eyes are set so far to the sides of the head that they have only a limited field of binocular (stereo) vision. This may result in their moving their head from side to side as they try to get a good picture of something. Rattlers are too slow to outrun or dodge even the slowest of their enemies, thus the need for good long-range vision.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

A friend sent me a photo of a king snake eating a rattlesnake on the deck of neighbor's house in Wragg Canyon. The king snake was tightly coiled around the rattler and half the rattlesnake was already inside the king snake.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year



with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry," meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

### Do's and don'ts in snake country:

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.

When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand - use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks, trees, woodpiles, abandoned buckets or tires.

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before.

Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

When you hear a rattle or loud hiss, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee.

Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening. Look behind you before you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake.

Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.

### Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake.

This usually happens when a snake assumes an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached.

A rattlesnake is a heavy-bodied, blunt-tailed snake with one or more rattles on the tail. It has a triangular-shaped head, much broader at the back than at the front, and a distinct "neck" region. The rattlesnake also has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which is a heat-sensing pit. The eyes are hooded with elliptical pupils.

Additional identifying characteristics include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles, which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

**What to do if bitten.**  
Effects depend on the amount of venom injected. Approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

Spring is the period of greatest activity. Emerging from winter hibernation, they are hungry and looking for mates, as this is also the breeding season. During this time they will eat prodigiously, look for females to court, and will battle competing males. During these times of stress, and when trying to eat and when in their opaque stage several days before they are ready to shed, they are most likely to act aggressively.

an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

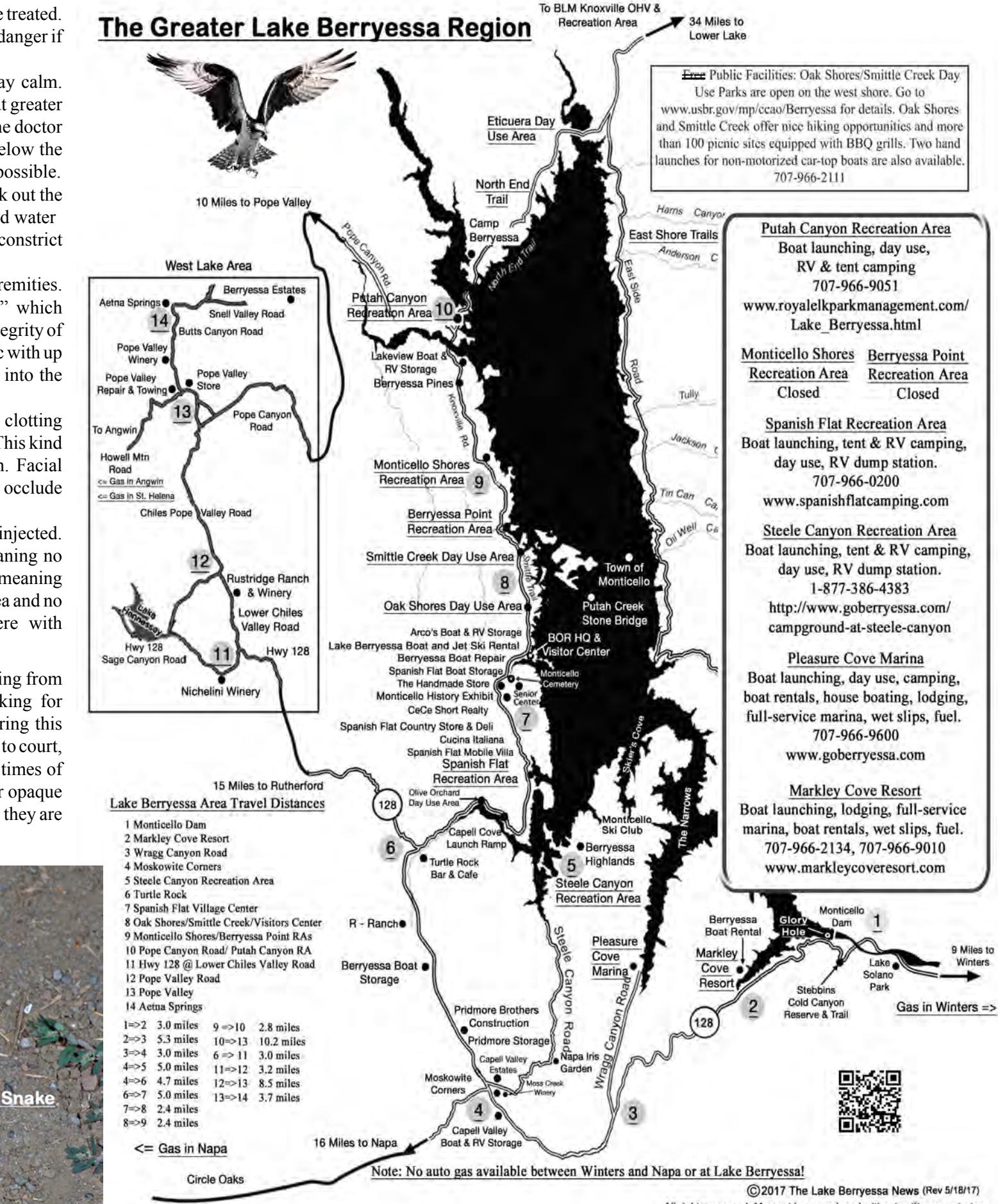
Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water.

Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area.

Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally "hemotoxic" which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours.

The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

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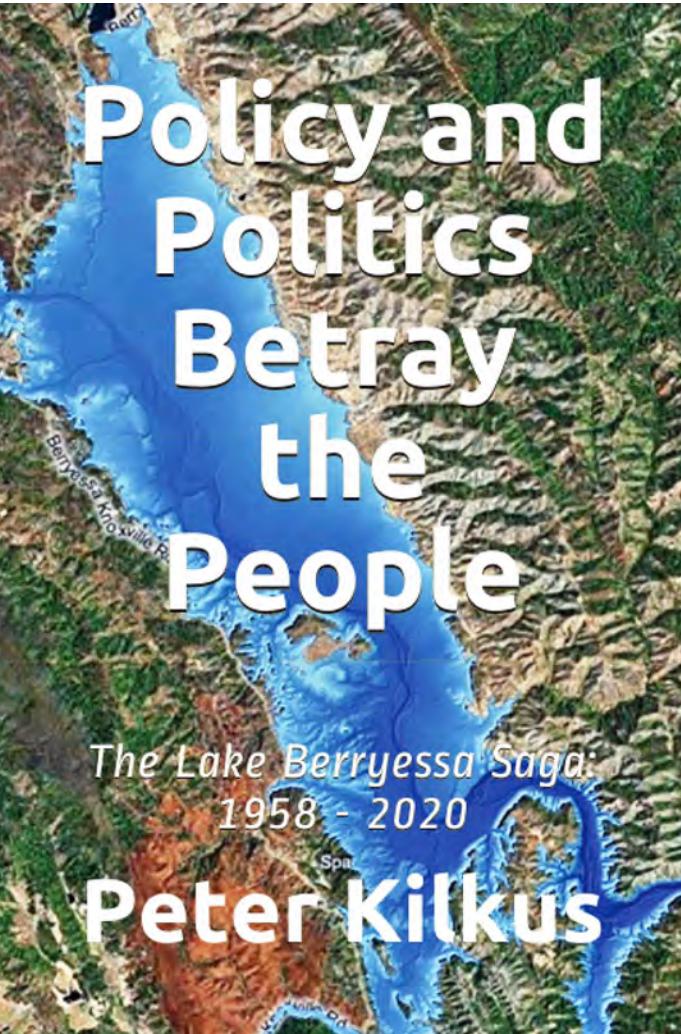
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**Summer Fun At Lake Berryessa - There's Nothing Like It!**

**Father's Day And Some Lake Berryessa History**

**Father's Day on a Patio Boat!**

**Berryessa Valley Exhibit Moves to the Winters History Museum**

Thanks to our kids, and Marty Rodden at Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals, a couple of us fathers, our children and friends will celebrate Father's Day on a patio boat. The water should be cool, 75- 80 degrees - but swimmable - or floatable in my case.

Although the water level will be down to about 405 feet or 35 feet below Glory Hole, there is plenty of water to play in. Most launch ramps are still open except the Capell Cove launch which is closed until further notice (next Spring if the rains are good).

The Winters Museum is located at 13 Russell St. and open to the public Thursdays through Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m. Admission is free. It is located in a concrete blockhouse of a building that was originally built to house the offices of the Bureau of Reclamation people responsible for building Monticello Dam.

According to Woody Fridae, the Historical Society of Winters has chosen to gather photos, artifacts, and speakers to commemorate the lost town of Monticello because they share common history. The high school students from Monticello attended Winters High School. Many of the Winters Youth Day Sweethearts were from Monticello. Locals remember going up to the famous Monticello Rodeo the first Sunday every May.

**Lake Berryessa Statistics (6/3/22)**

The lake is down to 406 feet – 34 feet below Glory Hole. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is 18.53 inches. The Gamble Gauge shows the lake capacity is at 62.3%.

Surface water temperature hit 80 degrees but has dropped to 75 degrees from the surface to 10 feet down. Temperature is around 55 - 60 degrees at 40 feet and below.

**Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Fee**

Effective this year the purchase of a Quagga (Mussel Fee) Sticker for 2023 is a separate transaction from your vessel registration and renewal. This year's Quagga-Zebra mussel sticker fee was not included in the 2023 registration renewals for boats. Boat owners are not automatically receiving these stickers in the mail as in years past. Failure to purchase your Quagga sticker and display the sticker on your vessel may result in a citation.

The Monticello Ski Club was told by someone in the Sheriff's Department that 124 citations have already been issued on Lake Berryessa for not having a 2023 Quagga Mussel Sticker.

The DMV created a web page allowing boat and vessel owners to purchase the Quagga and Zebra Mussel sticker. Customers are encouraged to buy the sticker online at [dmv.ca.gov/musselfee](http://dmv.ca.gov/musselfee) and will no longer have the option to buy a sticker via telephone, mail or third-party vendor.

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For about 10 years, Fitzpatrick operated a one room museum in Spanish Flat, displaying Monticello artifacts and memorabilia until 2020 when the LNU Complex Fire threatened her building and she lost her lease. Fitzpatrick said Fridae connected with her after the fire, asking to borrow a few items for the Winters Museum.

According to Fridae the Town of Monticello drew in farmers due to its temperate climate, prompting them to grow wheat, fruit, hay and other crops. By the 1870s, it had become a full-fledged community with a general store, blacksmith shop and cemetery. Later amenities included a nine-hole golf course, billiards hall, tavern that hosted live music, 76 service station and the rodeo which was established in 1920 and drew up to 1,500 attendees each year.



The scenes of life in Monticello in these carefree pre-dam days were captured in photos by the Muller family, which will be on display at the museum. These color photos feature people dancing, a naval officer returning home from World War II, teenage girls riding their bikes down the street, people playing pool, swimming in the Putah Creek and students riding a bus to attend Winters High School. These photos show a valley that was full of life and had its own unique characters going about day-to-day business.

The dam project was widely opposed by Monticello residents (and Napa County). Fridae said they designed a pamphlet and sent it to Congress to encourage them to resist it. Their goal was to emphasize that Monticello was a vibrant town with an active agricultural economy and annual, well-attended rodeo and even suggested an alternate plan with a smaller reservoir that would not damage the town's fertile land.



## A Bit More Ancient History...

Thanks to Carol Fitzpatrick, I acquired several old copies of the original Lake Berryessa News. I had them scanned and posted them on the Lake Berryessa News website at: [www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/)

The issue dates are: January 1971, July 1972, August 1980, July 1981, July 1982, August 1983, November 1994, March 1995, September 1997

### ...From 1972 (50 years ago)

Those of you who have read my book, Policy and Politics Betray the People, know that the management of Lake Berryessa was transferred from Napa County back to the Bureau of Reclamation in 1975 because the BOR had made life miserable for the County for several years and the County decided it had had enough.

From then on through the disastrous Visitor Services Plan process foisted off on the Lake Berryessa community in 2000, the BOR continued to basically harass the resort concessioners and mobile homeowners in various attempts to eliminate them from Lake Berryessa. They were finally successful in 2009.

In my research I discovered a successful 1977 rebellion by local businesses against a heavy-handed BOR Concessions Manager. I reproduce that September 9, 1977 Lake Berryessa News article here for your review.

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### Wier Out of Lake Berryessa Management

Announcement was made last Tuesday September 6, 1977, that Robert Wier, Recreation Manager of Lake Berryessa for the Bureau of Reclamation has been "reassigned," temporarily, to the Sacramento Regional office of the Bureau. He will be replaced, also temporarily, by Mr. Brown, who is Chief of Operations and Maintenance, Department of Land and Water Division of the Bureau.

He will serve until a "highly qualified" permanent replacement can be brought in. Needless to say, the majority of the people in the lake area, especially the, business people and mobilehome owners were jubilant and that is putting it mildly ....!!!

A big, big, huge "THANK YOU" goes to Congressman Leo Ryan of the 11th District, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Conservation Energy and Natural Resources. He really took the "bull by the horns," following his recent visit to the lake, where he also took a complete tour.

Also deserving of much credit for the action is Commissioner Higginson from the Washington D. C. office of the Department of the Interior, who also took the time out of his busy schedule to visit the lake recently.

And now it can be told - here is what, in addition to personal tours, was presented to them, and to others. Under cover of a letter to B. E. Martin, Regional Director, in Sacramento, this is what the Lake Berryessa Council and United Concessioners charged Wier with, and offered absolute proof to back it up, on all charges:

### AREAS IN WHICH THE RECREATIONAL MANAGER HAS WORKED COUNTER TO BUREAU OF RECLAMATION POLICIES

#### Limited Public Access to Lake Berryessa.

1. Closed minimally developed campsites at Steele Park Resort and Berryessa Marina Resort. Total campsites closed - 584
2. Closed fully developed campsites at Steele Park, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Marina, Putah Creek, South Shore and Markley Cove. Total campsites closed - 277.

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## Environmentally-Friendly Meat

Work is progressing to build the world's largest facility to produce cultivated meat in the U.S., even as the Food and Drug Administration is yet to give its approval for public consumption of the meat in the country.

At 7.1 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions annually, livestock contributes 14.5 percent of global carbon emissions. Cattle grown for meat and milk accounts for as much as 65 percent of livestock emissions. In contrast, cultivated meat has the potential to deliver this food source at a fraction of the resources used by livestock farming while also drastically reducing emissions. As many as 170 companies are involved in producing this alternative meat that can put an end to slaughtering animals for food.

The process of meat cultivation involves using a bioreactor where cells sourced from cell banks or eggs of the livestock animals can be grown. A bioreactor is a large vessel that provides the cells with all the necessary nutrients and conditions for optimal growth. Once the cells reach a certain stage, they can be harvested.

The principle has been successfully deployed in the biopharmaceutical industry to produce life-saving drugs and even vaccines that protect from infections from diseases. Companies engaged in cultivating meat have been working diligently to ensure that the final product looks like animal meat and tastes like it. The other major challenge in making cultivated meat more alluring to the public at large is a reduction in costs. This is where large-scale production comes in.

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### World's first giant floating ocean farm to deliver 3,700 tons of fish per year with zero adverse environmental impact.

The world's first giant floating fish farm called the Guoxin 1 set sail from the eastern port city of Qingdao in China on Friday, May 20, 2022, according to the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences. The boat is equipped with 15 tanks, each one bigger than two standard swimming pools, and can produce up to 3,700 tons of fish every year. The ship produces the ideal conditions for fish cultivation. It will now head to the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, and the South China Sea to harvest the ideal conditions for different types of fish to be cultivated inside the ship in their optimum temperature water.

The mega vessel was built by the state-owned investment company

Qingdao Conson Development Group. The group said the ship's development is taking a big step towards realizing China's plans to build a fleet of smart fish farms. The main goal of building the ship is to produce fish in an environment where there is no pollution in the open ocean.

The next goal of the project, which was implemented in cooperation with China Shipbuilding Group, the world's largest shipyard group, is to increase the number of ships with these qualifications to 50. Currently, two more similar ships are expected to be delivered by March 2024, while construction of a fourth version of the current ships with more advanced technology is set to start next year. All the ships are expected to be equipped with underwater cameras, sensors, and automatic feeding facilities.

## Napa County continues to shrink in population.

The county as a whole fell from 137,518 residents to 136,179 last year, or by 1%, the state Department of Finance reported this week. That compares to the estimate of 141,649 residents in 2016.

The city of Napa's population fell from 78,246 to 77,480, or by 1%. Calistoga's fell by 1.6%, St. Helena's 1.5% and Yountville's 3.8%.

Only American Canyon saw an increase, but it wasn't a boom. The city's population rose from 21,566 to 21,658, or by 0.4%. For a county that mostly saw population growth — often big growth — from pioneer days to 2016, recent years have been a turnaround. The question is why.

You can look to the bigger picture for possible answers. California's population fell by 117,552 residents, to 39.1 million. The state Department of Finance in a press release gave several reasons.

There is a continuing slowdown in natural increase — births minus deaths — as Baby Boomers age and younger generations have fewer children. COVID-19 led to deaths and immigration restrictions. The number of people leaving for other states increased.

Household size may be decreasing, with families aging and adult children moving away. Some families may have chosen not to rebuild after the 2017 and 2020 wildfires and instead relocated. As this is a relatively recent trend, more analysis over time will have to wait until there is reliable and adequate data to be able to provide solid answers.

In Napa County as a whole, the dip in population hasn't changed the dynamics of the local housing market in ways positive to prospective buyers. Zillow reports the typical county home price in March topped \$900,000, a one-year increase of 15%.

Napa County has plenty of company in its population decline. Thirty-four of the state's 58 counties had the same experience. Plumas County had the largest percentage decline at 3.2%. Napa County's 1%-drop was fifth.

June Headlines
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## June Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll find out once and for all who your real friends are when you take the steps necessary to see who does and who doesn't name you in their will.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You've never considered yourself much of a music person, which means you'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a high-speed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idiot who thinks that's even close to a good idea.

Leo (7/23-8/22): An unfortunate time in your life will be unexpectedly extended when the judge explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner of your community service.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You're not getting any younger, which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions."

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You always thought ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll learn a painful lesson about accepting dares while drunk, but at least the residents of Niagara Falls will have something to talk about for a while.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The inexorable power of destiny would render you powerless to stop the fateful events of next week, were anything ever to actually happen to you.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): This week, everything will become just as clear as it is unclear. Because when a blind man holds the key to life's acorn tree, purple monkey dishwasher.

## Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program started on 5/14 when Solano RCD full-time staff started training and set-off the season in the right direction with 15 surveys. Last weekend, our new interns Scott Ota and Marco Moeljadi, had a strong start with a

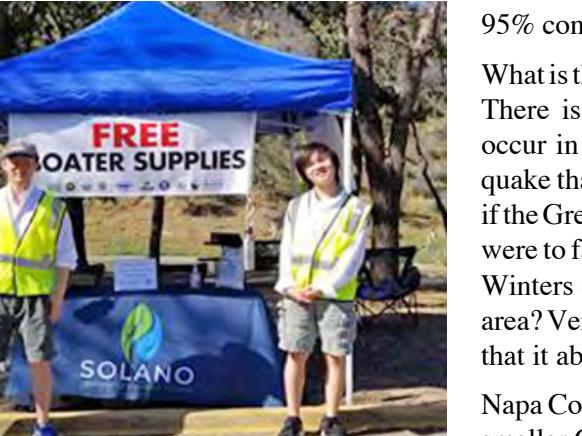
successful weekend at Steele Canyon and Capell Cove. On Saturday they gave 19 surveys before it started to taper off later in the day.

On Sunday they had planned to visit Markley Cove. However, after the Quail fire broke out late Saturday afternoon, they were redirected to the Capell Launch

Ramp. That day started off milder with many boaters

installing oil absorbents and became busy around lunch time. They met Brian McVeigh, a prominent environmental whistleblower, who was supportive of our work. He did a survey and installed a bilge pad.

They enjoyed the company of a group of Boy Scouts, who picnicked close by and even offered lunch! As the day progressed, boaters were more in a rush to get into the water. Overall, they felt it was an amazing first weekend on the job with 38 surveys completed.



I asked my dad for his best dad joke and he said, "You"

My son wants 50 percent of my Father's Day gifts because if it weren't for him, I wouldn't even be a father.

Happy Father's Day to a dad that was smart enough to teach his kid to mow the lawn so he wouldn't have to.

When does a joke become a dad joke? When the punchline is a parent.

My son said, "Happy Father's Day. Without me, it would be just another day for you. You're welcome."

Q: Why didn't the kid give his dad a gift on father's day? A: He figured his dad already had him!

## Napa County's Big Dams Pose Low Risks

Napa County's biggest dam is Monticello Dam, a 300-foot concrete structure in the east county built in the 1950s. It forms massive Lake Berryessa, which is 23 miles long and three miles wide and can hold 1.55 million acre-feet of water.

A Monticello Dam failure would have little flooding effect on Napa County. But a Yolo County inundation map shows Winters and Davis would be affected.

A full analysis of statistical probability of flood or failure of Monticello Dam is available on the Lake Berryessa News website at:

Could Monticello Dam Fail?  
[www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/monticello-dam/monticello-dam-failure.html](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/monticello-dam/monticello-dam-failure.html), and Can Lake Berryessa Flood Over the Dam?  
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Not to worry too much since worst-case scenarios for Monticello Dam had a VERY low probability – somewhere between 10,000 and 1,000,000 years. Even the probability of the lake reaching the top of the dam at 456 feet was very low with a 5% confidence limit of 417 years recurrence and 95% confidence limit of 16,667 years recurrence.

What is the probability of an earthquake at Monticello Dam? There is historic evidence that a serious earthquake can occur in this area, as it did in 1892 with a magnitude 6.4 quake that leveled downtown Winters. What would happen if the Great Valley fault, which basically runs under the dam, were to fail in an event such as the magnitude 6.4 Vacaville-Winters earthquake, which was located somewhere in that area? Very probably, this will not happen. But no one can say that it absolutely won't happen.

Napa County has 58 dams from massive Monticello Dam to smaller Conn Creek Dam at Lake Hennessey, and none on a new Associated Press list of 2,200 dams nationwide that are in bad shape and threaten communities.

Several local dams — Conn Creek Dam at Lake Hennessey, Milliken Dam at Milliken Reservoir and Rector Creek Dam at Rector Reservoir — could cause big-time damage if they failed. Napa inspects the dam annually with the state Division of Dam Safety. It inspects the abutments and the valves and manages vegetation. It has a project out to bid to make minor concrete repairs to the dam spillway. Among other things, the city is looking at adding a secondary spillway.

A map tells the story. Conn, Rector and Milliken dams are in the mountains to the east of Napa Valley. If they failed, water from their reservoirs could swamp the Napa River and flood communities on the way to San Pablo Bay.

## (Continued from Page 2)

### Violated the Public Use Plan Development Standards

at page 38, No. 2 which states:

"Picnic and camp sites may be interchangeable for peak loads." This practice was curtailed by the Recreation Manager on April 1, 1976.

1. Forced removal of picnic tables from Rancho Monticello, Big Flat picnic area, July 15, 1975.

2. Closed Lake Berryessa to houseboats on December 31, 1975.

3. Closed Pope Creek to public access. Installed barrier and signs on west end of Pope Creek in spring of 1977.

4. Refused to allow low water launch ramps during drought at Steele Park and Markley Cove Resorts.

5. Refused to allow relocation of marina facilities during drought at South Shore Resort.

6. Turned down permits for temporary campsites on peak weekends in 1977.

7. Closed original slalom ski course in 1977.

8. Demanded removal of relocated slalom ski course in 1977.

The above actions are contrary to Amendment #2 to the Public Use Plan which states: The management objective at Lake Berryessa will be to provide the greatest good for the greatest number of the public at-large for the largest period of time.

### Civil Rights

1. Refused to recognize the civil rights of tenants and concessionaires. California Civil Code 789.5 provides for one year's notice prior to eviction for change or use of a mobile home site. Mr. Wier ordered evictions at Rancho Monticello and Markley Cove in 60 days, based on change of use.

2. California Civil Code 789.3 prohibits the disconnection of utilities to mobile homes in order to force eviction. Mr. Wier ordered disconnection of utilities of mobile home sites at Markley Cove.

3. California Civil Code 789.3 and California Administrative Code Title 25, section 5070 prohibits the blocking of access to a mobile home space. Mr. Wier ordered the access road to Markley Cove mobile home sites permanently blocked.

4. In December 1975, Bob Wier, personally, illegally confiscated 8 docks owned by Rancho Monticello Resort (rented to Berryessa Park homeowners).

### Intimidating Tactics

1. Refused permission for improvements to existing facilities unless concessionaires would agree to elimination or change of unrelated facilities.

## General

a. Would not approve berthing facilities unless Berryessa Marina agreed to remove 4 trailer spaces.

b. Would not approve enlargement of campground restrooms unless Berryessa Marina agreed to widen roads in the mobile home park area.

c. Refused to permit Marina and Campground upgrading at Putah Creek Park unless mobile home park roads were made larger.

2. Threatened to put in free launch ramp unless resorts lowered rates. This is contrary to Amendment #2 of the Public Use Plan. See section B, paragraph 4.

3. Constantly threatens the resort owners with default.

### Health and Safety

The Bureau of Reclamation, since 1958, has continually required compliance with Health and Safety codes. Mr. Wier has violated this policy by:

1. Removed garbage collection points from shoreline of the lake.

2. Removed garbage cans along Highway 128 from the Monticello Dam to Moskowitz Corner, from January 1976 to August 1976.

3. Allowed campers on Bureau land to drop sewage from recreational vehicles on ground, 1976.

4. Put no restraint on persons building fires in unauthorized and undeveloped areas, 1976.

5. Hindered the upgrading of water and sewage systems in the resorts.

### False and Misleading Statements

1. 1976 Press releases (prior to 4th of July) that misled the public. Resorts were not full, but the Bureau staff was telling families that all resorts were full.

2. 1976 July 4th had road signs placed on Highway 121 saying resorts were full when they were not full.

Outcome:

a. Many people were denied access to the lake.

b. Business loss for the entire Berryessa area.

### Codes and Standards

1. Interfered with the issuance of operating permits.

2. Conducts inspections using untrained and unqualified personnel as inspectors.

3. Interfered with the issuance of occupancy permits.

4. Refuses to rely on the enforcement powers of Napa County.

5. Refuses to acknowledge past agreements concerning development standards.

1. Mr. Wier has stated publicly and privately that he is personally opposed to Amendments #2 and #3 to the Public Use Plan.

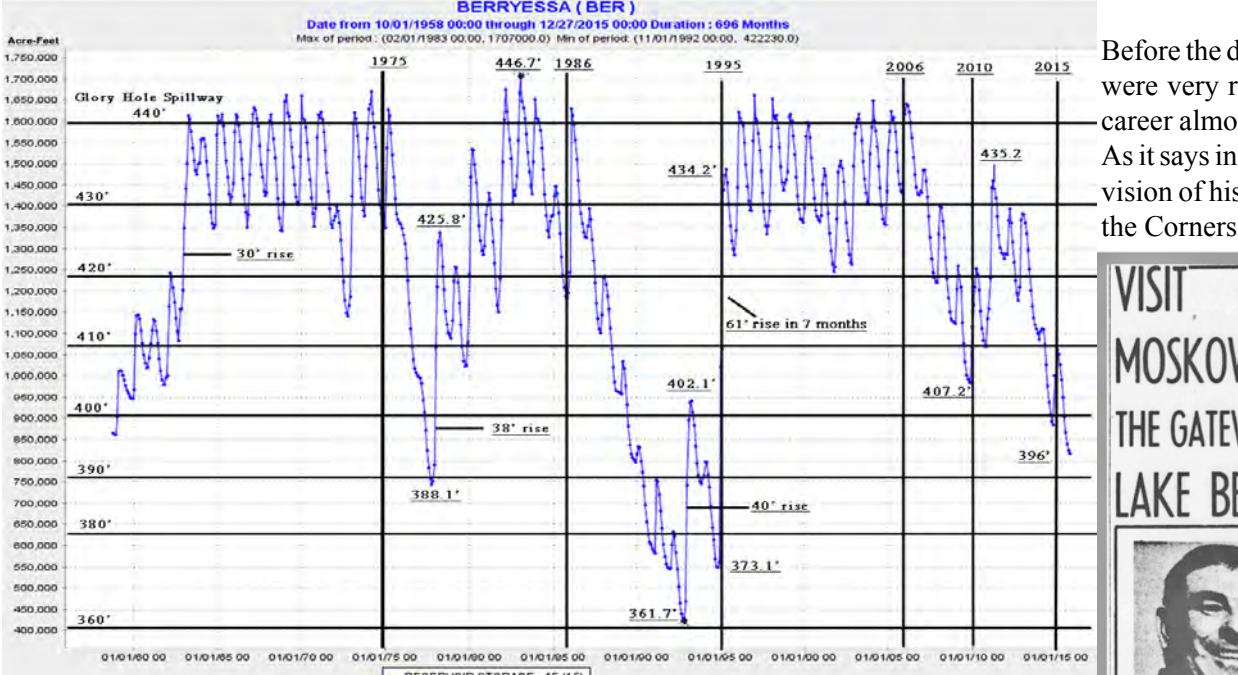
2. Mr. Wier has shown that he is opposed to the development's standards of the Public Use Plan concerning camp sites, picnic sites, and roads.

