

Ten Years Ago At Lake Berryessa

March, 2009: Reclamation cancels negotiations with Markley Cove and Pensus because of a minor technicality in the bid document regarding future federal funding.

The Antideficiency Act prohibits the government from purchasing, or implying that they may purchase, assets for which funds have not yet been officially approved by Congress. This could have been easily resolved. A single government attorney seriously disrupts a decades long process. Requires a complete rebid of the concession selection process, but allows Pleasure Cove contract to remain in force.

May 15, 2009: Revised Bid Prospectus released for six concession areas.

May 26, 2009: Intense public pressure forces Reclamation to sign interim contracts with Markley Cove and Steele Park to avoid interruption of services.

June 9, 2009: Intense public pressure forces Reclamation to agree to operate temporary campground at Oak Shores Day Use Area.

June, 2009: Reclamation initiates “environmental remediation and clean-up” at each concession area, including demolition of millions of dollars of useable facilities and infrastructure (launch ramps, roads utilities, restaurants, marinas, lodging).

September 30, 2009: New bid proposals due; five separate proposals received. Some previous bidders dropped out. Reclamation’s bid evaluation panel analyzes latest proposals during November.

January 14, 2010: Pensus Group selected as most responsive bid for all six concession areas. Markley Cove loses the bid it had previously won. Markley owners question the legality of the results and demand an investigation. OIG Investigative Report finally determines there were no improprieties with contract award process.




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Lake Level as of January 2, 2019

The lake has risen 2.5 inches in the last week to 422.9 feet - 17.1 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall has reached about 7.3 inches at Monticello Dam. Last year at this time the lake was at 430 feet, 10 feet below Glory Hole.



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2019: The Tenth Anniversary of the Final Demolition of the Lake Berryessa Resorts! Still No Improvements in Sight After Ten Years.

2015: The Bureau of Reclamation Announces a Business Opportunity, or Prospectus, for Commercial Recreation Services Development and Operation at Lake Berryessa

2016: No Bids For Berryessa! Why? A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County

2017: Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?

2018: "Holes In History" at Lake Berryessa: Simple Incompetence, Fervent Ignorance, Malicious Arrogance! Ten Years Lost.

The headlines above document the last several years of Reclamation's promised "seamless transition" process. Never Forget! See the story on Page 2.

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

Give Big Island Lagoon Back to the People - 2019!

My latest 2019 recommendation, updated from my original recommendation in 2012, to reverse the arbitrary closure of Big island Lagoon to motorized family recreation.

This is the least Reclamation can do to help mitigate the significant damage they have done to the Lake Berryessa community, including the stalled revitalization process being negotiated with Napa County. Observation by local

residents for many years has shown that non-motorized use of Big Island lagoon varies between zero and none throughout the year.

The subject was never raised at any of the public forums held to date, as was specified in Paragraph 6: Land and Water Use Classification, of the 2006 Record of Decision. I raised it at the last Public Forum meeting held on November 14, 2018.

Drew Lessard, Reclamation Regional Manager, Central California Area Office, agreed to review the issue if I provided an analysis of the situation. Public input to support this recommendation will be very important to rescinding this flawed decision.

Recommendation: Immediately Return Big Island Lagoon to a 5MPH Zone for Family Recreation
(2019 Update)

In a highly unpopular move with no real public support, the Bureau of Reclamation arbitrarily closed Big Island Lagoon to motorized recreation almost ten years ago. This area was an historical 5 MPH zone and a heavily-used family recreation gathering spot. It provided a quiet, safe respite from the activity on the main body of the lake.

This action was taken with no public input or evaluation of its effects on lake users. Monitoring of the area for the many years has shown there has been no appreciable use by non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks. This action simply created a wasted recreational resource that had previously been used by hundreds of boaters on a regular basis. (Map on Pg.3)

Steele Park Cove (Willi's Cove) near Steele Park Resort was also designated as a non-motorized zone, but enforcement was never implemented. This lack of enforcement is a precedent for the lack of importance of this type of classification.

The closure of Big Island lagoon was stealth action hidden on a map at the end of the 2006 Record of Decision section excerpted below. This section also implied that no changes would be made until the Public Forum referenced in this same section was created. The subject was never discussed at any of the public forums held to date until November 14, 2018.

2006 Record of Decision: 6. Land and Water Use Classification.

"The WROS is not adopted as part of the VSP ROD. Existing requirements developed in conjunction with Action 17, "Water Surface Zoning and Restrictions," of the 1993 RAMP ROD are carried forward **on an interim basis** pending future adoption by Reclamation of the WROS or other land and water use classification system **in consultation with the forum established in paragraph 1c.** In the interim, certain areas will be reserved for use by non-motorized watercraft and electric trolling motors only. These areas are identified in Appendix B, map number 413-202-8."

1. Recreation Program Management.
The following principles and actions will be used to guide and manage recreation activities at Lake Berryessa:

c. Collaboration. Reclamation will sponsor a regular forum with the opportunity for public involvement to

promote communication, thoughtful consideration of interests, consistency and uniformity, and constructive resolution of problems or conflicts.

The Water and Land Use Recreation Opportunities Spectrum (WALROS) was **approved and adopted** by Reclamation in 2009. Its application by the Department of the Interior mandates creating the greatest recreational opportunities possible. All concessions/resorts would maintain the highest level of development in order to serve the public demand.

The standard for WALROS decision-making incorporates (1) sound professional judgment, (2) preponderance of the evidence, (3) a rule of reasonableness, (4) a sliding scale rule of analysis, and (5) a scale of degree.

Lake Berryessa clearly falls in the category of Rural Developed Setting and Rural Developed Recreation Experience. (See descriptions on Page 3.)

Conclusion

Since there was neither public input nor public support for this arbitrary action; there was no statutory authority or other justification for Reclamation's decision; and the action is in opposition to Reclamation's stated purpose to support and expand recreation at Lake Berryessa, Big Island Lagoon should immediately return to its historical 5 MPH status in anticipation of the 2019 recreation season.

(More on Page 3.)



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

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.

In several public statements, Reclamation claimed that there would be a smooth 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.”

Why did this happen? Follow the money. The table below shows the annual revenue of each of the five Pensus-designated resorts - as well as its appraised value. These figures are from public documents that were part of the bid process.

Under normal circumstances in the transition of a business ownership, the new owner would pay the previous owner

fair-market value for its permanent facilities as well as for other property and equipment it might want to keep. This approach is actually codified in Public Law 96-375: “...if a new concessionaire assumes operation of the concession, require that new concessionaire to pay fair value for the permanent facilities to the existing concessionaire.”

But this would mean that the entry cost for any new concessionaire would be \$32M. They would then have to make major capital improvements costing tens of millions more. And all this for resorts that had only produced a previous GROSS annual revenue stream of about \$12M. At least \$4M of that revenue had been rental payments from the long-term mobile home owners - essentially pure profit since the resorts provided almost no services to those tenants.

Not only would any new owners be faced with a major capital investment program, but at the same time 37% of their pure profit was also eliminated. This is a tough financial nut to crack during a contract term set by Reclamation of only 30 years.

Reclamation’s solution to this dilemma was to re-interpret Public Law 96-375 and, despite it’s own appraisal, declare the present facilities of no value to the incoming concessionaire, and require the present resort owners to remove or demolish everything, including restaurants, motels, launch ramps, roads - back to bare ground.

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.”

The fallout from this debacle was very damaging to the local Lake Berryessa community. The resorts provided hundreds of jobs. Steele Park Resort had a payroll of 50



people during its summer operations.

When Steele Park essentially ceased most operations, Capell Valley Elementary School lost about 10 students, bringing its enrollment to less than 50 students. The Napa Valley Unified School District prepared to close the local school and bus the children to the City of Napa every day.

But the closures also impacted many local and other Napa County businesses. Favorite restaurants have lost 40% of their business. Local service businesses have also lost 30%-40%, some up to 50%, of their revenue.

Just one closed resort, Rancho Monticello, has eliminated approximately \$500,000 worth of purchases from local and regional suppliers annually. This doesn’t include the loss to Reclamation of \$105,000 per year in franchise fees from the resort.

The real tragedy is that none of this ever had to happen. During the controversial government process that led up to the closures, two common-sense plans were proposed, LBVSPT A+ and the Resort

Operators Plan, which would have accomplished the goals of improving all the resorts without destroying them first.

At least one of the bidders for the new concessions, the Lago Group, a consortium of the then current concession owners and local business people, would have kept these five resorts open. But their bid was apparently disqualified on a technicality.

Steele Park Resort was arguably the best resort on the lake. It had one of the best views from its older but well-kept restaurant. The mobile homes blended with the environment with their subdued “Steele Park grey” mandatory color.

They were well-maintained with expensive interior upgrades - some selling for up to \$100,000 only 5 years previously. Their owners would have given them to the new concessionaire for free to be used as upscale short-term rentals under the new contract. Instead mobile home owners had to pay \$3,000 to \$5,000 to demolish them and the demolition continued at a swift pace.



Top Baby Names for 2018

The experts at Nameberry released their annual list of top baby names, with Olivia and Atticus in the top spots yet again. New arrivals include Genevieve and Rose for girls and Finn for boys.

Nameberry’s year-end popularity list is based on which names attracted the most page views in 2018, out of a total of 250 million views. It’s a measure of parents’ interest in baby names and a predictor of which names will become more popular in the future.

While the latest national list measures 2017 popularity (See list below.), Nameberry’s list gives a more current sense of what parents are considering NOW.” Below are the top 10 names for girls and boys:

Boys	Girls
Atticus	Olivia
Milo	Isla
Jasper	Amara
Asher	Cora
Jack	Charlotte
Theodore	Aurora
Silas	Amelia
Wyatt	Ava
Henry	Rose
Finn	Genevieve

Top Baby Names for 2017

(Source: Social Security Administration)

Boys	Girls
Liam	Emma
Noah	Olivia
William	Ava
James	Isabella
Logan	Sophia
Benjamin	Mia
Mason	Charlotte
Elijah	Amelia
Oliver	Evelyn
Jacob	Abigail
Lucas	Harper
Michael	Emily
Alexander	Elizabeth
Ethan	Avery
Daniel	Sofia
Matthew	Ella
Aiden	Madison
Henry	Scarlett

Onion Headlines

P Diddy Copyrights His Own Dance Move Called “The Diddy Squat”.

Mcdonalds Announces New Breakfast Sandwich That Includes Absolutely Nothing New.

Journalist Anxiously Waiting For Lettuce Industry To Implode So He Can Use "Fall Of The Romaine Empire" Headline.

Studies show people pretty sure they know what barometric pressure is all about.

Inside Facebook's Amazing Advertising Algorithm: Women Much More Likely To Buy Dresses Than Men, Dog Owners Buy Vast Majority of Dog Food.

‘Walking Dead’ Fans Split On Recent Harlem Globetrotters Crossover Episode.

Woman Trying To Wean Self Off Coffee By Switching To Long Island Iced Tea.

Man Spends Long Day At Work Waiting To Go Home And Be Lonely.

Woman Who Hasn’t Bought Anything Recently Wondering Why She's Suddenly Happy.

Mortician Always Keeps Hammer At Tableside Just In Case One Comes Back To Life.

Woman Finds It Worrying That All New Boyfriend’s Previous Relationships Ended In Breakups.

Ryan Zinke Apologizes For Misuse Of Government Funds By Sending Ethics Committee \$160,000 Vase.

Study: Most Concussions Can Be Prevented By Wearing Second Helmet.

Health Experts Say Tackle Football Poses Little Risk For Children Whose Brains Already Don’t Work That Well.

Nation Crisis: Shipping Tape Shortage Due To High Volume Of Amazon Returns Post Christmas.

Local man flips between CNN and Fox News during commercials in courageous show of bipartisanship.

"Millennials Are Killing The Economy By Being Poor", Says Businessman Who's So Close To Getting It.

Local College Sophomore Strongly Advocates For Sophomoric Philosophical View, Remains Unaware of Situation's Irony.

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6 **Historic Aetna Springs Resort And Its Award-Winning 9-Hole Golf Course Has a New Owner**

Some positive local news for Pope Valley. Hopefully the County and the Pope Valley exclusionists who derailed the last Aetna Springs revitalization in 2009, including the Lake Luciana project so many people wanted, won't shoot themselves in the foot again. Coincidentally, 2009 was the same year as the Lake Berryessa resorts demolition ten years ago.

The new owner is Alchemy Resorts. The deal includes the 672-acre resort property, the 125-year-old, nine-hole golf course that closed abruptly in January, and land around Lake Luciana and Turkey Hill. The plan is to "restore the historic property to its original grandeur through the development of a world-class luxury resort that showcases Napa's food and wine combined with leading wellness programs," the press release stated.

Napa County in 2012 approved a plan to restore Aetna Springs Resort including 28 historic structures, building a 12,000-square-foot lodge, and other amenities. A separate approval allows for a winery.

Aetna Springs has craftsman-style resort structures that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Restorations in the 80-acre historic resort core are to comply with U.S. Department of Interior preservation standards. Restoring Aetna Springs resort has long been on the wish list for local historic preservationists. In 2010, Napa County Landmarks placed Aetna Springs on its Ten Threatened Treasures list, noting many of the buildings were in an advanced state of decay.

The resort began in the 1870s after the discovery of warm minerals springs along Aetna Springs Creek. People could travel there by catching the Aetna Spring stagecoach in St. Helena at 1 p.m. each Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Famous movie stars and politicians frequented the resort over its long history.

In 2009, the county Planning Commission turned down the resort owners' plans to create the adjacent Lake Luciana project, which called for an additional 18-hole golf course and 16 luxury home sites.

The Lake Luciana project was seen by many as a major boon to Pope Valley and the Berryessa Estates but was opposed by a vocal minority of local property owners. The proposal was defeated by the Board of Supervisors on a 3 - 2 vote.

In January 2012, the county Planning Commission approved a permit to restore and revitalize the Aetna Springs resort and those approvals remain in effect. But the planned resort revival didn't take place. The beautiful Aetna Springs golf course closed abruptly last January.



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Napa County Unveils Strategic Plan

Napa County's proposed, three-year plan lists its "five pillars" to success. They are: healthy, safe and welcoming place to live, work and visit; livable economy for all; vibrant and sustainable environment; collaborative and engaged community; and effective and open government.


"We want a Napa County where our families, community organizations and businesses thrive; where everyone feels included and valued and where we continue to experience the natural beauty that is this special place," supervisors say..

Among the bigger challenges is finding a post-Measure C approach to the environment. Measure C narrowly failed to pass in the June election amid opposition from wine industry organizations and rural residents.

"We will work collaboratively with our community members and partners toward achieving these goals and will regularly share the results of our progress," supervisors say in the draft introduction. Step one is passing a strategic plan that has community support. Go to <https://bit.ly/2Otxmpo> to see the draft plan and to submit comments to the county.


Here is a sample of proposed Napa County Strategic Plan actions:

- o Use available data sources to evaluate grape and wine production to determine potential development capacity.
- o Convene a work group to explore establishing a countywide Economic Development Board with diverse representation to support small businesses and regional economic development.
- o Support Napa Valley Transportation Authority's autonomous vehicle bus pilot project in downtown Napa.
- o Explore options of using state properties located within the county for housing.
- o Create buffers around municipal reservoirs and develop a surface water quality monitoring program with the cities/town.
- o Adopt and implement a climate action plan.
- o Work with landowners to explore farmworker housing options on privately owned parcels.
- o Implement family early literacy programs through the Napa County Library.
- o Create a series of workshops to increase the public's understanding of county operations.
- o Explore the implementation of mental health diversion programs.



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Rural developed setting: A rural developed WALROS area is beyond a metropolitan area and the suburban ring of development. Rural developed areas may serve as "bedroom" communities for urban areas and may contain working farms, ranches, and towns. In this setting, primary road networks are common.

Although development will be prevalent and common, the setting has a pastoral sense because of an interspersing of forests, water resources, hills, valleys, canyons, wetlands, open spaces, and agricultural lands. Naturally appearing shoreline edges are common, although various water controls or other structures are also common.

Recreation management is prevalent and common but not as extensive as in an urban setting (e.g., personnel, rules, facilities, signs, services, conveniences, security). Recreation use, diversity, socialization, concentration, sense of security, and conveniences are less common than in a developed suburban or urban setting.

The sights, sounds, and smells of recreation and non-recreation use are common, yet interspersed with locations and times when the urbanized visitor may experience a sense of tranquility and escape from everyday challenges.

Examples of rural developed areas include areas with country estates, second homes and cabins, dams, power stations, primary and secondary roads, communication lines, resorts, marinas, small communities, full service campgrounds, county and State parks, farms, ranches, and small commercial and industrial establishments.

Rural developed recreation experience: The area provides occasional or periodic opportunities to see, hear, or smell the natural resources (e.g., forests, wildlife, aesthetics), but development, human activity, and natural resource modifications are common and frequently encountered.

In a rural-developed area, everyday sights and sounds are also important. Socialization within and outside one's group is typical, and the presence of other visitors is expected. The opportunity to relieve stress, alter everyday routines, and achieve a moderate level of comfort and convenience along with a sense of safety and security is important.

The array of recreation activities may be diverse, ranging from relaxation and contemplation (e.g., sunbathing, sailboating, shoreline fishing) to physical exertion and challenge (e.g., competing in shoreline and water sports, tournament fishing, ice fishing, water skiing, snowmobiling, motocross racing, and kayaking).

The rural developed area is typically attractive for day use by weekend visitors from local metropolitan areas, nearby communities, short-term campers, recreational vehicle users, large groups, and adventure tourists within a day's drive.

January 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your spectacular canoeing death will owe much to the life's work of David Bushnell (1742-1824), inventor of the submersible anti-ship mine.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): 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.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your psyche suffers retroactive trauma this week when, after you break up with your scientist lover, he invents a time machine and travels back to the '70s to ruin your once-happy childhood.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): They may tell you you're deluded, that you've lost your mind, but you know good and well that those jabbering, naysaying radiators in your apartment don't know what they're talking about.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): You'll turn to religion this week, dislocating your neck, both shoulders, and most of your tendons in the process.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Love has been compared to many, many things, but thanks to your unique outsider's perspective, you'll be the first to spot its uncanny resemblance to the international bauxite market.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The old saying that there are no second acts in life may or may not be true for everyone, but you're going to be more concerned with how they just skipped ahead to the ending.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your week will be so varied, interesting, and surprising that eventually the coroner will just give up, shrug, and write "heart failure" in the spot marked "Cause of Death".

Libra (9/23-10/22): 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.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You're no art expert, but you know what you like, which explains all the meatball sandwiches hanging on your walls.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It might not be today, and it might not be tomorrow, but you'll soon come to regret staging a pie-eating contest to select a new wife.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The stars apologize for last week's prediction of "money problems." Looks like they forgot the "k" in there.



Big Island Lagoon Restrictions

To study (verb, modern): Act of texting, talking, eating, and watching TV with an open textbook nearby.

There is great need for a sarcasm font.

Nothing feels worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

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4 Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council Begins Winter Defensible Space Work

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Napa County and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, for the 8th year the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council will resume our winter defensible space projects! In the previous 7 years we have run the crews around the neighborhood for a total of more than 200 days. This winter we are hoping to get the Cal Fire/Department of Corrections Delta Crews for another 30 days.

The Council decided that one of the first things we want to do with the crews is have them work in the area of the Steele Fire. Our goal will be to cut and burn off the standing dead trees that are on the lots where the homes burned down. We want to help those that lost their homes and those that almost lost their homes.

As in past years, throughout this winter season we will burn brush piles when conditions are favorable. We will post advanced notifications on Nextdoor when we plan to burn, so you will know when you can expect to see and/or smell smoke.

A REMINDER, the CAL Fire/Dept. of Corrections Inmate Hand Crew is here to work and help. They are all pretty good people, who have done some wrong. The rule is you are allowed to wave, or say hi, basically, be courteous and/or appreciative, but for security purposes, we civilians are not allowed to have conversations with the inmates, and they are not allowed to take

ANY items from us, including soda, candy, treats, or any other gratuity. Please do, though, if you see the CAL Fire Captain and supervising the crew, say thanks to them, shake their hands, and tell them sincerely “thank you” for saving your home!

We will release the map and plan for this winter’s crew days soon, so stay tuned for that. But for now, know we will be all over the place this winter thanks to the great support from landowners and homeowners all around the neighborhood. I also want to take this opportunity to BEG you, please do your part this winter to make your home more fire safe!

Please CUT DOWN AND REMOVE every plant within 3 to 5 feet of your home, deck, or vehicles in the driveway. Please UPGRADE ALL YOUR VENTS to Vulcan Vents. Embers that are blown into your attic or under your home will burn your house down. And please, Please, PLEASE.... if you have large bunches of Juniper or Rosemary in your yard, GET RID OF THEM FIREBALLS!!!

While wildfires can be unpredictable, they are also quite predictable. Taking these substantial steps, plus doing all the other standard things we talk about (general defensible space, thorough weed whacking, cleaning gutters in May), will help - and MAY HELP SAVE YOUR HOME. But all the Crew Days in the world WON'T help if you don't make YOUR home defendABLE!

Evan Kilkus, Volunteer Project Coordinator: Highlands@napafirewise.org.

Onion Report: 750,000 Americans Die During 1st Attempt To Get Back In Shape!

According to an alarming report just published, three quarters of a million Americans die annually during their first attempt to get back in shape. “We found that, each year, about 225,000 out-of-shape Americans collapse and perish within the first three minutes of attempting to start jogging again, with most typically not making it to the end of their own block,” said the study - adding that a further 60,000 Americans who decide to improve their health by swimming laps succumb to overexertion every year and sink to the bottom of the pool and drown after just a few strokes.

“Perhaps most troubling, our data show that 60 percent of Americans who commit to regaining their former level of physical fitness by hiring a personal trainer at a gym drop dead almost instantly during their first abdominal crunch. And another 30 percent die while stretching before they even begin their workout.” The study further noted that, of the Americans who managed to survive their first attempt at exercise in years, nine in 10 suffered from debilitating pain for the rest of their lives.

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Gallup: The Obamas are America's most admired man and woman

Michelle Obama unseated Hillary Clinton as the most admired woman in the U.S., claiming the title alongside her husband, former President Barack Obama, who has remained the most admired man for 11 straight years, according to Gallup's annual poll.

The big picture: Clinton held the title of most admired woman for 17 consecutive years, but this year was surpassed by both Obama and Oprah Winfrey. President Trump came in second place for the fourth year in a row, marking only the 13th time — and Trump's second — that a sitting president didn't top the list since its inception in 1946.

Most admired man:

Barack Obama (19%)
Donald Trump (13%)
George W. Bush (2%)
Pope Francis (2%)
Bill Gates (1%)
Bernie Sanders (1%)
Bill Clinton (1%)
Dalai Lama (1%)
Joe Biden, 1%
Elon Musk (1%)

Most admired woman:

Michelle Obama (15%)
Oprah Winfrey (5%)
Hillary Clinton (4%)
Melania Trump (4%)
Queen Elizabeth II (2%)
Angela Merkel (2%)
Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2%)
Ellen DeGeneres (2%)
Nikki Haley (1%)
Malala Yousafzai (1%)

Gallup's annual survey, conducted Dec. 3-12 this year, asks Americans, in an open-ended question, to name the man and woman living anywhere in the world today whom they admire most. Gallup first asked the question in 1946 and every year since, except 1976.

Also among the top 10 most admired women this year is Queen Elizabeth, who placed in the top 10 for a record 50th time. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, human rights activist Malala Yousafzai and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi are the other top 10 finishers this year.

Barack Obama Closing in on Record Number of First-Place

Finishes for Men

Barack Obama is now just one first-place finish short of tying Dwight Eisenhower for the most times being Most Admired Man. Eisenhower won the distinction 12 times.