3. Mr. Wier does not seek out and meet with the public or the concessionaires prior to formulating new policies or making decisions which affect them

4. Mr. Wier uses his office to oppose development on private land.

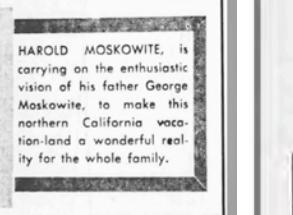
## June Holidays — 2022

June 1st – Global Running Day
June 4th – Shopping Cart Day
June 6th – D-Day
June 6th - National Gardening Day
June 7th – Daniel Boone Day
June 8th – National Best Friends Day
June 11th – National Making Life Beautiful Day
June 12th – National Loving Day
June 13th – National Weed Your Garden Day
June 14th – Flag Day
June 15th – Nature Photography Day
June 17th – National Apple Strudel Day
June 18th – International Picnic Day
June 19th – Father's Day
June 19th - Juneteenth
June 21st - Summer Solstice
June 21st – World Music Day
June 23rd – National Typewriter Day
June 27th – Helen Keller Day
June 30th – National Handshake Day
<b>June Holidays for Cats</b>
Since it's National Hug Your Cat Month...
June 4th – National Hug Your Cat Day.
June 19th – International Box Day and National Garfield the Cat Day. If you have a cat, you know.
June 20th – National Take Your Cat to Work Day. If you work from home, this is easy.
June 25th – National Catfish Day.
At Lake Berryessa this counts counts, right?



**Supervisor Election Politics in 1976**  
Before the development of the internet and other social media, political ads were very rudimentary. Harold Moskowitz had started his wide-ranging career almost as soon as Lake Berryessa filled. He won the 1976 election. As it says in the 1966 ad for Moskowitz Corner, Harold was carrying on the vision of his father, George Moskowitz, who originally started developing the Corners and Steele Park Resort.

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814 Bahia Vista Ct, \$69,000.00  
Sunnyhill Ln #148, \$18,000.00  
1032 Eastridge Dr, \$140,000  
1131 Headlands Dr, \$90,000  
1140-1144 Steele Canyon Rd, \$89,000

### Reclamation announces temporary closure of Lake Berryessa's Capell Cove Launch Ramp

The Bureau of Reclamation has temporarily closed the Capell Cove Launch Ramp at Lake Berryessa effective Wednesday, June 1, due to drought conditions and receding water levels. The launch ramp will re-open when lake levels rise.

The parking lot and small picnic areas at the Capell Cove will remain open. Additionally, hand launching of kayaks, canoes and other small craft will continue to be permitted.

Please note, as of 8 p.m. May 30, Napa County and Reclamation have imposed a fire ban that prohibits the use of all open flame until fire conditions improve. This will include the stationary grills at Capell Cove.

Guests who wish to cook on site will need to use propane or electrical devices with an on/off switch.

Visitors are encouraged to use other launch ramps at Lake Berryessa including those at Putah Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat Recreation Area, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Pleasure Cove Marina, and Markley Cove Resort.

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### Attention campers and Lake Berryessa visitors!!!

NO CAMPFIRES OR CHARCOAL BBQS ALLOWED AT LAKE BERRYESSA STARTING MONDAY, MAY 30TH. Thanks for your cooperation!

Due to the elevated wildland fire risks during the dry summer months, an open burn ban for the Lake Berryessa Recreational Areas took effect on Monday, May 30.

Open flames such as charcoal grills and fire pits will be prohibited on the recreational sites managed by Napa County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation from that time until further notice. As an alternate, visitors to those sites may use propane-operated cooking devices and gas operated fire rings.

For clarification the burn ban does NOT apply to Berryessa residential communities or other recreational areas in Napa County. For more information please visit:

[www.readywildfire.org](http://www.readywildfire.org), [www.readynapacounty.org](http://www.readynapacounty.org)

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My historical research often turns up some interesting tidbits (See the old political ads from the 1976 Napa County Supervisor's race at the left - before Photoshop and good graphics software). Even though there is still plenty of water in Lake Berryessa now and launching is available, some folks still wonder if the lake is open. During the 1976 drought (see graph to left) when the lake was 52 feet below Glory Hole (we are only 34 feet down today), and there was no social media like the Lake Berryessa News, misinformation was hard to counter. Supervisor Moskowitz turned to the newspapers.

### Supervisor-Elect Moskowitz fights drought misinformation, July, 1976

District-Four Supervisor Elect Harold Moskowitz today sought the cooperation of the news media in correcting misconceptions about drought conditions at Lake Berryessa. In a letter to newsmen, Moskowitz said:

Due to erroneous information, many vacationers and weekenders are avoiding Berryessa. They seem to have an idea the lake is a dried-up mudhole closed to visitors. Some California waterways have had to curtail or close down recreational uses because of low-water," he said, but Berryessa has not been threatened. It is so large and deep that it would take years of drought to put it out of operation.

Water-skiing, boating, swimming and fishing are as good as ever at Berryessa and it's a shame so many recreation seekers are missing out on what the lake has to offer because of misinformation about drought conditions!

Naturally, the lake's waterline recedes in dry years and rises in wet years, but Berryessa's recreational facilities were built with this fluctuation in mind. At the seashore, when the tide goes out, you walk a little further to get to the water, that's all. It doesn't ruin any of the recreational uses.

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QAnon is quackery for the unhinged.

Aliens do not live among us.

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.

Secret Societies do not control the world (Hint: The rich do.)

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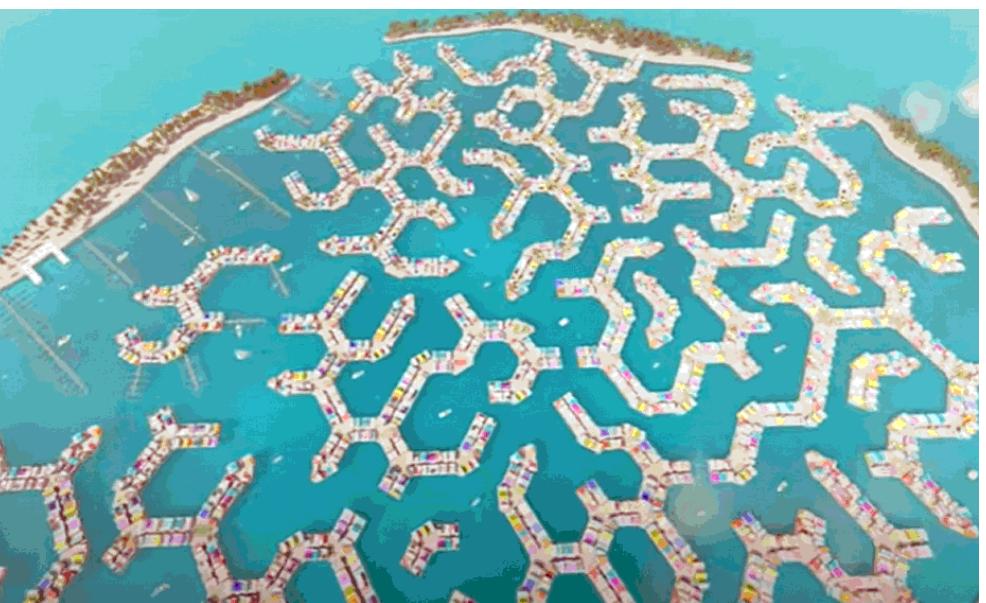
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## Happy 4th of July from Lake Berryessa Independence Day!

**Update: Quiet But Nice!**

June has been a quiet time around Lake Berryessa. There's been no further word on the County's ongoing negotiations with the company chosen to be the manager of Berryessa Point Recreation Area (formerly Berryessa Marina). However, County sources assure the Lake Berryessa News that lake users will be pleased with the results.

According to the County, Sun Lake Berryessa is still working hard to complete all required environmental requirements for development before they begin investing in actual construction activities.

Although there have been some minor glitches with operations at Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation areas, there have also been improvements. An unintended consequence of the ban on open fires at the lake was a spate of camping cancellations. It seems odd that some people had planned their vacations and made reservations but then canceled them because they couldn't have an open fire during the highest fire danger of the season.

What some folks may not recall is that Sun was never required to keep Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon open during this transition period. There was actually a clause in the original agreement that allowed Sun to close those resorts during redevelopment. The Lake Berryessa News strongly urged the County to keep those resorts open. Sun agreed to do so and is operating the locations under an interim contract with Napa County.

Although perhaps not the best public relations move, Sun did raise prices on their various services – with no improvements in the amenities offered. This caused many complaints from potential customers. But get used to it - prices will never come down.

Although the resorts are profitable (as usual) that revenue is very small within a multi-billion dollar company which is planning to invest hundreds of millions in Lake Berryessa.

As a reality check on recreation costs, the Lake Berryessa News did a price comparison between taking a family of four to a movie and camping at Lake Berryessa. Even the most expensive camping or day use trip to the lake is cheaper than taking a family to the movies (and you can't take your dog to the movies).

While we weren't watching, Sun Communities rebranded themselves as Sun Outdoors; bought Safe Harbor Marinas, the largest marina company in the country; became a NASCAR race sponsor; started a YouTube series of conversations with celebrities regarding outdoor recreation; introduced a new website which includes Lake Berryessa; and continued their rapid growth as a multi-billion dollar company.

(See the details on Page 3)

### Family Movie Trip

Tickets: Adult - \$12, Child - \$8.50  
Small popcorn - \$6, Medium popcorn - \$7, Large popcorn - \$8, Candy - \$4  
Small drink - \$5, Medium drink - \$5.50, Large drink - \$6  
Cost: 2 adults & 2 children - tickets: \$12 + \$12 + \$8.50 + \$8.50 = \$41.

2 small popcorns (\$12) + 2 medium popcorns (\$14) + 4 medium drinks (\$22) + 2 candy (\$8) = \$56  
Two to three hour family movie trip (4 people) = \$97! (and no pets allowed)

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**Family Camping Trip (Steele Canyon)**  
RV Campsite (2 vehicles, 2 guests): \$55  
(each add'l guest – max 8 guests): \$5  
Total – 4 people: \$65

**Total - with boat launch: \$75**  
Tent Campsite (1 vehicle, 2 guests): \$45  
(each add'l guest – max 4 guests): \$5  
Total - 1 vehicle – 4 people total: \$55  
**Total - with boat launch: \$65**

Day Use  
Per vehicle up to 4 guests: \$20  
(each add'l guest): \$5  
Pet: \$5

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**Total - with boat launch: \$55**  
Boat launch - registered camper: \$10  
Boat launch - general public \$30



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

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long

Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

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

### 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: 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.

Amendment 2: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, 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, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

### The Economic Bill of Rights

Franklin D. Roosevelt (Jan. 11, 1944)

It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the 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, without due process of law; nor shall private property be 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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"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom."

**Bob Dylan**

### Napa's crop value sees big rebound

The latest crop report shows a total production value of \$745,778,100 for 2021. Wine grapes accounted for about 99% of this amount. Compare that to 2020, when the LNU Lightning Complex fires raged in August and the Glass Fire in late September/October. The total production value was \$465,394,200. Napa County's 2021 crop report shows total agricultural value rose more than 60%.

After that smoky 2020, with its singed vineyards, smoke tainted grapes and interrupted harvest, 2021 was a breath of fresh air. "Clearly, wine grapes are rebounding," Agricultural Commissioner Tracy Cleveland said. Wine grape production rose 21.4%. The average price paid for all Napa County grape varieties rose 32.5%. "Drought conditions are certainly having an impact," Cleveland said. "They're impacting overall tonnage. We have smaller fruit but it's not necessarily having an impact to fruit quality"

Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot are Napa County's Big Three. They accounted for 75.3% of wine grape production acreage and 82.1% of total wine grape value. But for all the good news, 2021 was no record-breaker. It fell far short of 2018's total production value of more than \$1 billion. County officials attributed that year's bumper grape crop in part to a summer that lacked heat spikes and a big rise in grape production.

To put the 2021 total of \$745 million into historical perspective, the 2010 total was \$461 million, the 2000 total \$344 million, the 1990 total \$147 million, the 1980 total \$67 million and the 1970 total \$25 million. And the total way back in 1930? A mere \$1.8 million, with prunes the top crop accounting for more than \$1 million of the total. Grapes were a distant second at \$342,000.

Napa County for all of its international wine country fame isn't among California's biggest producing agricultural counties. Kern County in 2020 reported a gross value of \$7.6 billion. Then again, most of Napa County's value came from 46,000 acres of vineyards. That's less than 10% of the county. In Napa County agriculture, there is wine grapes and everything else. And everything else pales by comparison.

Floral and nursery in 2021 had 157,500 square feet of production area and a value of \$212,300, down from 167,850 square feet and \$313,000 in 2020. Olives had producing acres rise from 48 to 57 and the total production value rise from \$116,100 to \$226,400. This happened even though the olive fruit fly remains a major concern. Hay production dropped from 611 acres and a \$103,400 value to 250 acres and a \$26,300 value. Some grape growers move to hay when they pull vines and then later replant vines.

Animal products rose from \$2.8 million to \$3 million. Values for goats and sheep remained strong, with more vineyards using the animals to control vegetation, the crop report said. Vegetable crops such as artichokes, lettuce, corn and pumpkins fell from 22 harvested acres to 18 acres. Value fell from \$198,700 to \$191,600.

### Sun Communities Acquires Safe Harbor Marinas in \$2.1B Deal

"We are excited to partner with Sun Communities, a premier real estate investment trust that owns and operates 426 properties across North America," said Baxter Underwood, CEO of Safe Harbor Marinas. "We have spent a number of years getting to know Sun and are impressed with their leadership team and track record of consistently growing value for all their stakeholders.

Safe Harbor will operate independently from Sun's other businesses, but we will benefit from their tremendous strength." Considered the largest and most diversified marina owner and operator in the country, Safe Harbor owns and operates 101 marinas, manages five marinas on behalf of third parties and has a member network of about 40,000 boat owners across 22 states.

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### 1964 at Lake Berryessa

Saturday, February 29, 1964 in the Napa Register

The management of Spanish Flat Resort offers facilities to meet the needs and desires of all persons seeking outdoor recreation. Included at the large resort area are a marina with boat berthing and mooring available, marine fuel and service facilities, a 205-foot paved boat launching ramp with nearby parking, a mobile home area, mobile homes for rent, waterfront store and snack restaurant, camping and picnic supplies, outdoor dancing area, coffee shop, grocery store, service station, post office, water ski equipment, ice manufacturing plant, picnic areas, camp sites and an outdoor movie theater. During the summer months an excursion boat is also available for persons desiring to take a scenic ride around the lake. Spanish Flat Resort, opened May 31, 1959.

### Park Director Enthusiastic Lake Booster

H. D. (Bert) Adams, director of Lake Berryessa Park, is an enthusiastic booster of the large recreation area.

Since 1958 he has seen the development of Berryessa resorts and other facilities move from the drawing board to become successful ventures. From his office at the park headquarters, Adams has taken an active role helping resort owners and other businessmen carry out their plans at the lake.

Adams has worked between the Napa County Board of Supervisors and the resort men to coordinate development of the area in an orderly fashion. The park director expects a major increase in the number of visitors to the lake. With about a million patrons visiting Berryessa this year, Adams expects the tally to move higher and higher during coming seasons.

### Onion Headlines

Preacher Not Drenched In Sweat Must Not Be Very Connected To Holy Spirit Angry Sea Launches Ballistic Missle Back At North Korea

North Dakota Constructs Billion-Dollar Stadium Just In Case Some NFL Franchise Gets Desperate

Federal Court Finds Investigations into Companies Are Cruel and Unusual Punishment to Profit Lines

Florida Teachers Cannot Tell Students Why Juneteenth Is Now a Federal Holiday

Corporate America Quietly Merges Juneteenth & Pride Month into Prideteenth

New Panini Shop and Newsstand 'Hot Off the Press' to Open in Downtown Punsville

Area Man Storing Bitcoins Under Mattress 'til all this blows over'

Local Music Fan Decides Not To Look Up What Lyrics Are About, In Case It Ruins Song For Him.

Animal Welfare Win: Cows Now Required to Get Thoughts and Prayers After Being Shot, Throats Slit

God Introduces First Black Angel

The Supreme Court Rules That Men Can Marry Their Guns

Popular Rap Song About Gang Life in The Projects Appropriated For Corporate Teambuilding Exercise Farmer Caught Googling 'What Is Corn'

Area Man Passionate Defender Of What He Imagines Constitution To Be Pop Culture Expert Surprisingly Not Ashamed of Self

Study Reveals: Babies Are Stupid

## July Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Remember that water dissolves alien beasts and some witches. Do you really want to be drinking 8 glasses a day with that track record?

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): "For Topical Application Only" - words which might cause you grave concern over the coming days.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Half of what you think you're good at is actually a complete fluke. This week may see the end of your futile efforts to get good at something.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The number of times you walk into a door will today cause you to seek out new ways of thinking.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Even in the darkest places you can find yourself - although you may break your nose on a door.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The night may feel like a safe time to parade naked through the local city streets, however, you may find there are some that oppose your freedom.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Pickles are a source of joy for you this week.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Starving yourself does not help you lose weight. In fact, it can be very detrimental to your health. You ask any dead person and they'll say: "Yep, that's right, I'm very thin!"

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): People say you make your own luck, but carrying around a sign that says "I'm needy and helpless" is probably not what they had in mind.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Love makes the world go round, and peaches make a very nice accompaniment to sweetcorn.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The differences between you and your peers sets you apart. And by apart, I mean they're thinking of relocating you so that you're as far apart as physically possible.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You won't be thanked for helping to solve a major social problem when people decide to give all the credit to the guy who made the bumper sticker.

## Keep Your Dog Cool This Summer

By Lucie Hock

Hot summer days can be especially hard on dogs. They cannot perspire and can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through the glands in the pads of their feet and noses, which is inadequate 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. Sidewalks, 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 or sunburns can develop.

Car 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. Their 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 be added into crates to help keep your dog cool while traveling.

Designer K-9 clothing is very popular and used by dog owners year round. Be careful of your choices on hot days. Full body clothing 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.

Your 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 house.

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 back is pulled up, it should spring back into place. In a dehydrated 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 progressively unsteady and may pass bloody diarrhea.

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 you to make the right choices to keep him cool this summer.

## Sun RV Resorts Rebrands to Sun Outdoors, Redefining the Outdoor Travel Experience

Nov 16, 2021: Outdoor Hospitality Leader Unveils 'Sunnier Side' Rebrand; Offers Array of Unique Experiences, Premier Accommodations, Enhanced Digital Elements and New Brand Partnerships

Sun RV Resorts, the leading owner and operator of more than 175 resorts and campgrounds across the United States and Canada, today announced the launch of its company-wide rebrand to Sun Outdoors. Under the new brand, Sun Outdoors encourages travelers to explore their 'Sunnier Side' at one of the company's vacation, glamping and 55+ resorts, offering guests a wide range of experiences and accommodations.

The brand publicly revealed its new identity by launching a new integrated website last week, elevating the user's online journey with engaging images, authentic outdoor content, in-depth resort information and a streamlined booking process. Sun Outdoors will

also soon be unveiling a new mobile app, original YouTube content, loyalty program, new onsite resort signage to ensure consistent brand and service execution, and adventure-forward brand partnerships, serving as the premier cultivator of memorable and unique outdoor experiences.

The rebrand to Sun Outdoors mirrors the growing demand for travel experiences within the outdoor landscape. With guests looking to curate their experiences, Sun Outdoors launched its website to simplify and expedite planning for vacations and seasonal stays. The site features several avenues allowing travelers to search by location, "Ways to Stay," special offers, experiences and more. Soon to follow, the Sun Outdoors mobile app will launch to make searching, planning and booking seamless for on-the-go travelers.

With compelling content in mind, Sun Outdoors is also elevating their social media presence with authentic and engaging videos. Sun Outdoors plans to share a multitude of creative content across their social media platforms via podcasts, videos and more. This will include new original content including a YouTube series of captivating fireside chats with outdoor enthusiasts, tastemakers, RVers and celebrities, providing a transparent and engaging view into the world of outdoor travel.

Sun Outdoors Unveils Campfire Convos: New YouTube Series Spotlights Authentic Fireside Conversations with Outdoor Enthusiasts, Celebrities and Tastemakers

Leading Outdoor Hospitality Brand Brings Stories of the

Great Outdoors to Life with New Digital Series

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SunOutdoorsOfficial>

Jan. 25, 2022: Sun Outdoors, a transformative outdoor hospitality leader, today announced the launch of its new original digital series, "Campfire Convos". Premiering earlier this week on Sun's YouTube Channel, "Campfire Convos" spotlights an exciting and diverse lineup of celebrities, athletes, influencers and tastemakers, all sharing their passion and connection to the great outdoors.

Each twenty-minute episode, which is hosted by Emmy Award winning National Football League Reporter James Palmer, features intimate and authentic campfire stories and will be released monthly. Filmed at Sun

Outdoors San Diego Bay, the first episode features Palmer's interview with NASCAR driver, businesswoman and social media influencer, Hailie Deegan.

"Campfire Convos" offers a unique look into the world of outdoor travel and the peace of mind that comes with it, as told from different perspectives and first-hand experiences. Palmer dives into the adventures of guests during fireside chats at various Sun Outdoors resorts across the country. Redefining the American dream, hitting the open road, unique ways of life, overcoming misconceptions and logistics of RV life are just some of the dialogues covered in each episode. Within each interview, Palmer conducts engaging segments such as rapid fire, a series of this-or-that questions, and s'more talk, a playful conversation while making s'mores that closes out each episode.

Sun Outdoors Sponsors NASCAR Racing

Following a successful partnership in 2021, Sun Outdoors, a leader in outdoor hospitality, returns to the Camping World SRX Series as an official partner for the 2022 season. Sun Outdoors will be featured on the No. 39 car for the six races with driver Ryan Newman, an 18-time winner in the NASCAR Cup Series, including the 2008 Daytona 500.

Sun Outdoors joined the SRX team of partners

for the Series' inaugural season as Sun RV Resorts, prior to undergoing a rebrand in November 2021. Sun Outdoors, which appeared on Tony Stewart's championship-winning car a season ago, will be aligned with more star power in 2022, as they'll be featured on Ryan Newman's No. 39 car.

## Steele Canyon

[www.sunoutdoors.com/california/steele-canyon](http://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/steele-canyon)

Discover an amazing outdoor playground when you visit us at Steele Canyon on the gorgeous waters of Lake Berryessa. You can also experience the world-famous wine region of Napa Valley, situated less than an hour from our California RV resort. We offer spacious tent camping and RV sites so you can connect with the stunning natural beauty that surrounds Napa County. When you visit Steele Canyon, your outdoor vacation adventure in California goes from ordinary to extraordinary.

## Spanish Flat

[www.sunoutdoors.com/california/spanish-flat](http://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/spanish-flat)

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### Saving Homes One Property at a Time

Do you want to improve your home's chances of surviving a wildfire? When preparing for a wildfire, you want to take the approach of preparing for a worst-case wildfire. Our team will point out all the things that can be improved and can even help you prioritize and execute the work. The investment in your home can save your home. If we want to live in a forest, we need to take the basic and sometimes extreme steps to make it defensible.

Over the last decade our team has helped save hundreds of homes in Napa County by creating defensible space and providing home hardening assessments. Complete Wildfire Defense, LLC brings our experts together to assess all elements of wildfire safety with your home and property.

### Home and Property Wildfire Risk Assessment and Evaluation

We all know that every home and structure in a forest or a wildfire prone area needs to be prepared. Complete Wildfire Defense can help you identify the hazards and prioritize the solutions. Extremely thorough defensible space and firefighters saved all the homes in this picture during the LNU Complex Fire. Two times in two days.



### Defensible Space Project Management

Whether you have a 1/4 acre, or 1,000 acres... we want to give you and firefighters a better chance at saving your home, property, and forest. Defensible space and firefighters saved all the homes in this picture.



### Home Hardening and Fire Sprinkler Improvements

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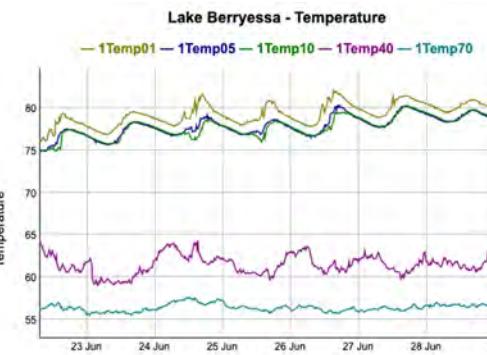


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### Lake Berryessa Statistics (7/1/22)

The lake is now down to 403.5 feet – 36.5 feet below Glory Hole. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is 18.58 inches. The Gamble Gauge lake capacity dropped to 60.1%..

Surface water temperature is over 80 degrees from the surface to 10 feet down. Temperature is around 60 - 62 degrees at 40 feet and below.



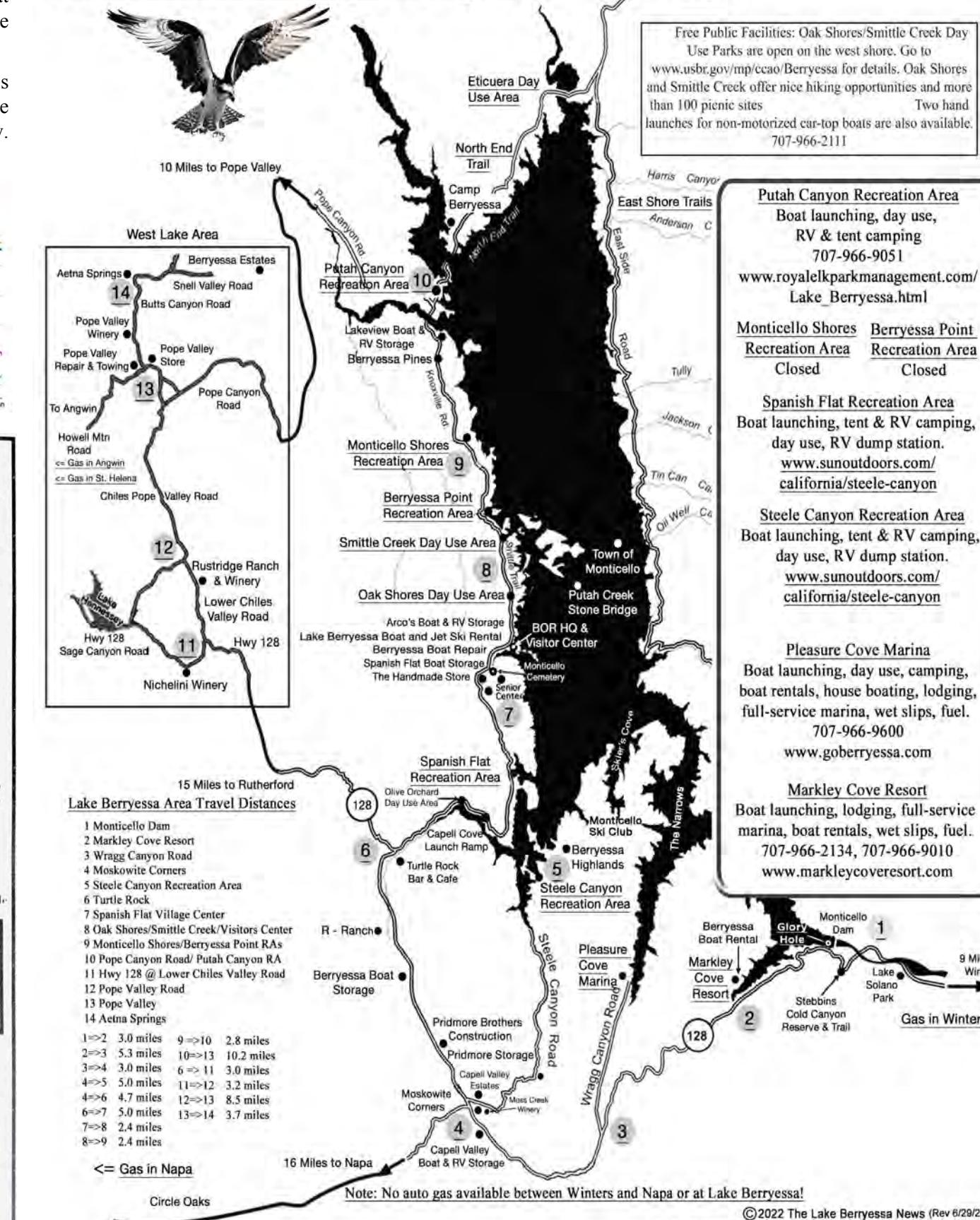
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**RARE PHOTO OF MOTHER WRENCH FEEDING HER YOUNG. ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING!**

He said if the weather remains good, and everything goes according to plans, it should be completed in about three weeks.

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**Capell Launch Ramp To Be Poured - 1978**

Assistant local Bureau Manager Bob Simmons informs us that the water is now low enough, and Mr. Lewis and his construction crew have been scheduled to begin work, as of Wednesday, September 27, 1978, to pour the launching part of the Capell Cove Ramp.

He said if the weather remains good, and everything goes according to plans, it should be completed in about three weeks.