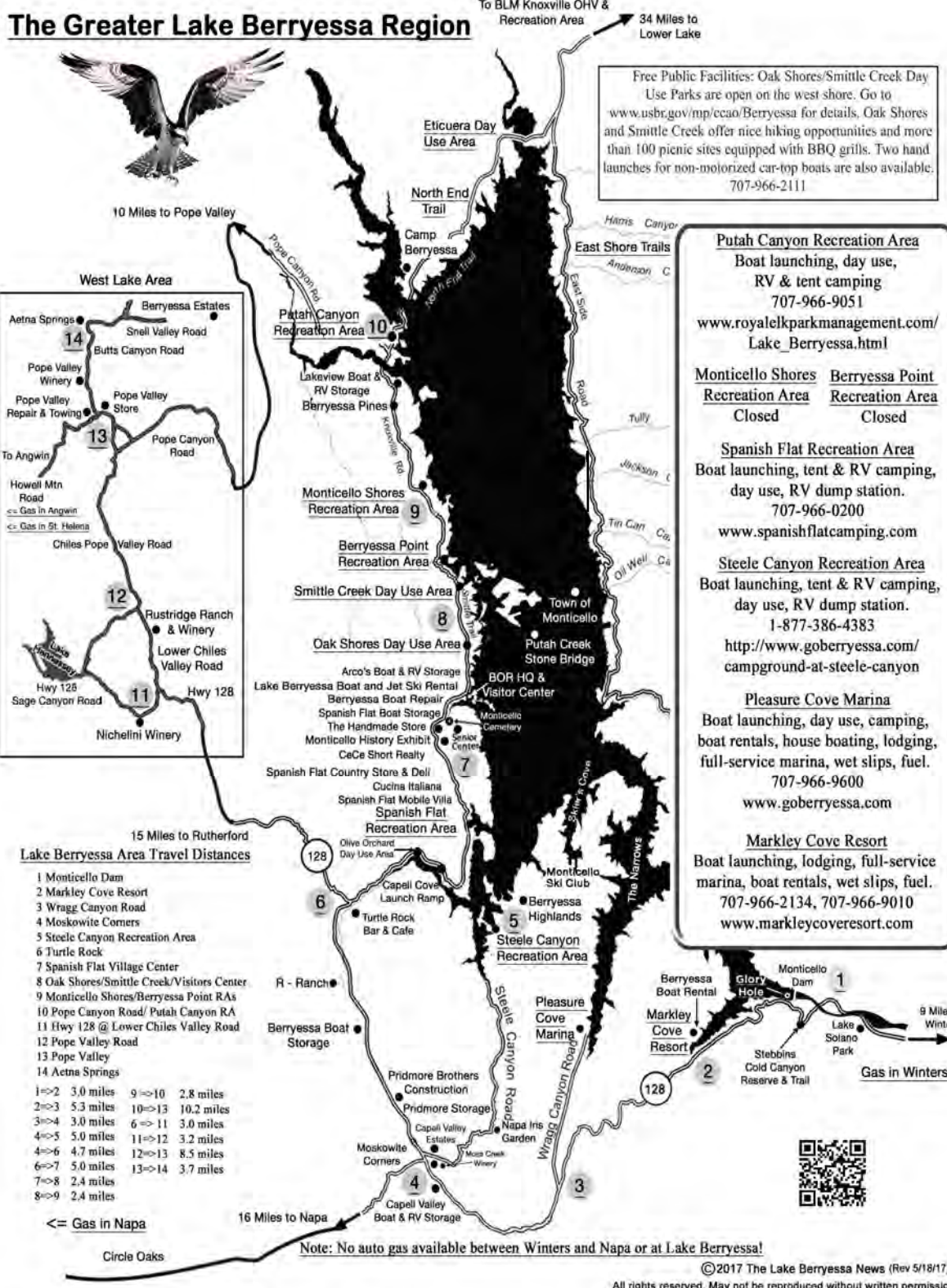
This year marks only the 13th time in 72 measurements the incumbent president did not win. Usually, the president does not win when he has subpar job approval ratings, as is the case with Trump. Trump and Gerald Ford are the two presidents to date who did not win the honor while in office. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger finished first in 1974 and 1975 after Ford replaced Richard Nixon as president, and the question was not asked in Ford's final year in office in 1976.

The remainder of the top 10 most admired men this year includes former President George W. Bush, Pope Francis, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former President Bill Clinton, the Dalai Lama, former Vice President Joe Biden, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Vice President Mike Pence.

Bureau of Reclamation Continues to Produce "Omnishambles"

Although “Omnishambles” was chosen as 2012 Word of the Year by the Oxford English Dictionary after it was coined by a BBC TV's satirical political series to describe a badly mismanaged situation and gaffes, it is sadly still applicable to the situation at Lake Berryessa. “Omnishambles” is defined as "a situation that has been comprehensively mismanaged, characterized by a string of blunders and miscalculations". The map below shows how large an area has been in a shambles for more than 10 years.

The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



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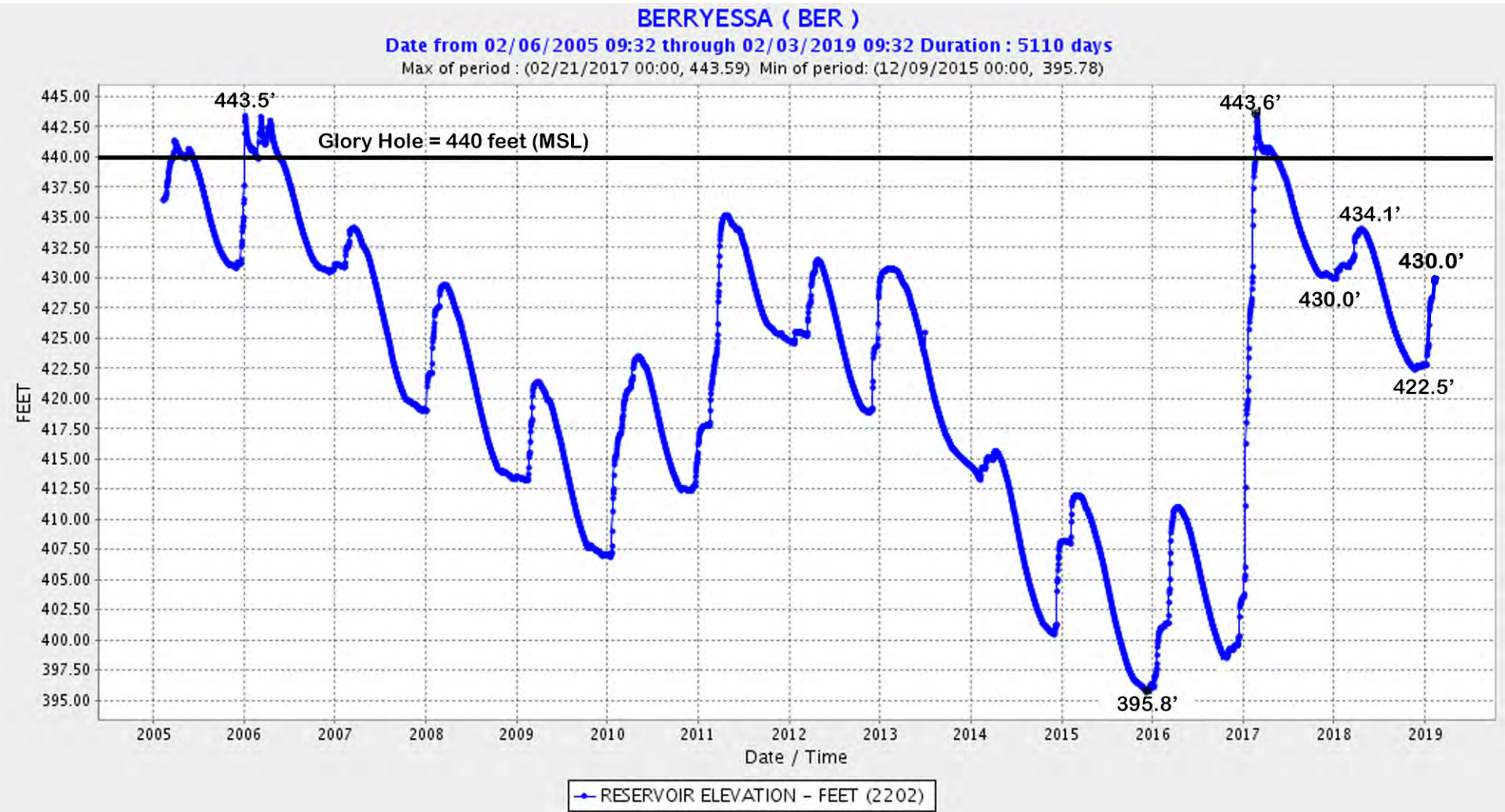
1 Monticello Dam
2 Markley Cove Resort
3 Wragg Canyon Road
4 Moskowite Corners
5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area
6 Turtle Rock
7 Spanish Flat Village Center
8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center
9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs
10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA
11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road
12 Pope Valley Road
13 Pope Valley
14 Aetna Springs

1=>2 3.0 miles 9=>10 2.8 miles
2=>3 5.3 miles 10=>13 10.2 miles
3=>4 3.0 miles 6=>11 3.0 miles
4=>5 5.0 miles 11=>12 3.2 miles
4=>6 4.7 miles 12=>13 8.5 miles
6=>7 5.0 miles 13=>14 3.7 miles
7=>8 2.4 miles
8=>9 2.4 miles

Circle Oaks

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

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February, 2019

2nd Anniversary of Glory Hole Spilling

Glory Hole Spill Watch History

The last time the lake overflowed Glory Hole before the long drought was January, 2006 when the level reached 443.5 feet above mean sea level (msl). During the ten year drought (2007 -2017) it's lowest level dropped to 398.6 feet in October 2016.

On February 21, 2017 Lake Berryessa finally reached its second highest lake level in history - 443.6 feet msl - a 45 foot rise - the second fastest rise in its 58 year history.

This was above the highest lake level in 11 years. It was only 3.1 feet lower than the highest level in lake history - 446.7 feet in 1983 - 6.7 feet above Glory Hole.

The fastest rise was 61 feet in 1995 - and the lake never even got to Glory Hole level that time. The lake level has only reached Glory Hole 25 times in 60 years.

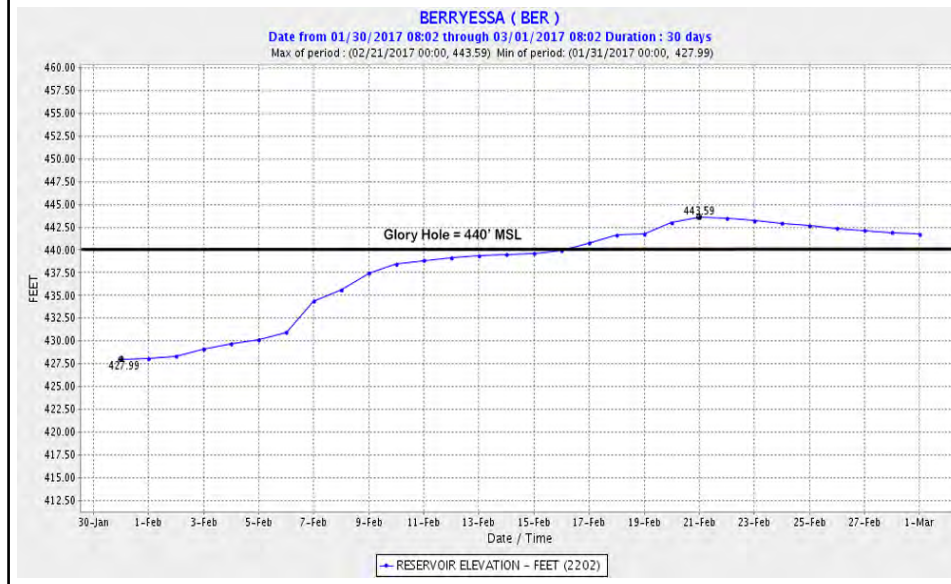
Lake Berryessa water washed over and into the Glory Hole on Feb. 12, 2017 at 1:45 PM for the first time in 11 years! Granted it was helped by California Marine Sports wakeboard boats creating large wakes on a beautiful, clear sunny Sunday, but before anyone objects that this doesn't count, we were MAKING history. It was REAL Lake Berryessa water flowing over the lip of Glory Hole. And it was also a bit of good fun the large crowd on hand.

2/16/17: Lake Berryessa "officially" hit 439.9 feet - 1 inch below Glory Hole at 7 PM! Wind pushed some small waves over the lip. We really didn't count this because the lake level was not at 440 feet. The water was just below the lip.

2/17/17: Lake Berryessa OFFICIALLY HIT THE TOP of the Glory Hole Spillway, 400.0 feet, at 1 A.M!

2/21/17: Lake Berryessa hit 443.6 feet, 3.6 feet above Glory Hole, the second highest level in history.

February, 2019: Can it happen again this year? Only 10 feet to go as of 2/6/19! (See chart on back page.)



Moskowite Corners Gets A New Owner - Again!

The Corners was still a happening place when I first bought my mobile home at Steele Park Resort in 1997. Although our fantastic restaurant and bar at Steele Park, the Boathouse, was our gathering place of choice, the Corners Bar was also a local destination. The Corners has a long, long history, but this article is only about the ups and downs of the last 15 years. The success of the Corners has always been tied to the success of Lake Berryessa as a recreation destination.

Although the Corners is located on a major highway gateway to Lake Berryessa and only a few miles away from the Berryessa Highlands population center, experience indicates that it cannot easily survive without a robust visitor base. There have been four owner/lessors since 2007 - a period which also coincides with the destruction of the Lake Berryessa community, including the nearby Steele Park Resort, by the Bureau of Reclamation.

But in a potentially favorable development, on January 11, 2019 Jim Keller finally sold Moskowite Corners, which he had bought for about \$1.1 million in 2008, to Thuyen Tran of Oakland for approximately \$699,000. Tran, who comes from the restaurant industry, said he bought the parcel because he has great confidence he can create a destination for both locals and visitors.

The local community is delighted by this turn of events and is hopeful that the new owner will be successful. Below is a review of the business history of the Corners which may give some insight into the difficulty creating a successful business there.

In 2007 Ron Watt opened the Corners Café and Shopping Plaza in the Moskowite Corners building. The actual owner was one of the co-owners of Spanish Flat Resort, Lee Johnson. Although they worked hard at it, the business was ultimately unsuccessful. Ron Watt went on to run the Berryessa Quick Stop in the closed gas station across the Steele Canyon Road from the Corners. It too was unsuccessful.

In 2008 Jim Keller bought the property in a bankruptcy sale for \$1.1 million. By April 2009 Keller and Mike Schildknecht had partnered with the hope of making the renamed Berryessa Corners a community gathering place for nearby residents. Steele Park Resort was demolished in 2009 with no replacement. They changed the name to Berryessa Corners. The grocery store reopened in January, 2009; the restaurant — Mike's Barbecue — and the bar were all open by May, 2009. Mike's sudden and unexpected death on June 9, 2009 left the whole Lake Berryessa community in shock. Unfortunately, the Berryessa Corners enterprise ended with him.

In August 2010, Jim Winchell and his family took over the market, restaurant and bar under lease from Keller. They changed the name to The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa and had high hopes for the business. They opened a great pizza shop and restaurant and remodeled the bar. Unfortunately, they did not have a liquor license and could only serve beer and wine. After a couple of years of hard work they realized they could not make a go of the business, especially with a high monthly lease and no help from the delayed rebuilding of Steele Park Resort by Pensus. The Crossroads was finally closed by the Winchell family on March 11, 2012.

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In 2011 Jim Keller had listed the Crossroads at Berryessa for sale for \$1.29 million, but was unable to find a buyer. After the Winchell family closed the place in 2012, there were no buyers or people who would lease the site until Yevo Jeworowski ldecided to open a brew pub, Steele Canyon Saloon, in early 2016.

Yevo had previously run Boone’s Saloon in the Spanish Flat Village Center.

Unfortunately, he had not factored in the new state water quality regulations that had been passed regarding beer brewing systems. Under a special California law that allowed liquor to be served in brew pubs, Yevo was able to open a full bar. Despite some good drinks, rocking bands, and great times, he was forced to close the Steele Canyon Saloon before the end of 2016.

After the demise of the Steele Canyon Saloon, the Corners site remained closed with no buyers until last month, January 2019. Where did the time go?

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Napa Considering Additional Environmental Restrictions on Rural Property Owners

Napa County will consider strengthening protections for oaks, streams and city-serving reservoirs while also weighing how stronger environmental laws might affect the wine industry. Last year's Measure C, the watershed and oak woodlands protection citizens' initiative narrowly lost in the June 2018 election.

Expect Measure C supporters to carry on the campaign to restrict various private land uses as they did in Measure C. Also expect a strong response from those worried that too strict laws would hamper the ability to plant new vineyards, especially in the mountainous watershed areas framing the Napa Valley. The Measure C tree restrictions and stream setback rules were a tactic to prevent as much private land use as possible.

The Lake Berryessa News strongly opposed Measure C and believes these new rules will also affect Lake Berryessa property owners, mostly in a negative way.

Napa County vineyards and rural lands are the most regulated in California, which has resulted in significant additional expense and time for landowners. New rules will only add to this burden with little positive environmental benefit.

County staff recommendations for changes to county environmental laws include:

Create a 200-foot setback for development around municipal reservoirs.

Add a 35-foot setback for Class 3-equivalent streams. (Present scientific recommendation: 25 foot)

Extend a 60-percent tree canopy retention requirement for development in "municipal reservoir watersheds" to all unincorporated areas.

Extend a 40-percent shrub canopy retention requirement for development in "municipal reservoir watersheds" to all unincorporated areas.

Prohibit new planting and structures on slopes of 30 percent or greater, unless exempted. For example, vineyards with less than 1 acre on these steep slopes are exempt.

Continue to exempt vineyard replanting in the same footprint from the new ordinance requirements.

Continue to exempt fuel management and forest management practices from the new ordinance requirements.

Onion Headlines

Minnesota Resident Thinking Of Finally Packing It All Up And Moving Someplace Warm Like Michigan.

Dog’s Relief To Finally Get To Pee For First Time In 9 Hours Mistaken For Excitement To See Owner.

Study Finds Dogs Twitching In Sleep Are Dreaming About Tearing Owners Limb From Limb.

Blue Collar Workers Arrive at Trump Properties to Take Cleaning Jobs Back From Undocumented Immigrants.

Study: Entire World Run By Small Elves Who Press Colorful Buttons.

NASCAR to Invest in Life Extension Technology After Failing to Appeal to Younger Demographics.

Trump Voter Embraces End of Shutdown: "Tired of Winning".

All-Natural Unvaccinated Toddler On Organic Diet Dies of Natural Causes.

All-New Redesigned Honda Accord Looks Suspiciously Like Last Year's Accord.

Humpty Dumpty Breaks Decades Long Silence To Warn Americans About The Dangers Of Walls.

Scientists Baffled As Large Caravan On Mexico Border Seemingly Vanishes Overnight.

Report: 99% Of Employees Would Use Boss As Human Shield In Event Of Workplace Attack.

Corporate Retreat Teaches Employees How To screw Around As Team.

Man Regrets Wasting Money On College After Failing To Secure Perfect Dream Life By 24.

Couple Starting To Feel Like They Just Don’t Have Any TV Shows In Common.

Doctors Assure Recovering Patient He Has Many More Years Of Looking At Phone Ahead Of Him.

Allergy Sufferer Dies After Being Stung By Dog.

Study Reveals: Juice Just Fruit In Disguise.

This just in: Technology has finally allowed us to understand what dogs are barking about.

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People With The Healthiest Personality Type Have These 3 Qualities

Now, in a new study, researchers from the University of California, Davis have identified the specific traits that a psychologically well-adjusted person tends to possess.

The report, which was published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, asked 214 psychologists to describe a psychologically healthy individual based on the extent to which they exhibited 30 traits.

The traits were pulled from what’s known as “the big five” personality characteristics: extraversion (how social and communicative a person is), openness to experience (how intellectually curious or adventurous a person is), conscientiousness (how dependable and plan-oriented a person is), agreeableness (how cooperative or compassionate a person is) and neuroticism (how anxious, depressed or angry a person is). Each of these categories can be broken down into a range of traits that describe more specific behaviors.

In the end, the psychologists and the students were in agreement that the emotionally healthy person possesses three particular traits: They are (1) open to feelings, (2) embrace positive emotions, and (3) are straightforward. They’re also low in neuroticism — no big surprise there.

<http://blogs.ucdavis.edu/egghead/2018/11/26/healthy-personality-researchers-think-can-tell/>

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Handle With Care: Why Today's Health News Becomes Tomorrow's Retractions

We've all seen it played out hundreds of times, as a drug, food or habit is trumpeted as the way to lower the risk of cancer or heart disease only to be walked back the next month in another study. The reasons can be diverse, including a flawed hypothesis, bad data or misleading conclusions, but at the center is the study design itself. A longitudinal trial may yield very different findings from an observational one, while the gold standard -a randomized controlled trial (RCT)- can be extremely costly and difficult to design.

The resulting patchwork of research requires professional analysis and a wait-and-see approach until confirmation is received via follow-up studies. We share some expert insights to help you view new studies with both a healthy skepticism and the realization that some of the most important medical breakthroughs of recent years have been discovered in just this way.

The most commonly used research models include:

Randomized controlled trial (RCT): carefully planned experiments like the WHI that introduce a treatment or exposure to study its effect on real patients; includes methodologies that reduce the potential for bias and allow for comparison between intervention groups and control groups.

Observational studies: researchers observe the effect of a risk factor, diagnostic test, treatment or other intervention without trying to change who is or isn't exposed to it. Includes cohort studies, which compare any group of people linked in some way (e.g. by birth year); and longitudinal studies in which data is gathered for the same subjects repeatedly over years or even decades. An example is the Framingham Heart Study, now in its third generation, which has provided most of our current consensus regarding the effects of diet, exercise and

medications on heart disease.

Case control study: compares exposure of people with an existing health problem to a control group without the issue, seeking to identify factors or exposures associated with the illness. This is less reliable than RCTs or observational studies because causality is not proven by a statistical relationship.

Meta-analysis: a thorough examination of numerous valid studies on a topic, which uses statistical methodology to combine and report the results of multiple studies as one large study.

Researchers agree that a randomized, controlled trial (RCT) is the best way to learn about the world. In a drug study, for instance, a population is randomly divided into groups who receive the drug and those who don't. If properly controlled and designed, any difference in outcomes between the groups can be measured and credibly attributed to the effects of the treatment.

The methodology is highly valued in evidence-based medicine proving that associations are causal, and not just by chance. The approach has powerful real world applications, as seen in the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), one of the nation's largest-ever health projects.

Begun in 1993, with more than 161,000 women enrolled, the randomized, controlled clinical trial was designed to test the efficacy of long-term hormone therapy in preventing heart disease, hip fractures and other diseases in post-menopausal women over 60 years old on average. Previous observational studies had strongly suggested the preventive benefits of hormone therapy, and it was routinely recommended for women years after menopause. What happened next was stunning.

In 2002, the trial was halted three years earlier than planned as evidence mounted that the estrogen plus progestin therapy significantly raised a woman's chances of developing cardiovascular disease, stroke and breast cancer. Millions of women stopped taking hormone therapy, and the

trial has since been credited with reducing the incidence of breast cancer by 15,000-20,000 cases each year since the results were made public. Numerous follow-up studies were conducted to dig deeper into the surprising data, and while they showed that hormone therapy may still be reasonable short-term to manage menopausal symptoms in younger women, it is no longer routinely recommended years after menopause to prevent chronic disease in women.

Similarly, Vitamin E supplements, once thought to reduce risk of heart disease, were found to not have beneficial properties and actually may increase the risk of heart disease in higher doses. Consequently, the American Heart Association now advises that the best source of Vitamin E is in foods, not supplements. The biggest takeaway from both initiatives: the critical need for randomized, controlled trials to prove that associations between an intervention and a disease are causally related.

Nutrition studies have also come under increased scrutiny, especially with the recent revelation of widely read medical journals retracting papers published by high-profile researcher Dr. Brian Wansink, founder of the Food and Brand Lab at Cornell University. The lab's propensity for manipulating data to 'cherry pick' interesting, media-friendly findings came to light. This practice, seen somewhat frequently in food and nutrition research, is why contradictory headlines occur at regular intervals, as the cherry-picked data from one study is followed by another study with its own selective data showing just the opposite. Although 1,400 scientific papers are retracted every year, 50% of scientific studies are confirmed in follow-up studies.

As the adage goes, "If you torture the data long enough, it will confess to anything" (from the aptly named *How to Lie with Statistics* by Darrell Huff). That's why your physician will always be the best source for making sense of the tremendous amount of health data released each day ...so please ask!

If You Actually Love Advertising, You're In For A Treat!

The hottest new trend in TV tech — and an exciting experiment for political campaigns — is "addressable" ads, or TV ads that can be targeted to specific households via user data.

By the end of this year, almost every major TV network and provider will have rolled out their version of an addressable ad product.

Why it matters: It's a huge departure from the way TV ads have been bought and sold for decades. Struggling networks hope personalized ads will make the TV experience better for users who are ditching TV for ad-free streaming services like Netflix.

Be smart: The TV industry knows it needs to make ads more innovative, so it doesn't keep losing viewers to ad-free services, and Google and Facebook.

How it works: TV networks and providers (cable and satellite companies or digital TV companies like Hulu) are using data from set-top boxes (the box you get from your cable company with the blinking lights), combined with data from digital networks (produced as you browse the web), to target ads to you.

These ads tend to cost less because they reach a smaller, more targeted group. So smaller businesses can afford to buy national TV ads for the first time.

And you may start seeing TV ads from brands that you'd normally only see on social media, like Dollar Shave Club, as well as big brands like Target.

Personalized TV ads are the next big thing, but it'll be a while before most TV ads are sold that way.



Valentine's Day Rhymes...

...with the most romantic first line but...the least romantic second line!

I thought that I could love no other
Until, that is, I met your brother.

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you.
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.

Of loving beauty you float with grace
If only you could hide your face.

Kind, intelligent, loving and hot
This describes everything you are not.

I want to feel your sweet embrace
But don't take that paper bag off of your face.

I love your smile, your face, and your eyes
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!

I see your face when I am dreaming.
That's why I always wake up screaming.

My love, you take my breath away.
What have you stepped in to smell this way?

My feelings for you no words can tell
Except for maybe 'Go To Hell'.

What inspired this amorous rhyme?
Two parts vodka, one part lime ...

Elegy for a Secret Agent for W.H. Auden, 1907-1973

He'd memorized the maps and the difficult
Sometimes almost impossible language
Of the Other Country, had managed to dress himself
After their fashion, had schooled his hands and tongue
To lilt to their barbarous music, to match their moods
And manners, but had trained his voice
To be the last to laugh, the first to fall silent.

His disguise (perfection itself) had kept him safe
Where his anonymous silhouette could linger
Near places ordinarily forbidden
Or invisible to all but the Chosen Few.
At hidden installations, by dead zones,
He taught his eyes and ears (Loose Talk Saves Lives!)
To lip-read even the secrets of sealed lips.

He'd learned always to ask what spies must know:
Where are my friends? Where are my enemies?
Where *am I*? So one morning against a wall,
Amused by the pockmarked, polyglot graffiti,
Pallid and gauzy-eyed, his code unbroken,
He found the answers – *Everywhere, Everywhere,*
Everywhere - proof against Otherworldly fire.

DAVID WAGONER

February 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Low-Risk Mutual Funds and Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds might seem like a safe bet. But then, picking a racehorse based solely on its name is never the way to go.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will be torn between two equally worthy suitors, one who is kind, selfless, outgoing, supportive, and loving, and one who is attractive.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your future as a songwriter ends almost before it begins when you find that someone has already compared the depth, power, and beauty of their love to an ocean.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Attempts to run away from the problem will fail this week when the problem turns out to be a short-circuited treadmill.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): People say you're a control freak, but if you had your way, they'd say it a little slower and maybe even a touch louder.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You and your entire family will be granted the power of flight by conniving sky-gods who merely want to create additional safety problems for the airline industry.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Nobody said the farming life was going to be easy, but you still never imagined it would require waking up at the crack of dawn every morning to file for 11 different government subsidies.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Once, you were just the infant found in a city dumpster. Now, you're known nationwide as "that guy who's lived his entire life in the dumpster where he was found as an infant."

Libra (9/23-10/22): You're entranced by game shows where people do bizarre things for big bucks, but why go to all that effort? If you're willing to eat a worm, your next door neighbor would likely pay \$5 to see it.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Maybe in your next life, you'll believe the Zodiac when it tells you to cut the red wire.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll be found guilty of 12,582 counts of bee murder and given the responsibility of pollinating every flower in your immediate neighborhood for 11 years.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): 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.

Napa County Watershed Protection

On January 15, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Napa County Strategic Plan (2019-2022). As part of its approval, the Board prioritized updating the Conservation Regulations (County Code Chapter 18.108) to provide greater environmental protection for natural resources, particularly agricultural lands, forests, watercourses and municipal reservoirs.

The first workshop was held on Tuesday, January 29th. The Napa County Planning Commission will continue the conversation on February 20, 2019. Napa County has created a webpage and encourages participation in these important, ongoing discussions.

For more information, including a Guidance Summary following the January 29, 2019 meeting, visit:

www.countyofnapa.org/2526/Watershed-Protection-Ordinance

A boyfriend asks his girlfriend:

"What gift would you like to receive on St. Valentine's Day?"

"Well, I don't know" she answers shyly.

"OK, I'll give you another year to think about it..."

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Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity for Napa County - Progress Is Needed Now!

Almost two years ago a report done for Napa County presented to the supervisors in May, 2017 by Ragatz Realty depicted Lake Berryessa as a potential prime destination in itself, not simply a lazy afterthought to wine country. Unfortunately, progress has been stalled by the Bureau of Reclamation despite the County's publicly expressed desire to move forward with the process of entering into a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with Reclamation to manage the revitalization of this important Napa County recreation and economic resource.

Lake Berryessa is one of the largest, cleanest, and most attractive freshwater lakes in California. It now represents one of the most untapped opportunities in the country for new resort development and local economic impacts. The report said a balance should be struck between economic gain and protecting the Lake Berryessa natural setting. Any improvements would meet all the latest environmental standards. An extensive survey which received 3,000 responses, indicated Lake Berryessa needs to offer a variety of experiences and accommodations to reclaim and surpass its previous status as a major, regional resort destination.

The ads and information on these two pages show details of the Lake Berryessa region including the ranges of real estate opportunities available. As one ad below stated: "Live the Lake Berryessa Lifestyle". A gift plaque I received noted simply: "If you are lucky enough to live at the lake, you are lucky enough."

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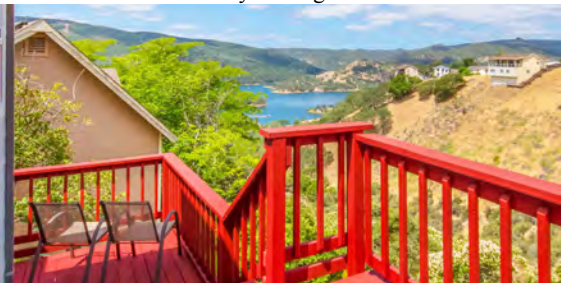
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Lake Level as of 2/6/19

The latest rains this last few days have dropped 3.6 inches so far at the dam. The lake level is now at about 430.0 feet, 10 feet below Glory Hole.

The lake is now at a season total of 20.56 inches of rain at Monticello Dam - 13.1 inches higher than the rainfall on this date last year.

Last year at this time the lake was at 431.1 feet, 8.9 feet below Glory Hole.

The highest level last year was only 434.1 feet - 6.9 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall last year had only reached 7.4 inches by this date. Total rainfall last season was only 14.89 inches.

5MPH = No Wake!

In doing my research on laws and ordinances applicable to Lake Berryessa I discovered something I had not known. Most of us thought there was some small difference between a "No Wake" zone and a "5MPH" zone. By law, there is not. See Napa County ordinance below.

"No Wake" wins. So don't try to go faster than 5MPH even if your sleek hull creates no wake. The speed limit wins. And watch out if your funky old boat is going less than 5MPH and creates a wake. You're guilty!

How slow can you go? How big a ripple behind you can be defined as a "wake"? How can anyone even define what "No Wake" legally means?

Just be patient, relax, go slow. You'll get there eventually.

Napa County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.08 - Berryessa Lake And Park Area.

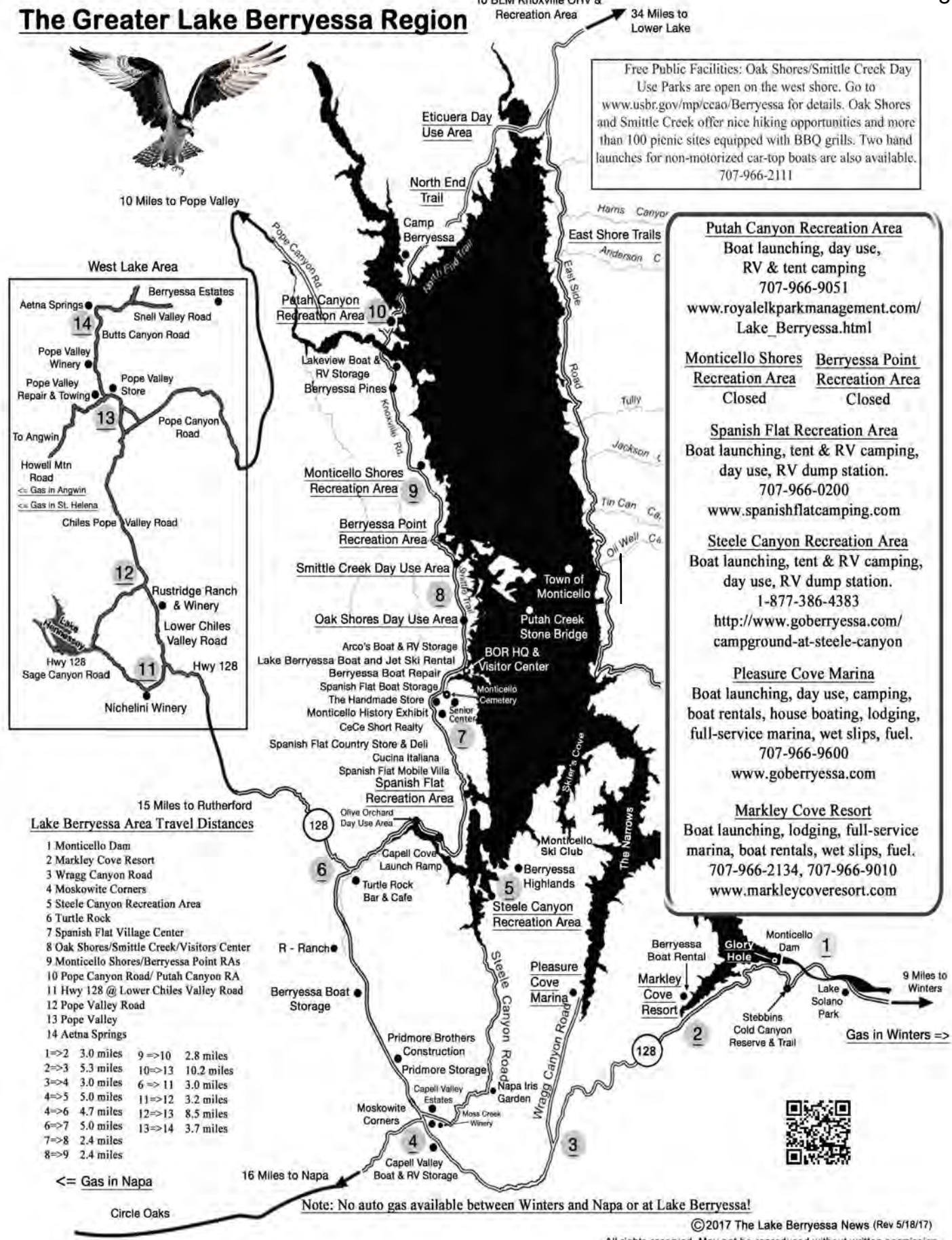
12.08.040 - Boats and other vessels—Operation restrictions.

C. No person shall operate a motorboat or other vessel at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in any area marked with a buoy bearing the words "5 miles per hour" OR bearing the words "No Wake."

"5 MILES AN HOUR" SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN CREATING "NO WAKE".

Three men are on a boat. They have four cigarettes, but nothing to light them with. So they throw a cigarette overboard and the whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter.

The Greater Lake Berryessa Region





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Lake Level: 2/8/19
430.0 feet



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March, 2019

Glory Hole Overflows (2/26/19): Lake Berryessa is Full Again And 4' Above The Spillway!

Glory Hole Spill Watch is Over. The "How High Will It Go" Watch Is On!

Lake Berryessa overflowed Glory Hole at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

The lake level hit 444.1' - 4.1' above Glory Hole at 8AM, 2/28/19. That's an increase of more than 5' in 24 hours!

In 2017 the highest point was 443.6'. Before that it was 443.5' in 2006. Highest lake level was 446.7' in 1983.

Two day rainfall in the Berryessa Highlands was 6.8" - season total is at 36.7" as of 2/28/19. Season total rainfall at Monticello Dam is now at 31.4".

Photographic and video evidence shows the lake spilling over at 10:30 AM. However, the official measurement provided by the Solano County Water Agency at that exact moment was 439.9 feet - off by 1 inch. The "official" machine-measured time of the lake hitting 440 feet was 11:30 AM.

The Lake Berryessa water level is officially measured on the Monticello Dam in a "stilling well" equipped with a float tape attached to a digital rotary encoder that measures to 0.01 ft.

The Glory Hole is 72 feet in diameter at lake level, 245 feet long, and narrows down to about 28 feet at the exit to Putah Creek below the dam. The rim of the structure is very flat - as can be seen from the photos and videos showing lake water spilling over at exactly the same height all around its circumference.

Those of us who have ever used a bubble level to simply hang a picture frame should be immensely impressed by the this feat of engineering from 1956.

The fact that the calibration between the measuring device and the actual lake level



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is only off by one inch is amazing. The very different meanings. Measurements Solano County Water Agency should that are close to the known value are said to simply recalibrate their measuring device be accurate, whereas measurements that by one inch to increase its accuracy to are close to each other are said to be match the empirical evidence. precise.

Precision and accuracy are often used The ideal situation is when the interchangeably, but in science they have measurement is both accurate and precise.



2/26/19, 10:30 AM

That happens when your eyes see the water start to flow into Glory Hole at the same time as your cell phone app shows 440 feet on the SCWA lake level web site.

Glory Hole Spill Watch: 2019

Lake Level - 2/8/19, 430'
Only 10' To Go!

Lake Level - 9AM, 2/16/19, 436.5' Only
3.5 Feet To Go!

Lake Level - 2/19/19, 437.2'
Only 2.8 Feet To Go!)

Lake Level - 2/22/19, 438'
Only 2 Feet To Go!

Lake Level - 2/25/19, 438.2'
Only 1.8 Feet To Go!

Lake Level - 2/26/19, 10AM, 439.2'
Only 3.5 Inches To Go!

Lake Level - 2/26/19, 10:30 AM, 440'-
Berryessa is Spilling into the Glory Hole

Glory Hole Spill Watch is Over.
"How High Will It Go" Watch Is On!

As of 8 AM on 2/28/19 the lake appears
to have stabilized at 444.1' - 4.1' above
Glory Hole.

Deadline Desperation Space Fillers
Autocorrect makes me say things I
didn't nintendo.

I don't understand metaphors very well.
Sometimes I'm so far off base, I have to
swim to shore.

"Anti-intellectualism has been a constant
thread winding its way through our
political and cultural life, nurtured by the
false notion that democracy means "my
ignorance is just as good as your
knowledge." Isaac Asimov

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Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?

Editors Note: There's been a lot of news coverage of Lake Berryessa during the last few days now that the Glory Hole has spilled again for the second time in three years. The photos and videos taken by the Lake Berryessa News Drone have amazed, and frightened, people who have never seen the Glory Hole in action before. Inevitably the question is raised about the danger of the structure.

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 is now. The Glory Hole has on/y spilled 25 times in 60 years. This year is the 26th. But back in 1997 a woman did die when she fell in.

In the story from SFGATE below you can see that the water was not very high if she was able to grip the top for so long. There was speculation at the time that she had purposely pushed herself over the edge, not been "sucked" in.

Woman Sucked Into Lake Berryessa Spillway (Wednesday, March 12, 1997)

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 down an 28-foot-wide 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.

The Napa Valley Register Cutting Back: Offers Buy-out To Senior Staff

In very bad news for the Napa community, Iowa-based Lee Enterprises, which owns The Napa Valley Register, laid off three employees from its already decimated payroll and offered buy-outs to several well-known senior editorial staff. There's no word on who might leave, but apparently they have until April 1 to decide.

As is well known, newspapers around the country are shedding staff, reducing frequency and shutting down, mostly due to the move of advertising to the internet. This is bound to have a devastating impact on the paper's coverage of the community — and local newspapers are the major glue holding communities together.

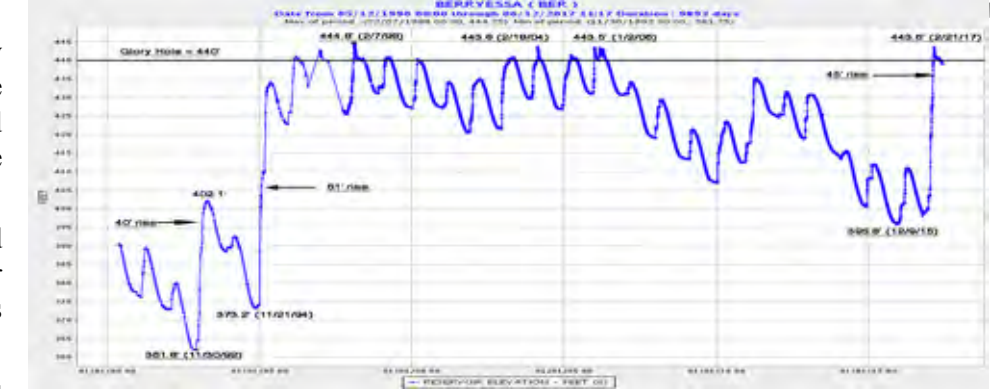
The Lake Berryessa News is a community newspaper dedicated to providing local news not found anywhere else. Without *The Lake Berryessa News* there would be no Lake Berryessa news! But its costs are rising for newsprint and digital access. The Davis Enterprise, which prints the paper version, just raised printing costs by 50% due to a significant increase in the cost of newsprint.


Publicly traded Lee Enterprises also owns the weekly St. Helena Star and Weekly Calistogan. By contrast, Sonoma Media Investments, the local company that owns the Santa Rosa Press Democrat has invested in the community and was once interested in acquiring the Napa papers. The Yountville Sun and Calistoga Tribune are independent.

The cutbacks at the Napa Valley Register could have a serious impact on community awareness, especially important politics, but also affecting food, wine, entertainment and arts businesses and organizations. So far, no civic-minded philanthropist has come forward to fill the breach.


It might be even better if a wealthy local would acquire the Napa network and start building it up again for the community rather than an indifferent corporation simply interested in profits. It might be more satisfying than owning a winery these days! Jeff Bezos, the world's richest man, offers an extreme case. He bought the Washington Post and has invested to make it an important national voice – and growing.

(Thanks to Paul Franson who publishes the NapaLife Newsletter. You can subscribe by contacting Paul at paul@napalife.com.)






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30 Years ago at Lake Berryessa (Febrary, 1988)

People often ask about the history of the closed Corners gas station. Here's a piece of that history. Joey Pearce of Joey's Watercraft Repair at Steele Park Resort and Joey's Watercraft Racing fame used to work at the gas station with his father Bob. Joey's sisters, The Pearce Sisters, who were part of the Jimmy Durante Show and were a famous competing act to The Lennon Sisters from the Lawrence Welk Show.

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BUSINESS OF THE WEEK



Bob Pearce

10th Anniversary for Bob Pearce's Union 76

It is the tenth anniversary of the "Union 76" gas station operated by Bob Pearce at Moskowite corners. Pearce and his wife Darlene vacationed at Lake Berryessa from Thousand Oaks, California many years ago and decided to make a home here. At that time, Bob was the road manager for entertainer Jimmy Durante and several of their daughters were "The Pearce Sisters", a musical group that headlined with Durante's act all over the world. (Note: Mr. & Mrs. Pearce have 13 children.) (Watch for future story about Bob's past career!)

For a semi-retired person, Pearce is one of the hardest working people you could meet. The station provides automotive and marine service, auto towing, marine supplies, bait, tackle, minnows, propane and good conversation to travelers needing direction or information. They are also open 7 days a week, with winter hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Happy Anniversary, Bob. Let's make it another 10 years!

March 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While it is true that all-knowing God sees every sparrow that falls, He finds it a lot more amusing to watch you tumble down the stairs a couple times per week.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): They say that knowing is half the battle, but they never talk about how the other half is tactical deployment and careful use of grenades.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll be pleased to find that science has long since achieved your dream of creating a smaller, cuddlier, domesticated version of the tiger.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Scientists will announce the discovery of sunspots spelling out your name this week just to see if they can get you to stare at the sun all day.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Losing weight will improve your performance in all areas of life, but bolting on new shock absorbers is painful and counterproductive.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll learn too late that while it may be easy and even justifiable to ridicule the French, they take their full-contact judo very seriously.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The "king's men" part you can understand, but you've never really comprehended how "all the king's horses" were supposed to help.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A messenger from the Lord will appear to you in glory this this week and in a voice that shakes mountains and shivers oceans, announces price hikes on all divine services.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): This week's revelations will be especially mortifying for you, seeing as you've been insisting for years that that life is not some sort of big pie-eating contest.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Although they say it's not over until the fat lady sings, increasingly unrealistic body image standards mean it's now over during vocalization by any female over 135 pounds.

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

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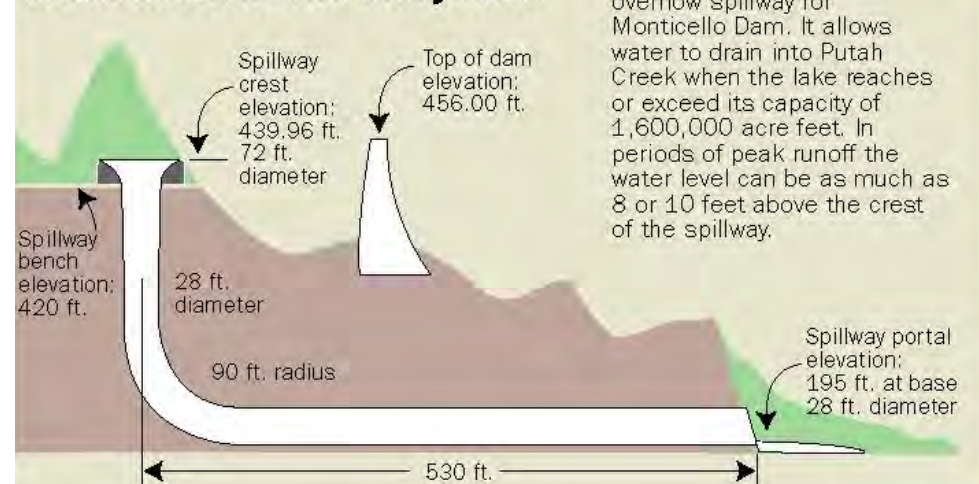
Mandatory Boater Education

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Boater's Safety Course and Certification was required in California. California began implementing its new seven-year phase-in of the mandatory boater safety education law for boaters who operate a motorized vessel on California waterways. As of January 1, 2018, all boaters 20 years or younger were required to take the safety course and carry their boaters cards while operating a boat on public waters. The age requirement goes up every year.