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259 Sugarloaf Dr, \$87,500  
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1268 Steele Canyon Rd, \$75,000  
1057 Arroyo Grande Dr, \$175,000  
1121 Steele Canyon Rd, \$44,000  
817 Bahia Vista Ct, \$59,000  
1122 Rimrock Dr, \$49,900  
1119 Headlands Dr, \$95,000  
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# The Lake Berryessa News

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August 2022

## Berryessa Point Recreation Area Concessioner Has Been Chosen - Suntex Marinas

Suntex Marinas, which currently operates redevelopments, and they have lasting relationships with design and engineering professionals, contractors and specialty trades, and regulatory agencies throughout the United States. Suntex is the leading owner, operator, and developer of best-in-class coastal and inland marina properties located throughout the United States. During the last five years, Suntex invested more than \$150M in actual capital expenditures and we are targeting over \$200M in projected capital expenditures in the next five years. Their team manages all developments from concept to completion, and their development principals have substantial experience leading projects through the approvals process, engaging with local stakeholders and public agencies, and delivering high-caliber facilities.

In addition to their capital projects, Suntex is currently developing over \$150M in "ground up" projects. Their development projects range from new restaurants to large-scale marina

Their development team focuses on "upland" development throughout their portfolio, as marina traffic and guest satisfaction is driven by the quality and amount of guest amenities, including

Per the goal of the original Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, Napa County wishes to make Lake Berryessa more accessible to a broad range of recreationists by offering a wider range of amenities affordable to families and individuals alike.

The lake used to have 8 million visitors per year. It now has only about 300,000 per year. The revitalization of Lake Berryessa is critical to Napa County and to our local residents and businesses.

**MOTOR BOATING & MARINA-BASED**

- Full-Service Marina with Wet Slips
- Suntex Circle of Boating Boat Club
- Marine Store
- Captain's Lounge
- Floating Docks
- Dedicated Watercraft Launch
- Watercraft Rentals (Ski Boat, Center Console, etc.)
- Kayak, Paddleboard & Canoe Rentals
- Equipment & Gear Rentals
- Dinner & Themed Cruises
- Fishing Charters
- Fish Cleaning Station
- IGFA-Certified Weigh Station
- 24 Hour Security

**NATURE-BASED**

- Expanded Shoreline Trail Hiking, Biking & Walking Opportunities
- Dirt Bike, Fitness, Multi-Use Trails & Accessible Paths
- Outdoor Fitness Stations
- Bike Rental & Service Center
- Vista Points & Lookouts
- Birdwatching Points and Feeder Stations
- Skate Park
- Playing Fields (Soccer, Frisbee, Badminton, Volleyball, Kites, etc.)
- Dedicated Swimming Area
- Shaded Rest Areas with Seating
- Shaded Communal Picnic Area with Grilling Facilities
- Children's Tree House & Playground

**COMMERCIAL VENUES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Waterfront Promenade Connected to the Shoreline Trail
- Waterfront Farm-to-Table Dining with On-site Herb Garden
- Waterfront Wine Tasting
- Sunrise / Sunset Provision Packs - Prepared Meals / Meal Kits
- Indoor & Outdoor Wedding & Event Venues
- Corporate Retreat Venues
- Neighborhood Fresh Market & Convenience Store
- Outdoor Massage Service by Certified Masseuse
- Breakfast-in-Cabin Service by On-Site Restaurant
- Interpretive Center with Touch Tank & Interactive Exhibits
- Water Taxi to Sister Marina, Pleasure Cove Marina
- Boutique Coffee & Tea Shop
- Sunshine Amphitheater
- Lookout Point Pavilion
- Day-use Pass

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- Sanitary Disposal
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- Dedicated Small Children's Playground
- Splash Pad
- Separate Large Dog and Small Dog Runs with Pet Comfort Stations
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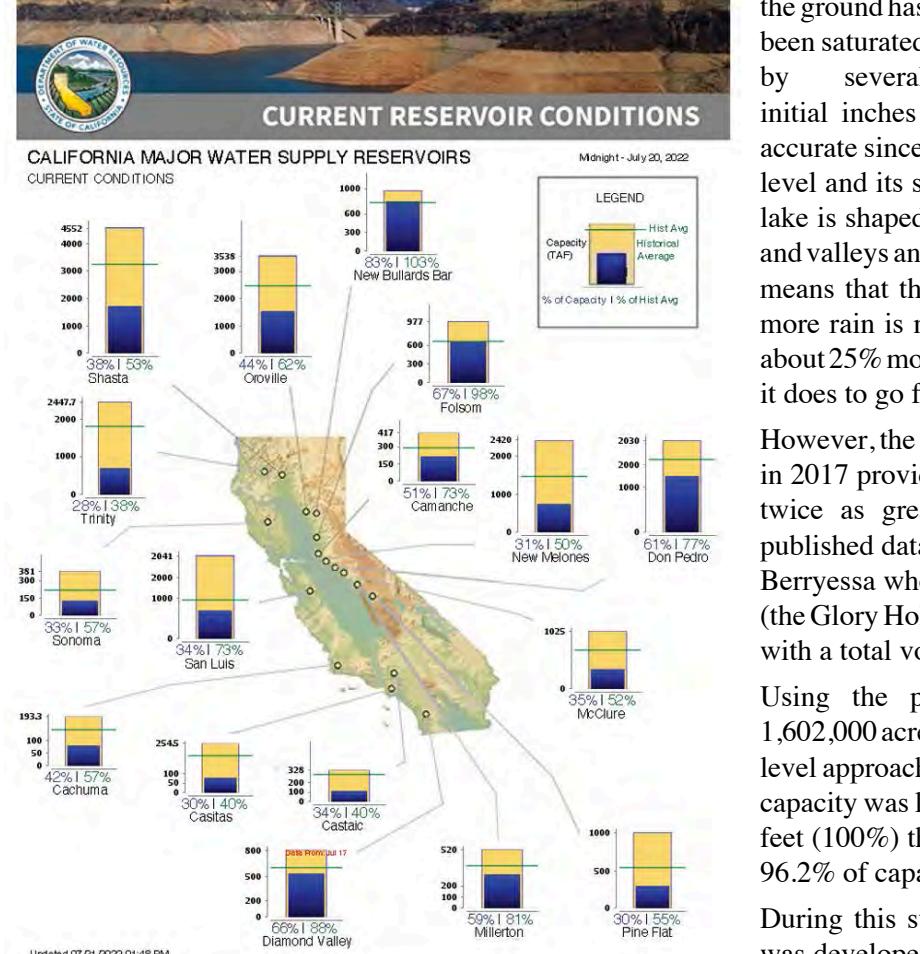
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Lake Berryessa is not a part of the statewide water supply. The water held in our reservoir is used exclusively for Solano County, and a little bit for the homes around the lake in the communities of Berryessa Highlands, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Pines, and Berryessa Estates. Some water is also allocated to the resorts and to ranchers on the east side of the lake. While most reservoirs across California get drained for statewide use, Berryessa always stays fuller and more functional for boating/outdoor recreation, while providing more consistent water for residents, agriculture, and industry in Solano County.

The graphic below shows current % of capacity of the primary state reservoirs. Most of these fluctuate a lot every year as they fill with rainwater and snow melt, and then get drained in the summer for use across the state. You can see that our state water supply is much lower than average. The previous drought lasted from 2005 to 2017. In the drought of 1990-93 the lake was at 361.8 feet and only 25% capacity. The present capacity is at 57.5%.



Heights are usually shown on maps by contour lines which give the height above Mean Sea Level (msl). The volume of water is a function of the difference in depth between two successive depth contours where the area of the lake within the outer depth contour is compared to the area of the lake within the inner contour line under consideration. The procedure consists of determining the volumes of successive layers of water, and then summing these volumes to obtain the total volume.

Local residents use a rule of thumb that the lake increases a foot in level for every inch of rainfall after the ground has been saturated by several

initial inches of rain. This is not completely accurate since the relationship between the lake level and its storage capacity is not linear. The lake is shaped roughly like a bowl (with peaks and valleys and inlets and large flat areas), which means that the higher the water level gets the more rain is needed to raise it further. It takes about 25% more rain to go from 430' to 440' than it does to go from 390' to 400'.

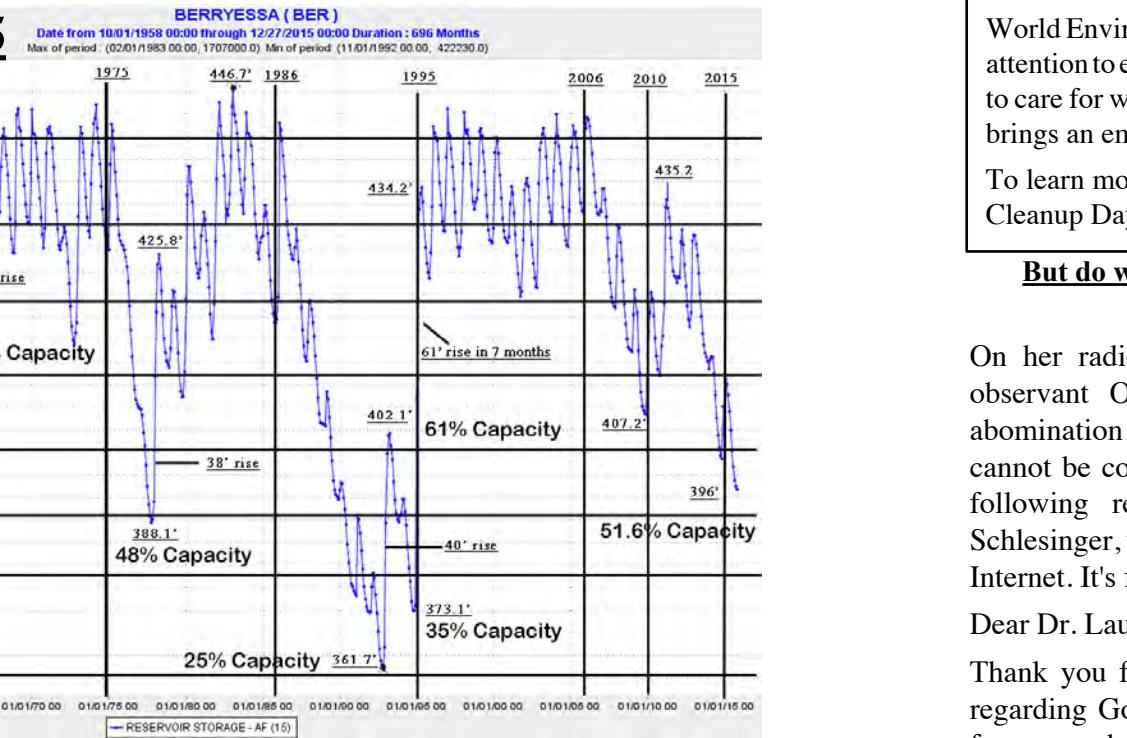
However, the unexpectedly rapid rise of the lake in 2017 provided data that showed the rise was twice as great as the normal average. The published data defines the surface area of Lake Berryessa when it is at a lake level of 440' msl (the Glory Hole spillway height) as 20,700 acres with a total volume of 1,602,000 Acre-Feet.

Using the published standard capacity of 1,602,000 acre-feet (AF), they noticed that as the level approached the 440-foot mark (100%), the capacity was less than that figure. In fact, at 440 feet (100%) the official storage value was only 96.2% of capacity - a 3.2% discrepancy.

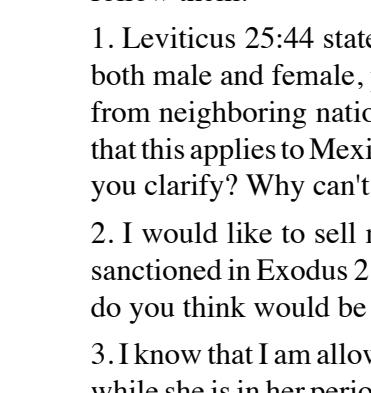
During this study a new Area-Capacity curve was developed that was slightly lower than the previous curve. This new lake level versus

capacity was officially adopted by Reclamation and SCWA in 2009. The new curve has a lake capacity of 1,551,292 AF at a level of 440 feet - 50,708 AF less than previously calculated.

### How Many Droughts Have Occurred?



Per the chart, from 1958 several droughts are evident, the most serious of which was in 1993 when the lake dropped to 25% capacity. The droughts ended with dramatic increases in lake level due to large rainfalls - 38 feet and 61 feet for example. The latest drought which began in 2005 ended in 2017 with a 41 foot lake level increase in 3 weeks!



## August Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Good fortune will stalk you like a mean-spirited vulture today and won't spread any of his juicy fortune charm over you. Being righteous will only make you enemies.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Terrible news is headed your way - the best way to save your sanity is by implicating as many people as possible in your demise.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): A week of rest may be all you need for your broken leg to recover. Doctors may be stunned by a random discovery they make whilst examining you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Tomorrow will bring fresh excitement and vigour to your otherwise dull self. Walking down the street with a spring in your step is a great way to let the world know how insufferable you really are.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Reading through a dictionary is the least effective way to learn more about the world. Get out there! The army has always held a fascination for you. Today might be a day where new things start to happen.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Knowing your hand span may become useful over the coming days, although the mystics will not give me any information as to how or why.

Libra (9/23-10/22): "Thinking strategically" is a cop-out. You did what you did because you're a selfish competitive little person.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): A lot of your work will be undone today as someone evil and vicious sets about making your life less nice. All the time you spent on learning French is never going to pay off.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Money is a source of evil you can't do without. Credit card companies may seize on your lack of self-control.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Homeopathic treatments are not generally carried out by psychopathic people. I'm not entirely sure you know that the 'pathic' part of those two words doesn't mean that they're related.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You have a personality that makes people smile, and that is worth exploiting today in any way you see fit.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Damage To The Central Nervous System - a phrase you're going to be hearing a lot over the coming days.

These Are Supposedly Actual Complaints Received By "Thomas Cook Vacations" In Edinburgh From Dissatisfied Customers. And remember, if you saw it on the internet, it must be true.

"They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."

"We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."

"The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."

"Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."

"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

"The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."

"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trained hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."

"When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

"We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air conditioning."

"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

"I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

"My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

"Is today really August? Or are Julying to me?"

"My childhood crush and I are finally getting married this year! Me in August, and her in November."

My little daughter came to me all excited, saying, "Daddy! Daddy! Guess how old I'll be in August!" I said, "Oh I don't know princess, why don't you tell me?" She gave me a huge smile and held up four fingers... It's now three hours later, the police are annoyed and she \*still\* won't say where she got them.

"I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious."

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

"I used to jog but the ice cubes kept falling out of my glass."

"Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."

"Here's all you have to know about men and women: Women are crazy, men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is that men are stupid."

"My husband and I fell in love at first sight. Maybe I should have taken a second look."

"From the ages of eight to 18, my family moved around a lot. Mostly we would just stretch, but occasionally one of us would actually get up to go to the fridge."

Napa County's Moskowite Corners gets new owners, again.



The Lake Berryessa pit stop at the location known to generations of visitors as Moskowite Corner has new owners. Phil and Tamra McGill of Walnut Creek area bought the parcel from its previous owner, Jim Keller. The nearly one-acre property sold for \$579,000.

"The lake has always been something precious to me," said Phil McGill. "My grandfather bought a place at Rancho Monticello at 1960s. I've been going up there my whole life."

The McGill family hopes to turn the Moskowite Corner property into a coffee bar, offering quick-service food and beverages and eventually food and wine, said McGill. In the future, it could include a small market. "My wife and I want that place to be thriving," said McGill, whose family runs a six-bed care facility in Walnut Creek.

His dream "is to have it be a hub for people to have a good cup of coffee and sit down and hang out with friends and family." He plans to decorate the inside with "cool, old-school" vintage items and memorabilia, said McGill. "It's absolutely going to be a family place.



Dogs Welcome at Lake Berryessa

On a patio boat trip last week, I saw a jet ski with a dog riding on the front. It reminded me of our old dog, Koda. He was the best dog Evan and I ever had. He also loved riding on the front of a jet ski, in the front of our boat, and swimming in the middle of the lake with friends.



Seeing the dog on the jet ski reminded me of passage from a thriller I just read: Dark Horse by Gregg Hurwitz – Orphan X series. The main character's name, coincidentally, is Evan.

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### The Dog's Perspective

"You? Talk something out emotionally?" She stiffened up and gave him Robot Arms and Robot Voice, one of her many preferred means of impersonating him. "Me am

Orphan X. Me want to have conversation about feeling states of living organism. But me Cylon programming is not enabled to compute human eye juice."

"What's a Cylon?"

Robot Voice continued, "I lack knowledge of all things pop cultural. This is another infuriating trait that makes me feel superior to my human counterparts."

"Josephine."

At the sound of his voice, Dog the dog padded over into Joey's workstation and stuck his snout up into the frame. His big tail was wagging, audibly thwacking the curve of desk behind him. Joey scratched his scruff, her voice softening. "Who's a sweet boy? You want a bite?" She offered him the remaining half of her hot dog,

which he scarfed down.

"You know," Evan said, "you don't have to feed him *every time* you eat."

She pinned him with a bruised expression. "See? That's so you. Not thinking about it from his perspective."

"The dog's perspective?"

"Yes! Think how friggin' pissed off'd be if someone ate all kinds of food in front of you and you had to eat the same canned crap over and over. Like, you have no opposable thumbs and can't get, like, your own food for yourself 'cuz you've been taken out of nature into a world of opposable-thumb privilege."

And this selfish a-hole buys whatever she wants and opens it up with like, her superior digits, and it smells all delicious, and she can't even spare a scrap? Oh - and by the way, you're me to be, like, super loving and loyal, I mean, I'm literally evolutionarily designed to *have to* be nice to you like, it's in my DNA to not kill you and take your food, but, like, you, right? You want to raise a dog with dignity. Not just to *obey*. See, that's what you still don't get, X. Sometimes you have to take care of people the way *they* want to be taken care of."

"Dogs."

"Huh?"

"You mean *dogs*. Sometimes you have to take care of *dogs* the way they want to be taken care of."

"That's what I said."

Big or small they're welcome at Lake Berryessa

### Can you see the little guy?



4 Editor's note: I found this article from 1983 which describes Napa's back roads at the time. Although it doesn't say much about Lake Berryessa, it is a fascinating history of East Napa County. Doug Ernst became a Napa Register editor before his death a few years ago.

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### Travel the back roads of Napa

By Doug Ernst, Register Staff Writer, 1983

A tour of Napa County's backcountry can begin like any other tour of the Napa Valley on Silverado Trail, heading north out of Napa. Instead of visiting one large valley, however, you will see several small valleys, each with unique characteristics, each with a story to tell. On Silverado Trail, shortly after passing Oakville Cross Road, the backroads tourist will come upon Highway 128 toward Lakes Hennessey and Berryessa. A right turn there begins a marvelous, all-day journey through some of the most enchanting valleys and scenic countryside one can find anywhere in the state.

Lake Hennessey, formed in 1945-48 with the construction of Conn Dam, contains the confluence of Sage, Chiles, Moore and Conn Creeks. The lake is named in memory of the late Edwin R. Hennessey, a longtime Napa councilman and water department chief. The lake today provides Napa with its supply of water.

Instead of continuing on Highway 128 to Lake Berryessa, the backroads tourist should veer left onto Chiles-Pope Valley Road, a country road that follows the meandering Chiles Creek. Along the way, one can't help but savor the freshness of farm country that conjures an image of a simpler way of life. There was nothing simple about Col. Joseph Ballinger Chiles life, however. Shortly after coming to California in 1841, Chiles was asked by fellow pioneer George C. Yount to return to Missouri and bring the Yount family to California. Chiles returned in 1843, not only with the Yount family, but also with 60 farmers to help till the land.

In 1844, Chiles gained a Mexican land grant for 8,545 acres known as Catacula Rancho that included what is known today as Chiles Valley. On the east side of Chiles-Pope Valley Road, just before Lower Chiles Valley Road, is the state historical landmark commemorating Chiles for building the first American flour mill in California. The mill site is located on the west side of the roadway, across from the marker. Today, the site resembles little more than a foundation, however. Built in 1845-46, the grist mill produced breadstuffs for the region, supplying bread until the 1880s under its brand name, Catacula, an Indian word meaning five girls.

Chiles-Pope Valley Road continues through the heart of the Chiles Valley and toward the end of the valley offers a panoramic view of Locallomi Rancho, known today as Pope Valley. Locallomi, which means goose place, was given to Julien Pope after Pope came into the valley from Sacramento, staked out land he wanted and continued south to Mexico where he applied for a land grant. The 8,872-acre ranch was granted to Pope in September 1841. Pope severely cut his leg while building a log cabin shortly after settling the valley and is believed to have died in Santa Rosa, where he sought medical aid.

The center of town has always been the Neil Store, run first by E.R. Neil and later by his son, Tom. Today the store is an antique shop. On Pope Canyon Road, three miles north of the Pope Creek Bridge at Lake Berryessa, is the trailhead for the 5,000-acre Cedar Roughs Wilderness Area. Access by outdoorsmen to the Bureau of Land Management property is by way of a one-mile trail originally built in 1969 by the California Department of Fish and Game, and rebuilt in 1981 by the

California Conservation Corps. The trail is open year-round to hikers, birdwatchers, nature photographers and hunters. Wildlife in the area includes deer, black bear, quail, fox, coyote, ground squirrel, chipmunk, rabbit and many kinds of birds.

En route to Moskowitz Corners south of Lake Berryessa, the backroads tourist will enjoy a wide variety of vantage points of the largest man-made lake in the state. Oak Shores Park, a tree-studded picnic ground on the shores of the lake, is the perfect place for a pack lunch before beginning the afternoon leg of the journey. From Moskowitz Corners, the backcountry traveler turns south onto Highway 121 toward Napa, and then left onto Wooden Valley Road. The valley was known as Rancho Chimiles to Jose Ygnacio Berryessa when he received it in 1846 the same year that 500 wagons and about 2,000 pioneers left Missouri, headed west.



The pioneers included the Donner party and John Wooden, 45, who stood six-feet-eight-inches and who wore size 13 shoes. Wooden, his wife and their three children stayed with the wagon train that continued to Oregon, out the ill-fated Donner Party separated from the rest to take what was supposed to be a short cut.

From Oregon, the Woodens came to California. Wooden joined the army of Capt. John C. Fremont and was stationed in Santa Clara, where his wife and one of his daughters died from pneumonia. Wooden then came to Napa with his surviving daughter, Hannah, and in 1852 purchased Corral Valley, a part of the Chimiles land grant, for \$4,000 from Jose Ygnacio Berryessa. The

valley later became known as Wooden Valley. Wooden was buried there.

Farther down the road is Gordon Valley, a portion of the Chimiles grant purchased from Berryessa in the late 1840s by William Gordon and his son-in-law, Nathan Coombs, for \$1,750. Gordon, an educated mountain man and fur trapper, was born in Ohio in 1801 and came west to engage in a fur trading partnership in Taos, N.M., in the 1830s. In 1840, Gordon and his family left New Mexico and settled in Yolo County on the Quesesosi Grant.

In 1846 the family participated in the rescue of the Donner Party and the Bear Flag Rebellion. The 17,762-acre Rancho Chimiles, which means an oven for baking caterpillars, an Indian delicacy, was split for many years between Coombs in the north, Wooden in the southwest, and Gordon in the southeast.

After a few hours taking the backroads tour, a modern-day explorer can deduce why pioneers traveled across the country to settle in Napa County

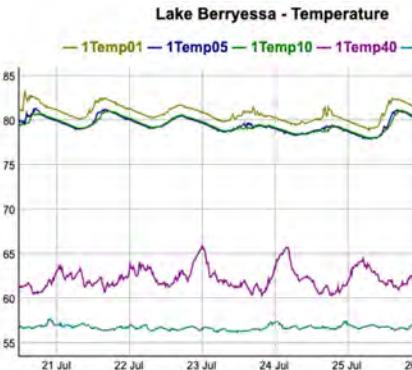
### Lake Berryessa Statistics (7/29/22)

The lake is now down to 400 feet – 40 feet below Glory Hole. The official rainfall total as of July 31<sup>st</sup> at Monticello Dam is 18.73 inches. No more is expected this rain year. Hope for an early season start next October.

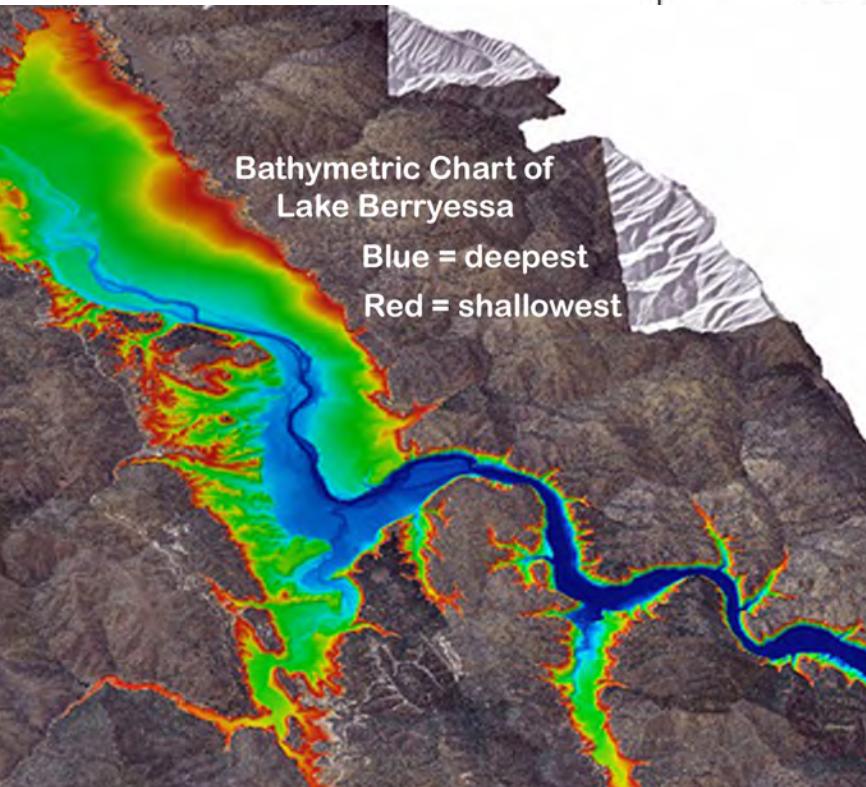
The Gamble Gauge shows the lake dropped to 57.5% capacity. The lowest capacity the lake ever reached was 25% in 1993.

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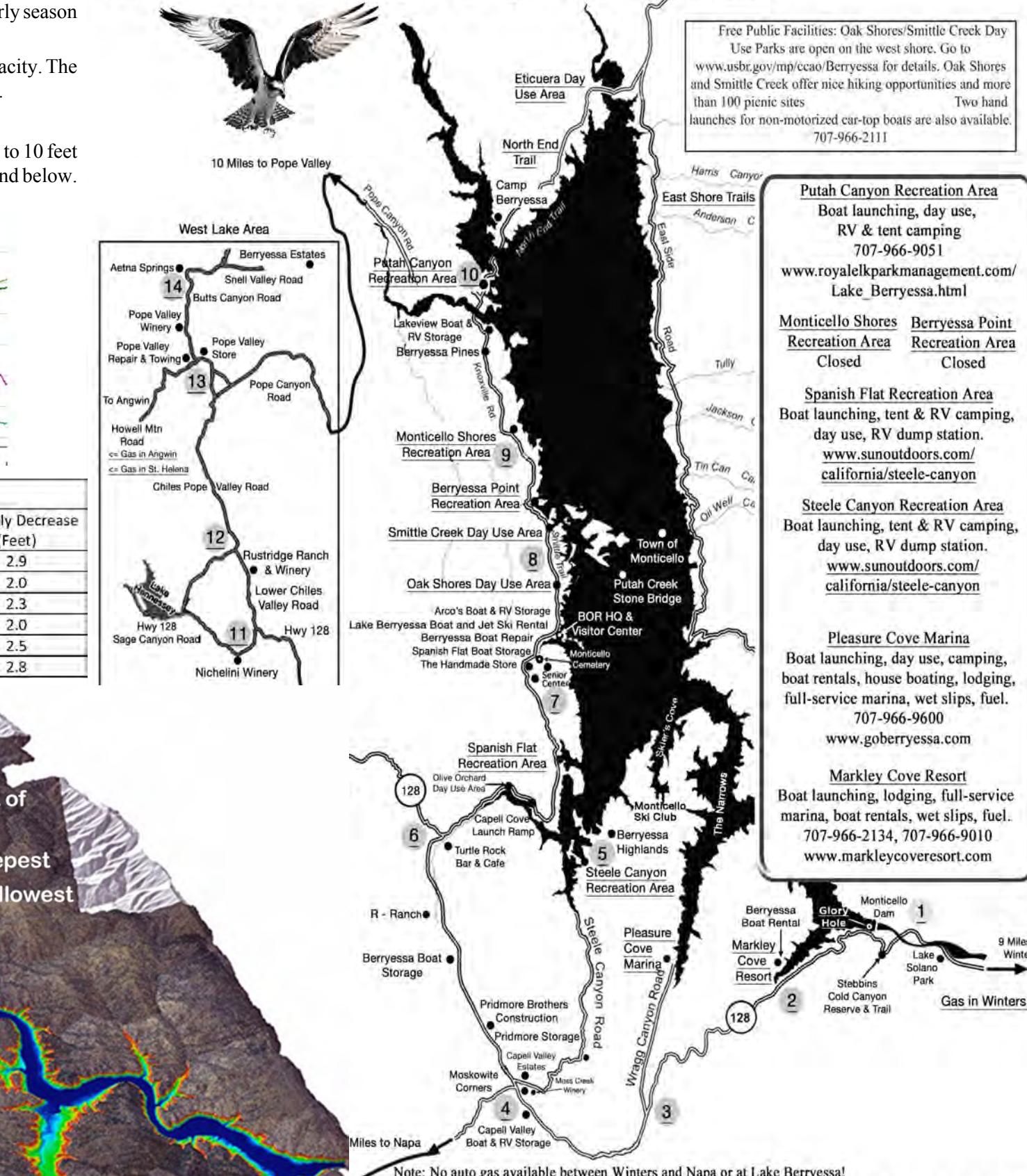
Surface water temperature is 80 degrees from the surface to 10 feet down. Temperature is around 57 - 64 degrees at 40 feet and below.