Effective January 1, 2019, boat cards must be held by operators younger than of 25 years of age. (www.boatus.org/california)

2/27/19: Lake Level = 442.5'

Cross section: The Glory Hole



Measuring Levels and Rainfall

Some folks may wonder how the Solano Irrigation District and the Solano County Water Agency which are responsible for the operation of the dam and the use of the water manage to get such accurate lake level and rainfall readings.

The Lake Berryessa water level is actually measured on the Monticello Dam in a "stilling well" equipped with a float tape attached to a digital rotary encoder that measures accurately to 0.01 ft.

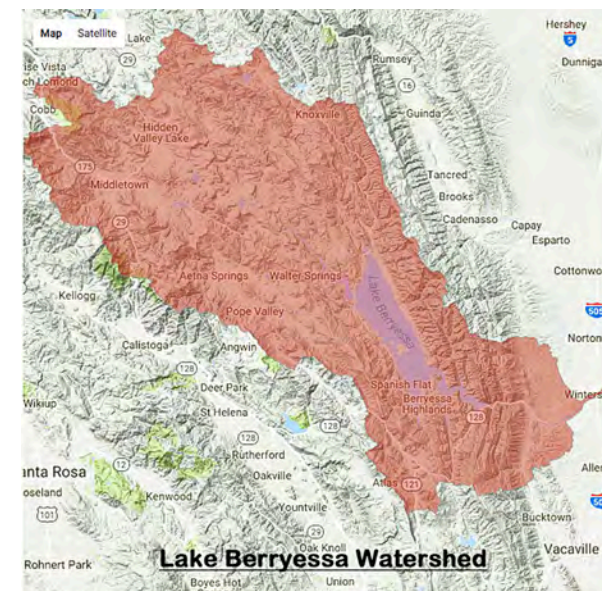
Rainfall is measured using a tipping bucket rain gauge. However, the rain gauge on the top of Monticello Dam has never been very representative of precipitation in the overall Lake Berryessa area. The location, surrounded by mountains on two sides with a strong up-draft coming up the canyon and over the dam, prevents getting reliable data. SCWA is considering changing this gauge location.

For example, the total rainfall measured at the dam as of 2/27/19 is 31.4". But a weather station in the Berryessa Highlands puts total rainfall this season at 35.8" - a 4.4" difference.

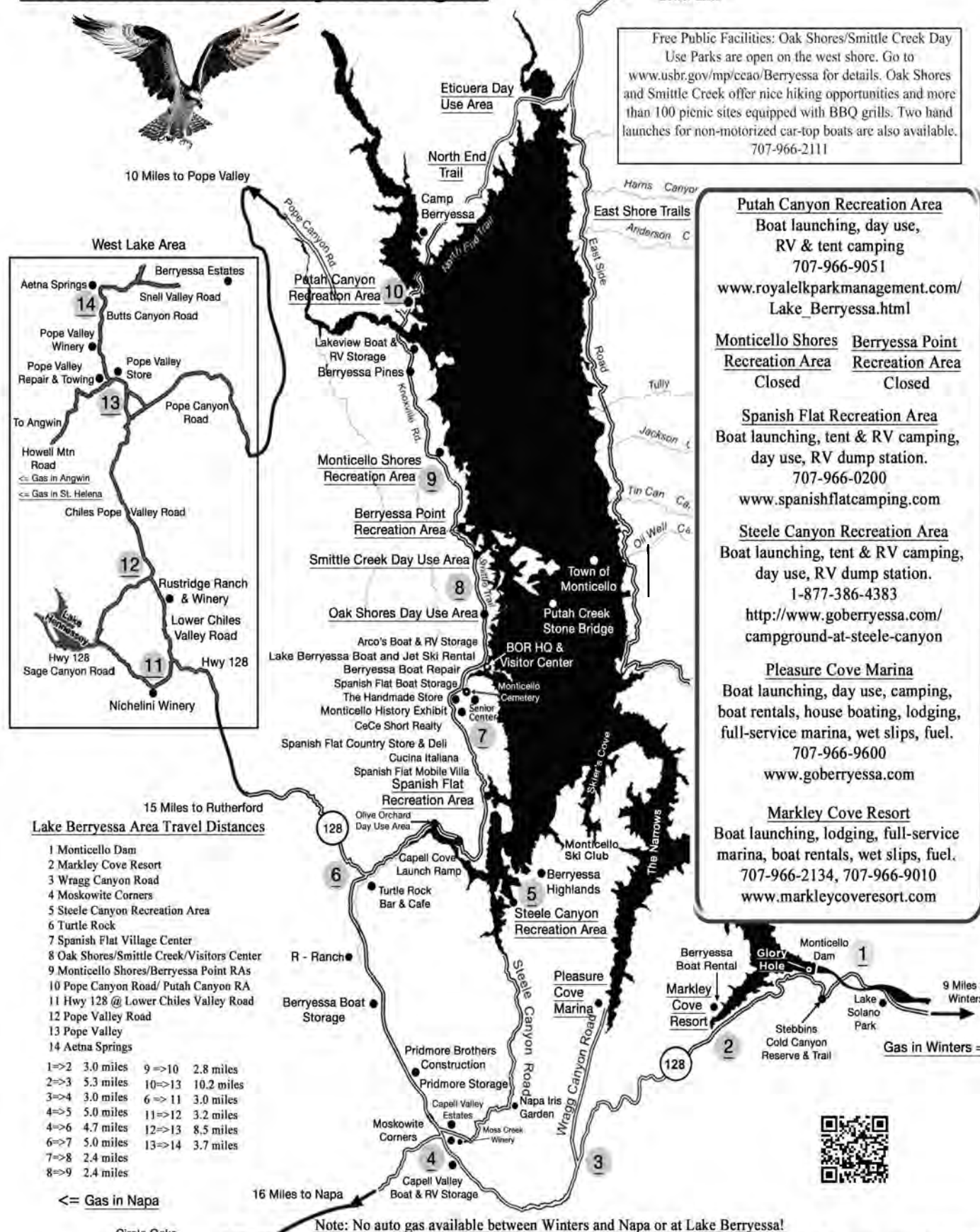
The Lake Berryessa Watershed

Rainfall measurements at the dam may not be representative of the area, but they are also not the best indicator of how fast the lake may rise. The Lake Berryessa watershed is primarily fed by Putah Creek which originates from springs on the east side of Cobb Mountain in Lake County.

The upper watershed encompasses the 576-square mile area upstream of Monticello Dam. Putah Creek 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. NO connection to Clear Lake.



The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



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

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

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

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

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many. Remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News April 1 Special Edition it must be true?

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"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

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April 1, 2019 - America's Favorite Holiday

Solano County Water Agency Introduces the CORK Water Saver

There has been a consistent rumor over the years that there is a plan to raise Monticello Dam. It never happened and never will. A simpler approach to storing more water in Lake Berryessa would be to raise Glory Hole itself by installing movable gates that could be raised and lowered as necessary to impound more water during the rainy season.

Raising Glory Hole by 5 feet to 445' would increase Lake Berryesssa storage by approximately 100,000 acre-feet without significantly affecting facilities along the shoreline. The highest the lake level has ever reached was 446.7 feet in 1983, and it has exceeded 440 feet only 26 times during the last 60 years. According ro rhe Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) this is not often enough to justify the expense of installing this type of control device on Glory Hole.

However, sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that the Solano County Water Agency, in cooperation with University of Lake Berryessa engineers, has developed a simpler alternative - the Circular Output Restrictor Kit - easier to use and more in keeping with the wine country vibe of the area. The Lake Berryessa News has obtained a photo of the new device which may be introduced on April 1.



PITLESS AVOCADOS

AMY'S FRESH CANNED AIR

Lake Berryessa Glory Hole Swallows Senior Center Gambling Bus

For more than 25 years, the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall social group has made its yearly trip to the Cache Creek Casino. This trip, like so many in the past, was filled with singing and good humor for the seniors on board the bus.

But not long into the latest trip along Highway 128, the bus was run off the road by a herd of tourists just as it approached Lake Berryessa's famous Glory Hole lookout area. Despite bus driver Soddy McWombat's best efforts, the bus veered off the road and tumbled down into the famous landmark known the world over as the Glory Hole.

One lady said, "We had just finished listening to our favorite band, Queens of the Stone Age, and were ready for another round of a hundred bottles of beer on the wall when our driver yelled "Blimey, mate!" and we slid off the road."

Even though the bus flipped on its top as it made its way terrifyingly down the Glory Hole, the veteran bus driver, McWombat, saved the day. He came on the loudspeaker and told them "No Worries". Soddy knew from reading the Lake Berryessa News, that the Glory Hole tunnel was 28 feet in diameter so the bus would be able to go right through it with no problems if he could keep it upright.

According to a report filed by the Napa County Sheriff, Soddy managed to steer the bus down the tube, roller-coastering through the curved tunnel at the bottom, then out through the spillway on the other side of the dam. The bus became lodged at the exit of the tunnel, sparing its riders a bus-boat ride to Winters.

"It seemed like we were in the hole for a long time," continued Theodore Kerabatsos. Driver McWombat said that although he was as cross as a frog in a sock that the accident happened, he knew that everything would turn out fine, fair dinkum.

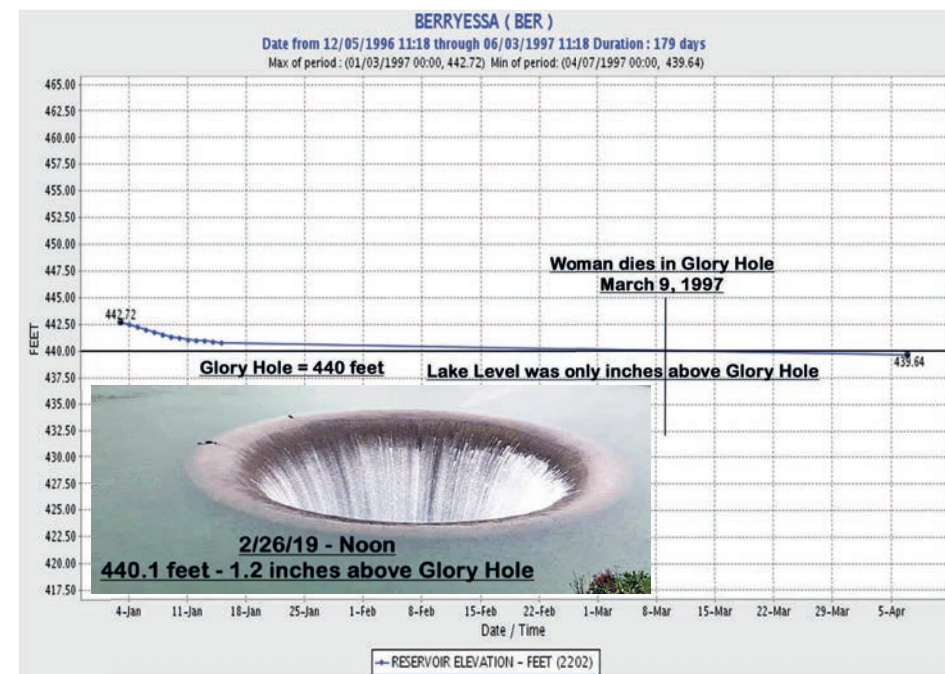
Although word has gotten out to the water bird thrill-seeking population that the Glory Hole Water Slide is really dope, actual people should avoid it.



2 **Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?**

People often question the safety of Glory Hole. There is no access from the land side. The water side is protected by a buoy line and large warning buoys which can be seen in the photos. Only one person has died by falling down Glory Hole. She was not “sucked in” as the news story from 1997 below headlined. Sensationalistic reporting always has a longer lifetime than a fact-based story. It appears to have been a suicide since the water was only a couple of inches deep at the top of the spillway at the time (See chart below.).

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. The Glory Hole has only previously spilled 25 times in 60 years. This year is the 26th. But back in 1997 a woman did die when she “fell” in.



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. Data shows that the lake level was only a few inches above the lip of the spillway. There was speculation at the time that she had purposely pushed herself over the edge, not been "sucked" in. Witnesses had tried to talk the lady for many minutes to convince her to swim to shore, but she refused. She was never “sucked” into the spillway. Her body was found several hours later in Lower Putah Creek.

Original SFGate Story: Woman Sucked Into Lake Berryessa Spillway
(Wednesday, March 12, 1997)

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. The body was found Sunday about three hours after she vanished. There has never been a documented case of anyone else falling through the Glory Hole, said Don Burbey of the Solano Irrigation District.

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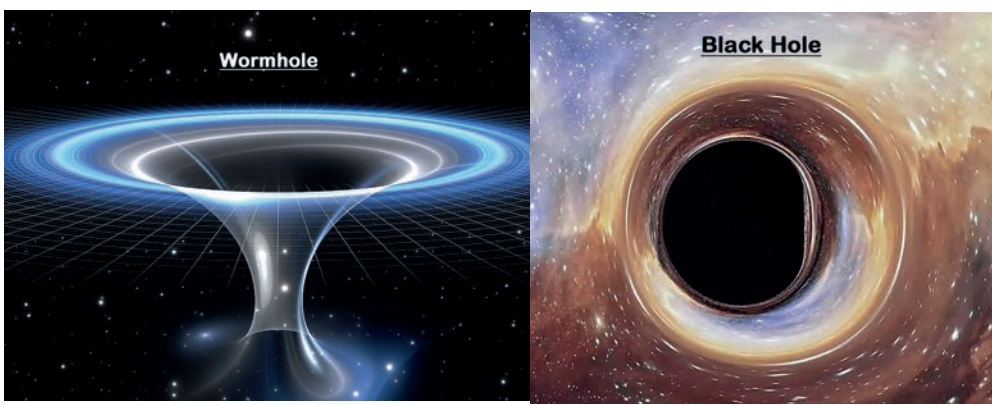
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Is Glory Hole a Black Hole or a Wormhole - Or Both?

Quantum entanglement, a perplexing phenomenon of quantum mechanics that Albert Einstein once referred to as “spooky action at a distance,” could be even spookier than Einstein perceived. Physicists at the University of Lake Berryessa believe the Glory Hole phenomenon at Lake Berryessa might be intrinsically linked with wormholes, a hypothetical feature of space-time which could provide a much-faster-than-light shortcut from one part of the lake to another - or to a different universe altogether.

If two black holes were entangled, a person outside the opening of one would not be able to see or communicate with someone just outside the opening of the other. The way they could communicate with each other is if one jumped into his black hole, then the other person must jump into her black hole - then the interior world would be the same (and they could kiss?). Therapists in ULB’s Psychology Department have already begun to use this analogy to develop a whole new marriage counseling paradigm.



April 1, 2019: Bureau of Reclamation Announces Management Training Program

The organization that knows how to not get something done announces a management training program for special employees in how to handle complex projects and unruly crowds while delaying actions into the future.

Push on a Rope (Team Building Exercise)

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

Small groups will tie a rope to an object on a table and all push on the rope to see how far and fast they can move the object.

Local example: Create a Lake Berryessa Community Forum. “The Bureau of Reclamation announces the Lake Berryessa Community Forum Coordinating Team.” The Community Forum is comprised of representatives from eleven stakeholder groups and is designed to promote public input regarding recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa.”

Paper Bag Punch (Individual Exercise)

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

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

Sincerity Seminar (Senior Staff)

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Local examples: Presentations by Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Mike “Seamless Transition” Finnegan before several meetings of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

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Twitter Reaches Maximum Tweet Capacity

Twitter announced today it unexpectedly reached the maximum number of tweets. The popular social networking service can no longer accept new posts from its users. Twitter's technical team has issued an official statement saying, "The system is full."

When asked how this happened, Twitter co-founders said they vastly underestimated how often people would post updates on Twitter. "We designed Twitter as a platform for sharing profound thoughts and ideas," they said. "We had no idea people would publish updates about the sandwiches they are eating, their dog’s birthdays, or their bizarre political ramblings - especially since 2016." Unimportant tweets now make up 99.98% of all traffic on Twitter.

While engineers are unable to expand Twitter's capacity, they are working on other ways to alleviate the problem. Some are considering deleting old tweets. One technician even suggested deleting the entire database. "After all, what would really be lost? #nothing," he remarked.



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Bird Goes Over the Glory Hole Waterfall Without A Barrel

People of a certain age will remember the fad of daredevils going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. The first person to do it and live to tell the tale was a widowed teacher named Annie Taylor. Taylor was struggling financially when she seized upon the idea of riding over the falls in a barrel to secure fame and fortune. She used an oaken barrel with a crudely cushioned interior, which she tested by sending it over the falls with a test cat stuffed inside - it survived.



On Oct. 24, 1901 Taylor climbed inside her barrel. Less than twenty minutes later, she was recovered from the bottom of the falls, bleeding from the head but otherwise uninjured.

A Facebook video was posted at the end of February, 2019 showing a cormorant swim over the edge of Glory Hole and disappear. The video went viral spawning many social media comments and local news stories. One of the better stories was done by a local CBS News channel and is available at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/bird-video.html

Niagara Falls is only 167 feet high compared to the Glory Hole's total 245 feet total, but Glory Hole has a much smoother exit tunnel, which starts at only 150 feet below the spillway, compared to the rocks below Niagara Falls. Survival of the Glory Hole Bird was a hot topic for days.

On Monday, March 18, 2019 I spoke with Rick Fowler who is interviewed in the video. He said the video was taken at the highest level of the lake this year (444.1 feet on February 27).

Coincidentally, I was delivering the March issue of the Lake Berryessa News on Friday, March 1, when I stopped at the Glory Hole. I talked to a couple who had just seen a bird which they described as a grebe swim right over the edge of the Glory Hole. They were actually a bit distraught because they thought they had seen the death of the beautiful creature. Apparently this is not a rare event.

Rick said that he ran to the other side of the observation area as soon as he saw the bird go down. He made it to a

point right above the Glory Hole output where he claims he saw the bird pop out and recover. Although you can't see the output structure itself, you can easily see the turbulent white water coming out of it.

My calculations show that the water falling to the bottom of Niagara Falls is moving at about 70 miles per hour when it hits the river and rocks below. This is about the same speed as the water into Glory Hole when it hits the smooth ninety degree curve which begins about 150 feet below the lip of the spillway and begins to turn turbulent.

Water weighs 8 pounds per gallon so it can create a significant force if it hits a stationary object. Imagine someone throwing a 5 gallon (40 pound) bottle of water at you to catch. (Author's Personal Health Note: To anyone 40 pounds overweight, say 240 pounds when you should be 200 pounds, I hope you understand that this is the same as carrying around a 5 gallon bottle of water in your arms.)

But that's not what's happening inside Glory Hole. Remember when you were body surfing in big waves at a beautiful beach somewhere? You moved with the waves and tumbled around in the surf when the wave broke. If you've gone river rafting, you probably have not been torn up by the current, but floated along on top of it at the same speed as the water.

When my boys threw me out of a raft on the American River in some turbulent white water and I surfaced under the raft, I was not "torn to pieces" by the flow. I simply floated along through the rapids. An object falling into Glory Hole is doing the same thing - falling at the same speed as the water then bouncing along floating in the white foam to the exit.

The "Glory Hole Bird" was actually a cormorant. Cormorants feed by diving and swimming underwater.



They are very light and buoyant. They can dive to depths of 5 to 60 feet below the surface and stay under water up to 70 seconds. The Glory Hole cormorant would be traveling at the same speed as the water when it reached the "water slide" at the bottom and was enveloped in severe turbulence.

Then it and the water slowed drastically and it would be washed away horizontally through a smooth concrete tunnel to the output. Although it would have to swim through a lot of turbulence, there is no real "pressure" at the bottom - it's not like being 200 feet under water.

The bird wouldn't "hit" the "bottom" at high speed as if it had jumped from a 245 foot building. And it would not have been "torn to pieces" as some speculated. The Glory Hole is essentially a circular waterfall. Theoretically, the bird could have survived.

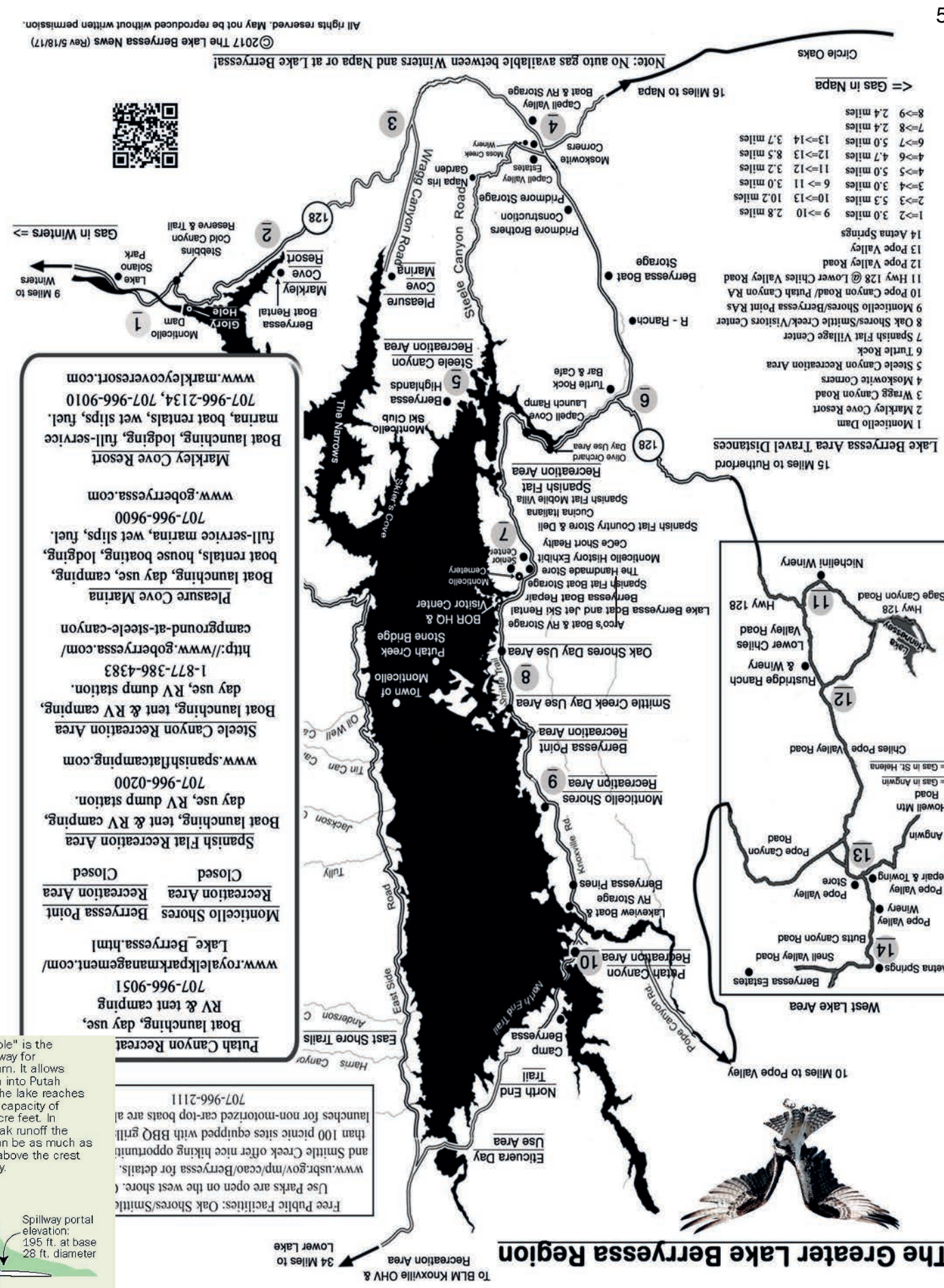
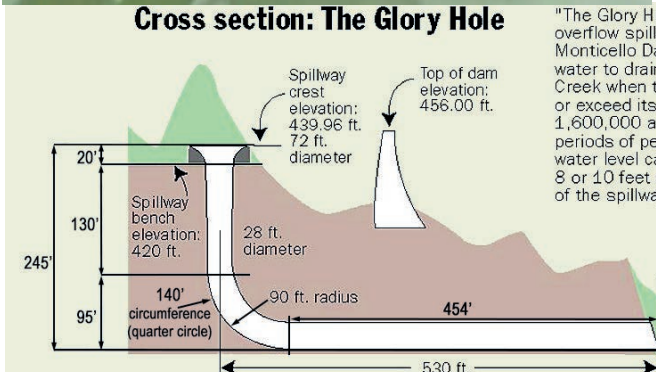
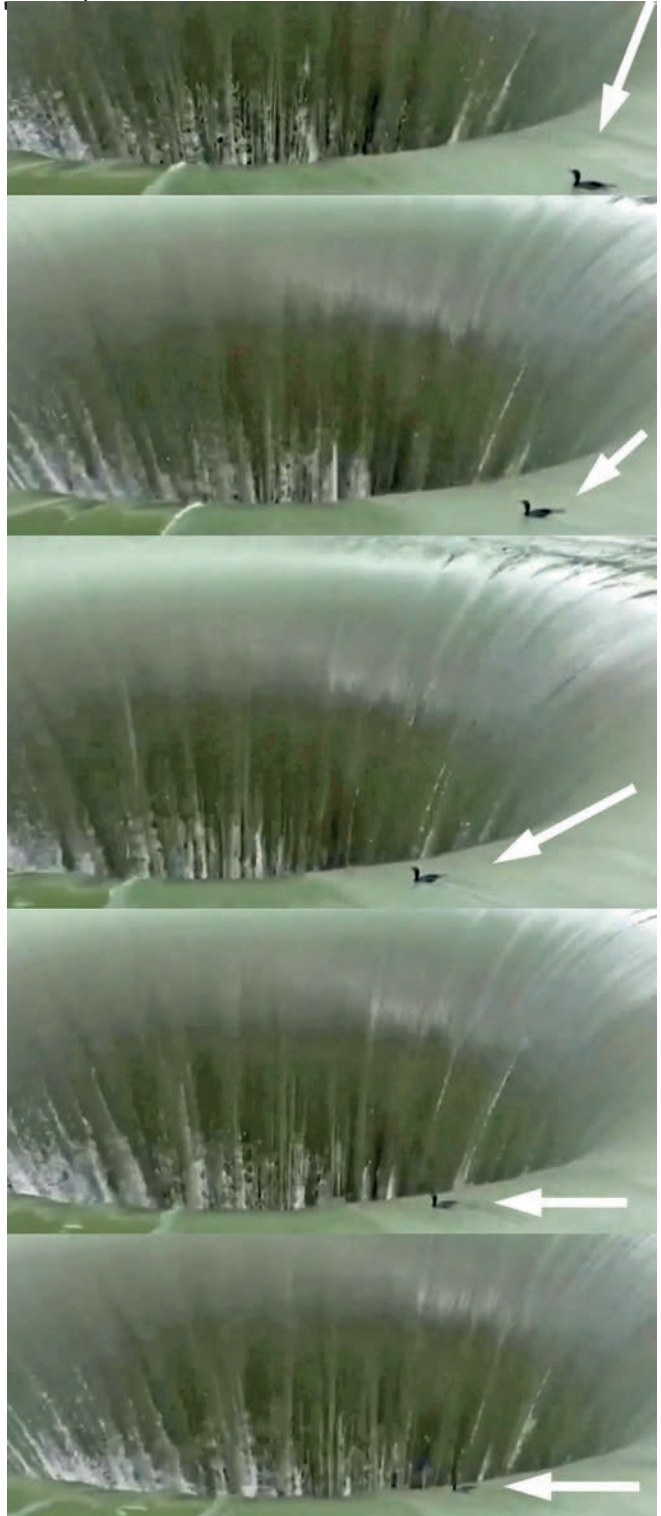
Rick Fowler believes the cormorant did survive because he saw it. A local ornithologist Rick spoke with recently also believed survival was possible. I also think survival was possible. To actually determine the time from input to output a light, bright object would have to be tossed into Glory Hole and the input-to-output time measured by observers. An object which included an accelerometer the g-forces experienced by the object as it was bounced around on its trip. Time for a science experiment?

I'm sure Rick will forgive me for mentioning that his last name may indicate some deeper spiritual connection to our feathered companions which allowed him to witness this unique event.

Who knows what strange electromagnetic signals fill the air when water is flowing through Glory Hole with its steel internal structure and unique chemical composition? One scientific study being pursued by scientists at the

University of Lake Berryessa is whether Glory Hole is actually a Black Hole or a Worm Hole.

However, it does seem that that Glory Hole's signal has beckoned to gathering water birds of all types. Apparently the thrill ride of what has become known to them as the Glory Hole Water Slide is now a major attraction on the Pacific Flyway, fostering bird traffic jams approaching those of human tourists gaping at the famous spillway.



**Global Climate Change Report:
Sea Level Rise May Be Due To Huge Amazon Lake And Sinkhole.**

Although many scientists believe that most sea level rise is due to warming of the global atmosphere accompanied by the melting of glaciers and polar ice, another potential source may have been discovered in an unexplored plateau in the central Amazon jungle. The area is usually shrouded in thick clouds, but scientists got a break when the clouds parted for a few hours. They discovered a huge hundred square mile inland lake at about 10,000 feet in altitude. The surprising feature of the lake was a huge circular waterfall which had apparently opened over a subterranean tunnel that connected it to several mid-continent rivers, including the Amazon. The lake had been storing huge amounts of water for several thousand years. Scientists speculate that only during recent decades had it started to drain slowly through a sinkhole opened by seismic activity. Observers commented on the circular waterfall's remarkable similarity to Lake Berryessa California's internationally famous Glory Hole. The full report is due to be made public on April 1, 2019.



Profiles in Smartyness: Science Cats at the University of Lake Berryessa

As described in another story in this issue, a cat was used to test the survival odds of going over Niagara Falls in a barrel more than 100 years ago. Cats have long been employed in science pursuits. The Ancient Egyptians held cats in the highest esteem, the penalties for injuring or killing a cat were severe. Without them, civilization as we know it might have never survived! Photo below shows one of the science cats employed at the University of Lake Berryessa's laboratories beneath Big Island. The other photo shows an example of a science cat at ULB studying the forces of gravity as applied to falling mice. The final photo is of a science cat leaping into Glory Hole to determine if it is a black hole or a wormhole.



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

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following :

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments. We can use critical thinking to enhance work processes and improve social institutions.

Some people believe that critical thinking hinders creativity because it requires following the rules of logic and rationality, but creativity might require breaking rules. This is a misconception. Critical thinking is quite compatible with thinking "out-of-the-box", challenging consensus and pursuing less popular approaches. If anything, critical thinking is an essential part of creativity because we need critical thinking to evaluate and improve our creative ideas.



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They Walk Among Us?

I just found this message from 18 years ago in my old files. Somehow it seemed appropriate for my April Fool's Edition. I never learned the identity of American Canyon Girl, or whether this was a spoof. On other occasions I've received comments from anonymous folks who blame an evil spirit for the unfortunately regular deaths by drowning at the lake.

amcyngirl said on: March 21, 2010, 10:29 am

It's unfortunate that this ever happened! Lake Barryessa has taken so many peoples lives! Regardless of the nature of the accidents, people are always dyeing there. The news paper does not have all the facts as well as the cause, so in my oppinion, the paper adds "being under the infulance" in attempt of blaming the cause of the accident on that reason. "Dont want to scare people form going there".

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

I forbid my children to go there and avoid the area completely. As beautiful as it appears, it is very hungry, waiting for an oppertunity to take another life...and more! Why doesn'e the Register do a census or stitistic on the casualties at that lake instead! Save a life!

Chocolate For Everyone on April 1, 2019!

Heinz will launch the world's first chocolate mayonnaise. Burger King will introduce a Chocolate Whopper. Coca-Cola will begin distributing chocolate flavored canned drinks.

April 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You thought your new sports car could do everything but love you, so its declaration of devotion will come as quite a shock.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You're starting to think that maybe the funny nose and glasses won't actually be enough to hide you when Jesus returns in all his glory.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: Remember: The patient raindrops can eventually wear away even the hardest stone. Don't let them get to close if you value your life.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The events of next week will closely mirror all the other events in your life up to that point.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Do not believe those who tell you they can see your future. They are merely preying upon your ignorant, fearful, superstitious nature.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The kinds of changes that await you this week can be readily found within the pages of most high school chemistry books.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your two-pack-a-day habit will finally kill you this week, but then, that's a lot of wolves to fight off.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Use the watering-can of good intentions to nurture the fig tree of expectations. There, enjoy figuring that one out, you jerks.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your life will soon be divided into Pre-Angering-Of-The-Ants and Post-Angering-Of-The-Ants eras.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

**University of Lake Berryessa Study Finds:
Stupidity is Orgasmic**

Scientists have been perplexed for decades as to why raw stupidity is so prevalent among human beings. They're not talking about ignorance here. Ignorance simply implies lack of knowledge or awareness about something which can be fixed by learning more.

Stupidity is a lack of intelligence, mental capacity, understanding, reason, wit, or common sense. Stupid is knowing the truth, seeing the truth, but still believing the lies. As the saying goes, you can't fix stupid.

If you participate much in social media sites like Facebook orTwitter it's hard not to feel like being lost among the clueless - but the clueless seem to be having a darn good time expressing their opinions.

According to Prof. Noah Fence, "The problem with most stupid people is that they don't know they're stupid. Many like to think of themselves as "contrarians" who know more than anyone else and want you to know it too. But the key element is that it feels good."

Psychologists at the University of Lake Berryessa finally asked the simple question, "Is stupidity as intoxicating as sex or food or booze?" After many years of study and experiment, they found that the answer is a resounding YES. Further study is needed to determine how to reverse the pleasure of stupidity without harming the stupid.

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5MPH = No Wake!

In doing research on the laws and ordinances applicable to Lake Berryessa I discovered something I had not known. Most of us thought there was some small difference between a "No Wake" zone and a "5MPH" zone. By law, there is not. See Napa County ordinance below.

"No Wake" wins. So don't try to go faster than 5MPH even if your sleek hull creates no wake. The speed limit wins. And watch out if your funky old boat is going less than 5MPH and creates a wake. You're guilty!

How slow can you go? How big a ripple behind you can be defined as a "wake"? How can anyone even define what "No Wake" legally means?

Napa County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.08 - Berryessa Lake And Park Area.

12.08.040 - Boats and other vessels—Operation restrictions.

C. No person shall operate a motorboat or other vessel at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in any area marked with a buoy bearing the words "5 miles per hour" OR bearing the words "No Wake."

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Summer 2019: Big Island Lagoon Liberation Celebration!

There Is No Such Legal Designation as a "Non-Motorized Zone" or "Electric Trolling Motors Only" Restriction at Lake Berryessa

A few weeks ago the Lake Berryessa News staff took a patio boat ride on beautiful, sunny Lake Berryessa. We made it a point to cruise slowly through the Big Island lagoon. As usual there were no other boats in this large pleasant area. Observation by local residents for many years has shown that the non-motorized use of Big Island lagoon varies between zero and none throughout the year.

In a highly unpopular move - with no public support, public discussion, public input, or analysis of real recreational need - the Bureau of Reclamation arbitrarily closed Big Island Lagoon, a traditional family boating rest area, to motorized recreation almost ten years ago.

The lagoon entrances now have several annoying buoys stating "Electric Trolling Motor Only" but no signs stating "non-motorized zone". Hidden on a map in the 2006 Record of Decision are two designations of "non-motorized zone". One is Big Island Lagoon. The other is Steele Park Cove (aka Willi's Cove). Although warning buoys were placed at Big Island, they were not installed at Steele Park Cove.

An analysis of the relevant "Statutory Authority for Enforcement of a Non-Motorized Designation on the Water Surface of Lake Berryessa" leads to the conclusion that these are illegitimate and unenforceable designations.

The Napa County ordinance applicable to Lake Berryessa is ORDINANCE NO. 1287, Chapter 12.08 - 12.12. The ordinance is reproduced on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. The other applicable set of rules is found in the California Harbors and Navigation Code. Sec. 660. There are no references in these documents or any federal policies to "non-motorized zones" or "electric trolling



motors only" areas.

It turns out that the Bureau of Reclamation has been violating its own flawed decision in the 2006 Record of Decision: Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa (supposedly the "policy bible" for future activities at the lake).

The 2006 ROD stated:

b. Recreation Guidelines and the Planning Process: "Existing requirements are carried forward on an interim basis pending future adoption by Reclamation of the WALROS... in consultation with the forum established in Paragraph 1c.

1.c. Collaboration: Reclamation will sponsor a regular forum with the opportunity for public involvement to promote communication, thoughtful consideration of interests, consistency and uniformity, and constructive resolution of problems or conflicts."

The Water and Land Use Recreation Opportunities Spectrum (WALROS) was

approved by Reclamation in 2009. No action has been taken by Reclamation since then to implement their 2006 ROD policy regarding WALROS.

The Lake Berryessa Community Forum was created in 2015. Regular meetings were held for several years, but the subject of the "non-motorized zones" was never discussed.

A request for clarification from the Napa County Sheriff of enforcement authority for this designation brought the disappointing reponse: "At this point, we continue to enforce this designation under 12.08.030, A.14: It is unlawful for any person to operate a boat or pass through any log boom or line of buoys designating a closed area."

But these are not "closed areas". Why the Sheriff is stretching the intent of the ordinance to support the Bureau of Reclamation in opposition to the citizens of Napa County and the boating public is a bit of a mystery.

The Lake Berryessa News believes the Sheriff is wrong in this interpretation and will continue to cruise the Big Island Lagoon (at 5MPH) any time we are out on the lake.

Conclusion: Based on their own policy statements the Bureau of Reclamation should immediately rescind their illegitimate "non-motorized zone/electric trolling motors only" designation of Big Island Lagoon and Steele Park Cove. They should also immediately implement the planning process described in the WALROS.

Big Island Lagoon and Steele Park Cove should immediately return to their long-term 5 MPH status in anticipation of the 2019 recreation season.

Napa County- Reclamation Negotiation Update

After 3 years of no apparent progress, Lake Berryessa enters the 2019 recreation season full to the brim, but still without any deal in place to renovate the shoreline resorts.

Deputy County Executive Officer Molly Rattigan said recently that the county is close to having potential management agreement terms to bring to the Napa County Board of Supervisors for further direction.

"We have scheduled a Board discussion on May 14th when all 5 Supervisors will be present. Staff will report on the status of the negotiations." Mark your calendars!

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6 **Goats and Fire Suppression**
by Peter Kilkus

It seems to have become trendy to consider using goats as biological weed whackers to keep grass and weeds under control for fire fuel reduction, including in the Berryessa Highlands.

Some Highlands folks brought goats home last summer and tied them to trees on the hills behind their house in an effort to avoid human weed whacking. The goats cried all day because they got tangled and could not get to their water. The neighbors were understandably annoyed and the County had to get involved because of all the phone complaints from one location. The goats were finally removed.

Residents learned that in Berryessa Highlands, which is zoned PD (Planned Development), they must have one acre or more to have livestock on their property. Lots under one acre cannot legally have livestock.

Napa County Chapter 18-48 PD Planned Development District
§ 18.48.020. Uses allowed without a use permit
The following uses shall be allowed in all PD districts without a use permit:

A. Minor antennas ...

B. Telecommunication facilities, other than satellite earth stations, which consist solely of wall-mounted antenna and related interior equipment ...

C. Agriculture, provided that the lot is one acre in size or greater.

So can goats be used to clear fire fuel from lots in the Berryessa Highlands? Yes, if you are using a goat service that provides the goats and manages them for a temporary clearing process. In order for goats to do their job of clearing hillsides, them must be free to roam.

First understand that goats are generally stupid, nasty, mean, and loud (Maybe not you cute pygmy goat pet.). Their horns are dangerous - as my neighbor's hand found out. Also,

- "If a fence can't hold water, it can't hold goats". Goats are escape artists
- Goats are social creatures and you should never have just one or they will get lonely
- Goat hooves have to be trimmed on a regular

- basis or they will have difficulty walking
- Goats get intestinal worms from eating weeds and have to be wormed regularly.
 - Bucks like to urinate on their own faces and a buck can easily out rival a skunk in the way of stink.
 - If a goat gets loose, your landscaping will be gone over night.
 - Trees are also the first thing people think to tie a goat to, but goats will strip the bark off the tree before they will eat the grass around it. This kills the tree.

Two of my neighbors decided to try goat-clearing on their 60-acre properties last summer. A goat service surrounded several acres at a time with electric fencing and delivered more than 100 goats and sheep to clear the areas. It was a disaster. The goats escaped regularly. They also pushed through the fencing and got trapped by their horns.

I looked out my window one morning to see about twenty goats running around my yard eating everything. Twenty goats in twenty minutes stripped every living bud and leaf from ten flowering bushes leaving nothing but twigs behind. The next day the goats were back again and stripped several of my ash trees of leaves and branches up to five feet above the ground.

And although they clear-cut several acres bare of grass and bushes, which prevented fires on those small areas last summer, they actually did little for overall fire suppression. That property now has more grass than before the goats.

Of course, I assume a few controlled goats would work better on the small Highlands lots, but I would never want goats on my next door neighbor's property for more than a short time. In my opinion, giving a job to a human weed whacker is a much better way to give yourself defensible space every year.

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March 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Venus rising in your sign sounds like a welcome harbinger of romantic good tidings, but the zodiac assures you it's merely decorative.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The largest meteorite ever to hit a person was about 45 pounds, making you a posthumous shoo-in for the record next Wednesday.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You've never claimed to be a genius, but you have a nagging suspicion that you should have known sheets could be changed.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You can't understand why people keep telling you they're tired of your act. Why, the costume changes alone are nothing short of breathtaking.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The stars are tired of politely nodding when you say you're single because you're "too picky."

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Trouble rears its ugly head in the workplace when, simply put, they just up and fire everybody.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You've always believed you should go with your gut in important matters, which is why every major decision in your life has been accompanied by chili-cheese fries.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): 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

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll have a hard time controlling yourself this week, but then that's what the serene-looking men in lab coats are here for.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Your insistence on having your father walk you down the aisle may seem odd to some, especially considering the two of you are only going grocery shopping.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The inexorable power of destiny would render you powerless to stop the fateful events of next week, were anything ever to actually happen to you.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): After all you've been through, it's nice to know that lightning doesn't strike twice. Strangely, it turns out that's not true for falling safes or pianos.

37th DAM Lake Berryessa Open Water Swim³ Saturday, June 1, 2019

Davis Aquatics Masters Annual Lake Berryessa Swim at the Steele Canyon Campground 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 to Lake Berryessa.

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Eligibility: This event is open to USMS registered swimmers or members of an equivalent organization (for foreign swimmers). To register for the event, you must provide proof of current membership. You may register for a USMS One-Day Event Membership

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12.08.030 Unlawful activities

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

1. To pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit, or cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, fence, structure or improvement of any kind, unless an employee of the county or an employee of the bureau while in the performance of official duties or unless authorized by special permit by the bureau;
2. Unless authorized by the bureau, to cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten to any tree, fence, wall, rock, building, monument or other object within the Berryessa Lake and Park area any bill, advertisement or inscription;
3. Unless authorized by the bureau, to dig up or remove any dirt, stones, rocks or other substance whatever, make any excavation, quarry any stone, or lay or set off any blast within the Berryessa Lake or Park area. Any proposed blasting must first be submitted for and receive approval from the county;
4. To leave or abandon in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except in receptacles designated for that purpose by the bureau, human or animal waste, cans, bottles, waste, paper, broken glass or other rubbish or garbage;
5. To light, build or maintain in the Berryessa Lake and Park area any open fire, with the following exceptions:
 - a. When a written permit has been obtained from the bureau,
 - b. When fires are maintained in fireplaces, grills or other facilities provided and designated for that purpose by the bureau,
 - c. When fires are in oil or gasoline stoves or gas grills in camps and picnic areas maintained and designated by the bureau;
6. To bring any dog or cat or any domestic animal into the Berryessa Lake or Park area except on a leash;
7. To ride, drive, lead or keep a horse or other livestock in the Berryessa Lake or Park area except upon roads and trails

designated for that purpose by the bureau, or in such other areas as may be designated as pasturage areas under lease by the bureau. No horse or other livestock shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in such manner as to cause damage to such tree or shrub. This subsection shall not apply to the use of horses for law enforcement purposes, or if prior approval has been obtained through issuance of a special permit by the bureau;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. To operate a boat or pass through any logboom or line of buoys designating a closed area;

15. To contaminate or pollute the waters of Lake Berryessa or the shore area or the tributaries thereof, or to discharge any human waste, litter, garbage, oil or other debris therein;
16. To enter any areas of the Berryessa Lake and Park area which are closed to entry by the bureau, and posted against trespassing in accordance with the provisions of Section 602 of the California Penal Code;
17. To carry and possess any firearms in the Berryessa Lake and Park area without a valid concealed weapons permit or a permit issued by the bureau;
18. To destroy, injure, deface, remove and/ or alter public property, including but not limited to developed facilities, natural formations, gravel, mud, sand, mineral deposits, designated historical or archaeological features, except when in accordance with written permission from the bureau;
19. To cut down or remove live trees, or gather wood, without the written permission of the bureau;
20. To bring into the Berryessa Lake and Park area any household or commercial garbage, trash, rubbish, debris, dead animal(s) or litter of any kind for disposal or dumping without the written permission of the bureau;
21. To engage in the sport or activity of parasailing on Lake Berryessa in the following areas:
 - a. Within one thousand feet of any powerline, or
 - b. As posted on at least two signs on shore or on buoys in or near the prohibited area, or
 - c. Within two thousand feet of Monticello Dam.
22. To park any vehicle in a fire lane, in a red zone, or in any other area that is not a designated parking area within the Berryessa Lake and Park area;
23. To bring any glass containers to the day use facilities at Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park areas;

24. To tie or attach any vessel, rope, canopy, hammock or similar item(s) to any tree, shrub, bush, vegetation, pole, picnic table, bench or other park facility, improvement, or structure;
 25. To abandon a campfire or any open fire.
- B. Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this section, other than provisions relating to the parking of vehicles, may be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction pursuant to Section 17 et seq. of the California Penal Code, and Government Code Section 25132.
- 12.08.040 Boats and other vessels
- Operation restrictions.
- A. No person shall operate or navigate any commercial motorboat carrying passengers for hire on or around the Berryessa Lake and Park area unless licensed in accordance with law. Authorization must also be obtained from the bureau prior to engaging in such activities.
- B. No person shall moor any boat, vessel, personal watercraft, watercycle, water ski, innertube, air mattress or other device which can be used for floating on the water, or designed for travel upon the water, to the pillars, abutments or appendages of the Pope Creek Bridge or the Putah Creek Bridge.
- C. No person shall operate a motorboat or other vessel at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in any area marked with a buoy bearing the words "5 miles per hour" or bearing the words "No Wake." "5 miles an hour" shall be interpreted to mean creating "no wake" as the boat travels through or on the water.
- Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this section may be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction pursuant to Section 17 et seq. of the California Penal Code, and Government Code Section 25132.