Lake Berryessa Summer Water Level Decrease				
Year	June 1 Level (Feet)	September 1 Level (Feet)	Decrease (Feet)	Monthly Decrease (Feet)
2016	408.8	400	8.8	2.9
2017	439.1	433	6.1	2.0
2018	432.4	425.6	6.8	2.3
2019	439.9	433.9	6.0	2.0
2020	429.6	422.1	7.5	2.5
2021	412.5	404.2	8.3	2.8



### The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



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I took my dog to the lake to day and noticed he floats very well. He's a good buoy

What do you call goat swimming really fast in a lake? A motor goat

What state is Lake Berryessa in? A liquid state.

A couple of outdoorsmen were on a lake in their kayak when they started getting cold. But when they lit a fire in their craft it immediately began to sink, proving once and for all that...

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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"
21-22	9/10/21 .05"	15.36"	18.73"



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**September 2022**

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**PTSD in the Country**

Lightning, wind, and fire. Rain, flooding, and mudslides. Megadroughts, tornadoes, and hurricanes. And a random earthquake or two to wake us up. Who wouldn't have a mild case of post-traumatic stress disorder? The Lake Berryessa community is no exception. But for us there is also the nagging fear of the lake level dropping quickly. Below is a chart of the last 10 year drought at the lake.

Global climate change is a scientific reality – just ask the people of the Maldives, Bangladesh, or Venice, Italy. But all the results of climate change are still unclear. The one accepted prediction, besides seal level rise is that there will be more extreme weather events. So, all is not lost at Lake Berryessa. In 2017 the lake went up 41 feet in three weeks. In 1994 the level went up 61' in seven months. Two other large increases in one year were 38' and 40'. Remember that worrying about things you can't control or change is not good for your body or mind. It's best to avoid that low level PTSD that we all may have – which is obviously easier said than done. As my son likes to counsel me,

"Another day in paradise at the lake. Enjoy it!"

A bit of worrisome data is that the lake is now almost down to the lowest level of 2015 at 398.1' and 54.7

Everyone is looking forward to that first rain in October!

capacity. Only another two feet to go, which will likely happen by October. The worrisome part is that it took ten years to reach this level in 2015. But this time it only took three years to drop to that same level.

Since 1958 the lake has suffered through several droughts. The lowest level reached was in 1993 when the lake dropped to 361.7' – 78.3' below Glory Hole at only 25% capacity! The Capell Creek Bridge came out of the water and some foundations of the old Town of Monticello surfaced.

In 1978 the lake was at 388.1' – 51.9' below Glory Hole at 48% capacity. And in 2015, at the depth of the last drought, the lowest level was 395.8' – 44.2' below Glory Hole at 51.6% capacity.

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### Til Death Do Us Part

An elderly Polish man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite pierogi with fried onions wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

Downstairs, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen, where if not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were hundreds of his favorite pierogi.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

He threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a crumpled posture. His parched lips parted; the wondrous taste of the pierogi was already in his mouth.

With a trembling hand he reached up to the edge of the table, when suddenly he was smacked with a wooden spoon by his wife.

"Back off!" she said. "Those are for the funeral."

## How many wineries are there in Napa County?

By Paul Franson  
(<https://www.napalife.com/>)

I blithely stated that there are more than 500 wineries in Napa Valley on Barry Martin's radio program last Thursday, and a reader challenged that.

He said, "There aren't over 500 wineries in Napa. That figure comes from an outdated list from county planning that includes numerous abandoned wineries that cannot be reopened because of current building and fire regulations, numerous 'wineries' that are actually just part of a larger custom crush facility like Laird and Napa Wine Company. They need to look at ABC data and find there are about 400 operating wineries in the county."

I actually thought there were more than 500 physical

wineries and many more wine brands. That doesn't include the many "virtual wineries" that are legally just wholesalers who buy wine from winegrowers and resell it with their label and also hold retail licenses (17/20 licenses). The state's official name for producing wineries with Type 02 licenses is "winegrower."

I went to the ABC records and quickly found 1,840 Type 02 bonded wineries in Napa County. But that's misleading. Many custom (crush) wineries (and other wineries) make wine for other winegrowers under what is called an alternating proprietorship. For example,

There are 940 wineries in Napa County. I await your comments at [paul@paulfranson.com](mailto:paul@paulfranson.com).

By the way, The Gomberg-Fredriksen Report and BW 166, both experts in wine information, are also partners with the Wine Communications Group. Their information, such as the Wine and Vines Directory and Buyers' Guide, is exhaustively detailed, as I learned in the almost two decades during which I contributed to their publications.

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There are two types of people in the world:

1. Those who can extrapolate from incomplete data

there are 16 listed for Cuaison and 32 for Napa Wine Company in the current list. Those aren't "virtual wineries." Those are real bonded wineries by law.

So I turned to the experts, Wines Vines Analytics, the sister of *Wine Business Monthly*. Lynne Skinner is their long-term vice president of data management. She said that they confirm records every 12 months for wineries in the Wines Vines Analytics winery database, both bonded California type 02 winegrower permit and the virtual wineries that hold the other California permit types, 17 and 20, which produce at host wineries.

She emphasized that the bonded premises is not only about address and equipment. "We don't count permits, we maintain a database of active, viable wineries, and their state and federal permits are attributes of their profile. If a bonded winery has six BW permits and four facilities, we track that as a single winery."

According to their numbers, as of August 2022, Napa County has 940 bonded wineries and 291 "virtual wineries," which are winery businesses with unique management, producing at least one brand at a host-bonded winery.

Virtual wineries don't have "wineries" of their own by definition, so they are irrelevant to my question, but for what it's worth, the two total 1,231. So, pending further information, I'll go with Wine Communication's numbers.

## September Headlines

Iraqi Head Seeks Arms

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax

Farmer Bill Dies in House

British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands

Teacher Strikes Idle Kids

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Tents

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Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

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Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Climate Bill Allocates \$3 Billion To Paint Snowy Peaks Onto Mountains

Lawyer Working on Airtight Case Nearly Suffocates

Astrophysicists Gather, Declare Dark Matter Really Just Æther This Whole Time

Studies Show Millennials Complaining Over NFTs Own At Least One

Band member of the Village People Mr. Yungnan has passed away

Sting operation results in thousands arrested for removing tag from mattress they didn't own

USAID Announces Multi-Billion Aid Package of Air Conditioners for United Kingdom and Europe

Federal Reserve buys Mega Millions ticket to turn this economy around

## September Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Any spikes that you see in your power usage may be due to unforeseen and deadly circumstances.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Today you will find that your favorite attribute in a person is their ability to tell you how fantastic you are.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Any advice given to you today will seem like poppycock, and it probably is.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your lucky goat name for today is: Penelope.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Regret can hurt you over a long period. Lament today, but tomorrow must be a day for anger and retribution.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You are trapped in a cave with a panther and a sound system playing Michael Bolton's greatest hits. What do you do?

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will be glad of a loved one's ability to almost painlessly remove splinters from your backside.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Everyone wants what's best for you, in terms of reducing the amount of time you are allowed to show your face outside of your house.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): To make yourself feel beautiful, hug a tree, kiss a baby, read a classic, and then take a long train journey. After that, you'll still be an ugly bugger, but you'll be so tired you won't even care.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Today might be the day when you get stuck in a hole with a dwarf. Remember all the research you did into dwarf habits in order to prevent mental breakdown.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your appetites may diminish today as you fall into a vat of gravy with no inside ladder.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Avoiding the cracks on pavements can seem like a fun game, and probably is. Your ability to play this game may be affected by one or more broken legs.

## Napa Opposes Building the Monticello Dam

The following article answers questions that many people have as to why Napa County has little present access to Lake Berryessa water. Excerpt from: Roots of the Present: Napa Valley 1900 to 1950, by Lin Weber

"In September of 1945, two Napans' attended a meeting of the Central Valley Water Project, the huge irrigation and riparian management program that sought to control the state's liquid wealth. They raced back to the County Board of Supervisors with word that 26 California counties had passed a resolution favoring the construction of a dam at Devil's Gate. Official bodies in Solano County, they said, would make a "concerted effort" to have work proceed. The Napans vigorously opposed it, and the resolution was sent to the Project's executive committee without action.

Surveys of the area continued, nevertheless. An idea for the proposed dam that stirred up additional controversy was to drill a tunnel from Clear Lake to Putah Creek so that floodwaters from Clear Lake could be collected in the dam, thus removing a winter weather problem that had troubled owners of Lake County resorts.

Already unhappy that Lake County had sucked tourist dollars from the Napa Valley, local leaders were disgusted that beautiful Berryessa might be utilized as a holding tank for someone else's floodwater. The Clear Lake water proved to be too full of boron and other chemicals unfriendly to plant-life, however, and the idea went away.

While the forces in favor of the dam were formidable, there were a few agencies outside of Napa County that withdrew their support once they understood the Berryessa residents' position. The California State Chamber of Commerce, for example, recanted an earlier stance and came out against the project. Every piece of good news was music to the ears of Monticello's worried grain farmers and cattle ranchers, whose labors produced a sixth of the county's agricultural wealth.

Napa County Supervisor Lowell Edington flew to Washington to garner whatever help he could in fighting off the dam. He also tried to find money to improve the Napa River, a perennial problem that never seemed to get resolved. What he found was that, despite the big muscles behind the Monticello Dam movement, Congress itself was preoccupied with something having nothing to do with water management.

The Bureau of Reclamation presented a bill to Congress in the summer of 1946 urging early approval of the Devil's Gate dam. Nathan S. Coombs drew up a resolution seeking a delay while other places further up Putah Creek could be investigated as alternative sites. Berryessans donated \$4,000 for the problem to be professionally studied and sought matching funds.

The Board of Supervisors hired hydraulic engineer, August Kempkey, to concoct the stratagem that could save Berryessa, and by March of 1947 he was ready to report. His proposal required the active cooperation of

Napa's "sister city." It had three key components:

- Vallejo should relinquish its reservoir in Gordon Valley to other Solano County users, namely Suisun, Fairfield and the Benicia Arsenal,
- Conn dam should be heightened and its capacity increased so that the City of Vallejo could receive all its water from Conn,
- Putah creek should be dammed in uninhabited Coyote Valley, and the water impounded there should be added to the Conn supply. Other small dams should also be built in remote locations.

Saving Berryessa was not consistent with newly emerging thought regarding resource management.

The state of California now viewed itself as a huge thirsty organism, a gigantic system of mutually interdependent needs and resources. Water from the proposed Monticello Dam, for example, would not only irrigate Yolo and Solano farmland, but some of it would be sent to the San Joaquin Valley to supplement their water supply, which came from the dam at Shasta.

This would leave more water at Shasta for use in generating power. Capturing and taming Putah Creek would, moreover, abate some of the winter flood problems experienced by the Sacramento River. Seen from this perspective, little valleys like Berryessa, and even large ones, like Owens in the south, could be sacrificed if necessary for the good of the whole.

Napa and Solano drew up competing plans to form "irrigation districts" that would use Putah Creek water, a formality that preceded any final decision regarding a dam site. In the Napa plan, a "Berryessa Irrigation District" would use water from Coyote Valley and other uninhabited locations. In contrast, 757 Solano County residents petitioned for a "Solano County Irrigation District" that would drown Berryessa.

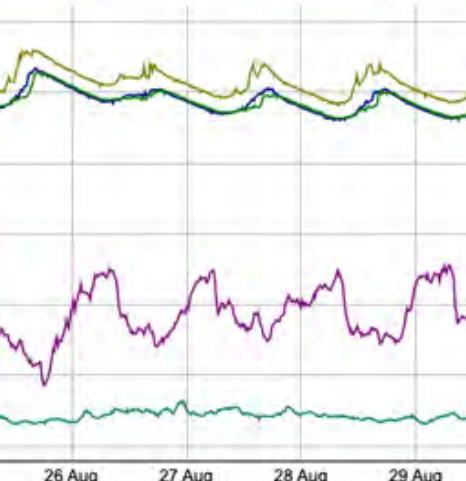
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Both houses were crammed with bills to fight Communism. A Southern California politician named Richard M. Nixon was riding to power on the crest of anti-Communist paranoia, together with a frightening hatemonger named Joseph McCarthy. Congress sidelined the issue of building a dam at Devil's Gate.

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## Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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**Storck Metric, 11 Buoys Down**  
**8/28/22**



**8/22**  
**Lake Level = 398.2'**

**41.8' below Glory Hole**

**Lake Berryessa Statistics (8/31/22)**

The lake level is now down to 398 feet – 42 feet below Glory Hole.

The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is 18.73 inches for the 2021 - 2022 rainfall season.

A "rainfall season" runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

The Gamble Gauge shows the lake dropped to 54.6% capacity.

The Stork Metric is 11 buoys down.

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#### 4 A Bit of Monticello Dam History from 2013

Since the 9/11 attack Monticello Dam has been locked and blocked. The ugly concrete barriers are eyesores and could probably be removed with no danger of a terrorist attack. Or something more esthetic but practical and effective might be found to replace them. Before the attack the top of the dam was open to the public and regular tours of the inside of the dam were provided. The following story provides a unique glimpse of the dam and its operation.

##### Don, the guy and his dam

By Richard Rico, TheReporter.Com

12/15/13

So there we were, 230 feet beneath the surface of Lake Berryessa. No submarine, no SCUBA. No need. We were inside the belly of Monticello Dam, 320,000 cubic yards of concrete known affectionately by Don Burbey as the "big, giant plug." He's earned that right.

Burbey is the dam guy for Solano Irrigation District. For the past 32 years he's known the Putah plug up close and personal. I've known it since it was built in 1957 as a Herculean hand holding back the Creek, inundating bucolic Monticello and helping grass, flowers and Solano progress to grow. For perspective, 320,000 cubic yards of concrete could make a sidewalk, 3-ft. wide, 4-inches thick, and run 1,667 miles to Omaha. Fellow voyeur Mike Segura did the math.

Tuesday, I finally asked Burbey to get me in. The door is at the base, which is 100 feet thick. It tapers to 12 feet at the top. Care to guess how cold it was inside?

In about 1981, Don hired on as apprentice dam tender. Through the years he became the dam tender, then grew to be-come superintendent of ops and maintenance. After all that, Burbey is retiring April 2 from "a fantastic job; I could not have asked for anything I liked better."

Before Putah Creek slams into that wall, we drove through the first of several security gates. Since 9/11, everything has tightened up. Burbey once gave up to 30 tours a year, but they've mostly been cut. Imagine the worst: If the dam were to rupture, the lake would end up in the Yolo Causeway. Next to the steel door is SID's power plant, which went online in 1983. Its three generators can send 11.5 megawatts to the PG&E grid in Rohnert Park, just as releases can send water for people, animals and plants through 32 miles of Putah South Canal. It's a wet miracle.

Inside, a dam-wide corridor stretches north and south, housing monitors for stress and movement. One is primitive, and ingenious. A taut wire stretches from the

dam top to the bottom where a plumb bob weight hangs over a reference point. If it moves, so has the dam. They also do celestial mapping -- dam checking by stars.

Outside, Burbey said, "Lean back on the face, and look up." The thin curve of the rim swirled around us, like a photo of Earth from a satellite. A privileged view. Beyond the crest length of 1,023 feet is the Glory Hole. When it spills, it's at 48,400 cubic yards a second. We make bets on when it'll spill again. Burbey sees a spill as "The best way to clean out the creek."

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In 1997, a UC Davis student in the lake died when she jumped into the hole -- an apparent suicide. Burbey said he was first to recover her. The Glory Hole's integrity is checked periodically by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. They do it by lowering a person by rope into the hole. He rappels its 275-ft. depth, looking for cracks. Some kind of moxie.

With a 302-feet-high dam behind you, holding back a max 1,602,000 acre-feet of water, you imagine what the movers and shakers were thinking in the 1950s when they urged a "plug" across Devil's Gate to the Bureau of Reclamation. Lots of locals -- politicians and civilians -- got in the act.

Agman Ed Uhl made more than 17 trips to D.C. to argue our case. Timing was everything. Imagine again trying to build the dam today. Impossible. Construction began in 1953. It was built and managed by the U.S. Bureau until 1981, when SID and Solano County Water Agency took over.

Whiskey is for drinking, and water is for fighting over. So far, it's been peaceful. Solano cities, ag, industries are nurtured by Berryessa water, and by its dam. Into that historic pageant came Don Burbey, a lifelong Vacan and a Vaca High grad of 1974. He was born in 1956, about a year before Monticello Dam was finished.

He goes so far back that his late mother, Sue Hurley, and he had the same K-1 teacher, "Mrs. Burton," at Ulatis. Burbey has a son, Adam, who works for SID -- no surprise -- in water metering. His daughter, Breanne, is a teacher at Browns Valley School. It's with his granddaughter, Grace, that Don Burbey now hopes to spend time that for 32 years was focused on his dam.

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After years of monitoring, unclogging debris from Lake Solano screens, answering calls of power outages, and the tribulations of keeping water flowing, I'd say "his dam" is right on. The steward of a life element is moving on.

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What do you call a pony with a cough? A little horse!

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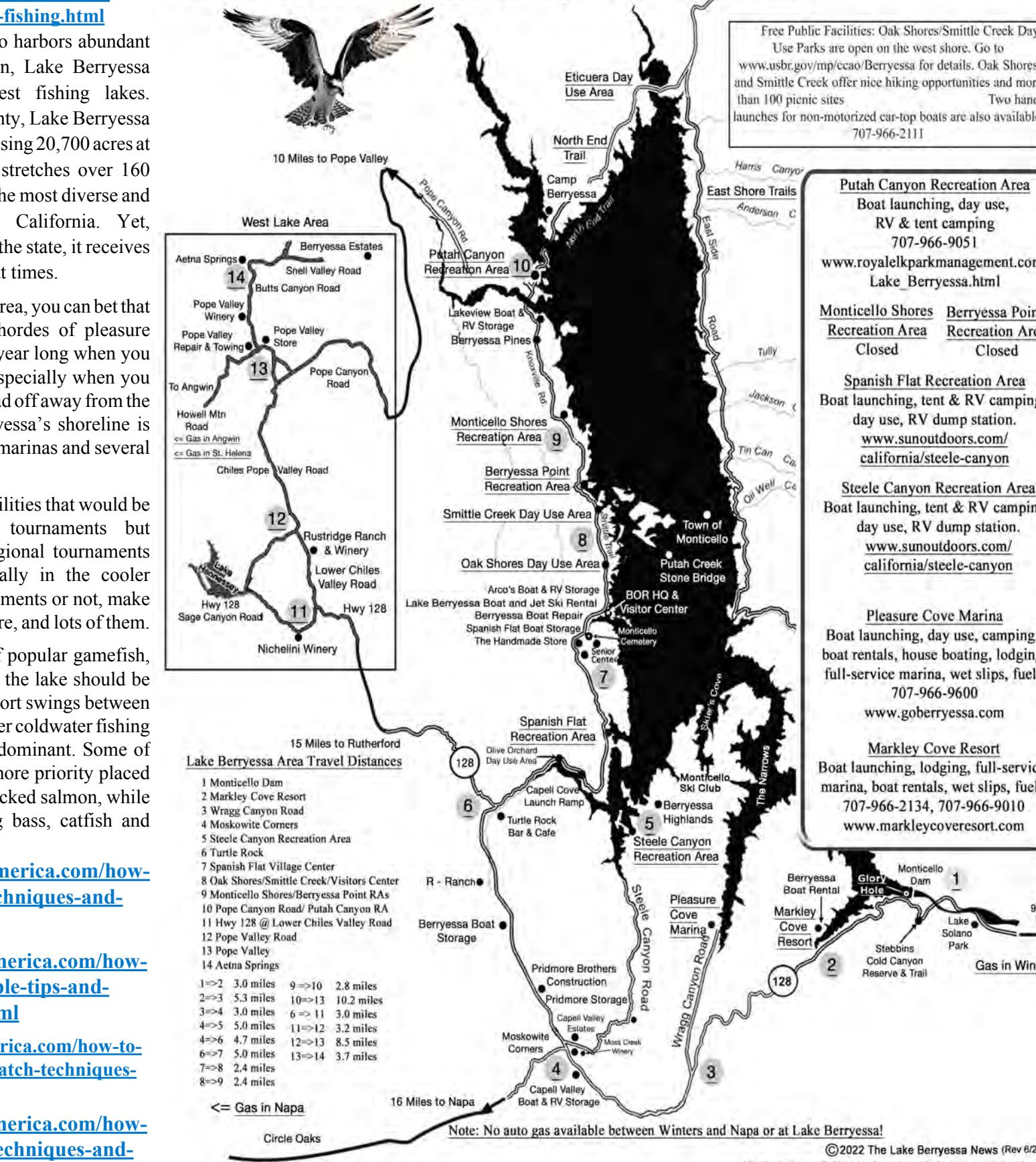
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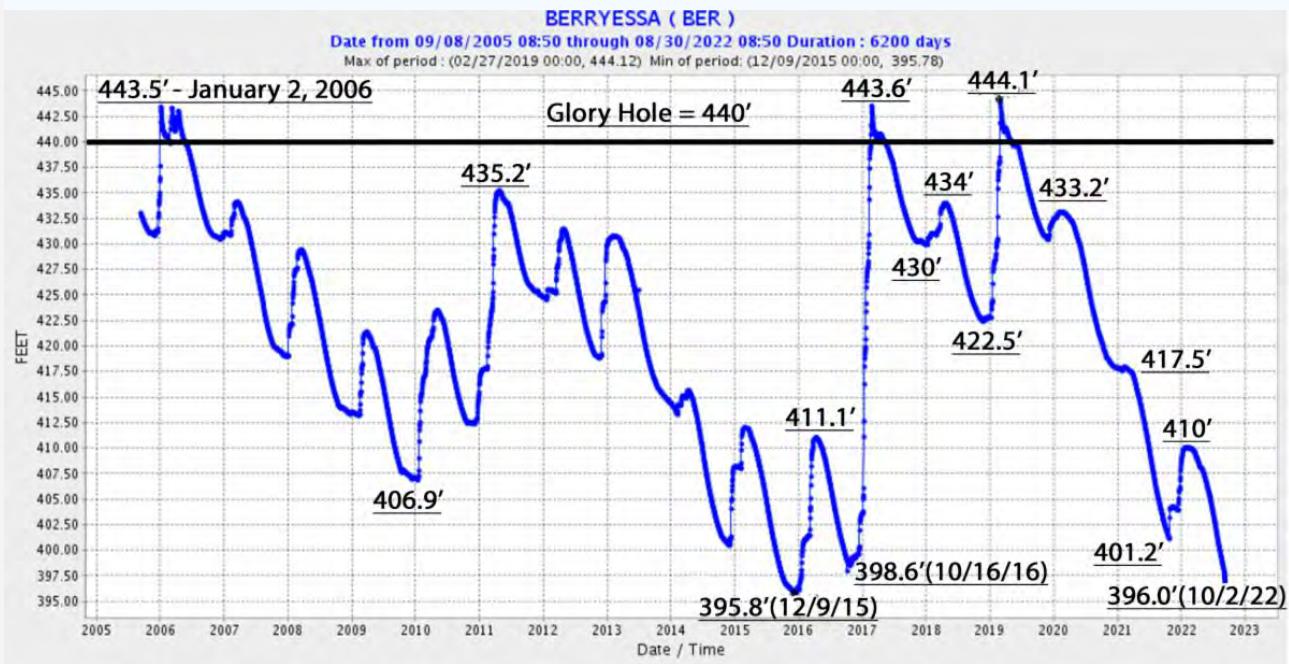
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**Lake Berryessa Statistics (10/2/22)**

The lake is now down to 396.0 feet - 44 feet below Glory Hole. The modest two-day rainfall (9/18 & 9/19) we had (1.15" at Monticello Dam) did not have any impact. The level is now only about 2" above the lowest level reached during our last drought, 395.8' on December 9, 2015. It took 10 years to drop to this level during the last drought, but only 4 years this time.

The Gamble Gauge is at 52.7% capacity. Surface water temperature is 75 degrees from the surface to 10 feet down. Temperature is around 65 degrees at 40 feet and below.



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Thanks. Peter

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### Lake Berryessa Level vs Rainfall: A Short Tutorial

Peter Kilkus

Everyone is excited by the early rainfall at Lake Berryessa. In three days, 9/18, 9/19, 9/20, the lake received 1.15" at Monticello Dam and .81" in the Berryessa Highlands. Middletown received 1.62" and other northern parts of the Lake Berryessa watershed got more than 2". But this rainfall will essentially do nothing to raise the level of the lake.

The lake is now down to 396.0 feet - 44 feet below Glory Hole . The modest two-day rainfall we had (1.15" by 9/21 at Monticello Dam) did not have any significant impact. The level did hold steady for a day but started down again the next day. The level is now only about 2" above the lowest level reached during our last drought - 395.8' on December 9, 2015. The dam output has dropped from 459 CFS (cubic feet per second) to 185 CFS during this same period, as the need for irrigation water decreases.

Some folks use a rule of thumb that the lake increases a foot in level for every inch of rainfall after the ground has been saturated by 2-3 inches of rain and runoff begins. This easy to remember rule is not completely accurate since the relationship between the lake level and its storage capacity is not linear. The lake profile is roughly a V-shaped bowl (with peaks and valleys and inlets and large flat areas), which means that the higher the water level gets the more rain is needed to raise it further. It takes about 25% more rain to go from 430' to 440' than it does to go from 390' to 400'.

Rainfall versus level for the first three months of 1998 showed that the lake rose 16 feet with 26 inches of rain – or 7.4 inches of level per inch of rain. However, the unexpectedly rapid rise of the lake in 2017 provided data that showed the rise was twice as great as the normal average – 14.5" per inch of rain.

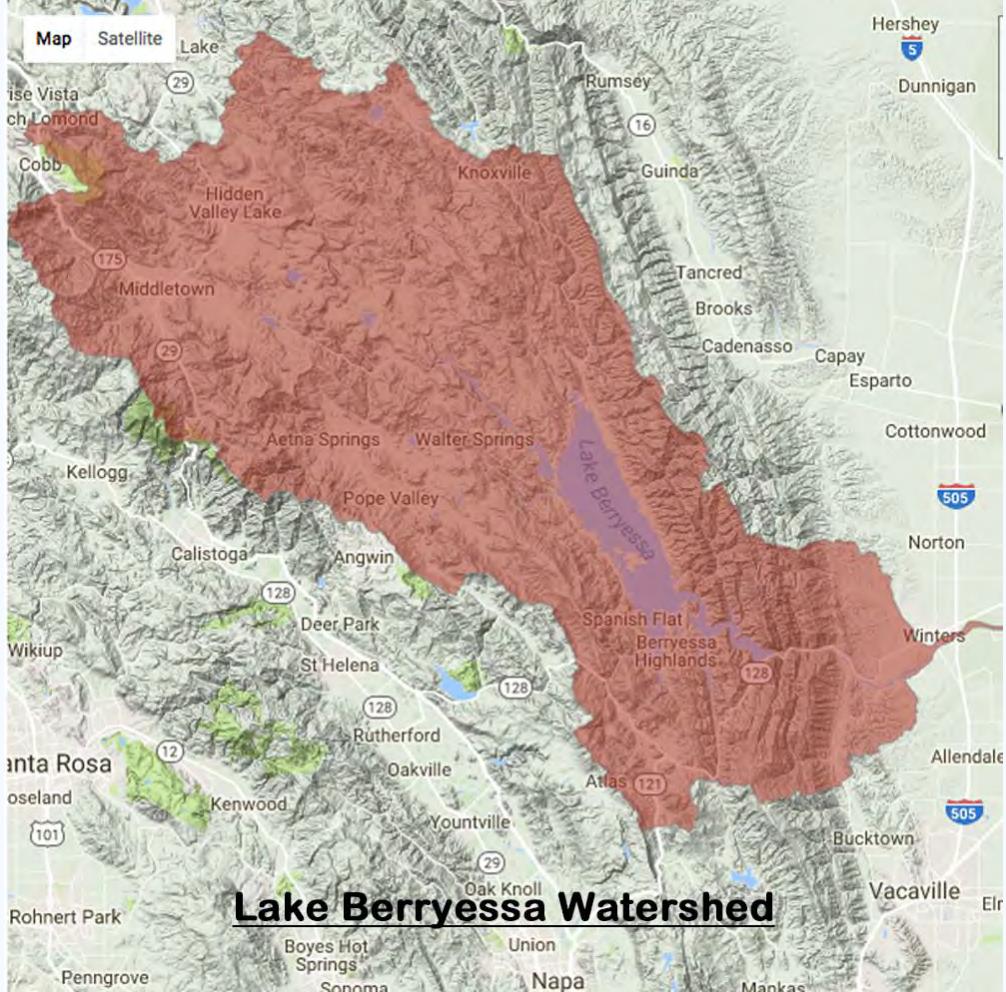
The Lake Berryessa watershed encompasses the 576-square mile area primarily fed by Putah Creek which originates from springs on the eastside of Cobb Mountain in Lake County. Putah Creek enters Napa County about 11 miles east of Middletown. It merges with Butts Creek just before it empties into Lake Berryessa. Therefore, rainfall over the Cobb Mountain and Middletown areas provides the bulk of water entering Lake Berryessa. One reason that Lake Berryessa rose so quickly in 2017 was the very heavy rainfall that occurred on Cobb Mountain and Middletown. Below is the table of rainfall for the last 12 years at Cobb Mountain. Notice the total for 2017.