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Chapter 12.12 - Jumping from Putah Creek and Pope Creek Bridges

The county board of supervisors makes the following findings:

That many persons, particularly young persons, when engaging in recreational pursuits at Lake Berryessa, have jumped, and have attempted to jump, from the Pope Creek Bridge and the Putah Creek Bridge into the waters or tributaries to the waters of Lake Berryessa;

That a number of people have been hurt from this activity, and, particularly in years where there has been less than average rainfall, such an activity poses a danger to anyone engaging in same.

Therefore, the board of supervisors also finds that it is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare to specifically prohibit this activity, and enact a substantial fine in order to discourage persons from participating in this dangerous activity.

12.12.020 - Unlawful activities designated.

It is unlawful for anyone to jump, leap or otherwise propel one's own body or the body of another from the Pope Creek Bridge or the Putah Creek Bridge.

It is unlawful for anyone to attach a rope or other apparatus to the Pope Creek Bridge or to the Putah Creek Bridge, for the purpose of swinging from either bridge.

It is unlawful to swing from either the Pope Creek Bridge or to Putah Creek Bridge at any time.

It is unlawful for anyone not otherwise authorized by law to climb onto, or to jump, leap, or otherwise propel one's own body or that of another, from the superstructure of the Pope Creek Bridge or the Putah Creek Bridge.

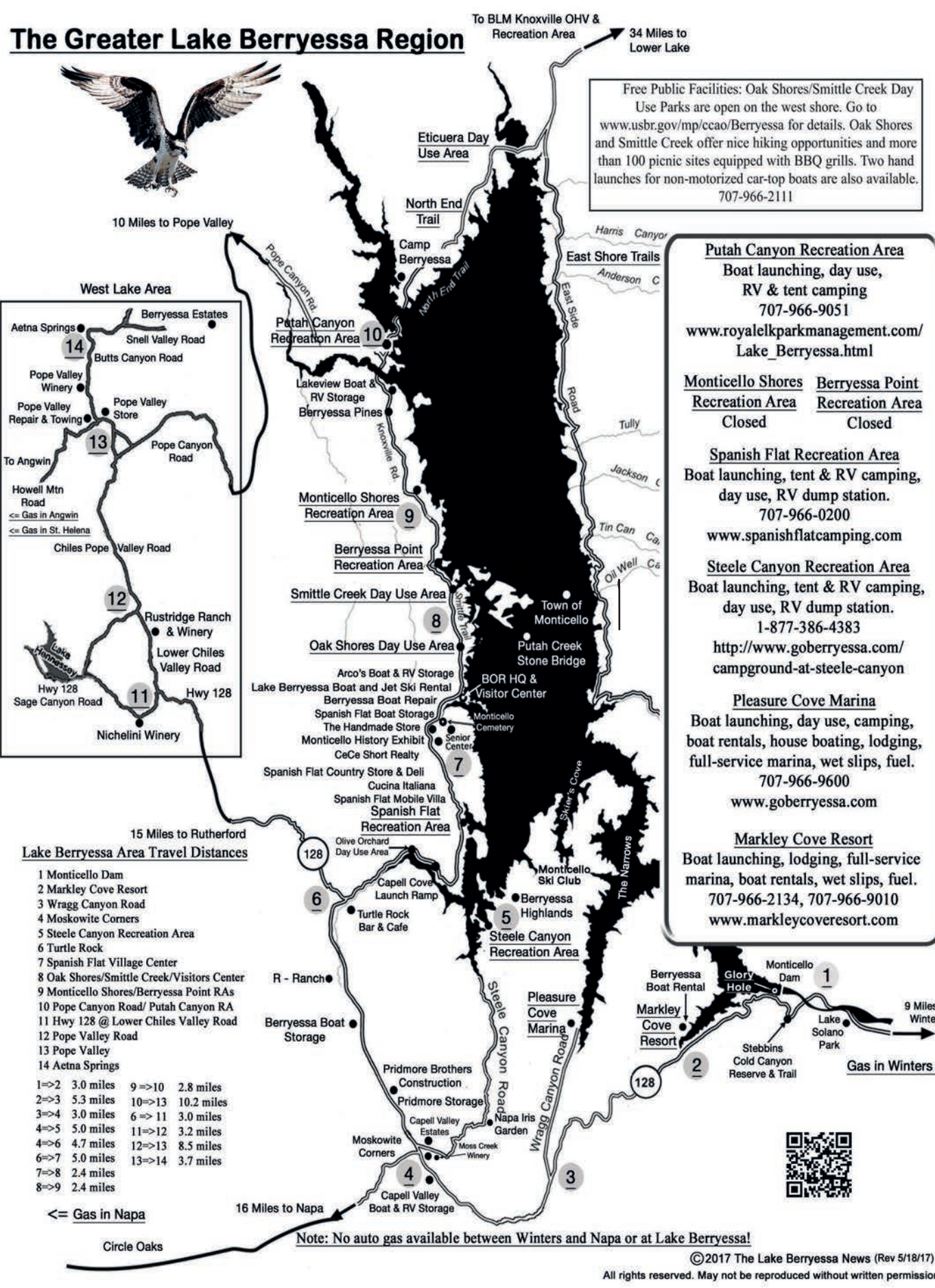
For this purpose, "superstructure" means the part of a bridge which rests on the piers and abutments, but which is beneath the level of the roadway.

It is unlawful for any person not otherwise authorized by law to attempt to commit any act made unlawful by this section.

It is unlawful for any person to stop or loiter on the Pope Creek Bridge or Putah Creek Bridge.

12.12.030 - Violation - Penalty

Minimum amount of two hundred fifty dollars for the first violation, three hundred fifty dollars for the second violation, and five hundred dollars for third or subsequent violations.



2 **A Call To Action:**
Personally Demand the Return of Big Island Lagoon and Steele Canyon Cove to 5MPH Zones For Family Recreation!

It's time for all friends of Lake Berryessa to be heard after more than ten years of an illegitimate restriction created with no public input and little public support. Please read the Special Report below showing that the Bureau of Reclamation's actions were invalid and are unenforceable. Then let your representatives know how you feel. It's been long enough!

Below is a letter I've sent to Drew Lessard, Reclamation Area Manager, that you can use as a sample. Please write as many letters as you can and forward this email to your family, friends, and others you know who care about Lake Berryessa.

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As a follow up to show your support, you may want to email our two Lake Berryessa supervisors who have been negotiating with Reclamation regarding the Managing Partner Agreement to have Napa County take over managing the lake resorts. They are as frustrated as we are with Reclamation's lack of action. The other supervisors also support the Lake Berryessa community.

Alfredo Pedroza -
alfredo.pedroza@countyofnapa.org

Diane Dillon -
Diane.Dillon@countyofnapa.org

Sample Letter: Dear Mr. Lessard,

There is no such legal designation as a "Non-Motorized Zone" or "Electric Trolling Motors Only" restriction applicable to Lake Berryessa.

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.

The 2006 Record of Decision itself defined this illegitimate restriction as only temporary until Reclamation adopted the Water and Land Use Recreation Opportunities Spectrum (WALROS) - which it did in 2009. But Reclamation took no action.

The conclusion is that since there was neither public input nor public support for this arbitrary action; there was no statutory authority or other justification for Reclamation's decision; there is no enforcement authority applicable to these arbitrary designations; there was no analysis of need; and the action is in opposition to Reclamation's stated purpose to support and expand recreation at Lake Berryessa, the Bureau of Reclamation should immediately rescind its action and return Big Island Lagoon and Steele Canyon Cove to their long-term 5 MPH status in anticipation of the 2019 recreation season.

Special Report

Executive Summary: There Is No Such Legal Designation As A "Non-Motorized Zone" Or "Electric Trolling Motors Only" Restriction At Lake Berryessa

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. This action was taken with no public input, no supporting data, no analysis of need, nor any evaluation of its effects on

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lake users, violating Reclamation's own policies and the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act.

Monitoring of the area for the many years has shown there has been no appreciable use by non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks. This action simply created a wasted recreational resource that had previously been used by thousands of boaters on a regular basis. This area was an historical 5 MPH zone and a heavily-used family recreation gathering spot. It provided a quiet, safe respite from the activity on the main lake.

Hidden on a map in the 2006 Record of Decision are two designations of "non-motorized zone". One is Big Island Lagoon. The other is Steele Park Cove (aka Willi's Cove). The Big Island lagoon entrances now have several buoys stating "Electric Trolling Motor Only" but no signs stating "non-motorized zone".

Although warning buoys were placed at Big Island, they were not installed at Steele Park Cove. The "electric trolling motors only" warning can potentially be interpreted to mean that no kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, bass boats, patio boats, or other watercraft will be allowed in the area without a trolling motor attached.

Monitoring of the area for many years has shown there has been no appreciable use by non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, or paddleboards. Statistical reports confirm that there are no

safety issues related to the shared use of 5 MPH areas by non-motorized and motorized watercraft.

The 2005 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) noted no safety or environmental issues.

The 2006 ROD also stated that no changes would be made until the Public Forum referenced in this same section was created. Peter Kilkus first raised this issue in a formal recommendation to Reclamation on December 26, 2012. The recommendation was ignored. The subject was never discussed at any of the public forums held beginning in early 2013 until it was again brought up by Kilkus at the November 14, 2018 forum meeting. Drew Lessard, Area Manager, agreed to review the proposal.

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Some Everyday Technologies That Came From The Space Program

Air purification: In the '90s when NASA began studying whether or not astronauts would be able to survive long-term space missions, the research resulted in an air purification technology widely used by consumers.

Athletic shoes: A process referred to as "blow rubber molding" used in producing helmets was applied to create hollow shoe soles to be filled with shock-absorbing materials.

Baby formula: More than 90 percent of baby formulas now contain a nutritional enrichment ingredient that is the result of NASA-sponsored research that "explored the potential of algae as a recycling agent for long-duration space travel."

Camera phones: Back in the 1990s, a team from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory worked to create a camera small enough to fit on a spacecraft. Today, a third of all cameras contain this technology.

CT scans and MRIs: NASA scientists pioneered digital signal processing to produce computer-improved images of the Moon during various Apollo missions. That breakthrough is the basis for the machinery used for CT scans and MRIs.

Cordless vacuums and power tools: Your cordless, handheld tools were inspired by a portable drill used to extract core samples from below the surface of the moon. The computer program used to develop that drill was designed by Black & Decker.

Ear thermometers: An aural thermometer developed by Diatek Corporation and NASA uses infrared astronomy technology to measure the amount of energy emitted by the eardrum the same way the temperature of stars and planets is measured.

GPS navigation: According to Spinoff, "NASA monitors the integrity of global GPS data in real time for the U.S. Air Force, which administers the positioning service worldwide."

Mylar: Mylar was invented in the 1950s to protect NASA's spacecraft from the sun's heat and to also keep them insulated.

Scratch-resistant lenses: Work done at Ames Research Center on coatings for astronaut helmet visors inspired some of the earliest research into effective scratch-resistant coatings for prescription and sunglass lenses.

Temper foam: Originally designed to improve crash protection, the material known as "memory foam" has been incorporated into household products such as mattresses and pillows.

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Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program, Summer 2019: The Interns Are Back!

My name is Kaitlin Evans. I am completing my last semester at CSU Sacramento in Environmental Studies with a minor in Biology. I enjoy volunteering with local organizations that help to clean waste, plant trees, and educate my community about the importance of land stewardship. I enjoy camping, backpacking, and mountain biking. I excited for the opportunity to work at Lake Berryessa this summer on public education about the importance of water quality as a vital component of the overall health of our watershed.

My name is Mike Jian. I am in the process of obtaining my master's degree in Chemistry at the California State University, Fresno. On my free time you can find me either rock climbing, reading historical fiction novels (especially during the World War I/II era), or playing hide-and-seek with my three dogs. I took this internship, because I love the outdoors and want to take the effort to protect the environment by educating boaters at Lake Berryessa. I hope to enhance my teaching skills by interacting with boaters as I aspire to be a teacher.

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Why isn't the 'Do Not Call' list working?

Why is anyone still getting robocalls in 2019. Why isn't the 'Do Not Call' list working? The "National Do Not Call" list started in 2003 after many complaints about solicitation calls always seeming coming at dinner time, even on weekends. I checked the Do Not Call website for my own history, to make sure I'm on it, and I found I did register in 2005. But, that hasn't stopped annoying phone calls coming at all times of day and night. Why? Because the "National Do Not Call" list only prohibits sales calls!

What calls still get through? Political calls, charitable calls, debt collection, telephone surveys and informational calls...whatever those are. Technology has made it tough to stop scammers, especially when many calls come from overseas.

So, what can you do? A friend told me that someone he knows runs a company that randomly calls phone numbers. If anyone answers, that number is put on a list and sold to robocallers and scammers. I've noticed that I get a lot of calls with the same area code and prefix as my cell phone number. That was a new ploy robocallers tried, expecting you to answer a call with a familiar number. I no longer answer those calls. I also no longer answer any calls with a number I don't recognize. If it is a real caller they will leave a message on my voice mail. Block each robocall after it comes in, report the illegal sales calls and make sure your phone number is on the blocked list.

June 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): This is a time of great uncertainty for you, but it doesn't mean the odds of drawing an inside straight improves.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Sometimes it's good to just sit back and watch the universe unfolding. But other times, such as next Tuesday, it's good to stop baby carriages from rolling in front of buses.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your death next week with come as a big surprise; but, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idiot who thinks that's a good idea.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): You'll suffer from a continuing inability to enjoy anything but the company of friends and family, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the knowledge that you lived a life of dignity.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're wasting your potential by living life as you do now, but not as much as you're wasting your potential energy by not falling from high places.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You're not the kind of person who lets social conventions dictate how you live life, but it would be nice if you could pull that off without being such a jerk.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The FBI will have to ask you some tough questions next week, such as whether true love really exists and what happens after we die.

Libra (9/23-10/22): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): There aren't many people who get as angry at a poorly made Manhattan cocktail as you do, making it easy for investigators to figure out what happened.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll worry about your mental health when your dog suddenly begins speaking to you in a commanding voice, but all it seems to want is food, water, and the occasional walk.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It's true just one more cookie won't hurt, since volcanic activity will soon render all your earthly concerns irrelevant..

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The original name for the creek, as given by the local Native Americans who once lived beside it, sounded something like "Liwaito" or "Leywe" according to 19th century texts written by people of limited familiarity with the Patwin language.

"Putah" descends from "Puto", which is the name that the Spanish settlers gave to the local Native American tribe. The Spanish name for the creek was therefore "Rio de los Putos", meaning River of the Putos. The Native American tribe in question referred to themselves using a word which sounded something like Puttoy to the European settlers' ears.

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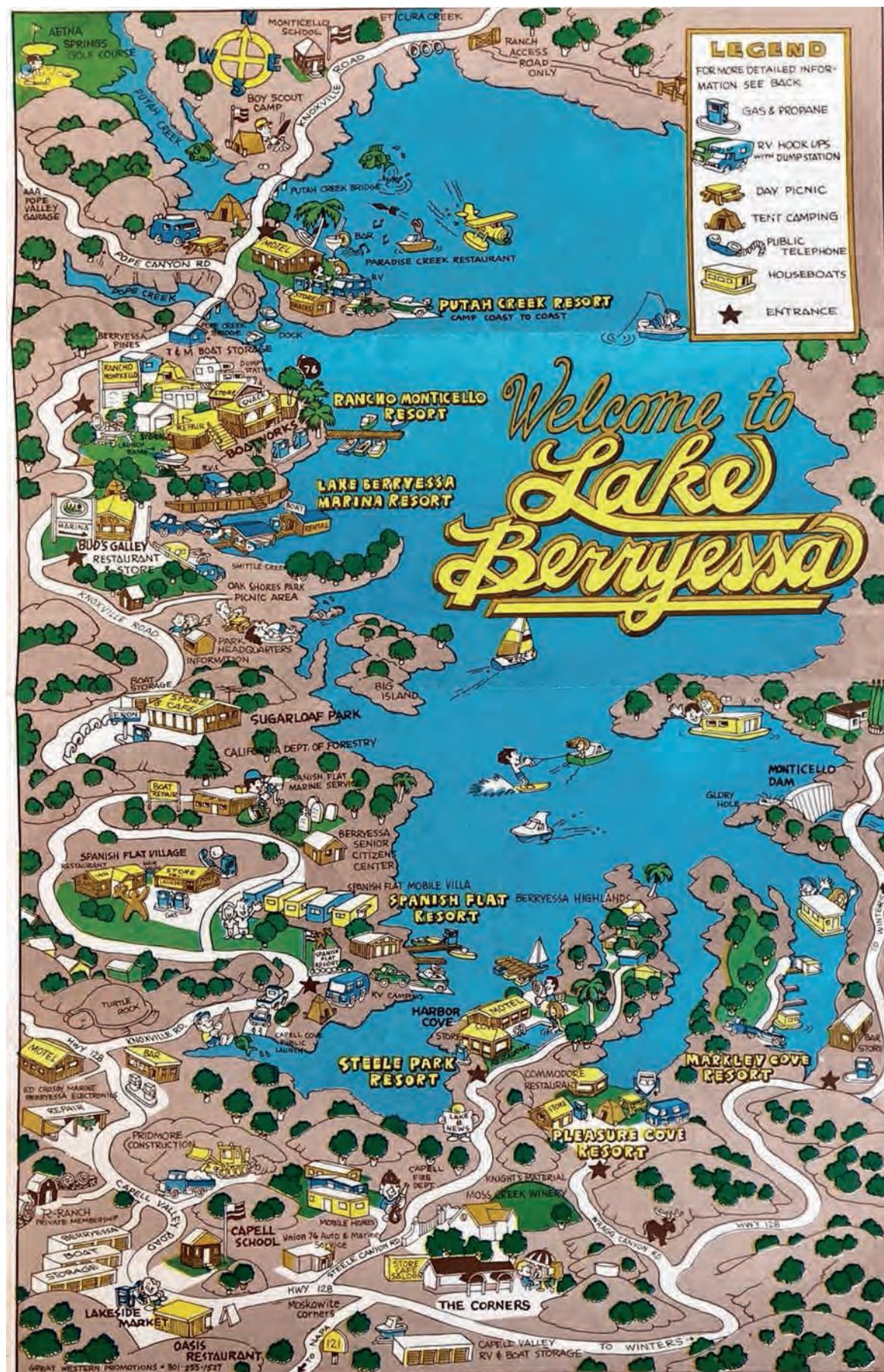
4 Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments Circuit
Thanks to the 28 Teams that fished the 8th event on Cinco de Mayo and hosted out of Markley Cove. Next tournament is on Sunday 6/09/19! Also on Sunday 6/9/19 the tournament will be out of the Capell Cove at the FREE LAUNCH! berryessabass.weebly.com

We had a cool & breezy Blast Off! Wind did pick up by weigh-ins! Most of the teams got there limit while searching for a big bite all day, looks like a ton of bucks are being caught! Most reported catching their fish in 1-15 feet of water. Water temps are up into the 68 degree to low 70's range with the water clarity slightly murky tan/green in areas and crystal clear in other areas. Teams reported catching their fish on Swim Baits, Drop Shot, and Reaction Baits. Most teams were fishing on the Main Body of the lake.

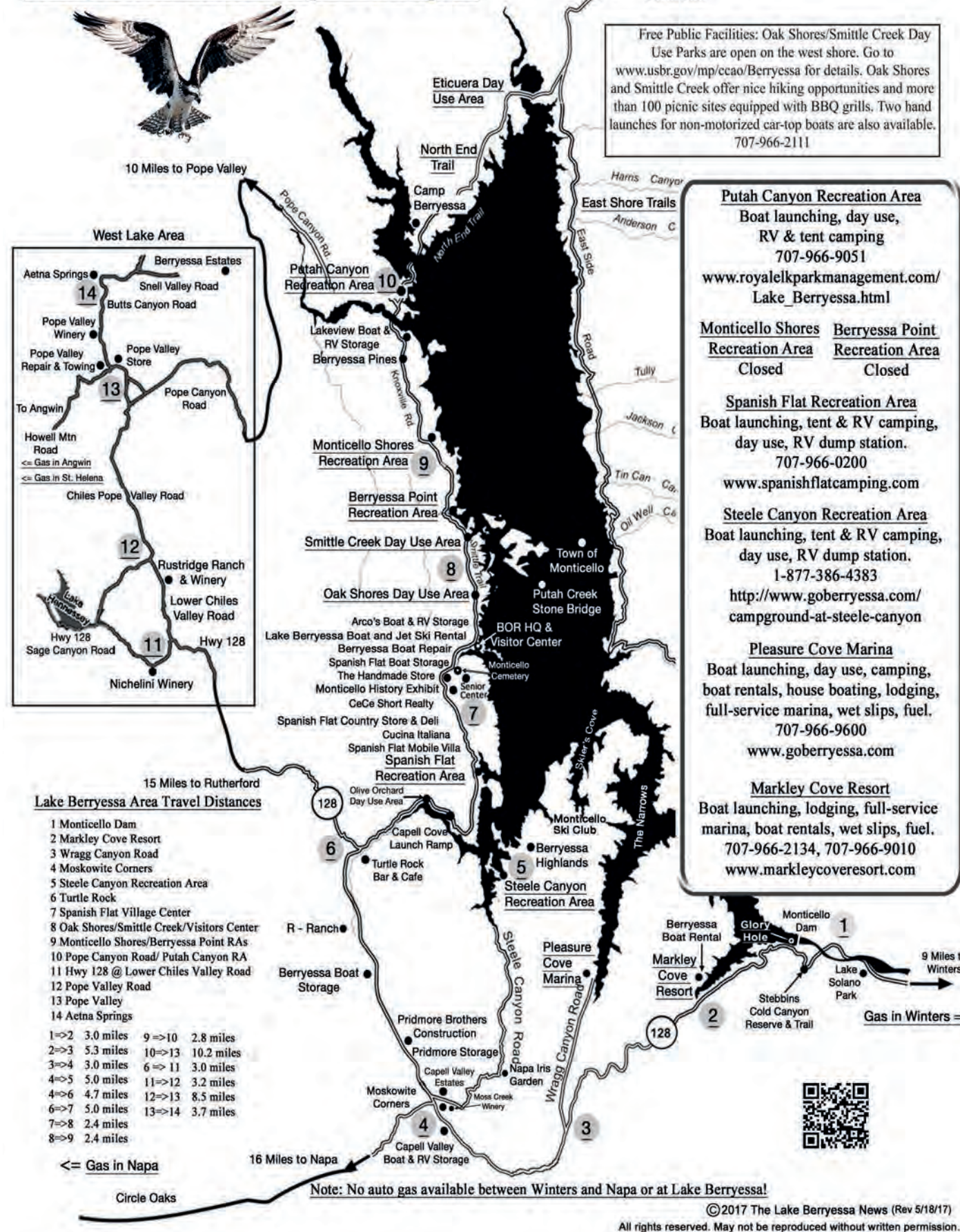
First Place went to Bob Dettling and Jason Kincannon with a sack that weighed 17.09lbs and was anchored with a 4.65lb Kicker for 2nd Place Big Fish! Second Place went to Gary Okusako and Dave Symmons again who brought in a sack that weighed 15.98lbs. Third Place went to Brett Leber and Chuck Kavros with a sack that weighed 14.72lbs and was anchored by a 5.52lb kicker for 1st Place Big Fish.



Here's a fun old map of the "good ole days" which must have been printed in the late 80's. The Berryessa Senior Center is on this map. It was first opened in 1984.



The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa
Fishing for the season started for me this past Friday, 5/17. I took Tim and his children, James and Elena, out for the day. We went to the back of the Monticello Ski School for our first stop just to check it out. I saw no real signs of fish activity.

Next stop was the Narrows where we trolled along the rock wall with no bites. I decided to go towards the vineyards. We trolled along the shoreline using Speed Trap crank bait and Procure rainbow trout scent. Our first catch was a largemouth bass that weighed a little over 2 1/2 pounds. Elena did a good job bringing it in and her dad netted it.

Tim was next to get a hit. He brought in a nice size bass and Elena did a great job netting it. Our next bite was a nice size crappie using the same lure. I found a spot where we could worm and throw crank bait at the same time. Using a 4 inch senco chartreuse colored worm with brass and glass set-up and drop shot set-up we had success landing bass.

We all agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day. If you have any questions or stories you would like to share or are interested in booking a guided fishing trip please email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.



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Burro: Equus Africanas Asinus

"Asinus" in the burro's scientific name, suggesting a certain assiness to the burro, which hints at a further truth. "Burro" is just the Spanish word for "donkey." Some people make a distinction between the descendants of donkeys introduced into the Americas by the Spanish in the 1500s, which they call burros, and donkeys introduced from Europe in modern times, which they call donkeys.

Even people making a distinction between burros and donkeys appear to agree that both, being of the species "asinus," are asses. Jackasses are just "jack asses," or "male asses." Asses were first domesticated around 3000 BC, probably in Egypt or Mesopotamia and have spread around the world. They continue to fill important roles in many places today. While domesticated species are increasing in numbers, the African wild ass is an endangered species. As beasts of burden and companions, asses and donkeys have worked together with humans for millennia.



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Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."




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Independence Day: Will the Bureau of Reclamation Ever Support Lake Berryessa's Freedom?

by Peter Kilkus

Besides enjoying the holiday spirit and activities of the Fourth of July, it is instructive to reflect on the meaning of freedom and independence. The essence of America is finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom "to" and freedom "from."

Based on its words and actions, or lack thereof, the Bureau of Reclamation should more properly be known as the Burro of Wrecklamtion. Not only has it physically wrecked what Lake Berryessa once was, it has wrecked the opportunities of a couple of generations of families to enjoy this resource. And during the last two decades, it has wrecked local businesses and what once was a thriving economy.

Although the old "stubborn as a mule" cliché is not really accurate, Wrecklamation's stubborn adherence to failed policies and a refusal to take action to remedy what is clearly their mismanagement. of the Lake Berryessa situation makes them their own cliché.

The scientific name for a burro is "Equus Africanas Asinus". "Asinus" in the burro's scientific name, suggests a certain assiness to the burro, which hints at a further truth when applied here. See more about burros on the back page of this issue.

Not to overdramatize our situation at the lake, but take a minute to read the introduction to our Declaration of Independence below. I can't help but relate the language to the way our Burro of Wrecklamation interacts with the people of Lake Berryessa and Napa County.

It's been six weeks since the review of the negotiations between Napa County and the BOR regarding a Managing Partner Agreement for Napa County run the resorts - with no further progress. Clearly



Reclamation has no incentive to accelerate this process. They simply complain about funding, hold the 55 year contract term hostage, and ask for a fully developed plan from the county before they will commit to any action.

I refer your to my August 2018 article, "Beating A Dead Horse With A Stick OR Beating A Horse With A Dead Stick? BOR Betrays Berryessa - AGAIN!" Nothing has changed!

I've encouraged you all to write letters. I hope many of you did. I wrote several letters to BOR management and even two to President Trump. No Response.

So enjoy your thoughtful reading of the beginning of the Declaration of Independence below and perhaps we'll see each other at the upcoming Big Island Lagoon Liberation Celebration.

In Congress. July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel

them to the separation.

--We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

--That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

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.

See You At The Big Island Lagoon Liberation Celebration?

There has been no response from anyone at the Bureau of Reclamation regarding my report, "Immediately Return Lake Berryessa's Big Island Lagoon And Steele Canyon Cove To 5mph Zones For Family Recreation." My position is that the report proves there is no such legitimate designation as "non-motorized, electric trolling motors only". There is also no applicable Napa County ordinance that supports the sheriff giving tickets to anyone idling at 5 MPH in this designated 5 MPH zone. I will be boating to and through Big Island Lagoon every time I go out on the lake, as I've done twice this year already.



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2 Flowers & Fire at Lake Berryessa by Peter Killus (May 19, 2005)

(This is a reprint from many years ago but still relevant today.)
I was talking to Brad Kirkpatrick up in Pope Valley awhile ago about the fascinating history and politics of the Lake Berryessa region. We wandered onto the topic of the beautiful crop of wildflowers sprouting after the rain. Hiking around the lake is even more enjoyable when the view is framed by so many colorful flowers.

Since Brad was also once the Chief of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, I asked him about something that has been bothering me for the forty years since I came to Northern California.

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

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

I stopped at the CDF fire station on Knoxville Road on the way home to see what they thought about my confusion. The professional firefighters on duty gave me a rundown on the technical issues.

First, there is no “good” fire season. The difference in “bad” is based on the type of fire which can be caused by the different fuel loads. A wet season causes heavy growth of flowers, small plants, and grasses.

When these dry out they can feed a very aggressive hot fire that is hard to attack. The larger fuel such as trees contain a lot of moisture after a long wet season and will not burn early.

Professional fire fighters judge fuel loads by the time it takes them to dry out. One hour and 10 hour fuels like grasses dry fast. Even if they were wet in the morning – they’re dry an hour later in the sun. The

1,000 hour fuels like big trees can take 42 days to dry out.

That’s why you may have huge late season fires like the Oakland – the big fuel loads have finally dried out.

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

Wet year or dry year, Napa County Firewise Specialists with the Napa County say,

“People should be prepared for the worst ever fire season because every fire season has the potential for being the worst ever. Property owners need to take the initiative to do the work to create defensible spaces around their homes because even minor prevention preparation can make a major difference in survival.”

There is another dimension which is that fire weather during the season was more important than how a season may start. Long stretches of hot weather with high winds multiplies the problems. Also, when firefighting resources are stretched thin across the state, any fire can be hard to eliminate.

So enjoy the flowers while you can. Flowers burn too – some are even worse than grasses because of their oil content. I also learned that vineyards burn – they may look a bit like firebreaks, but they’re not. And they make attacking a fire more difficult because of the stakes and guy wires uses to support the vines. Many thanks to our dedicated fire fighters – those suits are not air conditioned!

Fourteen Years Later: Same Old Song, But With A Different Beat Since PG&E Will Be Gone!

A rainy winter produced an abundance of grass and brush that could go off like kindling if ignited by a spark or a downed power line. Preventative outages by PG&E could leave thousands of Napa Valley residents without power for days.

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The county government is ready with lines of communication to PG&E, local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), the free chipping program. Cameras have been placed on Mount St. Helena, Atlas Peak and Berryessa Peak to help emergency responders and residents track fires (go to www.alertwildfire.org).

Supervisor Diane Dillon and other regional officials successfully persuaded the California Public Utilities Commission to hold PG&E responsible for notifying county public safety and health departments 72 hours before a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). The county, in turn, will activate its contingency plans and warn the public to be ready.

For each outage, PG&E has to provide the county’s Office of Emergency Services with maps of which areas will be without power. The County emergency team can cross-reference those with their own maps showing homes and residential care facilities where people rely on electricity for medical care – from those on critical life support to those who rely on rechargeable carts to move around. But residents still have the primary responsibility to look after themselves and their neighbors.

The next time there’s a red flag warning, keep an eye out for Nixle alerts. Stay abreast of weather forecasts. Get your go-bag ready in case you need to evacuate.

Make sure your neighbors are ready, especially the most vulnerable ones. Store up fresh water for your family and your pets. Keep your flashlights and batteries handy. Get a full tank of gas in case the gas stations lose power.

A PSPS won’t count as an “emergency” in the eyes of the federal government, so don’t expect the Federal Emergency Management Agency to bring any resources to bear. But an extended outage will feel like an emergency for those of us affected. And the more unprepared we are, the harder it will be.

Napa County may or may not suffer a major wildfire this summer. But a power outage is a matter of when, not if. Get ready.

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program.

Managed by the Solano Resource Conservation District, LBBO uses person to person interaction to connect with recreational users of our local water resource, promoting individual water quality stewardship to safeguard drinking water, infrastructure, and the ecosystem. The Solano County Water Agency manages an invasive mussel prevention program where interns implement a screening and inspection protocol to prevent the introduction of invasive zebra or quagga mussels into the Lake.

The LBBO Program began Memorial Day Weekend and will conclude Labor Day Weekend. Interns conduct outreach on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays throughout the rest of the year.

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Napa County 2017 Agricultural Crop Report

Napa County is internationally famous for its wines, and wine grape production is its primary agricultural product. The gross value of wine grape production was \$750,832,400. Overall wine grape values increased more than 2.9% compared to 2016 values, even though total tonnage decreased by 6.9% compared to the previous year.

The total value of all agricultural production was another record setting \$757,115,100. What other products than wine grapes make up the remaining revenue?

Other fruit and nuts were in at \$218,000. Floral and nursery crops were \$651,000 - down from \$2.1 million the year before. Vegetables brought in only \$249,000. Livestock (\$3.3 million), poultry and other animal products (\$766,000), and field crops (\$493,000) made up the rest.

Gross Production Values		
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	2017	\$751,571,600
	2016	\$730,349,100
FLORAL & NURSERY CROPS	2017	\$651,700
	2016	\$2,133,400
VEGETABLE CROPS	2017	\$249,900
	2016	\$294,900
FIELD CROPS	2017	\$493,400
	2016	\$480,300
LIVESTOCK	2017	\$3,382,300
	2016	\$3,378,900
POULTRY & OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS	2017	\$766,200
	2016	\$660,500
GRAND TOTAL	2017	\$757,115,100
	2016	\$737,297,100

America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality.

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6 **Happy Trails to You...Until We Meet Again...**
By Peter Kilkus

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

It’s impossible to mark the birth of hiking as recreation. The desire to walk is an essential aspect of human behavior, as is curiosity or competitiveness. Human beings strive to explore every aspect of the natural world and push themselves farther and farther up the highest mountains and through the coldest or hottest climates. Nowadays, hiking is a multi-billion dollar industry with millions worldwide going hiking every year. Here's a relatively easy hike showcasing some great Lake Berryessa views.

North End Trail

This especially scenic trail winds along the north shore of Lake Berryessa. This trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in the late 1970’s. Originally it had a series of split log bridges, which unfortunately deteriorated over time and had to be removed. It was recently refurbished with new grading and new bridges. The trail is an easy one with limited elevation gain and wonderful views down the full length of the lake, some 10 miles away, and to the Blue Ridge to the east. With luck, you may see White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey.

There is a series of trailheads along the road and the trail is often used by anglers for access to the shoreline. It is also a great place to find a quiet cove for picnicking and swimming. A couple of close coves can be found by accessing the trail from the Putah Creek trailhead and walking north.

If you are looking for a place to launch a kayak, the Putah Creek trailhead is closest for heading up the creek, although it is a bit of a walk down to the lakeshore. La Pointe trailhead, a couple of miles down Berryessa-Knoxville Road, also leads to some quiet coves down a rather steep hill. The Barton Hill and Gibson Flat trailheads lead to a short loop trail. Schoolhouse Cove trailhead has short and easy access to the water and can be a good place to put in a kayak or canoe

Buckhorn and Blue Monday trailheads also lead to quiet coves. Racoon Lagoon trailhead leads to an interesting creek canyon with the trail winding to the east along a steep creek bank.

North End Trail

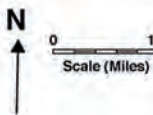
This scenic trail winds along the North Shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is a moderate hike with views of Blue Ridge and the full length of the lake. White Pelicans, Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey live along the shoreline.

Trail Distances

Putah Creek to La Pointe: 1.6 Miles
La Pointe to Schoolhouse Cove: 1.2 Miles
Schoolhouse Cove to K6: 1.5 Miles

Legend

- Trail
- Trail Entrance and Parking
- Restroom



Guidelines

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July 2025 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Rescue personnel will stretch the English language, the human voice, and the average person’s constitution to unprecedented limits while trying to describe the horrible sounds you’ll make next week.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The habit is certainly awkward for your friends and family members, but this would actually be a bad time to discontinue your practice of carrying a battle-ax to church.

Aries (3/21-4/19): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You’re spending less time considering your future these days, which, all things considered, is only appropriate.

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

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Don’t worry: There’s absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they’re unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You always thought that when the giant robots began to arrive they’d be your friends, but hey, live and learn.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will be transfixed by the realization that human lives are as unique as snowflakes, and just as indistinguishable from one another when viewed from the proper distance.

Libra (9/23-10/22) Next week will be a time of magical romance and unending joy for you, thanks to your boundless talent for self-delusion.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): In a wacky horoscopic mix-up, you'll encounter a mysterious stranger who takes you on a journey over water just as you're trying to start new projects at work.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll be trapped in a paralyzing dilemma that can only be solved if you learn something new, take the initiative, or have an original thought of your own.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): While you're often disgusted by the shallowness and ignorance you see all around you, you have to admit it's made it easy for you to get dates.

What happens as wine ages?
When it will be best to drink?

Over time flavors, aromas, and colors change. Whether the wine will benefit from these changes will depend on many factors, chief of which is personal taste.

Not every wine will benefit from aging. A wine made to be opened immediately, as most wines are, will lose its fruit character if you cellar it too long. Wines made to age can be unpleasant to drink young since to age they require relatively high levels of tannin and acid.

Tannins are found in the skins and seeds and they have an astringent, somewhat bitter taste making your mouth feel dry. Over time, tannins “soften” because they polymerize, or form long chains with each other. The tannin polymer molecules feel and taste less harsh. Tannins also belong to the same family as the color and flavor compounds (polyphenolic compounds).

Red wines lose color – whites wines gain it. Simple fruit aromas merge into a more complex ‘bouquet’ as secondary (bottle age) characters mingle with the remaining primary (fruit) characters. At the same time powerful fruity flavors change into and mix with more subtle savory ones. Acid and tannin fall away. Both acid and tannins act as preservatives, slowing oxidation and decelerating the flavor-changing reactions.

So how do wine experts decide that one wine will be best in 5 years and another in 25?

By experience! By considering how the previous vintages of that particular style or that particular region have fared over time. Then by assessing how the weather from the vintage in question will have affected the tannins acid and fruit development within the grapes.

Please note, these changes will continue to progress to a point when the wine is no longer in balance or harmony. At this point the wine is past its best. Wines do not get better forever!



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How High Is Glory Hole (and Lake Berryessa)?

Photographic and video evidence may show the lake spilling over the rim of Glory Hole. However, the official measurement provided by the Solano County Water Agency at that exact moment is 439.9 feet - low by 1 inch.

The rim of the structure is very flat - as can be seen from the photos and videos showing lake water spilling over at exactly the same height all around its circumference. Those of us who have ever used a bubble level to simply hang a picture frame should be immensely impressed by the this feat of engineering from 1956.

The Lake Berryessa water level is actually measured on the Monticello Dam in a "stilling well" equipped with a float tape attached to a digital rotary encoder that measures precisely to 0.01 foot or 0.12 inch. There is a small discrepancy with the encoder that measures the lake level. It is also difficult to get the measured lake level dialed in to this exact level when there are any wind waves that cause small fluctuations in the stilling well.

The lake elevation is calibrated by measuring the distance from a known elevation to the water surface in the stilling well. This known elevation was determined during the original survey of the Berryessa Valley when the dam was built. The fact that the calibration between the measuring device and the actual lake level is only off by only .04 feet (1/2 inch) is amazing. But how accurate is that measurement and how important is it?

Precision and accuracy are often used interchangeably, but in science they have very different meanings. Measurements that are close to the known value are said to be accurate, whereas measurements that are close to each other are said to be precise. So a good machine may measure precisely to a half inch every time it takes a lake level reading, but if the calibration point is off in accuracy by one foot, what does it matter? The ideal situation is when the measurement is both accurate and precise. But the accuracy of any measurement relies on how the measurement is made - and all

measurements have some variability.

Variability is the tendency of the measurement process to produce slightly different measurements on the same test item, where conditions of measurement are either stable or vary over time, temperature, operators, etc.

Short-term variability due to the precision of the measuring device. Since most of the survey measurements on which Lake Berryessa data depends were performed in the 1950s with good optical equipment but in rough, irregular terrain, how variable in accuracy was the final data set - what was the level of the statistical standard deviations of the fundamental measurement results?

Mean Sea Level: Is There Such A Thing As Accurate Height?

Mean sea level (msl) is an average level of the surface of one of Earth's oceans from which heights such as lake and mountain elevations may be measured. Height above mean sea level is the elevation (on the ground) or altitude (in the air) of an object, relative to the average sea level datum. For at least the last 100 years, sea level has been rising at an average rate of about 1.8 mm (0.07 in) per year - 4.2 inches since Monticello Dam was completed.

At present, the maximum cumulative uncertainty for operational Vertical Datum regions in San Francisco Bay Area, which includes Lake Berryessa, is 4 inches. So what does a measurement of 439.96 feet mean in that context? We can precisely measure the lake level to 439.96 feet within a tenth of an inch, BUT we only know the accuracy of that measurement to plus or minus 2 inches!

There are several methods of measuring the height of a point above msl. The choice depends on the accuracy required and the equipment available. Satellite altimeters have been making precise measurements of sea level since the launch of the TOPEX/Poseidon satellite in 1992. But there were no satellites in 1955 when the dam was being built. Surveyors used precise optical instruments to do the job.

A surveying instrument known as an

optical level is used to project a horizontal line in two directions (forwards and backwards) so that differences in height can be measured. At each end of the line being measured the value is noted where this horizontal line intersects a vertical staff (basically just a big ruler).

This is the equipment you see when you drive by surveyors planning a new road. The difference between the values at each end of the line is the difference in height.

Provided the line of sight is kept relatively short (usually less than 150 feet) the measurements are quite accurate. By repeating this process in a leap-frog manner and adding up all the differences in height, the total difference between two very distant points can be calculated.

Over long distances this is a tedious technique, but it produces accurate results. It depends on the instrument used and the care taken, but for the typical standard of optical leveling the accuracy is about 1 inch over 6 miles, or 3 inches over 62 miles.

Since Lake Berryessa is approximately 15.5 miles long and 3 miles wide with approximately 165 miles of shoreline, surveying the whole area was a major design task. But who cares how high above mean sea level the lake actually is? Basically no one.

Lake Berryessa is a reservoir providing agricultural irrigation water and drinking water to Solano County (recreation was not a goal). So the important measurement is the volume of the lake at any given time - not its absolute height above sea level.

And the volume of a lake is measured by knowing the relative heights of the valley in which it sits. Lake Berryessa could be a hundred feet higher than it is and it would not matter - because the important measurement is its volume.

The surface area of the lake is about 20,700 acres (plus or minus what?). If the height of the lake level is off by 2 inches that's an uncertainty of about plus or minus 3.5 acre-feet - or about .02% - a very small number. On the other hand, an average California household uses between one-half and one acre-foot of water per year for indoor and

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How Much Water Does Lake Berryessa Hold?

Heights are usually shown on maps by contour lines which give the height above 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 of the lake. Making these calculations over an area the size and shape of the Berryessa Valley before the dam was built clearly includes a lot of uncertainty in the final volume determination.

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.

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.

However, the world-wide attention focused on Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole Spillway overflowing in 2017 for the first time in a decade raised some questions from sharp-eyed observers. 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% off.

1,602,000 AF is a number that was derived from the original Area-Capacity curve developed from surveys of the empty lake bed when the project was being built. In 2007 the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) performed a comprehensive bathymetric survey of Lake Berryessa to look at sediment accumulation over the last 50 years of the project. Another goal was to

verify the accuracy of the Area-Capacity curve.

In the Spring of 2007 the Solano County Water Agency performed a survey of the underwater landscape of Lake Berryessa. They wanted to accurately determine the capacity of the lake using the latest technology. Siltation from a lake's shoreline is often a factor in lowering the total water-carrying capacity of reservoirs. SCWA wanted to investigate the sedimentation rate and establish a baseline as well as create accurate bathymetric maps.

The data used to make bathymetric maps today typically comes from an echosounder (sonar) mounted beneath or over the side of a boat, "pinging" a beam of sound downward at the lake bottom. The amount of time it takes for the sound or light to travel through the water, bounce off the lake bottom, and return to the sounder tells the equipment the depth.

The sedimentation in the lake was determined to be minimal considering the 50 year life of the project. The scuba divers who went down to the old Putah Creek Stone Bridge found only a few inches of fine silt on the bridge surface.

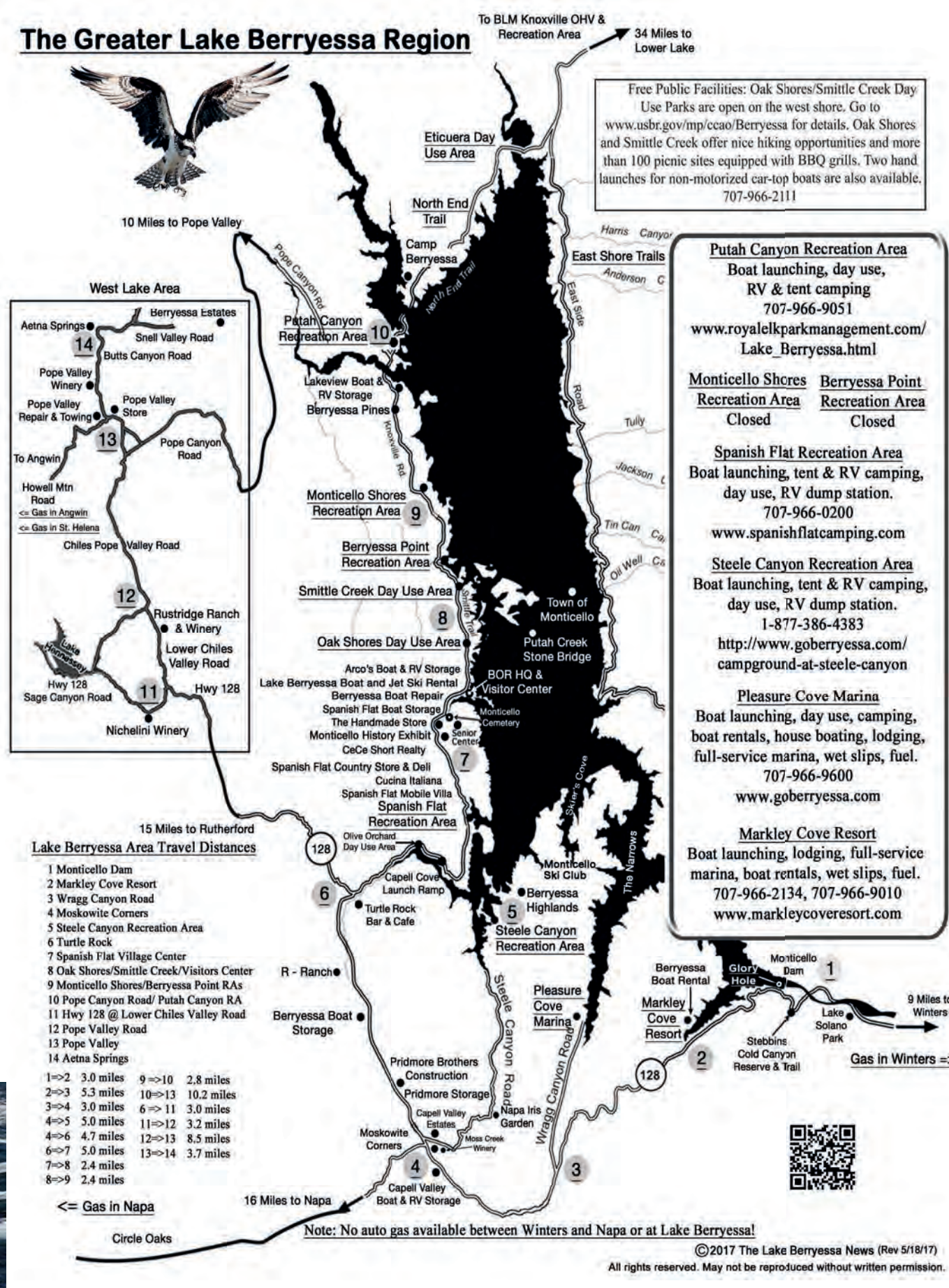
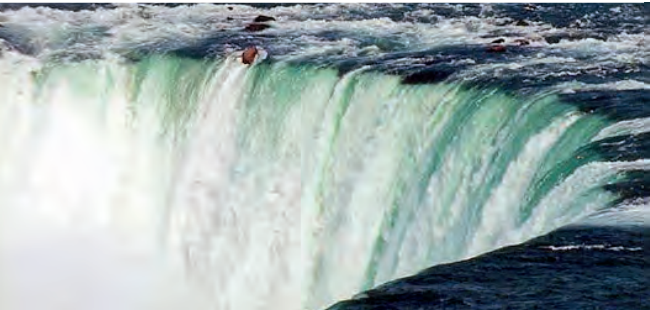
A new lake level versus capacity was officially adopted by Reclamation and SCWA in 2009. The new curve shows a lake capacity of 1,551,292 AF at a level of 440 feet - 50,708 AF less than previously.