RAINFALL TOTALS FOR COBB MT.

Season	Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2009-10	77.05	9.76	3.01	6.16	26.96	9.08	7.55	11.21	3.21	0.04	0	0	0.07
2010-11	73.84	5.78	4.78	17.6	2.16	13.25	22.9	1.01	3.35	2.99	0	0	0.02
2011-2012	46.55	3.04	5.71	0.32	7.67	4.53	18.34	6.68	0.1	0.16	0	0	0
2012-2013	27.03	0.07	0.67	0.59	0.33	14.27	8.05	2.95	0.02	0	0	0	0.08
2013-14	27.75	3.12	7.67	7.29	1.83	0.49	4.19	1.66	0.1	0.6	0	0	0.8
2014-15	57	2.23	4.6	28.83	0.26	14.59	0.49	2.42	0.45	0	0	0.01	3.12
2015-16	69.59	0.15	3.77	13.29	21.43	3.3	23.37	2.36	0.68	0.1	0.16	0.06	0.92
2016-17	<b>130.47</b>	14.34	7.4	12.68	43.76	33.17	6.41	7.1	5.03	0.55	0	0	0.03
2017-18	68.8	11.03	2.57	12.69	18.8	7.89	14.4	1.19	0.05	0	0.01	0	0.17
2018-19	103.61	6.09	18.89	22.32	11.24	29.01	7.08	7.7	0.81	0	0.03	0.1	0.34
2019-20	37.9	2.01	6.75	8.9	5.4	6.88	4.13	3.15	0	0	0	0	0.68
2020-21	<b>21.83</b>	0	2.54	4.07	6.49	3.71	3.82	0.43	0.2	0	0	0	0.57
2021-22		16.92	3.92	11.95	3.78	0.28							
<b>High:</b>	<b>130.47</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>18.89</b>	<b>28.83</b>	<b>43.76</b>	<b>33.17</b>	<b>23.37</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>5.03</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.12</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>61.785</b>	0.9040909	1.3357576	2.5313846	5.2815385	11.680833	11.680833	3.9883333	1.1666667	0.37	0.0166667	1.2630303	0.5109091
<b>Low:</b>	<b>21.83</b>	0	0.67	0.32	0.26	0.49	0.49	0.43	0	0	0	0	0

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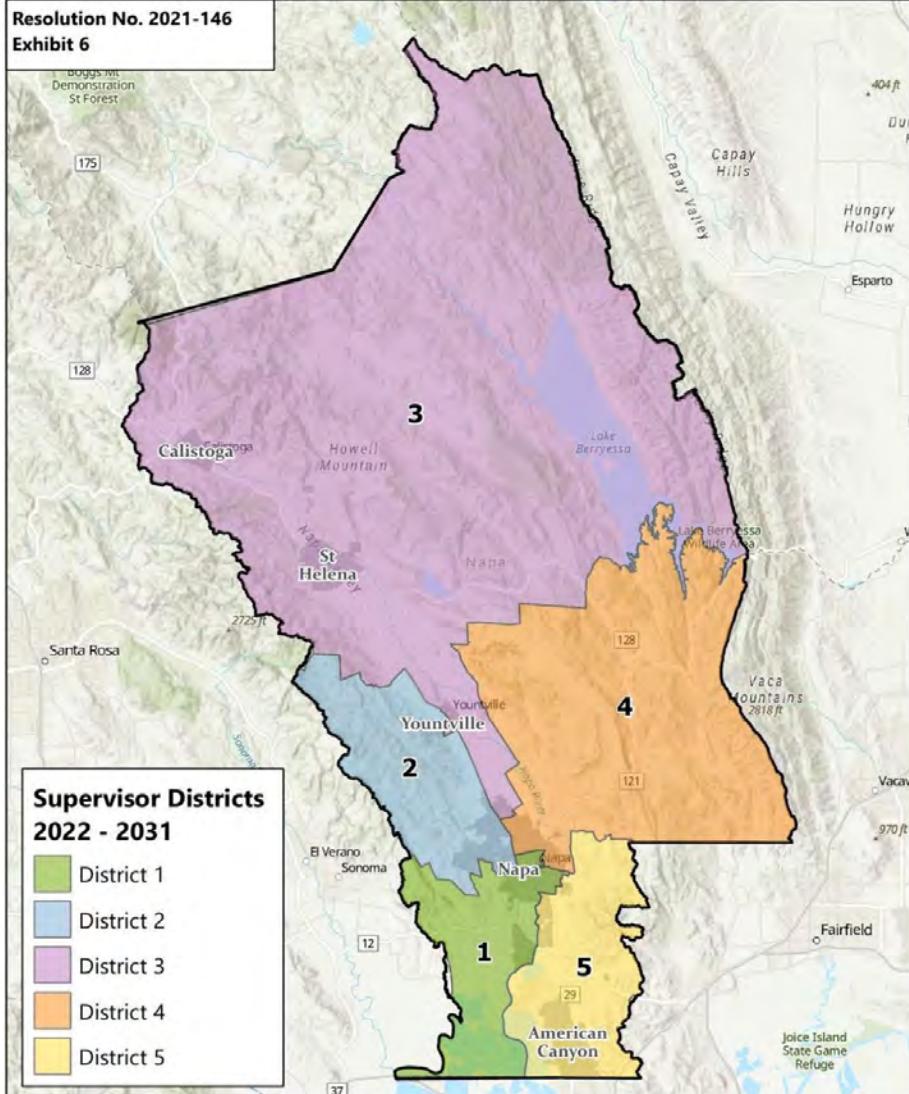


I've been keeping level and rainfall data at Lake Berryessa for 26 years. The table below shows that we've had early September rainfalls in 7 of those 26 years. But early rainfall is not an indicator of a high rainfall year. For example, last year we had an early September rain and a reasonable rainfall total by the end of December, but the rest of the year was a bust. The lake only went up about 10 feet. In 2021 the lake never rose at all. It stopped at about 417.5', stayed there for most of the winter, then started dropping again in April 2021. See graph above.

	Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/ (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
1	97-98		10.77"	46.26"
2	98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
3	99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
4	00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
5	01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
6	02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
7	03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
8	04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
<b>9</b>	<b>05-06</b>	<b>9/26/05</b>	<b>17.4"</b>	<b>40.56"</b>
10	06-07	10/3/06 .22"	5.36"	12.7"
<b>11</b>	<b>07-08</b>	<b>9/19/07 - .1"</b>	<b>4.48"</b>	<b>25.32"</b>
12	08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
<b>13</b>	<b>09-10</b>	<b>9/14/09 - .24"</b>	<b>6.5"</b>	<b>26.41"</b>
14	10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
15	11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
16	12-13	10/22/12 - .73"	17.97"	20.65"
<b>17</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>9/22/13 - .43"</b>	<b>1.88"</b>	<b>13.69"</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>9/19/14 - .11"</b>	<b>13.34"</b>	<b>19.56"</b>
19	15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57
20	16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	8.8"	47.55"
21	17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
22	18-19	10/2/18 - .51"	7.28"	40.53"
23	19-20	11/27/19 - .73"	7.14"	10.93"
24	20-21	11/15/20 .09"	1.92"	9.21"
<b>25</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>9/10/21 - .05"</b>	<b>15.36"</b>	<b>18.73"</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>9/19/22 - .51"</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>

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**Napa Supervisors Election: Supervisor Districts Change Hands**



### Napa County Supervisor Districts

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Revised Date: 12/3/2021



**DISTRICT 1**  
Brad Wagenknecht



**DISTRICT 2**  
Ryan Gregory



**DISTRICT 3**  
Diane Dillon



**DISTRICT 4**  
Alfredo Pedroza



**DISTRICT 5**  
Belia Ramos



### YOUR NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

District 1 Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht and District 3 Supervisor Diane Dylan Retire

The candidates running to replace them are:

District 1: Joelle Gallagher, Suzanne Besú Truchard

District 3: John F. Dunbar, Anne Cottrell

See their short profiles below but go to their websites for details:

Ironically, I basically supported most of Dillon's and Wagenknecht's other positions over the years except for what I consider their historical blind spot towards the Lake Berryessa region

and their long-time support of the Bureau of Reclamation in its disastrous policy towards Lake Berryessa. But even they finally accepted the hopelessness of the BOR ever accomplishing anything positive at the lake. Both have joined the other three supervisors in unanimous votes supporting the Lake Berryessa revitalization process.

I first met Diane Dillon more than 20 years ago when she was first elected Supervisor of District 3 which then included all of Lake Berryessa. In a meeting with her and Sheriff Simpson, Pat Monaghan, Oscar Braun, and I asked for their help in achieving a positive outcome for the lake community in the proposed Visitor Services Plan, despite what was clearly the goal of the BOR to remove all the mobile homes and get rid of the incumbent resort concessioners.

Our 20-year battle with the Bureau of Reclamation is documented in my definitive book about what happened at Lake Berryessa, *Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga, 1958-2020*, available on Amazon.

I served on Marin County's San Anselmo Town Council for five years at the beginning of this century, one year as Mayor. I am aware of the cliché that it only takes three votes to win with a five-member board. But in the case of important issues, it is always better to have unanimous support.

With respect to the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa recreation, business, and residential communities, we've been fortunate that the Napa board of Supervisors has been unanimous in its support of this revitalization process. They have voted to take over management of Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation through the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA). They approved the bids of two new major recreation companies to rebuild four of the resorts. That process is ongoing as these two companies slog through the environmental and construction permitting requirements. Hopefully, real construction will begin relatively soon.

As publisher of the Lake Berryessa News and president of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce my focus is obviously on Lake Berryessa issues. A new candidate's position on Lake Berryessa issues is critical to me even though I'm in District 4 and cannot vote for any of these new candidates. I have asked each candidate only one question:

"What is your position regarding the revitalization of Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa recreational, business, and residential communities now that Napa County has taken over management of the Lake Berryessa resorts under the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation?"

When I receive answers from the candidates, I will publish them.

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#### **District 1**

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Joelle Gallagher  
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-Declare a Climate Emergency and complete and implement a robust Climate Action Plan  
-Begin work on the new General Plan EIR using a "health in all policies" framework; use current science to drive policy making; add an Environmental Justice Element;  
-Assure a transparent, communicative, responsive County government. Make public meetings accessible and language friendly. Meaningfully engage our community by creating and implementing an Immigrant Engagement and Language Access Plan

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-Housing affordability and stabilizing the cost-of-living in Napa County  
-Protecting our environment, open space/agricultural areas, and taking action to address climate change at the local level  
-Alleviating homelessness by enhancing mental health treatment and supportive services



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### District 3

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Anne Cottrell  
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-Create a comprehensive plan for fire prevention, preparedness, and response;  
-Support safe, clean water and prevent water shortages;  
-Develop affordable housing solutions that serve our local workforce, and advocate for a more inclusive and equitable community;  
-Tackle climate change through a coordinated regional effort;  
-Protect the Ag Preserve, and promote the

John F. Dunbar

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-Housing affordability, homelessness/poverty and economic sustainability that impact working-class families, seniors on a fixed income and our local workforce

-Protecting our water resources through conservation, water quality control, and expanding the use of recycled water similar to successful efforts done in the Town of Yountville

-Protecting our natural resources, including our agricultural and open space areas, environmental and wildfire protection, water supply and quality, and climate action initiatives



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### **If You Don't Vote Early, You Can't Party on Election Night!**

By Peter Kilkus

This is an update of an election story I did on the 2010 Napa County District 3 supervisor's election contest between incumbent Diane Dillon and challenger Jeff Parady. It illustrates the statistics of races with relatively small populations of voters such as Napa County supervisorial districts.

Typically, less than 40% of voters determine the outcome of an election of this type. In District 1 and District 3, send your mail-in ballots early if you wish to have the pleasure of knowing your vote was counted in the election day totals. Any votes counted later, like late mail-in ballots, are irrelevant to the election outcome. See why in the full article below.

#### "Parady Loses to Dillon – Finally: Statistics Triumphs Again - Why Vote At All?"

My story about the Parady-Dillon Supervisor's race in the last issue of the Lake Berryessa News left some hope for Jeff Parady pulling out a last-minute election miracle.

While the uncounted ballots made up nearly 40 percent of all votes cast in the Nov. 2 election — or nearly a third in the case of the District 3 Supervisor's race — Registrar of Voters, John Tuteur said then that he didn't expect the remaining votes to swing any of the close races.

He stated that in his experience, large pools of voters tend to adhere to the same set of trends, meaning that the final 40 percent of ballots will likely favor the same candidates seen in the first

60 percent.

Tuteur's "experience" has nothing to do with the actual outcome though. That outcome is determined by mathematical statistics, one of the most powerful branches of mathematics, which is responsible for the most profound discoveries in the physical sciences as well as in the social sciences.

In the 3rd Supervisorial District, the race between incumbent Diane Dillon and challenger Jeff Parady remained close, but Dillon was able to hold onto the lead, keeping her seat on the board.

With all the ballots counted, Dillon claimed 4,660 votes, besting Parady's 4,413. Following the final update on Election Night, Dillon held a 161-vote lead over the challenger, with 5,933 ballots counted. I predicted that an upset was possible only if the remaining votes were heavily weighted towards Parady-friendly precincts.

This was not to be the case. Weeks later, Dillon's lead had grown by 86 votes to 247, as 9,798 ballots made up the final count. The basic question is how many votes really need to be cast and counted to determine the likely outcome of a District 3 election (or any election)?

The answer came to me through a Pope Valley connection. Bill Eaton, Vice President of Creative Research Systems ([www.surveysystem.com](http://www.surveysystem.com)), is also the husband of Pope Valley School's principal, Florence Eaton. Bill read my article and sent me a paper he had written about the basics of statistical sampling.

His web site includes a sample size calculator ([www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm#two](http://www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm#two)) that illustrates the basic principles behind the ubiquitous political polls we see all the time. The following analysis has been extracted from his article and his web site. His Sample Size Calculator provides the illustrative numerical insights.

The confidence interval (also called margin of error) is the plus-or-minus figure usually reported in newspaper or television opinion poll results. For example, if you use a confidence interval of 4 and 47% percent of your sample picks an answer you can be "sure" that if you had asked the question of the entire relevant population between 43% (47-4) and 51% (47+4) would have picked that same answer.

The confidence level tells you how sure you can be. It is expressed as a percentage and represents how often the true percentage of the population who would pick an answer lies within the confidence interval.

The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain; the 99% confidence level means you can be 99% certain. Most researchers use the 95% confidence level.

When you put the confidence level of 95% and the confidence interval of 4 together, you can say that you are 95% sure that the true percentage of the population's answer is between 43% and 51%. The wider the confidence interval you are willing to accept, the more certain you can be that the whole population answers would be within that range.

The larger your sample size, the more sure you can be that their answers truly reflect the

population. This indicates that for a given confidence level, the larger your sample size, the narrower your confidence interval. However, the relationship is not linear (i.e., doubling the sample size does not halve the confidence interval).

As Bill points out in his article, “To achieve a 4% confidence interval in a sample you need to survey 600 people. To halve that error to 2% you need a sample of 2400 or four times as many. Once you get over a population size of 10,000 it makes little difference and once you exceed 50,000 there’s none really. So we can effectively define a large population as larger than 10,000.”

“Does it make a difference whether you have a large population (universe) or not? Not really! Again, the same law of large numbers applies. To get a 2% confidence interval of my nearest city (Santa Rosa, California), which has a population of about 150,000, I need a sample of 2,360. To get the same 2% confidence interval on the population of the USA (308 million in 2010) I need a sample of 2,400 – that’s right, only 40 people more.”

How do we apply this analysis to our local election? The population of registered voters in District 3 is approximately 13,000 – technically a large statistical population. To win an election, a candidate basically needs 50.1% of the vote. Using the Sample Size Calculator we can determine a range of possible sample sizes and confidence levels.

Let’s investigate the accuracy of the original vote count of 5,933 (our sample size, 45.6% of registered voters). The vote count showed that Diane Dillon was ahead by 161 votes with 51.4% of the vote. At a 99% confidence level, that percentage lead was accurate with a confidence interval of 1.23. Her actual percentage lead in the whole population of voters was thus statistically between 52.6% and 50.2% - more than enough to win.

How did that change with the final vote count in? The final sample size was 9,798 votes. Dillon’s lead had actually remained at 51.4% of the vote. The confidence interval, though, had narrowed to 0.65. Therefore, only 5,933 votes (45.6% of registered voters) accurately predicted the outcome. Counting the remaining votes was superfluous (assuming a perfectly random sample of voters).

The unintended consequence of a statistical approach to voting is that it reinforces the concept that we don’t all really need to vote. The 3,865 votes that were not counted originally made no difference to the outcome of the supervisor’s election! Why should they have even bothered to vote at all?

Assuming that the total number of votes (9,798) equates to the sample size and we want a 99% confidence level that the outcome (51.4%) is representative of the whole population, we have a confidence interval of 0.65. This means that we can be 99% sure that if the whole population of registered voters had voted, the winning outcome would be between 52.1% and 50.8% in favor of Dillon.

Before this exercise in statistics becomes too mind-numbing (if it hasn’t already), what does it say about how many votes are actually needed to predict an outcome. If we wish to have a 99% confidence level in a population of 13,000 voters that one candidate will receive 50.1% of the vote or more, the number of actual votes counted would have to be 7,299, or only 56% of the 13,000 registered. This would be considered a close election.

More typically, if we want a 95% confidence level (the level used in most surveys) with a confidence interval of 2% that a candidate will win with 52% of the vote (50%-54%) in a 13,000-voter population, we only need 5,500 votes cast (42% turnout).

This is the main reason political organizations work to “get out the base”. Especially in closely contested elections, the more advocates of a specific political view go to the polls, as opposed to a random sample of voters, the more chance that view can have an influence in a close election. In this case, lower voter turnout favors the more active “get out the vote” proponents.

So what did we learn? Typically, less than 40% of voters determine the outcome of an election. In District 3, send your mail-in ballots early if you wish to have the pleasure of knowing your vote was counted in the election day totals.

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### **October Horoscopes**

**Aries (3/21-4/19):** Any joke you have to seriously think about today is not worth 'getting'.

**Taurus (4/20 – 5/20):** Money makes the world go round only in a metaphorical sense. Now that you understand that, try not to embarrass yourself in front of other by declaring that other metaphorical phrases are indeed based on science and physics.

**Gemini (5/21 – 6/21):** Watch out for overweight dogs when it's raining.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22):** Today may seem like an extraordinary opportunity to get even with the world, but the world may have different ideas.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):** The Nigerian bank that is holding your email-friend's money does not exist.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):** You have a personality that makes people smile, and that is worth exploiting today in any way you see fit.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):** When things are looking down, sit yourself down on the nearest swivel chair and spin. If that doesn't raise a smile, then I'm all out of ideas.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):** Many of the truths you desperately cling to are beset by the fact that you read only comic books and talk to children.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):** Any film you watch over the coming weekend will stay with you forever. Please ensure the film is not Tomb Raider.

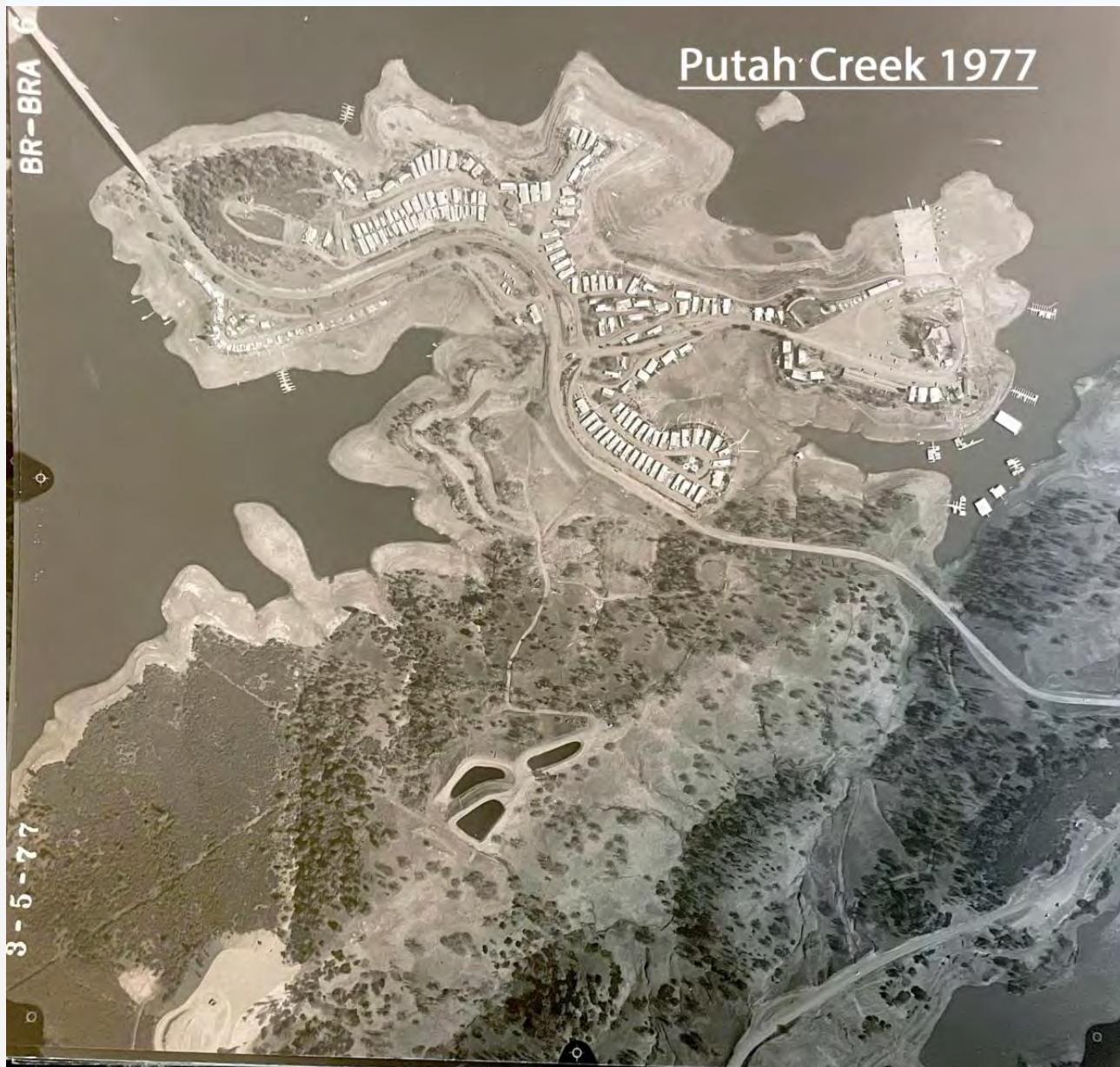
**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):** You shall achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):** You have reckless tendency to rely on luck since you have no talent.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):** Before you spend any time being productive today, you should consider giving up. Productivity implies work, and hard work is the evil that drives capitalism. You're better than that.

### Some Visual History

Thanks to Carol Fitzpatrick for these black and white photos from 1977. You can see that the lake was low at this time - 388', 52' below Glory Hole.



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# Berryessa Pines 1977



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Rancho Monticello  
1977



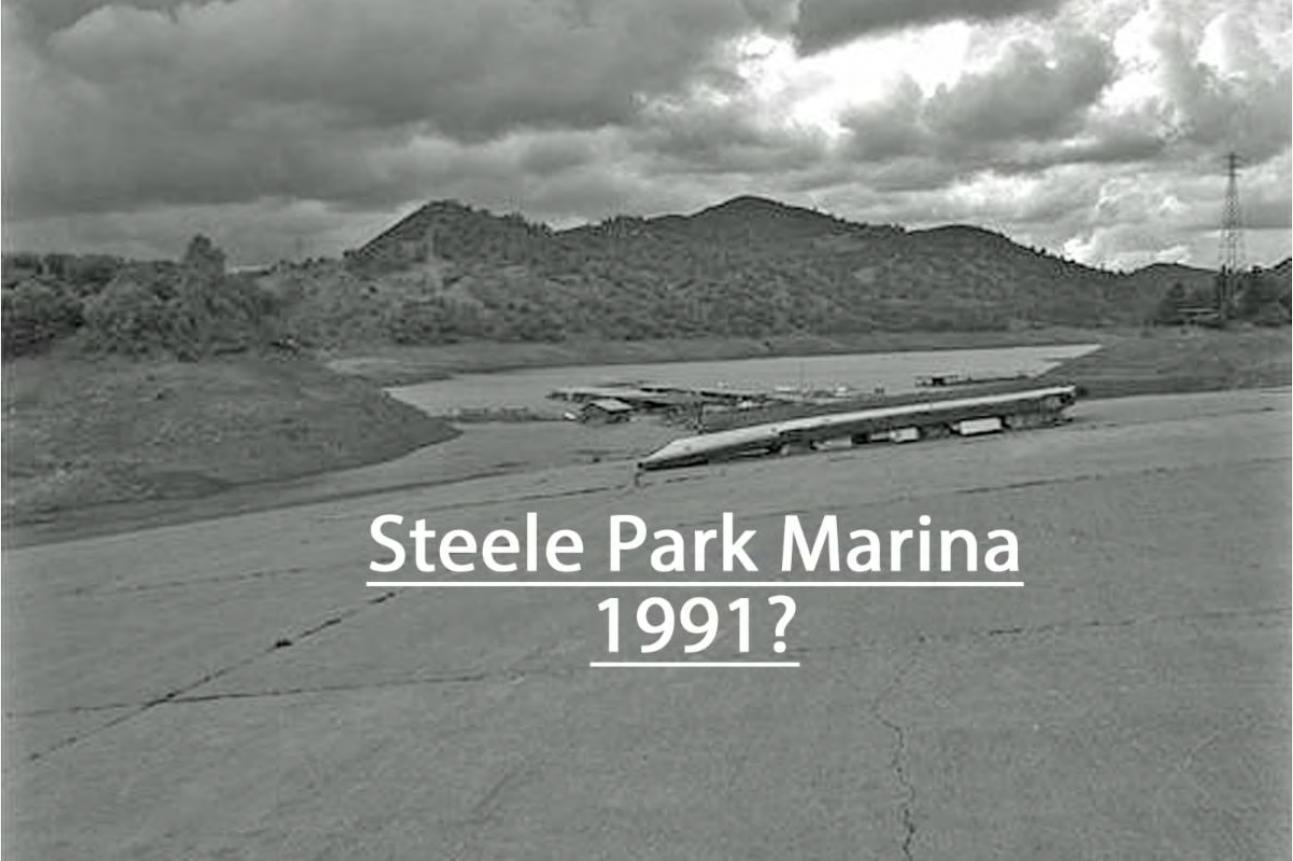
## Spanish Flat 1977



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### One More History Photo

So you think the drought is bad now and the Steele Canyon launch ramp is hard to use. Here's an old photo I found of Steele Park during a major drought. This may have been the drought of the early 1990s. The whole marina was floated out into the cove looking toward Spanish Flat. The water level was only 362' - 78' below Glory Hole at only 25% capacity - the lowest in the history of the lake.



# Steele Park Marina 1991?

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## Don't We All Wish We Could Sometimes Say What We Really Think On Social Media?

For those of us who have been teachers and had to read some really bad papers, or gasp at the stupidity of some of the things we see on social media, and wish we could respond truthfully, this is refreshing:

Student: I don't understand why my grade was so low. How did I do on my research paper?

Teacher: Actually, you didn't turn in a research paper. You turned in a random assemblage of sentences. In fact, the sentences you apparently kidnapped in the dead of night and forced into this violent and arbitrary plan of yours clearly seemed to be placed on the pages against their will. Reading your paper was like watching unfamiliar, uncomfortable people interacting at a cocktail party that no one wanted to attend in the first place. You didn't submit a research paper. You submitted a hostage situation.

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## October Headlines

NASA Panics After Asteroid Fires Back

Free-Spirited Man Informed It Time To Grow Up And Stop Being Happy

6-Year-Old Didn't Cause Parents' Divorce, But Didn't Exactly Step Up To Prevent It Either

Referees Call For Replay To Admire Great Call

Experts Say It Not Too Late To Change Careers At 50, Though They Sure As Heck Wouldn't

Scientists Capture Audio Of Beetle Colliding With Paper Clip For First Time

Far-Right Republican Wondering What He Has To Do To Get Media To Stop Calling Him

Moderate

Disney Wins Emmy For Best Profits

"Fine, cook your chicken in NyQuil," says exasperated FDA Official

Millions of Latin Americans cross border after hearing that Ron DeSantis will fly you on private jet to the richest part of US for free.

Netflix Announces Original Series Based On History Of Netflix, Called 'Netflix', To Be Released On Hulu

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Texas Board of Education Approves New Curriculum Omitting Existence of 20th Century

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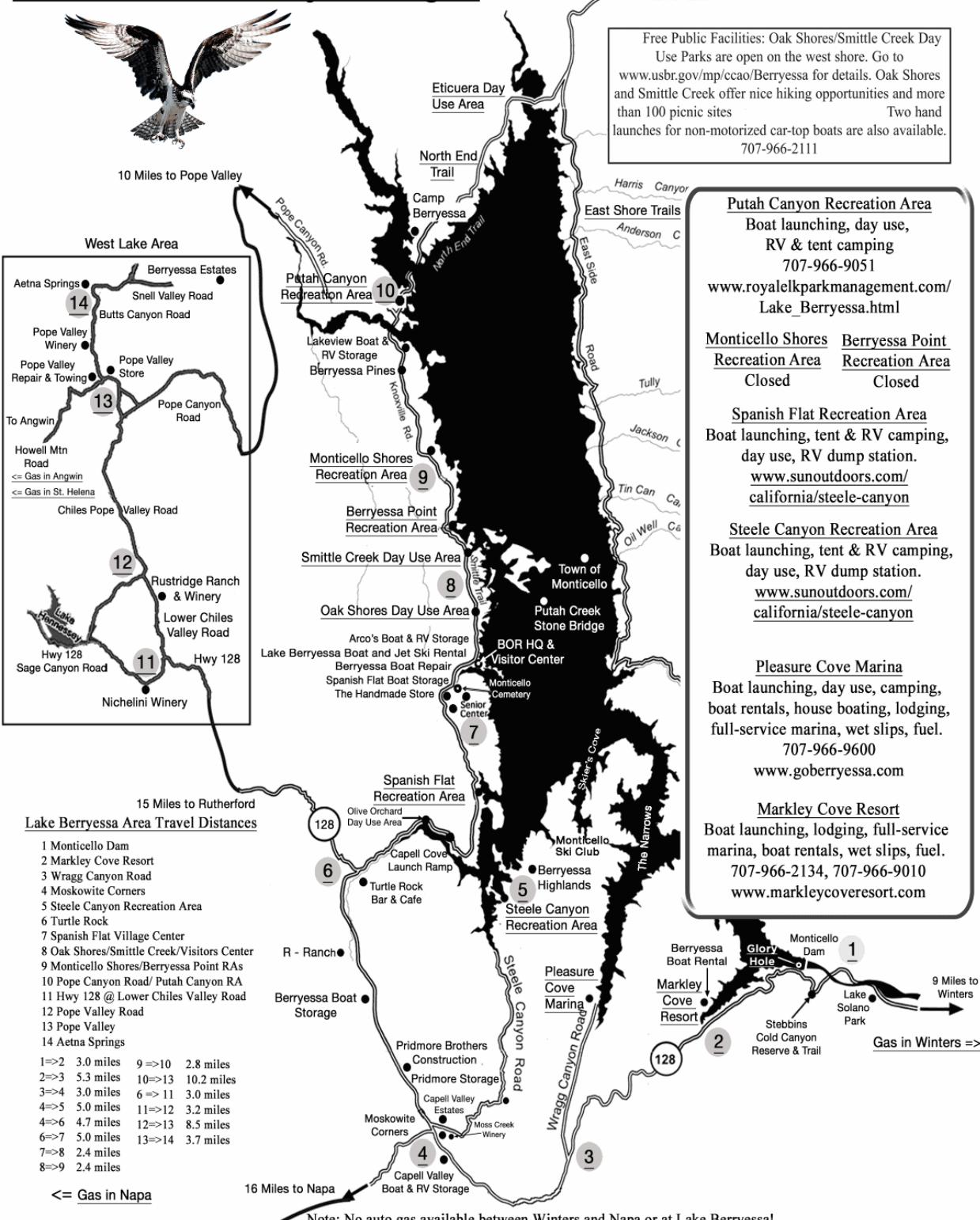
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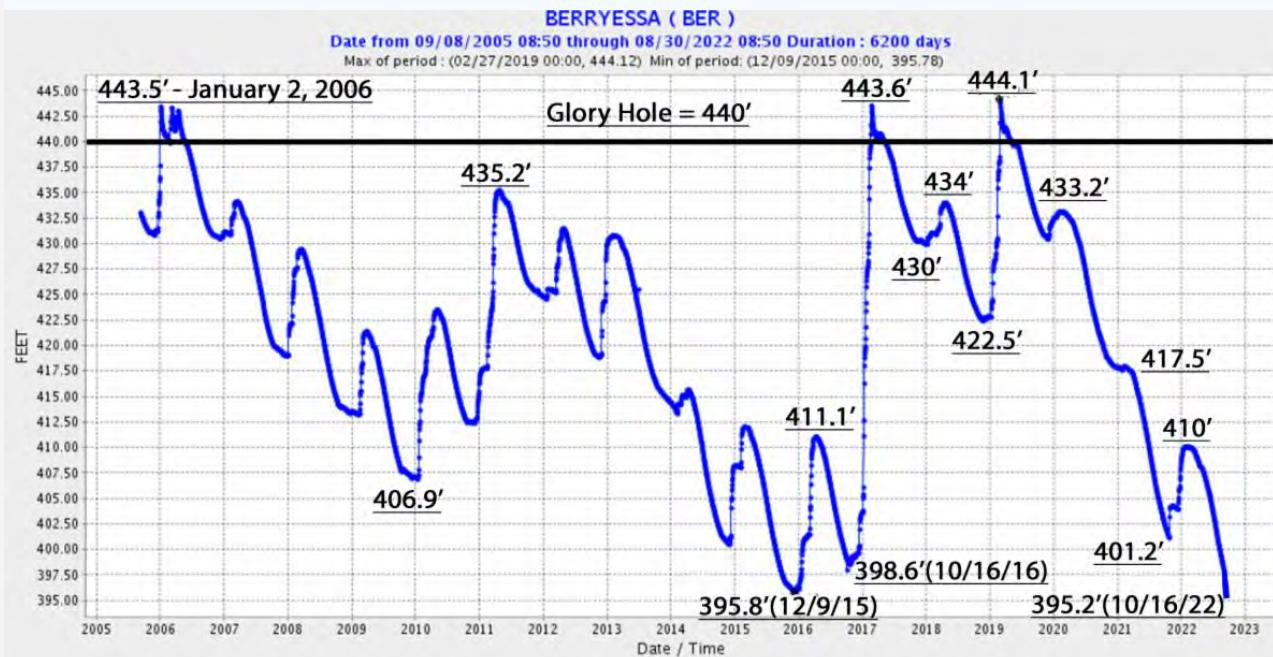
## Lake Berryessa News, October 16, 2022

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### Lake Berryessa Statistics (10/16/22)

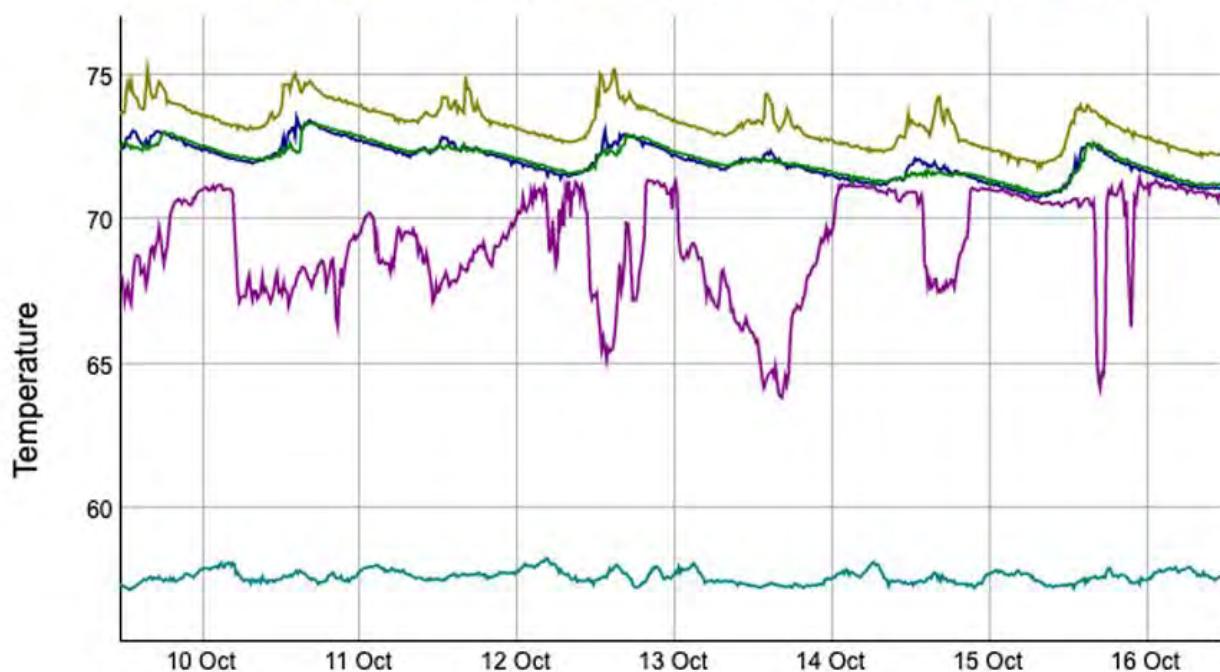
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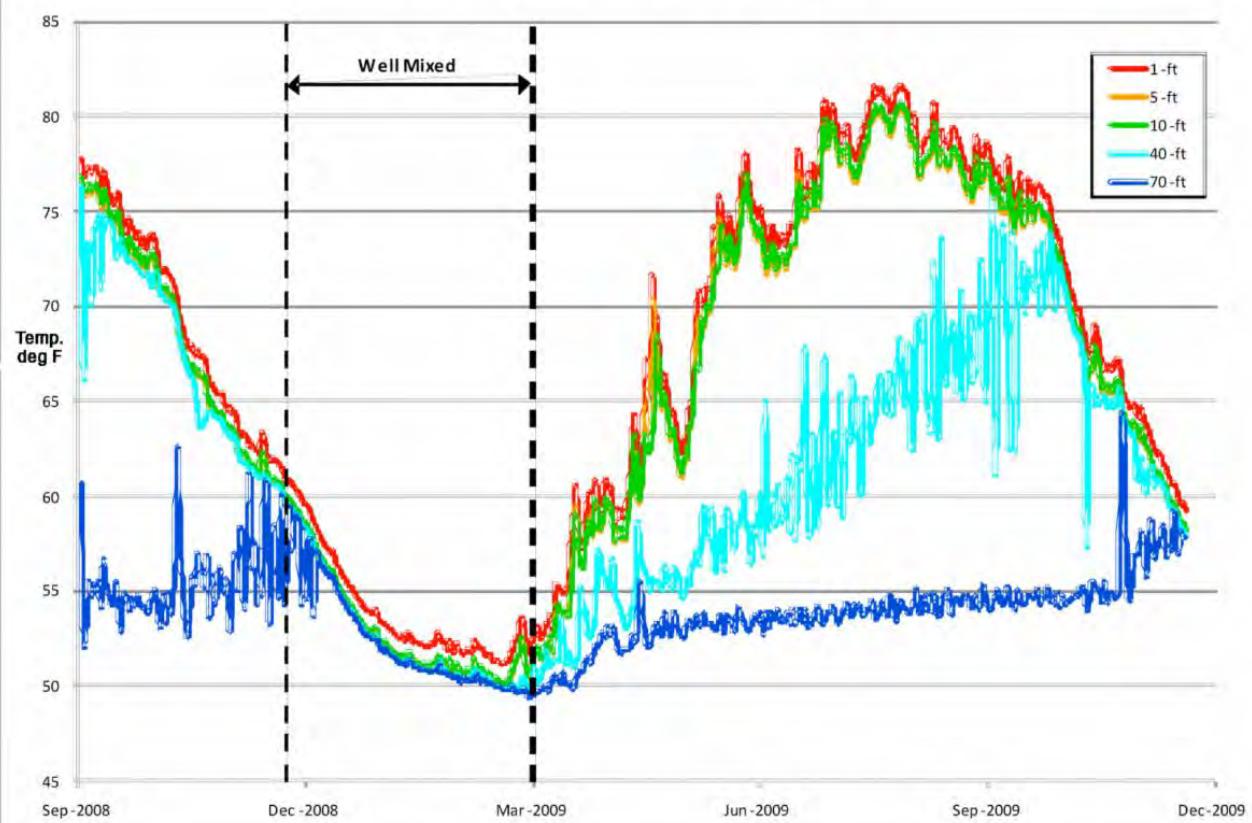


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Putah Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9051, [www.royalelkparkmanagement.com](http://www.royalelkparkmanagement.com)

The Capell Launch ramps is closed for obvious reasons! (See photo below.)



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### **Napa Supervisor Elections**

#### **District 1 Supervisor Brad Wagenknect and District 3 Supervisor Diane Dylan Retire**

The candidates running to replace them are:

District 1: Joelle Gallagher, Suzanne Besú Truchard

District 3: John F. Dunbar, Anne Cottrell

See their short profiles below but go to their websites for details:

As publisher of the Lake Berryessa News and president of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce my focus is obviously on Lake Berryessa issues. A new candidate's position on Lake Berryessa issues is critical to me even though I'm in District 4 and cannot vote for any of these new candidates. I have asked each candidate only one question:

"What is your position regarding the revitalization of Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa recreational, business, and residential communities now that Napa County has taken over management of the Lake Berryessa resorts under the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation?"

I also sent each candidate copies of the primary documents regarding the present situation at the lake which they will have to manage. Their responses are included in their candidate's information below.

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### **District 1**

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Joelle Gallagher  
<https://www.gallagher4supervisor.com/>  
joelle.gallagher@gmail.com

Response to question and document package sent: "Thank you Peter!"

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Suzanne Besú Truchard  
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sbtruchard@gmail.com  
suzanne@suzannefornapa.com

No response to question or document package sent from the Lake Berryessa News.



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### District 3

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Anne Cottrell  
<https://www.annecottrell.com/>  
anne.l.cottrell@gmail.com

Response to question and document package sent: "Thanks for these documents, they'll be very helpful."

Anne also contacted me and we had an enlightening one-hour meeting regarding Lake Berryessa issues. She is very supportive of the Lake Berryessa community's needs and the County's new responsibilities with regard to the lake.

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John F. Dunbar  
<https://www.votejohndunbar.com/>  
JohnFDunbar2022@gmail.com

Response to question and document package sent: "Thank you for sharing this information. I look forward to engaging with you and Leigh

Sears, as well as members of the Lake Berryessa community, to learn more about your priorities and ways we can revitalize the area for the public good."



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**The Lowest Lake Level in History**  
**The Lake Berryessa Drought of 1990-1993**

Published: December 2, 1990

An old bridge has risen from the water as the inundated town of Monticello re-emerges from an artificial lake that is receding after four years of drought. With each dry day, receding Lake Berryessa reveals more remains of the town outskirts, once a thriving farming community before the Government claimed it for a dam and reservoir in the 1950's.

"There was almost nothing left when they got through," remembered Harold Moskowitz, 64 years old, who was reared in Monticello and now lives near the dwindling lake, about 50 miles northeast of San Francisco. "They paid us off, gave buildings away, tore some down and burned some. What they couldn't burn they buried. The only thing left would be some streets and foundations. They didn't leave anything over six inches high, even the trees. It was a sad thing to lose that town."

Now, hundreds of tourists and former residents are coming to the lake and to this town near the bridge to glimpse the past.

"I was born in the valley and was about 10 years old when it went under," said Ronnie McGuinnis, a maintenance worker for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the lake and recreational area. "I think people are coming back because they are still distressed and remember being uprooted. They couldn't believe it was possible that this gigantic Government could come in and tell them to get out. It's almost like we were Indians, and they wanted our land."

About 500 people lived in the valley, but their number dwindled to about 125 by the 1950's, when water was getting scarce as Northern California grew. The Federal Government formed a plan with Solano County to dam Putah Creek to create a reservoir in the valley, which sits mostly in adjacent Napa County.

The 1,000-foot-long, 304-foot-high Monticello Dam created a reservoir that supplies the county and serves as a recreation area for seven resorts. Lake Berryessa normally is 3 miles across at its widest point and 26 miles long but is about one-third that size after losing 60 percent of its water. This week, the lake surface fell to 377 feet above sea level -- nearly 12 feet lower than during the drought of 1976-77 and 63 feet below normal. The average 30 inches of rain a year at the lake has dropped by half since the 1986 floods, causing the lake level to fall 15 to 20 feet

annually.

"If it doesn't rain, this lake could dry up in a few years, then you'll really get to see the whole town," said Jim Peterson, maintenance foreman for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Downtown Monticello remains under 50 to 60 feet of water, but outlying areas are being revealed as the lake dries up -- a foundation here, an old swimming pool there, along with sunken boats, motors, fishing poles and tennis shoes. Indian artifacts also have been found. Roads unused for decades have fresh tire tracks from explorers while the 1941 bridge, under water until this summer, is marked by muddy footprints as the span sits six feet above the lake's surface.

"People can walk across if they want, but it doesn't go anywhere," Mr. Peterson said. "For some reason, though, we're getting a lot of visitors even though there's not much to see except a few concrete slabs."

Arnold Roessler, a park ranger who is busy these days telling visitors how to find the emerging bits of the past, said people are searching for more. "It's too bad about the drought, but some people are hoping that it continues just so we can see what's really down there," he said. "It's like a developing mystery."

See a helicopter news video of the low lake at:

[www.lakeberryessanews.com/\\_Media/1-town-of-monticello-surfac.mp4](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/_Media/1-town-of-monticello-surfac.mp4)

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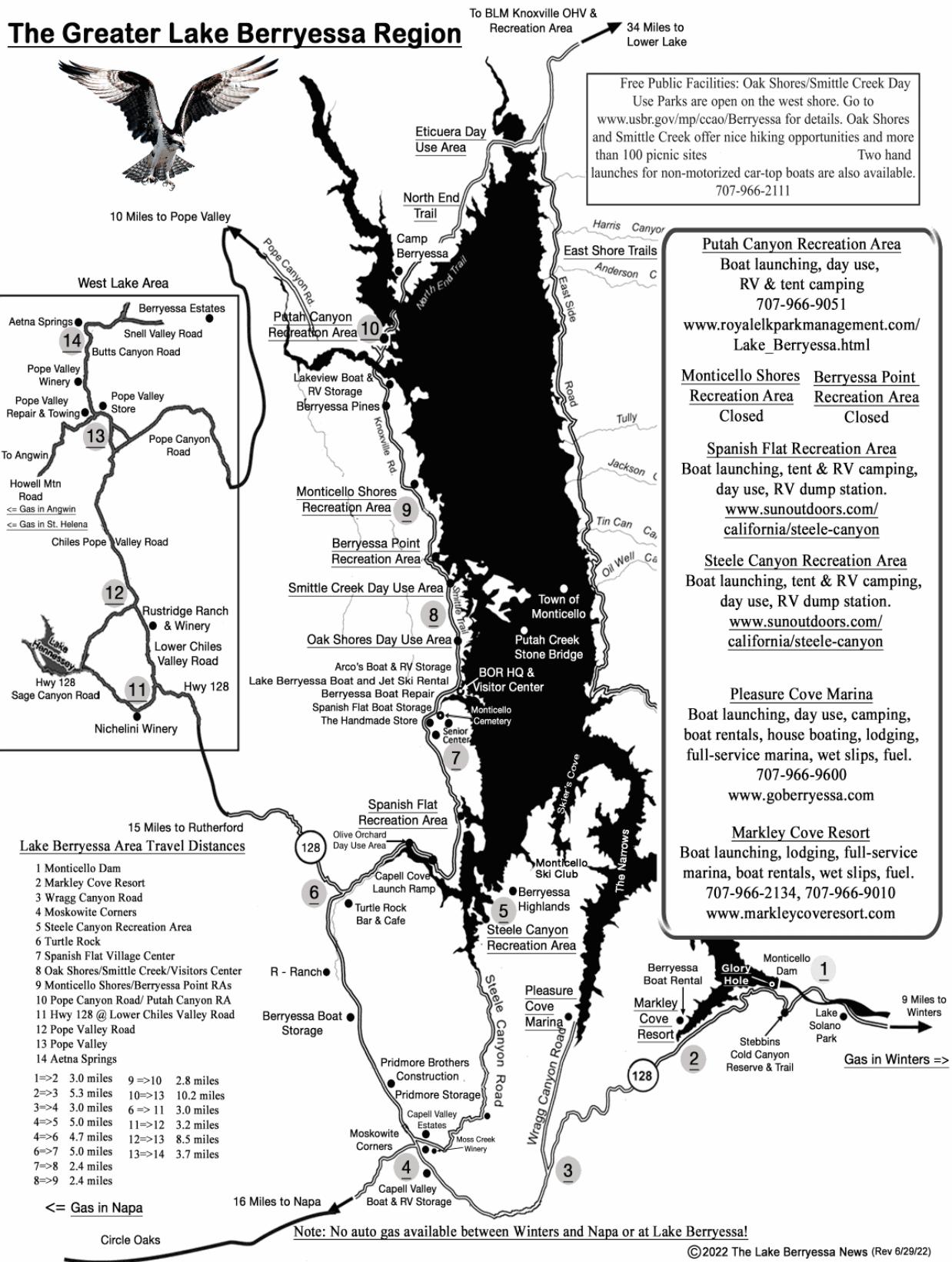
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## Lake Berryessa News, October 31, 2022

### Scary Halloween

Today is Halloween which is supposed to be a scary day of fun. However, the scariest day coming up is Tuesday, November 8, Election Day. The rich have trained the middle class to hate the poor. The important question for this country to answer is, "With whom or what are you so angry that truth and facts become irrelevant to you?" Is your motto, "Any end justifies any means"? Can you spell "Herschel Walker"?



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**Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday at 2AM. Set your clocks back one hour.**

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### Lake Berryessa Revitalization Progress

Sun Outdoors continues to make progress in the permitting process for Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area. Hopefully, they'll begin construction at Steele Canyon soon. One decision they'll face is whether to keep the resort open during the massive construction that will take place or try to phase-in the project elements while keeping the resort open to the public.

Since the lake water level is so low and dropping, there probably won't be much demand for boat launching until the level rises again. This gives Sun the option of closing the resort and dedicating all their resources to constructing the new facilities. The originally scheduled Steele Canyon Resort reopening date is Summer, 2024. I personally wish to see development occur as rapidly as possible.

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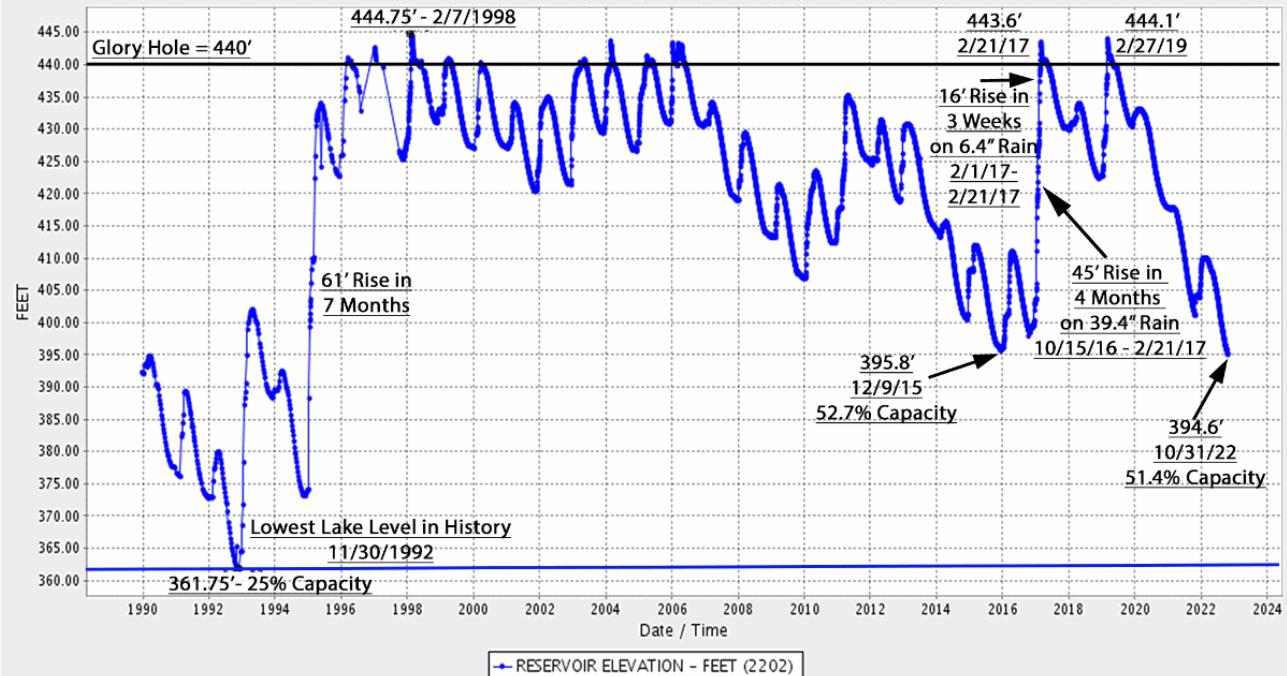
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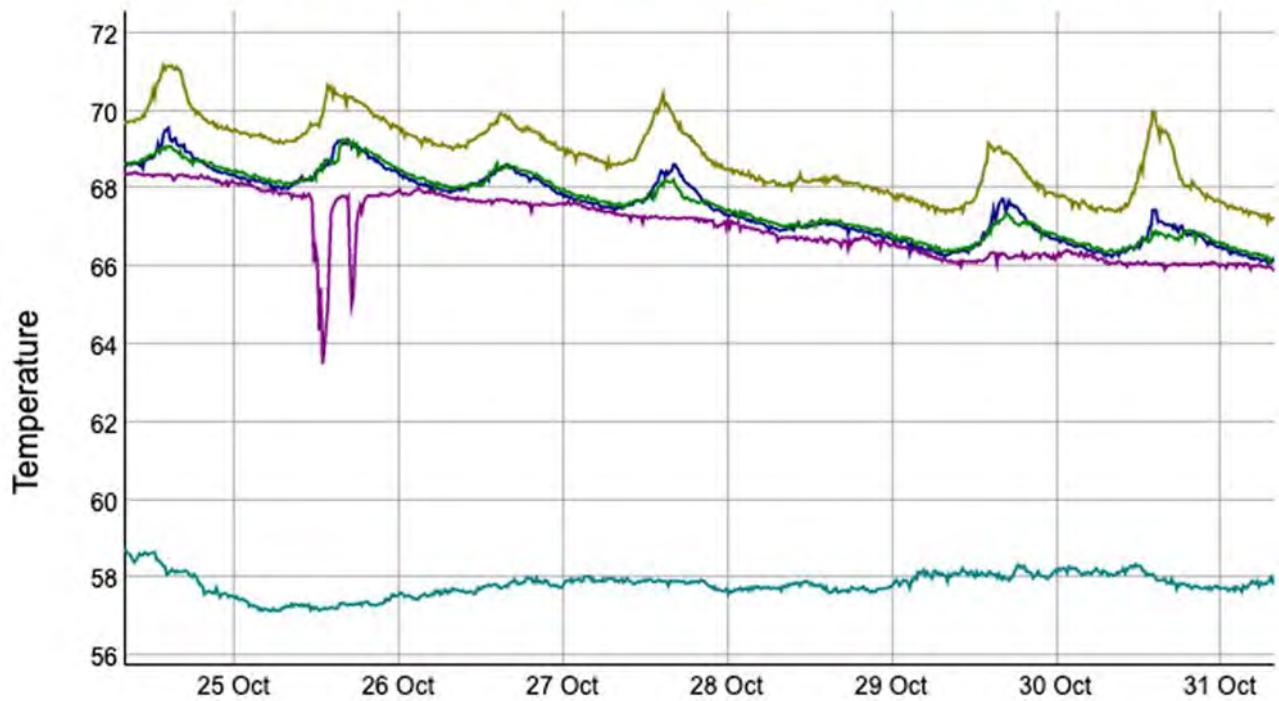
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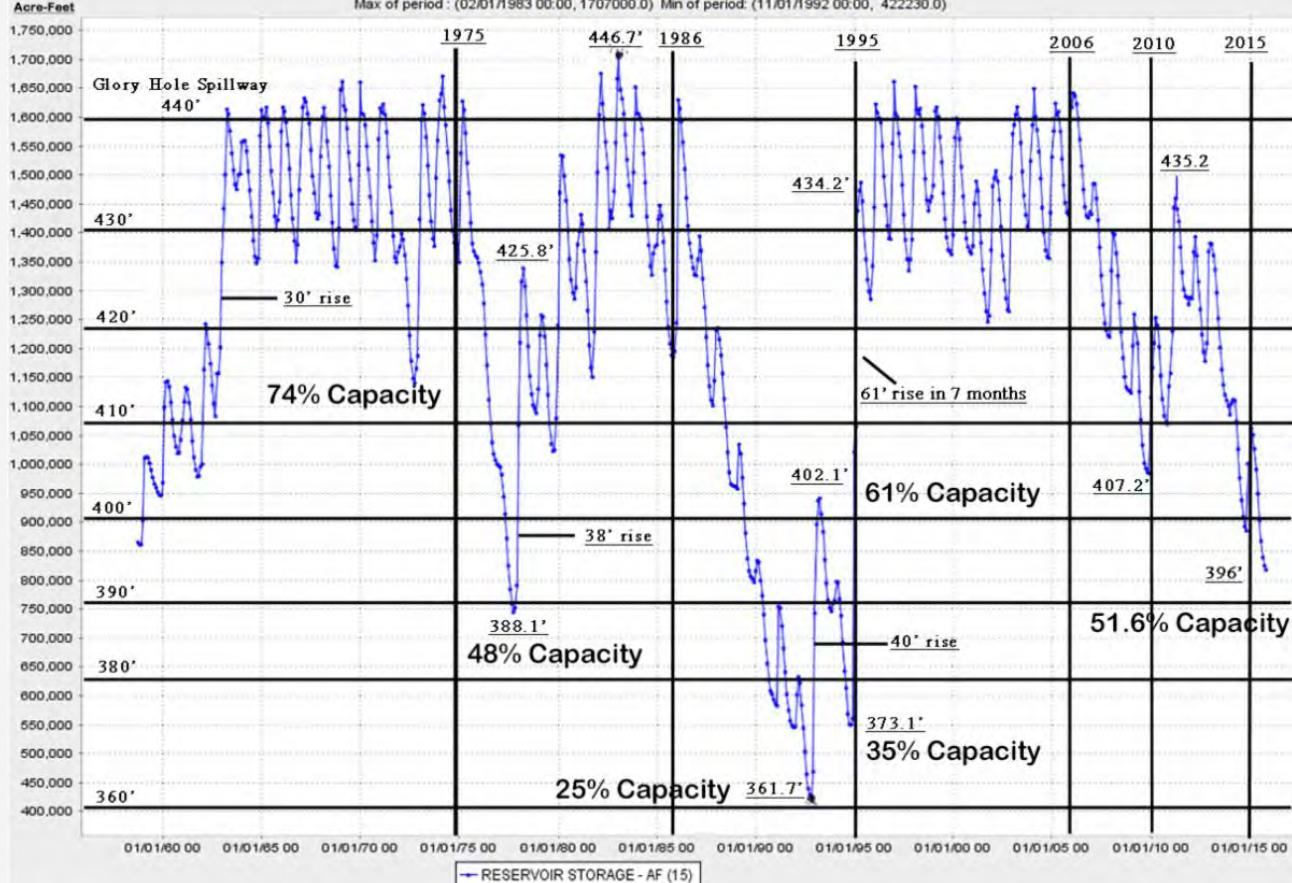


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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/231107393758315>

That page is more conversational and people post photos and ask & answer questions. It also has some of the latest information about the condition of launch ramps. Check it out.

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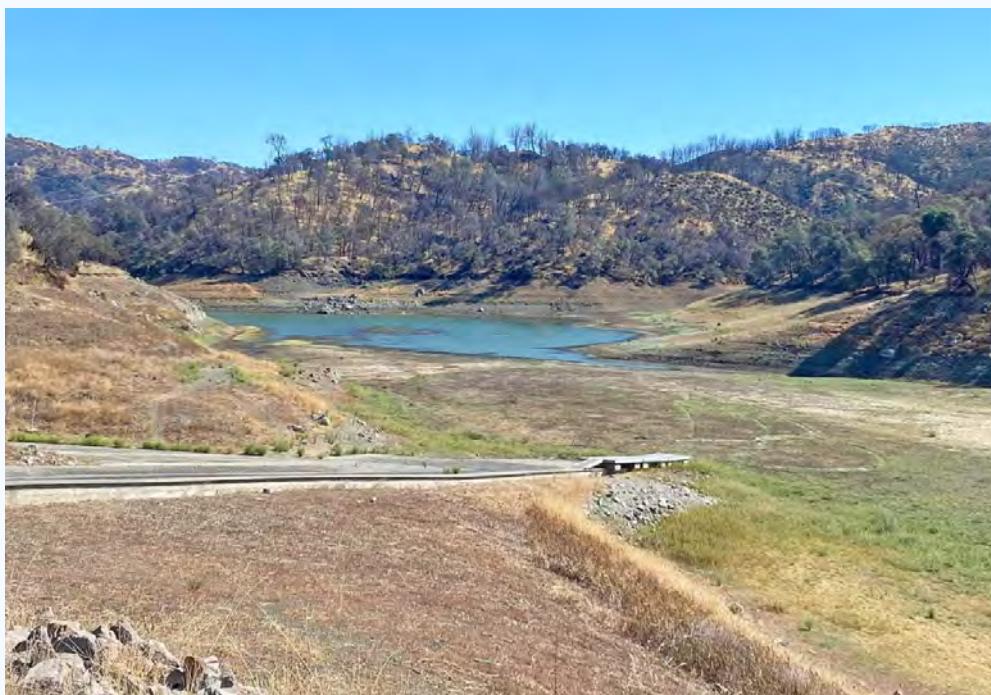
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**The Silliness of the Recall Effort Against Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza.**

"Any end justifies any means"?

Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza can legitimately be called a strong proponent of the revitalization of Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa community. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the future of Lake Berryessa since I first met him and gave him a tour of the area when he was appointed supervisor by Governor Brown.

Proponents of the Pedroza recall point to his involvement with his in-laws' purchase of potential vineyard land near the controversial Walt Ranch vineyard project. Pedroza denied having a conflict but agreed to recuse himself from votes involving Walt Ranch after citizens brought the matter up. The Board of Supervisors redid the December vote without him and the Walt Ranch project was approved.

The group that wants Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza ousted from office before his term ends must gather 3,232 signatures by Feb. 9 to qualify a recall ballot measure. Registrar of Voters John Tuteur estimates the cost to the Napa County of a recall election would be \$175,000 to \$250,000.

U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, State Sen. Bill Dodd, and Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, wrote, "Don't sign the recall petition" in a September letter to the Napa Valley Register.

Those who follow Napa County politics understand that Napa is one of the most anti-development and "well-protected" counties in the state, if not the country. Groups and individuals use about any excuse to try to stop any proposed development such as large homes, and especially wineries. This was clear from the attempt to pass the Stream Setback Ordinance many years ago and the original Oak Woodlands Initiative, as well as the follow-up

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The south side of Oak Shores Day Use Area will continue to offer restroom facilities, picnic tables, water access and a kayak/canoe hand launch.

Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. to reflect daylight hours' changes at Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Eticuera.

Capell Cove Boat Launch **area** will remain open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. The **launch ramp** remains closed to motorized boats until water levels rise again.

The Smittle Creek Trail and Lake Berryessa administrative offices are closed until further notice.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center and gates to day use areas will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center at 5520 Knoxville Road is open Saturdays, Sundays, and most holidays (exceptions above), from noon to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 through March 31.

Maps, information, and America the Beautiful and Lake Berryessa annual passes are available during operating hours.

For information on activities, fees, directions, pet restrictions or other questions, call the visitor center at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, the Lake Berryessa Administration Office at 707-966-2111 (TTY 800-877-8339) or visit [www.usbr.gov](http://www.usbr.gov).

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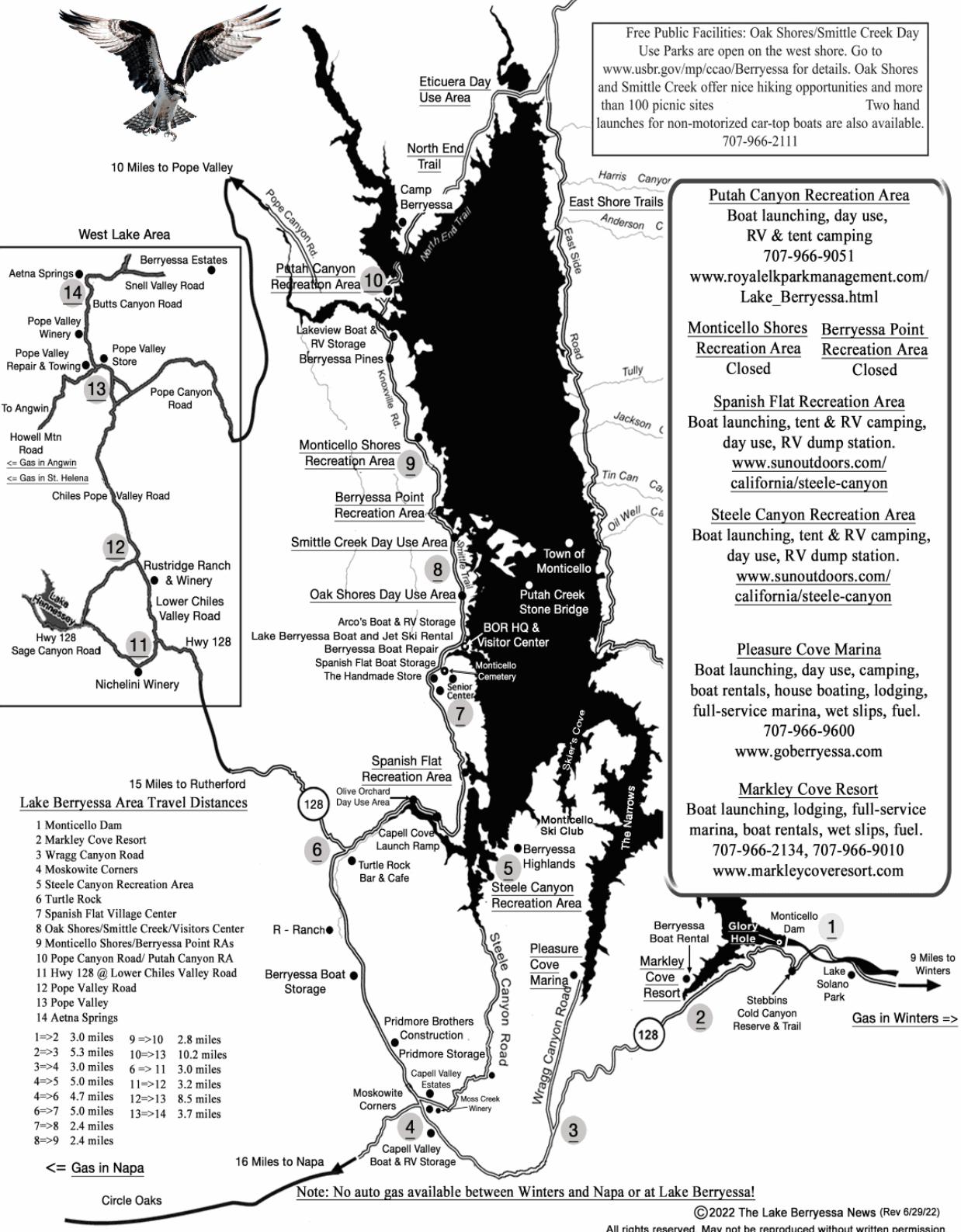
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**Updated Lake Berryessa Map (June 29, 2022)**

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**The Lake Berryessa News, December, 2022**

**Happy Holidays!**



The latest rains are a positive sign for the holiday season, but we have 46 feet to go...  
more rain due today.  
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In Memory of a post-wildfire Christmas Past, here's the 2020 Lake Berryessa News outdoor  
Christmas tree in the Berryessa Highlands.

## **Lake Berryessa Christmas 2020**



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### **Lake Berryessa Revitalization Process**

With two new supervisors joining the Board, we hope to have a unanimous Board of Supervisors supporting the Lake Berryessa revitalization.

Publisher's Note: Supervisor Pedroza is a champion for the Lake Berryessa community. Please do not support the silly little effort to recall him. There are better ways to spend the estimated \$250,000 this recall effort will cost.

Here's the latest on the Lake Berryessa Concessions From Supervisor Pedroza:

"After years of working with the Bureau of Reclamation, we reached an agreement and are making significant progress to allow sustainable and vibrant business investments at the lake we can all enjoy. Community outreach is planned as the environmental studies continue to advance. *Thank-you to Supervisor Dillon for her years of working together on this effort!*"

**SUNTEX:**

SUNTEX is the new concessionaire for Berryessa Point and is in the beginning stages of the NEPA/CEQA process. The completion date for this is December 2024 (approximately). Editor's Note: At present Suntex operates Pleasure Cove Marina.

**SUN Communities:**

SUN Communities is in the NEPA/CEQA process for the following sites: Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon and Monticello Shores. Additional services will be added to the site including Sheriff and Fire Services.

**Additional News:**

Napa and Solano County are collaborating on the Mussel Inspection Program for the Lake. Thank-you to Solano County Supervisors Vasquez and Spering for your partnership.

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**Short Guide to How Social Media Works**

A few years ago I was the Facebook/Twitter manager for a couple of political campaigns. We've all heard how mean-spirited social media comments can be, but to experience them directly is a bit disheartening. I even get what I call "Pointless Negative Comments" (PNCs) on my Lake Berryessa Facebook page.

Why do these people bother? Ego? Pleasure at seeing their opinion on the screen with no consequences? Releasing their nasty mental burps before they explode their heads? Many times I fell like responding, "I'm afraid you've confused me with someone who cares what you think or say."

There's a subtle form of psuedo-intellectual PNCs making the rounds. Here's an example of the type:

Post: "I prefer mangoes to oranges..."

Some Random Moron responds: "So basically what you're saying is that you hate oranges? You also failed to mention pineapples, bananas, and grapefruits. Educate yourself."

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**Lake Berryessa Statistics (12/3/22)**

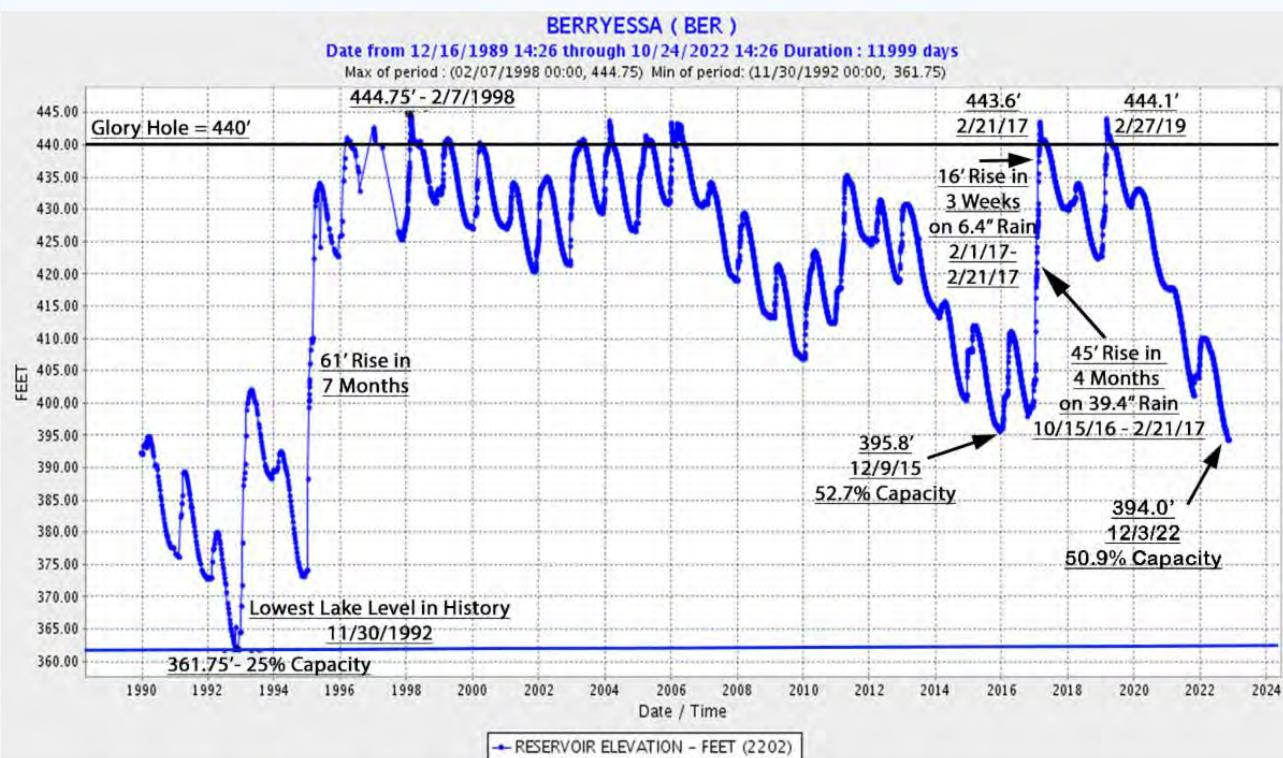
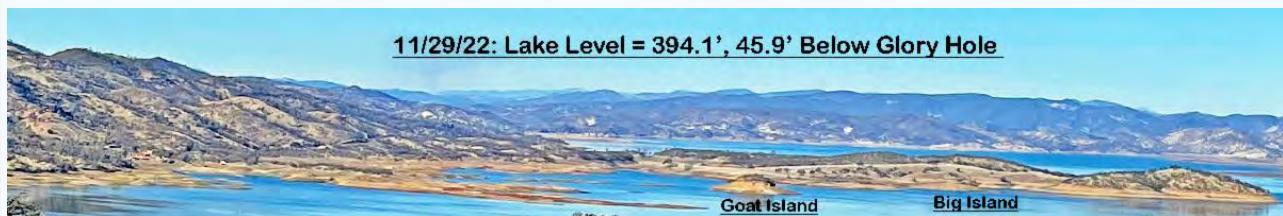
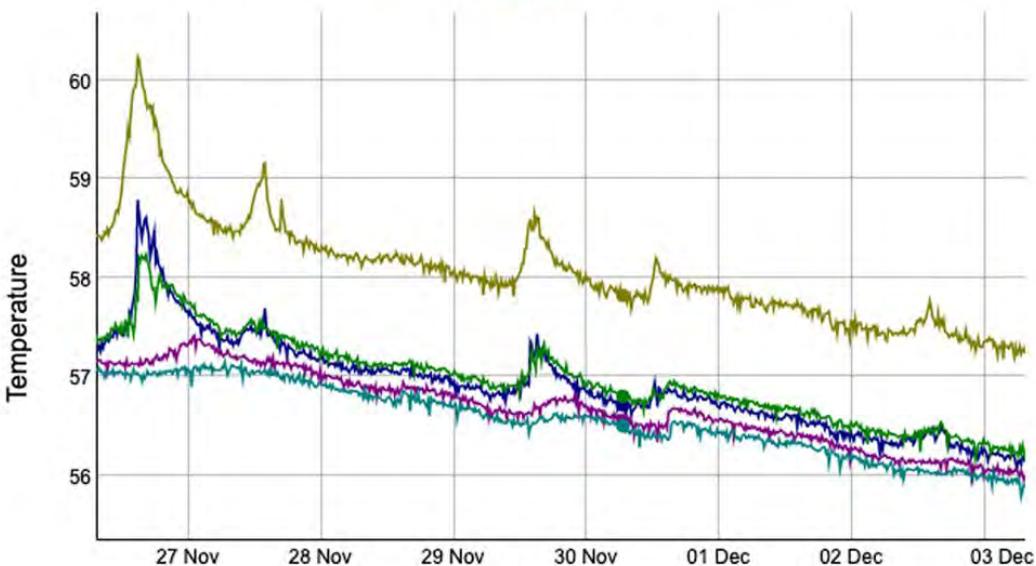
The lake is now down to 394.0 feet, 46 feet below Glory Hole, the lowest level since 1994, but appears to have stopped dropping for the moment. Rainfall at Monticello Dam is at 3.45 inches due to the latest rain on Thursday. Rainfall above the Berryessa Highlands is at 2.19 inches

Cobb Mountain rainfall is at 6.26 inches. In the northern part of the Lake Berryessa watershed, Cobb rainfall is more important to Lake Berryessa levels than rainfall at the dam.

The Gamble Gauge is at 50.9% capacity.

## Lake Berryessa - Temperature

2022/11/30 06:45: 1Temp01: 57.8 1Temp05: 56.7 1Temp10: 56.8 1Temp40: 56.6  
 1Temp70: 56.5



### Some Oldies But Goodies to Groan At:

Q: What cars do elves drive? A: A *toyYoda*.

Q: What is Santa's primary language? A: North Polish.

What goes "oh oh oh"? Santa walking backwards

What's the most popular Christmas wine? 'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'

What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

What do you call a reindeer that suddenly forgets how to fly? The deerly departed!

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace", so I bought her nothing.

There's nothing like the joy on a kid's face when he first sees the PlayStation box containing the socks I got him for Christmas.

If you're the president of a large corporation, nothing spreads holiday cheer to your employees like a \$20 gift certificate to Starbucks.

Remember, participating in an office Secret Santa pool is a great way to acquire a \$6 piece of trash.

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#### **Note from Supervisor Pedroza Regarding Local Road Paving**

Berryessa Highlands is scheduled for a complete paving next year, Summer 2023, \$2.5 Million.



2023 Berryessa Road Improvements (from the the County Website)

The 2023 Berryessa Improvements Project will provide road rehabilitation efforts within two (2) subdivisions (the Berryessa Highlands and the Berryessa Pines), Berryessa Knoxville Road, and Spanish Flat Loop Road. The treatments at each location are currently under design. The County will provide treatment to 24 roadways within the Berryessa Highlands and three (3) roads within the Berryessa Pines. There are 8.1 miles of Berryessa Knoxville Road that will be sealed, between Spanish Flat Loop Road and Pope Canyon Road. Additionally, all of Spanish Flat Loop Road will be treated.

Just in Time For Christmas!

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Around the 4th of July in 2020, some kids in the neighborhood and I decided to make some tie-dyes and sell them on the corner just for fun. We thought it would just be a one-time thing, something to do on a hot summer day. Little did we know. On that day, we discovered this one thing: People who stop to buy tie dye are AWESOME! We had so much fun meeting lake visitors and everyone else that we just had to come back the next day. And the next. And the next. And here we are, over two years later, still making tie-dyes and still eager to see which car will round the corner next.

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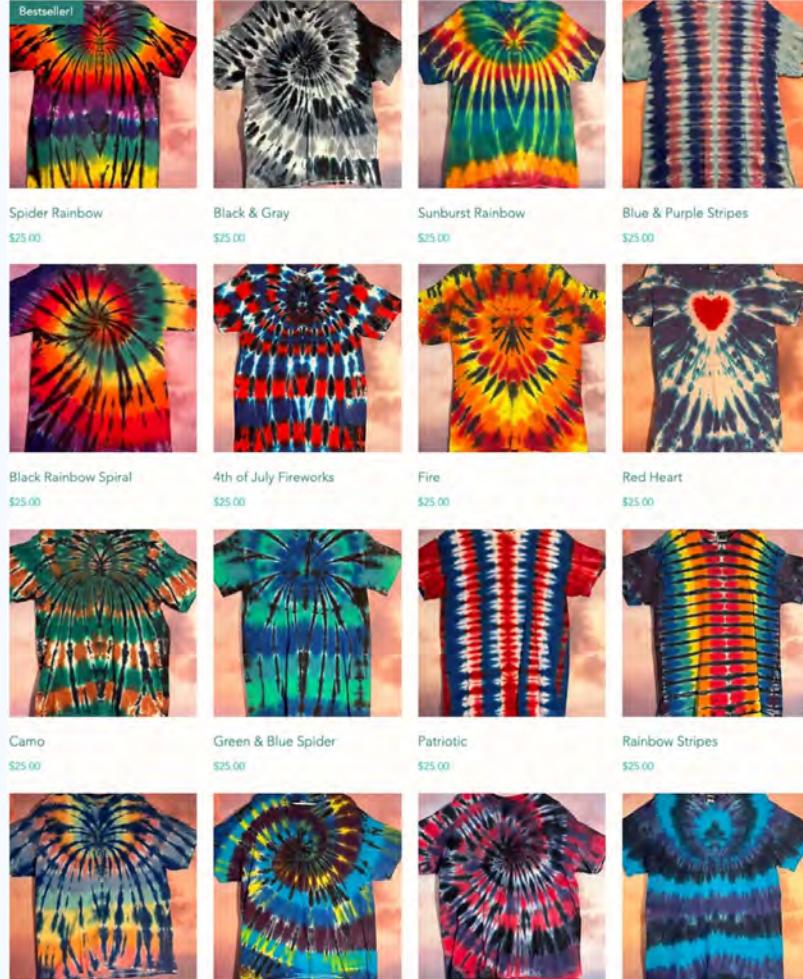
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**A single, devastating California fire season wiped out years of efforts to cut emissions**  
 Decades long studies have shown that global climate change is accelerated by rising CO2 emissions in the atmosphere. But a nearly two-decade effort by Californians to cut their

emissions of planet-warming carbon dioxide may have been erased by a single, devastating year of wildfires. The contribution of the 2020 wildfires becomes almost like a new sector of emissions in the economy - about double the reductions. A study found that wildfires were second only to transportation as the state's primary source of planet-warming gases in 2020, ahead of industry and electrical power generation. Many strategies to mitigate climate change are based on reforestation - simply planting huge numbers of trees.

In June 2019, the six jurisdictions in Napa County took action regarding the countywide commitment to address climate change and in 2020 formed the Napa County Climate Action Committee (CAC). But how do you practically fight climate change with thousands of acres of forest burning around you?

Bringing CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations back to safe levels, many scientists believe, will require the extraction of a significant amount of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, known as negative emissions technologies (NETs). One of these methods is known as biochar.

One local company leading the biochar effort in Napa County is NapaChar.

[\(https://napachar.com/\)](https://napachar.com/)

Napachar aims to bridge wildfire defense efforts with sustainable viticulture practices to create a greener, more resilient Napa Valley. Founded in eastern Napa county, Napachar converts woody waste from vineyard management and local forest fuel-reduction efforts into Biochar, one of the richest soil amendments and most stable forms of carbon capture available today.

Biochar is a remarkable soil amendment for grape growing. In particular, it increases grape production and grape quality by aiding water and nutrient retention in the soil. And because biochar does not degrade it does not require frequent reapplication. The increased grape production can result in a rapid return on investment. (Here's a link to a report from the Department of Water Resources with data from a 7-year experiment adding biochar to Pinot Noir vines in Salinas that saw a 30% increase in grape production:

<https://pacificbiochar.com/wp-content/uploads/Final-Oasis-Vineyard-Biochar-Field-Trial-Science-Report-2.pdf>).

#### Napachar Goals:

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## VINICULTURE VS. VITICULTURE: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

What do these terms refer to and how do we understand the difference? The scientific term “viticulture” refers to the science, study and production of grapes. The term “viniculture” also refers to the science, study and production of grapes. However, when we hear VINICULTURE we know the process is referring specifically to grapes for wine.



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Your decision to support the Lake Berryessa News will show your vote of confidence in the future of the Lake Berryessa community. I'll continue to do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community.

Thanks, Peter

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### **December Headlines**

Americans grow extremely concerned about Chinese protests after learning they may delay delivery of new iPhone

Nation's Old Men Announce Plans To Wake Up At 5 A.M. And Argue With Other Old Men Around Table At McDonald's

Bowl Of Soup Brings Man's Lifetime Carrot Total To 11

Rihanna Admits She Just Uses Whatever Makeup On Sale At Walgreens

Area Man Hospitalized With Injury Suffered While Trying To Explain How He Is Pro-Choice About Vaccines But Not Pregnancy

Activist Rescinds Denunciation Of Black Friday As "Exploitative Commercialism" After Scoring 50-inch TV For \$29.99

Lauren Boebert Withdraws Statement Of Grief Over Club Q Shooting When Told It Is Not The Q She Thought It Was

Fight At Local Airport - Emotional Support Raccoon Attacks Emotional Support Chicken

Disgraced New Orleans jazz musician doesn't know 'When the saints go marching in'

House Republicans Looking Forward to Making Sure Absolutely Nothing Gets Accomplished in DC

"You could keep your Metaverse avatars," Mark Zuckerberg reassures 11,000 laid off workers

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#### **Fishing in Putah Creek By The Old Town of Monticello Before the Dam Was Built**

Turns out there is very little information available. Thanks to those who responded to my Lake Berryessa News Facebook request (<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>). People mentioned German brown trout, rainbow trout, catfish, bass, and a few other species. The Napa County Historical Society did a search that discovered a couple of old newspaper articles.

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#### **May 14, 1926 - Napa Register**

##### **TROUT RAISING IN THE PUTAH CREEK URGED**

The establishment of trout breeding ponds along Putah Creek and a proposed irrigation reservoir across Putah Creek in upper Berryessa Valley, will be recommended to the State Fish, and Game Commission by Napa Sporting Club, it was decided at the club's meeting last week. The commission recently announced intention of operating such ponds for the

propagation of trout, particularly German brown trout which are popular with fishermen.

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Napa Register, June 5, 1891

On Saturday last, W.E. Thissell and some Japanese in his employ went seining in Putah Creek, and in two hours caught over 400 pounds of fish, one tipping the scales at ten pounds. At one draw of the seine, they caught over 300 small carp, which they threw back into the creek. That was right; the small carp should be protected, and in a few years the stream will be full of them.

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I spoke with Bud Gardner about fishing in Putah Creek as a kid. He and I are the same age and we were in the same grade at the same time - but we grew up in parallel universes. He was a country boy who went to grade school in the Town of Monticello in the years just before the dam was built. I was a city boy who grew up in Chicago and graduated from 8th grade in 1958 - the year Lake Berryessa started filled.

Whereas Bud and his friends rode their bikes right over to the creek next to town, caught fish, roasted doves for lunch, and slept overnight on a small island in Putah Creek, I had to take a public bus for a half-hour ride with my fishing gear to get to Lake Michigan. Bud mentioned pike, carp, trout and small catfish. One thing of interest was that he did not see many folks fishing the creek at the time. Apparently hunting was more popular.

The Bureau of Reclamation published a detailed brochure about which fish species inhabit the lake now. Download it at: [www.usbr.gov/oregon/oregon\\_lake/fish.html](http://www.usbr.gov/oregon/oregon_lake/fish.html)

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Crappie and bluegill, collectively known as "panfish", are two of the more popular game fish in Lake Berryessa. Although they are small in size, they remain popular for anglers because of high

Bluegill, and their relative the red-eared sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*), are the smallest of Perryman's game fish (less than 5 pounds). These ideal game fish exist in high abundance and are easily caught in nearly any shallow cove, weed bed, or dock area. They readily fly in shallow water and feed on minute flies and minute minnows. Bluegill are very territorial and will defend their home holding a series of sideways or overhangs. Although they are most prevalent during the warm summer months, they can be found year-round in most shallow, rocky-shore, 6- to 8-foot

shallow areas (less than 6 feet). Creepie (pronounced *creep-ee*), are slightly larger than bluegill (1.5 pounds maximum) and are often found in shallow, rocky areas. These fish can be hard to find, especially during the summer when they move to deeper water. However, as any angler would report, where there's one, there are more. Creepie run in schools, making large creel catches relatively common. Creepie are best caught in the evening, under coverings such as a dock, vegetation, or a fallen tree. For the best hook, try using a red and white minnow rig or a bobber with a minnow to lure these elusive fish.

TROUT and salmon, traditionally regarded as cold water fish, are inhabitants of the deep, open waters of Lake Berryessa, and can often reach "trophy" sizes of more than 10 pounds (the average size is 2-4 pounds). These fish are best caught by trolling, dragging a spinner or minnow on a line behind a slow moving boat in open water. A number of resorts offer boat hire, or you can charter a boat.

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method made easier with the help of a downrigger or fish finder. During the spring, trout and salmon swim at depths around 15-20 feet. In the summer, they move to depths of 30-40 feet. In the fall, they move to depths of 50-60 feet. In the winter, they move to depths of 70-80 feet. Most of the day, they are found at depths of 40-50 feet.

Another method used to catch trout or salmon is to use a salmon trap, a simple cage made of wire mesh, salmon eggs in open water among a school. Salmon eggs prove less successful for these fish, but it is possible during the spring when the water temperatures are still cool. Fly fishing is rarely used in Lower Plover Creek, but it is possible. Upstream Plover Creek is a good place to fish below the dam in Lower Plover Creek. Time, patience, and experience are all necessary to catch these fish. Rainbow trout are the most numerous trout that are generally found below 40 feet.

In the summer, generally spend their days and nights resting in deeper water, but they move to shallow water when it is cool in the morning and evening. They are often found in shallow water or other structures that shade minnows, fish, or other small creatures which feed on them. In addition, these shallow areas tend to be close to the deeper water where they rest during the night. The deeper water is more stable in temperature, and the shallow vegetated areas along the edges. Fishermen often use rocky points, floating vegetation, docks, or cover filled with trees are

species, however brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) and steelhead trout (*Salmo trutta* *fario*) also exist. Landlocked salmon (*Salmo salar*) are found in the region, and spawn in Upper Plover Creek during the spring months. All other fish that are stocked annually. Several other types of fish are also in the lake, including lake whitefish, lake trout, and lake whitefish, which were recently introduced here.

Catfish, the bottom feeders of Lake Berryessa, are abundant and easily caught in nearly every part of the lake. The channel and bullhead catfish (pictured) are the most common species, although the white catfish (*Ameiurus catus*) also exists. Dead organic matter is the normal diet of catfish. The average size for these fish is 2-4 pounds, although they can grow to as much as 10-12 pounds.

however they can grow enormous in the deeper parts of the lake, often exceeding 20 pounds.

requires the least skill of any type of fishing. The one method which nearly all anglers use to catch catfish is simply to sink a bait to the bottom of the lake, keep the line taught, and wait for a bite. The baits most widely used include nightcrawlers, chicken livers, clams, hot dogs, or anything with a strong odor. Placing a small bell or bobber at the end of a taught line, which alerts the angler to the fish strike, makes fishing for catfish a carefree and widely successful experience.

There are a few feeding habits of catfish that an angler should keep in mind. Although they feed all day long, catfish are most active during the night, which is why anglers generally wait until the sun sets to lure these fish in shallow water (10-20 feet). If you do fish for catfish during the day, keep in mind that they will be best found in deeper water (30 feet or more). Whichever way you fish for catfish, you will likely be surprised by the good luck.

Although not generally popular among anglers, Lake Berryessa supports several other types

anglers, Lake Berryessa supports several other types of fish besides the common game fish. The most prevalent of these is the carp, a large orange colored fish, in the same family as goldfish, which feed on organic matter. Originally from Asia, carp are the

most widespread introduced fish species in U.S. lakes and streams, and tend to compete with native fish for food and space. Carp can often be seen circling among the weeds in nearly every shallow cove around Lake Berryessa. They feed by stirring up the mud and capturing the organic matter which escapes. One of their favorites is fish eggs, which makes them especially undesirable among anglers.

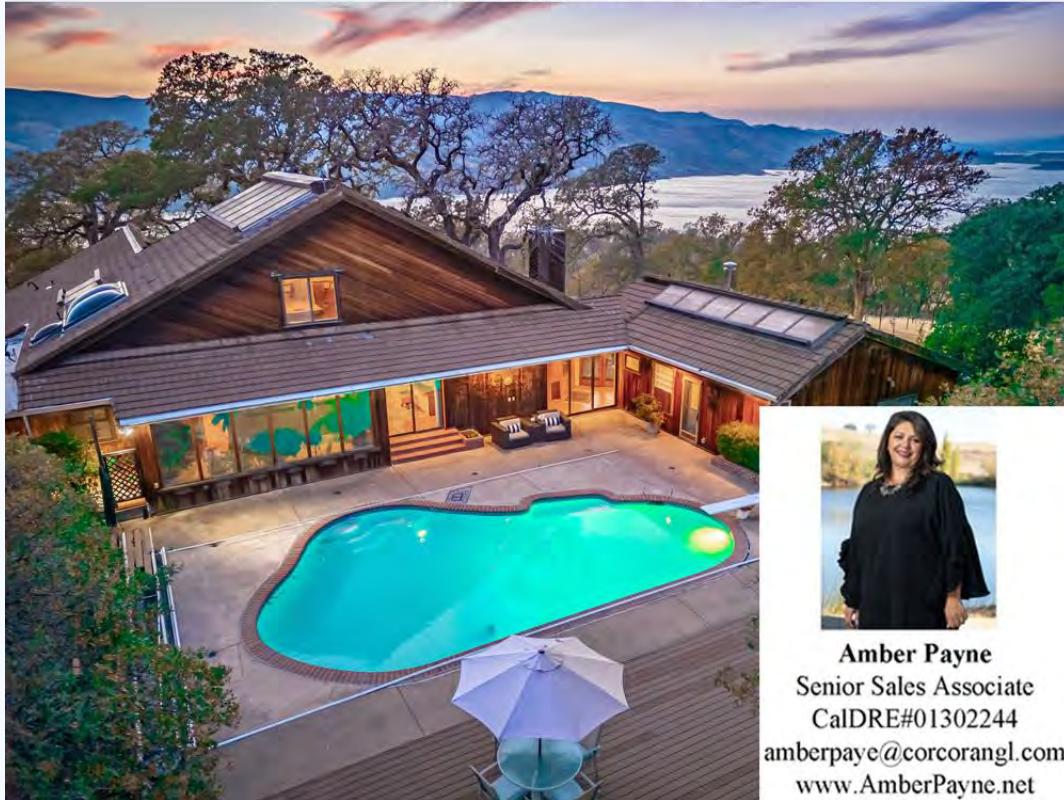
Although often regarded as undesirable by local anglers, carp are considered a delicacy in many

cultures, and put up a thrilling fight when hooked. Another fish which Berryessa supports is the native Sacramento squawfish, often referred to as the "pikeminnow". These large silver fish are actually giant minnows, and often feel angers who are pursuing the more popular trout or bass. They are often considered invisible because of their body meat, but, like the trout, they put up a strong fight for the angler who hooks them.

Berryessa contains a wide array of minnows, including the golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*) and the threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*). Lake Berryessa's waters also supports many other species of fresh water organisms.

In some ways it doesn't get any better than this. This property was literally the first property sold in the Berryessa Highlands more than 50 years ago and has never been on the market. It has views, land, a beautiful home, a pool, and more.

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## December Horoscopes

**Aries (3/21-4/19):** Armchair politicians will affect your life today as they rise from their dank pits and begin to conquer the known world.

**Taurus (4/20 – 5/20):** Catch-22 is better in at least 2 ways than Catch-20. Don't be caught in the Catch-20 loop.

**Gemini (5/21 – 6/21):** LEDs may come to the rescue for your today, shining fluorescently to the answer you truly seek.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22):** Presenting yourself with home-made cardboard awards is probably not the sanest way to go about giving yourself a morale boost.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):** - Make sure you have a

**Libra (9/23-10/22):** Today is not your lucky day. It's tomorrow instead! So that's something to look forward to whilst you're picking up your teeth with your broken arm.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):** Waiting for important email will take precedence over waiting for junk mail for the first time today.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):** The darkness you experience when you close your eyes might be accompanied by a low demonic growl today.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):** Don't be embarrassed by your actions today, embrace your flamboyant side.

special "getaway" persona that you can adopt at any given moment. Always pretending to be a cat might work.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):** Music is likely to help you through today, so try to listen to as much as possible.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):** Avoid the temptation to change your ways, lest you become half the person you are today.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):** A close acquaintance will come to you for advice very soon, and it may help if you keep that iPod playing in one ear while you hear him out.

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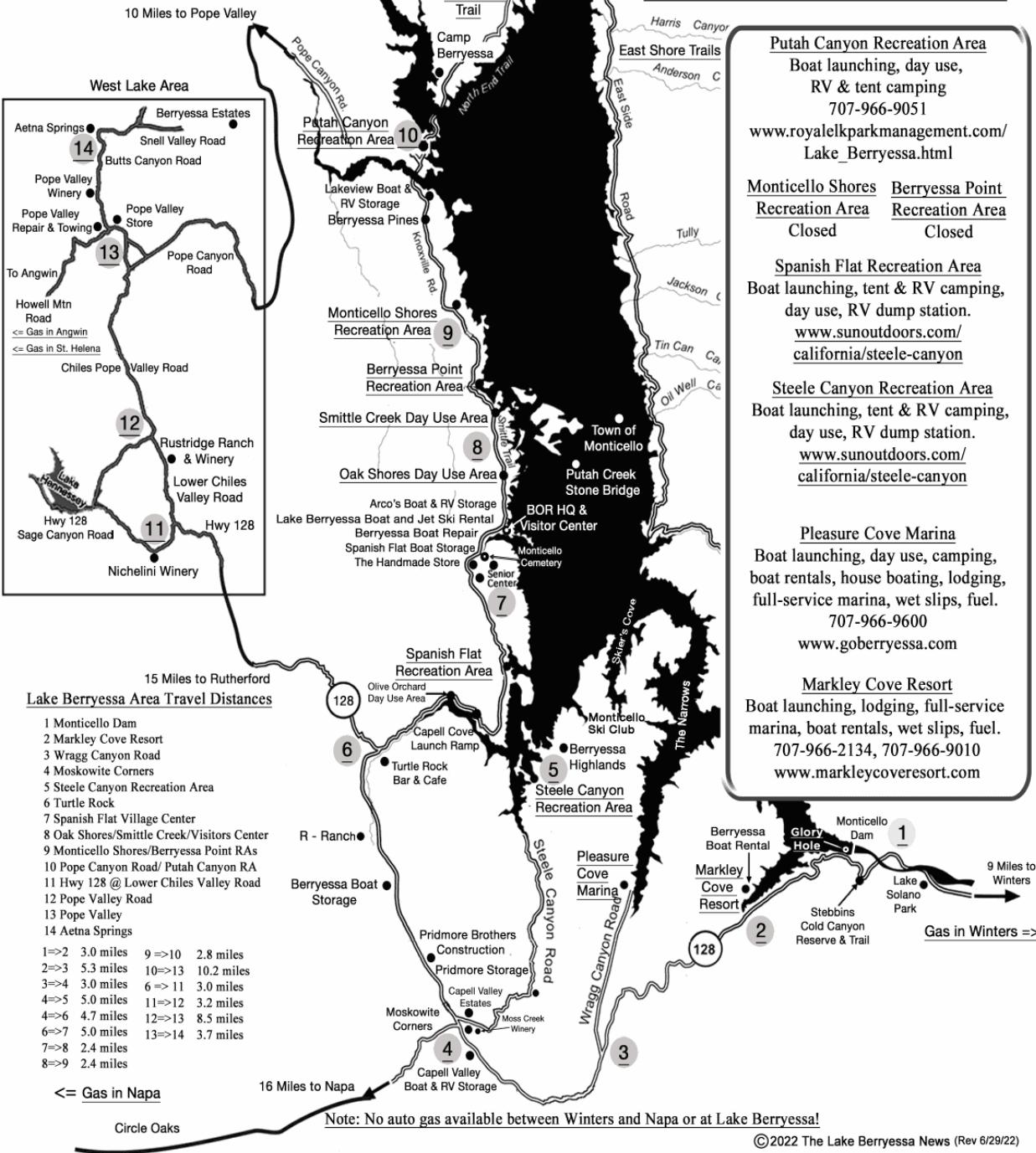


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**Updated Lake Berryessa Map (June 29, 2022)**

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**The Lake Berryessa News Special Rain & Snow Report, 12/12/22**

**Happy Holidays!**



In Memory of a post-wildfire Christmas Past, here's the 2020 Lake Berryessa News outdoor Christmas tree in the Berryessa Highlands.



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**Lake Berryessa Rainfall vs Level vs Capacity - A Short Tutorial (12/12/22)**

Peter Kilkus

Everyone is excited by the continuing rainfall at Lake Berryessa. And there was snow this morning on Berryessa Peak! The lake is now at 394.4 feet - 45.6 feet below Glory Hole and has risen almost 4 inches during the last few days. The lake had stabilized at the 394.1 foot level for the last week - 45.9 feet below Glory Hole. The lake watershed is at a saturation point and a level where it should start rising at about 1 foot per inch of rain. Since no rain is expected for the next week, we'll see how high the lake gets with continued runoff.

Last year at this time the lake was at 404 feet - 36 feet below Glory Hole. We had a wet December - 15 inches by January 1. But then we had no rain from January 5 to March 4 with only a few sprinkles after that - a bad rain season ending at 18.7 inches. That total would have helped but what rain we got always fell on dry ground and we never had any real runoff.

Some folks use a rule of thumb that the lake increases a foot in level for every inch of rainfall after the ground has been saturated by 2-3 inches of rain and runoff begins. This easy to remember rule is not completely accurate since the relationship between the lake level and its storage capacity is not linear. The lake profile is roughly a V-shaped bowl (with peaks and

valleys and inlets and large flat areas), which means that the higher the water level gets the more rain is needed to raise it further. It takes about 25% more rain to go from 430' to 440' than it does to go from 390' to 400'.

From December 1 to December 11, rainfall at the dam was 3.9 inches. From 12/1 to 12/9 the lake level stayed constant at about 394.1 feet. From 12/9 to 12/12 the rainfall was 1.9 inches and the lake rose from 394.1 feet to 394.4 feet - about 3.6 inches. The lake level continues to rise slowly even though the rain has stopped but runoff continues. So the first 2 inches of rain in December combined with the previous November light rains (there was no rain in October) was enough to saturate the ground and allow runoff to begin.

Rainfall at Monticello Dam is now at 6.97 inches. Rainfall above the Berryessa Highlands is at 4.93 inches. Cobb Mountain rainfall is at more than 10 inches. In the northern part of the Lake Berryessa watershed, Cobb Mountain and Middletown rainfall is more important to Lake Berryessa levels than rainfall at the dam.

One reader asked, "If 5 inches of rain have fallen on the lake itself, why hasn't the lake come up 5 inches?" If 5 inches of rain had only fallen on the surface of the lake, the lake would have come up 5 inches. But that's not how it works. It takes at least 2-3 inches of rain (measured at the dam) to saturate the ground before we get any runoff around the lake. The rain and runoff will vary by location.

The Lake Berryessa watershed comprises 568 square miles of land with varying rainfall totals due to location and geography. The lake level measurement is an arbitrary relationship to the rainfall at the dam since rainfall at the dam is one of the few actual data points we have. The rainfall on the lake and on the rest of the watershed is averaged into this relationship. For example, when the rainfall at the dam hit 5 inches last week, the rainfall total at Cobb Mountain in the northern part of the Lake Berryessa watershed had hit about 9 inches.

At this level, since the lake is a v-shaped bowl, the lake goes up "about" 1 foot per 1 inch of rain. When the lake reaches the 420 foot level the lake then goes up "about" .7 inches per 1 inch of rain.

Some folks have asked me what the Gamble Gauge represents. Since it is a measure of capacity you could assume it's how full the lake is - and you'd be right! I named it after my East Side rancher friend, George Gamble, who likes capacity (how much water is in the lake) rather than lake level as the best understanding of the real water situation.

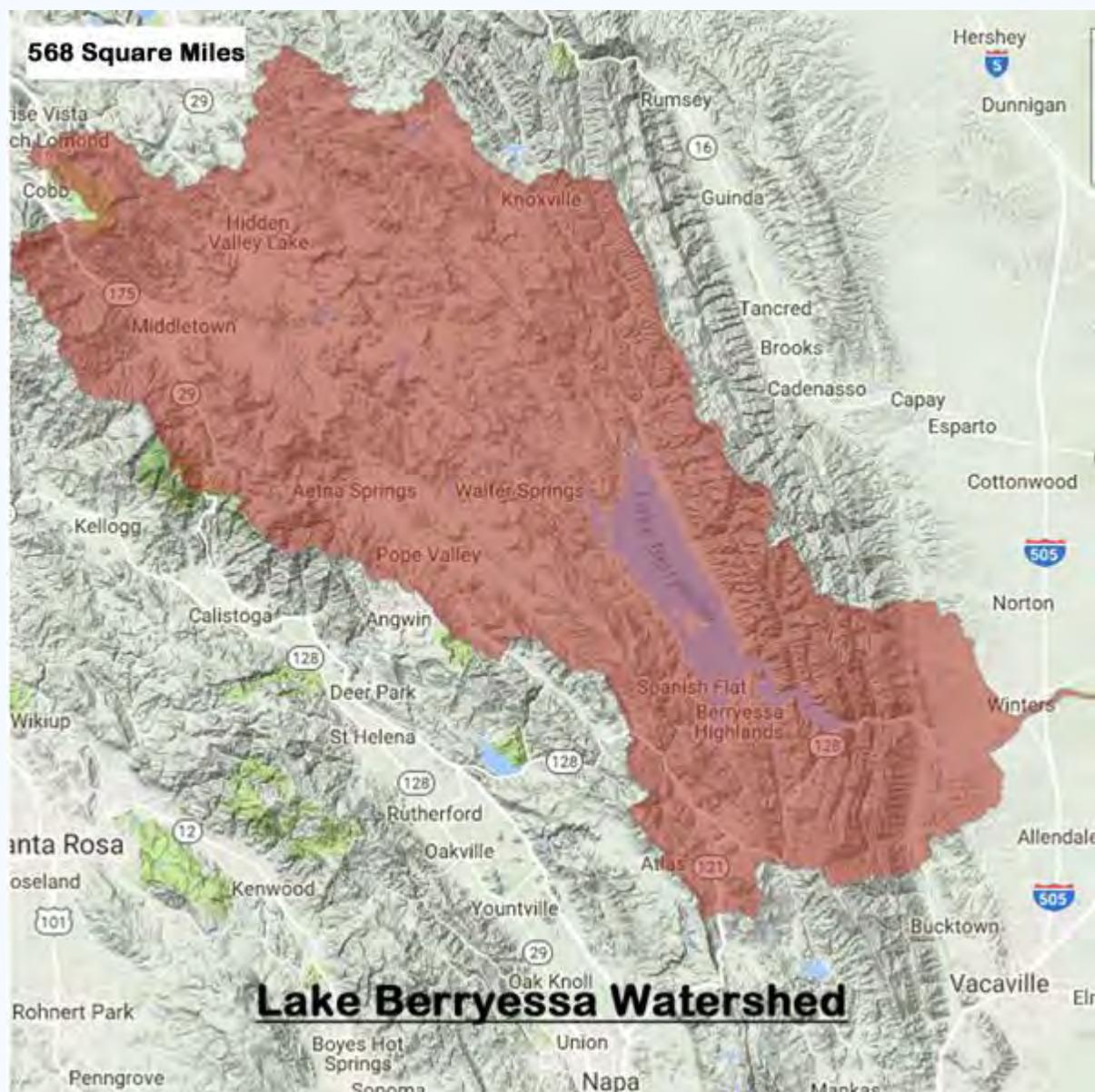
According to George Gamble, the Gamble Gauge is a float made of 10 exotic beer bottles floating in the lake opposite his house on the East Side, connected to an old tractor now at the bottom of the lake. He watches from his ranch with a telescope and calls me every day with a report! I think he's kidding. It's probably the Solano County Water Agency equipment at Monticello Dam. See the real-time details for yourself at:

[www.scwamonitoring.com/LakeBerryessa/](http://www.scwamonitoring.com/LakeBerryessa/)

The Gamble Gauge has risen to 51.3% capacity and continuing to rise with the lake level. The lake now holds 794,000 AF (Acre-Feet) of water. At its low point on 12/3/22 it was at 789,920 AF (50.9%). A full lake holds 1,551,300 AF. (This number used to be 1,602,000 AF but was modified after a detailed bathymetric study in 2013.)

The dam output has dropped from 700 CFS (cubic feet per second) during the summer growing season to about 55 CFS now as the need for irrigation water decreases. By law the minimum output cannot be less than 45 cfs (700 cfs = 1,388 AF/day; 55 cfs = 109 AF/day; 45 cfs = 89 AF/day) Dam output during the winter has little effect on lake levels.

The Lake Berryessa watershed encompasses the 576-square mile area primarily fed by Putah Creek which originates from springs on the eastside of Cobb Mountain in Lake County. There is no connection to Clear Lake or snowmelt from the Sierras. Putah Creek enters Napa County about 11 miles east of Middletown. It merges with Butts Creek just before it empties into Lake Berryessa. Therefore, rainfall over the Cobb Mountain and Middletown areas provides the bulk of water entering Lake Berryessa. One reason that Lake Berryessa rose so quickly in 2017 was the very heavy rainfall that occurred on Cobb Mountain and Middletown. Rainfall in 2017 at Monticello Dam was 47 inches while at Cobb Mountain it was 130+ inches.



**Snow on Berryessa Peak**

**12/12/22**

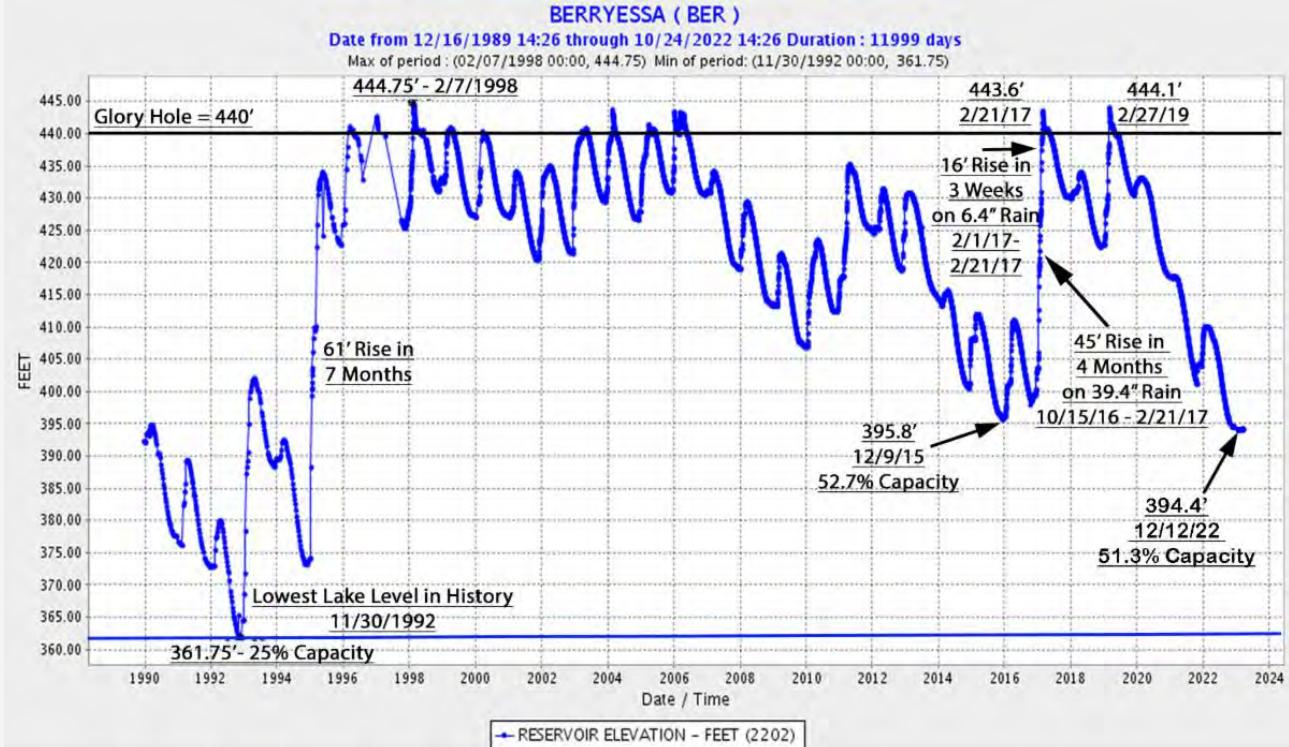


Below is a view from Sugar Bowl taken today (11/12/22) by Lake Berryessa News roving editor Evan Kilkus. It's one of those "I wish I were there" photos!



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The lake has started to rise from its low point - see below. The lake had stabilized at the 394.1 foot level for the last week - 45.9' below Glory Hole. This morning it was back up to 394.4' - up about 4 inches to only 45.6' below Glory Hole.



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Here's a link to a report from the Department of Water Resources with data from a 7-year experiment adding biochar to Pinot Noir vines in Salinas that saw a 30% increase in grape production:

<https://pacificbiochar.com/wp-content/uploads/Final-Oasis-Vineyard-Biochar-Field-Trial-Science-Report-2.pdf>.

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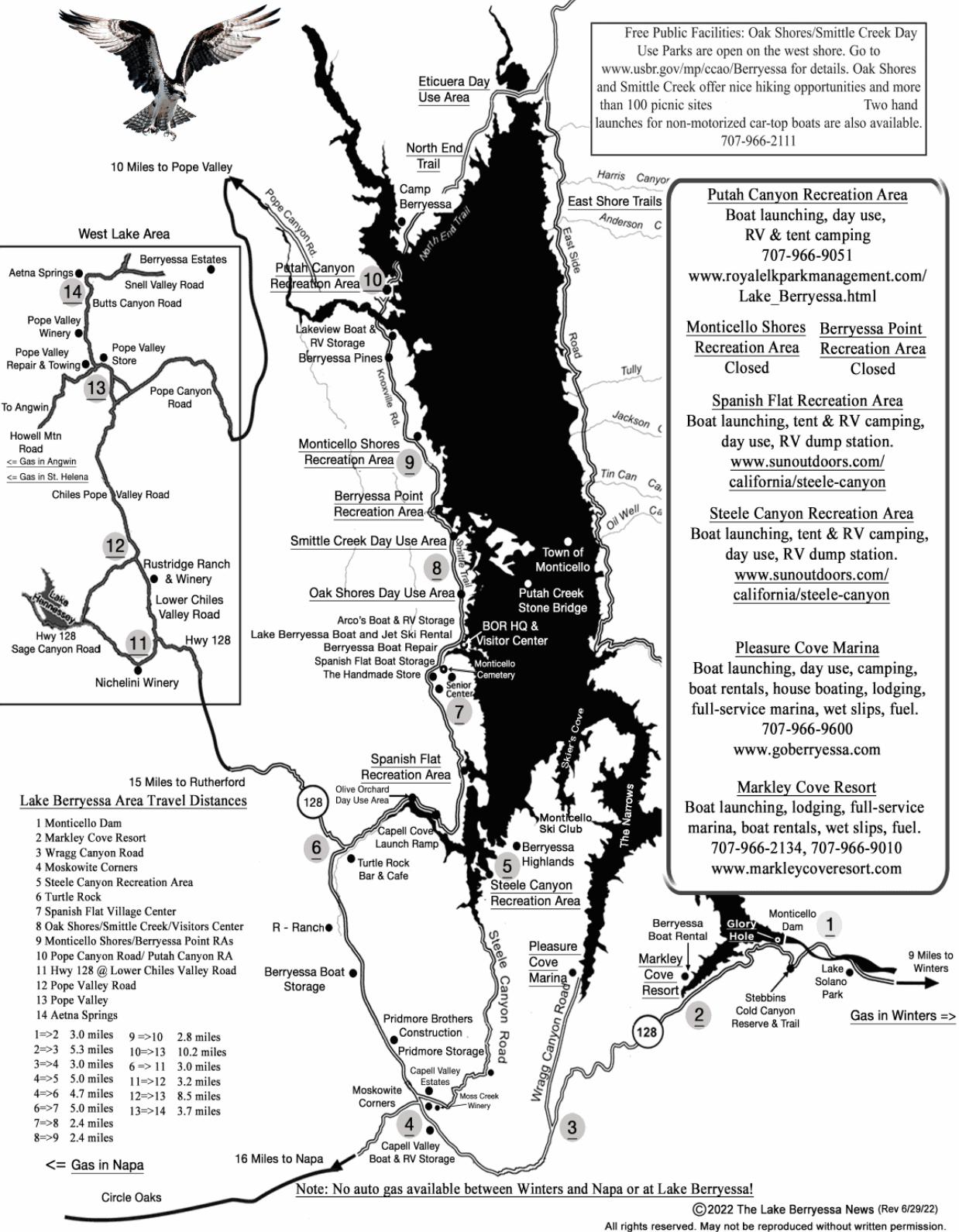


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