The difference between the present and former AC curves is a combination of some sedimentation and the difference in technology used to derive the new curve. Obviously another traditional survey of the dry lake bed will not be possible. The bathymetric survey was the only option that could be used to provide a data that could be used in future studies.

The new AC curve has been officially accepted by Reclamation, but the old 1,602,000 AF is still used by most agencies. That figure remains in public descriptions of lake capacity and is proving to be very hard to change since it's been used for so long.

The Glory Hole Is A Circular Waterfall

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul7Ghu1FpnQ

Little Big Town - Day Drinking,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NPqM3vPDg8

Little Big Town - Pontoon,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0O0nzKESTI

Lana Del Rey - Summertime Sadness, www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdrL3QxjyVw

Mungo Jerry - In the summertime,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG0oBPtyNb0

Lmaa - Party Rock Anthem,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ6zr6kCPj8

Brad Paisley - I'm Gonna Miss Her,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwRrKaQ0IyY

Black Eyed Peas - Let's Get It Started, https://youtu.be/IKqV7DB8Iwg

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Bureaucracy Strikes - And Gets It Wrong Again!

For several months the Lake Berryessa News has been proposing that Big Island Lagoon be returned to a 5 MPH rather than a "non-motorized, electric trolling motors only" designation.

(www.lakeberryessanews.com/summer-2019-at-lake-berryes.html)

We backed up that proposal with a detailed analysis that showed Reclamation had not followed its own conclusions in the 2006 Record of Decision; that a 5 MPH zone posed no danger to kayakers; and that there was very little use of that zone by kayakers and canoeists during the last 10+ years.

"Exclusive use" has been delegated by Reclamation to a few dozen kayakers when tens of thousands of family recreationists have been denied access to a quiet 5 MPH zone.

Reclamation's new Regional Director, Ernest Conant, replied in the letter below. The letter shows what happens when you don't know what you're talking about, don't read the proposal's analytical points, or delegate the response to some staffer who also doesn't know what they're talking about.

More than two-thirds of the letter is made up of irrelevant historical boilerplate that was not in dispute. They mis-characterize the WALROS policy. The word "non-motorized" appears only once in the 167 page document - in a survey form. A version off the word "kayak" appears only five times - none related to "non-motorized". The ROD directed WALROS be put into use by Reclamation when it was approved - which was 2009.

The substance of our actual proposal is not addressed. He overemphasizes the public input. I've read almost all the public comments in the FEIS and other documents. I don't recall any particular demands for non-motorized zones.

But the most telling point is that whoever wrote the letter actually got the location of our concern wrong! We are talking about Big Island Lagoon. They incorrectly refer to Steele Canyon Cove (at present a 5 MPH zone) as the non-motorized zone with signs. See Paragraph 2 - emphasis added. Read it and weep.

Another sad product of the Burro of Wrecklamation and its bureaucratic hamster wheel for public participation.

From Ernest A. Conant, Regional Director

Dear Mr. Killus,

Thank you for your letter dated May 19, 2019. You expressed concerns regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's non-motorized zones between Oak Shores and Big Island, and Steele Canyon Cove. You desire to return these areas to a 5-mph motorized status.

At this time, only one non-motorized zone has been signed as such and enforced: Steele Canyon Cove. (Not)

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS-2006) is a NEPA document that addresses recreation management actions on all Reclamation property at Lake Berryessa including the non-motorized zone.

In October of 2003, a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which included four broad alternatives (A through D) was published for public review and comment; afterward, there were two separate comment periods that lasted for seven months combined. During those seven months, Reclamation received over 3,400 written comments. Additionally, extensive feedback was received from more than 100 public meetings and briefings. In November 2005, Reclamation released the final EIS identifying Alternative B as the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative B included adoption of the planning tool known as the Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum or WROS, that is now known as the Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (WALROS)...

Following release of the final EIS, Reclamation conducted additional public outreach to provide members of the public a final opportunity to submit any new or clarifying information prior to deliberations on the Visitor Service Plan Record of Decision (VSP ROD). The process took almost five months to complete, included more than 1,200 participants at 12 different public meetings and individual briefings, and resulted in substantive modifications to the Preferred Alternative.

Information received from this public outreach included a diverse and varying spectrum of opinions and desires for different types of recreation at Lake Berryessa, inclusive of non-motorized activities. Specifically, Alternative B was modified by the VSP ROD to include elements of Alternatives A, C, and D. The VSP ROD also carried forward the recreation-related provisions from the Reservoir Area Management Plan (RAMP). Based on feedback from the public, the WROS was not adopted within the VSP ROD.

The "Water Surface Zoning and Restrictions" of the 1992 RAMP ROD were carried forward on an interim basis pending future adoption of the WROS or other land and water use classification system. To date, WALROS continues to be one of many planning tools Reclamation may reference for recreation planning. The WALROS overarching goal is to conserve a spectrum of high-quality and diverse water and land recreation opportunities. One type of water uses within the recreation spectrum found within the WALROS is non-motorized boating activity. As recently as June 2019, Reclamation continues to receive comment on preserving motor-free areas on the waters of Lake Berryessa.

Reclamation, in coordination and cooperation with the Napa County Sheriff's Department, will continue to manage the waters for public safety and resource protection in compliance with the RAMP ROD. Designating specific areas for non-motorized water-based activities

is an appropriate use of the resource to provide the recreating public diverse opportunities, and Reclamation does not intend to eliminate these areas from those available at Lake Berryessa. As work on a partnership with Napa County progresses, the potential for a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) may provide an opportunity to change the current restrictions.

Thank you for your feedback and if you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Drew F. Lessard, Area Manager, at (916) 537-7100 or dlessard@usbr.gov.

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2 Doug Patterson was a friend and supporter of the Lake Berryessa News. He wrote several stories for us. I reprinted one from several years ago here with a photo. It was with shock that we heard of his death. *****

Col. Douglas Arnott Patterson (ret.)

Born October 6, 1942 in Oakland, CA, Died June 24, 2019 in Napa, CA

Douglas Patterson, 76, of Napa, CA, passed quickly on the night of June 24, after a brief battle with a recurring cancer. The cancer first appeared 21 years ago and had been kept at bay with various complex procedures, about which Doug liked to proudly say: "I'm in the medical textbooks now!"

That spirit of humor, courage and enthusiasm for all things was a hallmark of the man known in the Air Force during his distinguished 23-year career there as "The Boy Colonel" or "The Kid". In the Vietnam War, he flew over 350 combat sorties and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served as an aide-de-camp to the record-breaking test pilot, "Speedy" Pete Everest. His Pentagon tours included a groundbreaking study on incorporating women into the Air Force.

Doug's passions over the years included (but were not limited to): his collections of natural and anthropological wonders such as agates, arrowheads, stamps and coins, comics, wine labels, Indian baskets; vintage cars; pre-Columbian archaeology; history; wine; chemistry . . . He graduated in 1965 with a degree in Chemical Engineering from his beloved alma mater, the University of California Berkeley, and later received an MBA from S. Illinois University.

He loved the adventure of travel and would share stories from his excursions to the Silk Road in Afghanistan, Machu Picchu in Peru, the plains of Africa or the beaches of Cyprus, and recently finally made the voyage to Easter Island, a lifelong dream (bringing home some fine Chilean wine as a bonus).

A direct descendant of pioneer Napa Valley settlers Anton & Caterina Nichelini, Doug spent his last few years serving as the V.P. of the Nichelini Family Winery, concentrating on Marketing, PR and Sales. He was also President and Historian of the A. Nichelini Family. During his tenure, the historic Napa Valley winery entered a successful new era of award-winning production and industry recognition. He was an active member of the Napa Valley Vintners, and a proud cellar master of the International Wine and Food Society.

Sandwiched in between his career in the Air Force and his work for the family winery, Doug held executive positions at software, healthcare and scientific research startups, and was a Senior V.P. for NASDAQ in New

York City. He was sought out for that last position by the President of the company, who said Doug Patterson was the most trustworthy man he had ever worked with. Truly, all who knew Doug recognized his integrity, sense of honor and selflessness in all things.

Doug recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife and childhood sweetheart Kay Patterson; he is also survived by his devoted daughters Rebecca Patterson and Brenda Patterson, his grandson David I. Patterson Babic, his sister Diane Patterson, and countless Nichelini cousins.

Nichelini Winery Renovation Uncovers History – Literally!

By Doug Patterson

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

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

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

He carefully unfolded it. The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1939. Three big headlines caught his eye. History was to prove that all three were to ring hollow as predictions. “Japan Split with German Axis Hinted”, read one. The second read, “Germany Offers

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

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

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

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



I just met a new scuba diver on Rimrock Road who is thrilled with his experiences so far. Reminded me of one of my favorite dive stories *****

Playing With Seals

by Peter Kilkus

My son, Chris, had just touched bottom at forty feet when a silvery shape slid through his bubble trail and tapped the back of his wetsuit hood. His whole body jerked in surprise. I knew he hoped it was only a trick I was playing on him from above. But when he saw the form flash into a turn and shoot straight toward his face mask he realized it was time to play. We had teamed up with a couple of friendly seals!

Our third and last day of diving off the Santa Barbara Channel Islands started with the great smells and sounds of morning on the ocean. We had seen seals on this trip and had played hide and seek in the kelp with some. But these two wanted to get much more personal. One chose me and glided slowly toward where I floated. It looked amused as I touched it with my outstretched hand. I stroked towards its tail and felt the sleek, soft outer layer. When I rubbed the other way a stiff bristle-brush resistance stopped my hand. Rock outcroppings, with many ledges and small canyons, rose around us to the surface -- perfect for a game of tag.

Our friends would swim off, wait for us to chase them, then dart into a canyon or disappear around a rock. We performed head-on fly-bys and chased each other across the bottom, with me doing my best to be smooth and seal-like. Once I floated above Chris as he searched for his seal. It was swimming right above and behind his head! I could swear the seal was giggling. It would sneak up, bite at some wisps of hair floating from under Chris' hood, and the chase was on again.

Surprisingly, they let us touch them several times that day! Enjoying a dive with friendly seals is incredible enough. Sharing it with your own child is sublime. Air never lasts long enough, but this dive would have ended too soon no matter how long it lasted. Time was defined by air pressure, and, too soon, time was up. We all felt the beginning of a sense of loss as we slowed our play.

It was that awkward moment of not knowing what to say when you realize that something special is over. Chris patted his seal goodbye and started slowly for the surface. I stood, barely touching bottom, holding both hands out in front of me.

My new friend flicked its tail and glided toward my face, large dark eyes staring into mine. My hands circled its neck as it slid forward and pressed nose to facemask. Then it wrapped its flippers around my hands -- I could feel the bones pressing on mine. I don't know how long we floated there, weightless, staring, thinking, feeling. Finally we let go of each other and both headed for home.

Onion Headlines

Woman Spirals Into Vortex Of Self-Doubt After Trader Joe’s Cashier Does Not Compliment Any Of Her Selected Items

Foreign Candy Has Unrecognizable Fruit On Label

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An ad from the 1939 newspaper featured in the Nichelini story on Page 2. The \$16 toaster was relatively expensive in 1939 dollars. You can still get new toasters for this price at big box stores.

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Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Mars rising in your sign usually indicates increased conflict in life, but in this case it means the orbital plane of Earth has shifted and we are all about to die.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): It turns out you're the reason your sign is associated with daring, free-spirited people who like to borrow whole seasons of shows on DVD and not give them back.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll soon enjoy a nice, hearty Italian dinner with your family, just like you always do after convincing Mom to enter rehab.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: You'll provide much-needed insight and deep wisdom when you loudly proclaim that those politicians are just a bunch of crooks in front of the whole Turtle Rock bar.

by David Cowan

Reality constrains the quantity of real news stories, but our boundless imaginations unleash a torrent of fake stories that now overwhelm our news feeds. Not only does fake news deceive us, it undermines our trust in legitimate news sources. This is the real catastrophe and, many believe, the objective of Russia's fake news campaign leading up to the 2016 U.S. elections.

Many groups have tried to stem fake news through various fact-checking initiatives that have all failed, because they fundamentally misunderstand the problem. Some employ human editors, who cannot possibly keep up in any useful timeframe. More scalable schemes crowd-source the work, as though the public could possibly know what is happening elsewhere in the world. Others employ machine learning, as though reality follows some recognizable pattern. Others use automated reference-checking to verify facts elsewhere online, defying the very definition of “news.”

Some internet media platforms necessarily publish “both sides of the story” side by side, serving up contradictory facts that guarantee misinformation and confusion. Some find the problem so intractable that their only remedy is to “educate the public” that news sources simply cannot be trusted, and that truth is a matter of opinion always “worthy of respect.”

Fortunately, examining fake news through the lens of science greatly simplifies the problem and points us to tangible, effective remedies. Just as we apply science to the critical study of history, journalism is simply the scientific investigation into the truth behind current human affairs. Just as natural scientists do, “ethical journalists” follow a methodology to encode objectivity, transparency, and best practices.

method. They are the source of fake news.

It is critical to distinguish fake news from news that is simply wrong. The common fallacy that fake news and wrong news are the same leads to great confusion, as politicians hurl the term “Fake News!” to dispute one fact and therefore dismiss entire news teams. Scientists can be wrong without being fake, and so can journalists. Inaccuracies are inevitable—the key is to follow rules that minimize and correct them.

That's why fact-checking is not only futile; it is also barely relevant. Instead of hopelessly chasing errors in each story that pops up, we should routinely and openly audit the journalistic practices of reporters and news platforms. Audits can be performed by associations like Newseum, or startups like NewsGuard that survey and monitor news reporting practices.

Consider how financial audits that bring trust to stock markets certify the controls of a corporate Finance Department rather than the specific numbers reported to Wall Street. This is a more tractable and relevant approach to fixing the problem, helping us critically assess news in real time based on the source, just as we do in deciding which scientific articles to believe. A peer-respected author from a media outlet with disciplined editorial practices generates both credible science and credible news.

Although most people do not become professional scientists, we teach the scientific method to all students to develop critical thinking skills, appreciate scientific work, and reject pseudoscientific claims. We must similarly teach journalism to all high school students if we want a society that appreciates the difference between journalism and fake news, and has the tools to distinguish them. In fact, these classes can directly contribute to the solution, by openly scrutinizing reporters' work on Wiki pages that everyone can see. Such a significant corpus of journalistic reviews would yield strong signals to the public.

Fake news will finally wane when major news distributors such as Google, Facebook, and Twitter adopt this scientific mindset. Historically complicit, these companies are now eager to escape the hot seat, but they first need to overcome their powerful institutional bias that truth is whatever their users click on. Specifically, they must transparently label journalistic audits on the news stories they stream, and incorporate the signals from these audits in prioritizing the articles populating our news feeds.

When we as a society understand and appreciate how journalism works, and when our news feeds prioritize content from real journalists, we will once again enjoy the freedom and security endowed by a well-informed democracy.

Verify every reported fact.

Quickly correct errors and disseminate the correction at least as widely as the original content.

Report all objectively credible sides of any issue while properly presenting the proportional weight of the evidence. Put facts and quotes in their proper context.

Go to original sources whenever possible, and give subjects an opportunity to respond. Respect and preserve the confidentiality of sources.

Accept neither payment nor gifts from anyone within the scope of your reporting.

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Never plagiarize; always attribute.

Clearly distinguish opinions, advocacy and commentary from fact, and label them accordingly. Clearly distinguish advertising from editorial content, and label it accordingly.

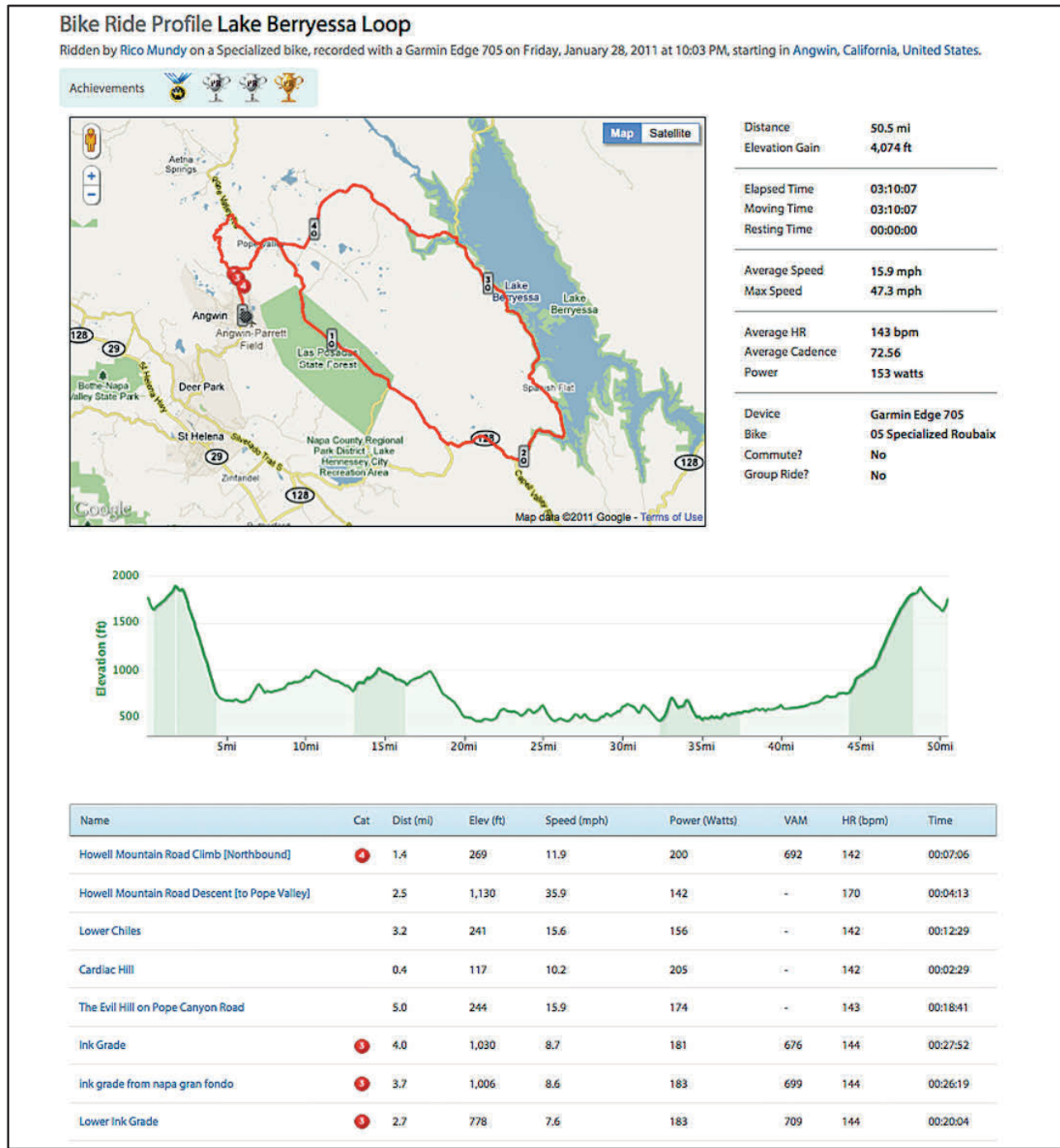
Subject copy to editorial review.

Treat sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect.

Show compassion for those affected by news coverage, especially victims of natural and man-made disasters, children and sex crime victims, and those accused of crimes until they are tried in a court of law.

Welcome questions and encourage civil, public discourse around journalistic practices, coverage and news content.

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4 The Mythical "Trail Around Lake Berryessa"

The infamous proposed "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" concept floated around for a couple of years during the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan process that resulted in the present sorry state of affairs at the lake. It was never popular with most local residents or agencies because of its obvious potential problems with trash, fire, sanitary services, and cost. But it was included in the final Record of Decision along with the very unpopular decision to make the Big Island Lagoon, and Willi's Cove into non-motorized boating areas.

These proposals were included in the ROD as payoffs to local exclusionist groups who helped Reclamation, often through simple prevarication, ramrod through their pre-ordained decision to destroy and replace a decades long egalitarian recreational culture at the lake.

The local Lake Berryessa businesses and residential communities have always supported trails at Lake Berryessa, including creating more of them where people can use them on the west shore and between resorts. Many trails already exist.

The Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail is envisioned as a non-motorized trail route for multiple uses creating a hub around the lake with trails radiating from the hub and connecting to adjacent public lands. With a community-based resource stewardship theme, the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail would provide varied opportunities for trail-related recreation, wildlife observation, and outdoor education.

The proposed trail would be constructed in various segments over a period of years, even several decades, if funding can be arranged and extremely difficult design and permitting barriers are overcome. The Bureau of Reclamation released its Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail Management Plan in September , 2012 after several public meetings and a thorough analysis by a professional environmental engineering firm, Tetra Tech, Inc.

They divided the conceptual 165-mile trail into 28 geographically-rational trail segments starting at Monticello Dam and running counter-clockwise around the lake. The shortest segments are 5 miles or less. There are several large segments such as a 12-mile stretch around Quail Ridge from Markley Cove to Pleasure Cove and a 22-mile section from Pleasure Cove to Steele Canyon.

Each trail segment was then evaluated against several criteria such as: available public land/right-of-way; permitting requirements; cost/feasibility; projected usage; safety and public health; design guidelines; visitation, economic vitality; environmental impacts. Some segments obviously were more problematic than others. UC Davis representatives were cool to any new access to their Quail Ridge Preserve. Property owners on the east shore of the lake are basically opposed to more access to that area. But the east shore is flat enough to appeal to equestrians.

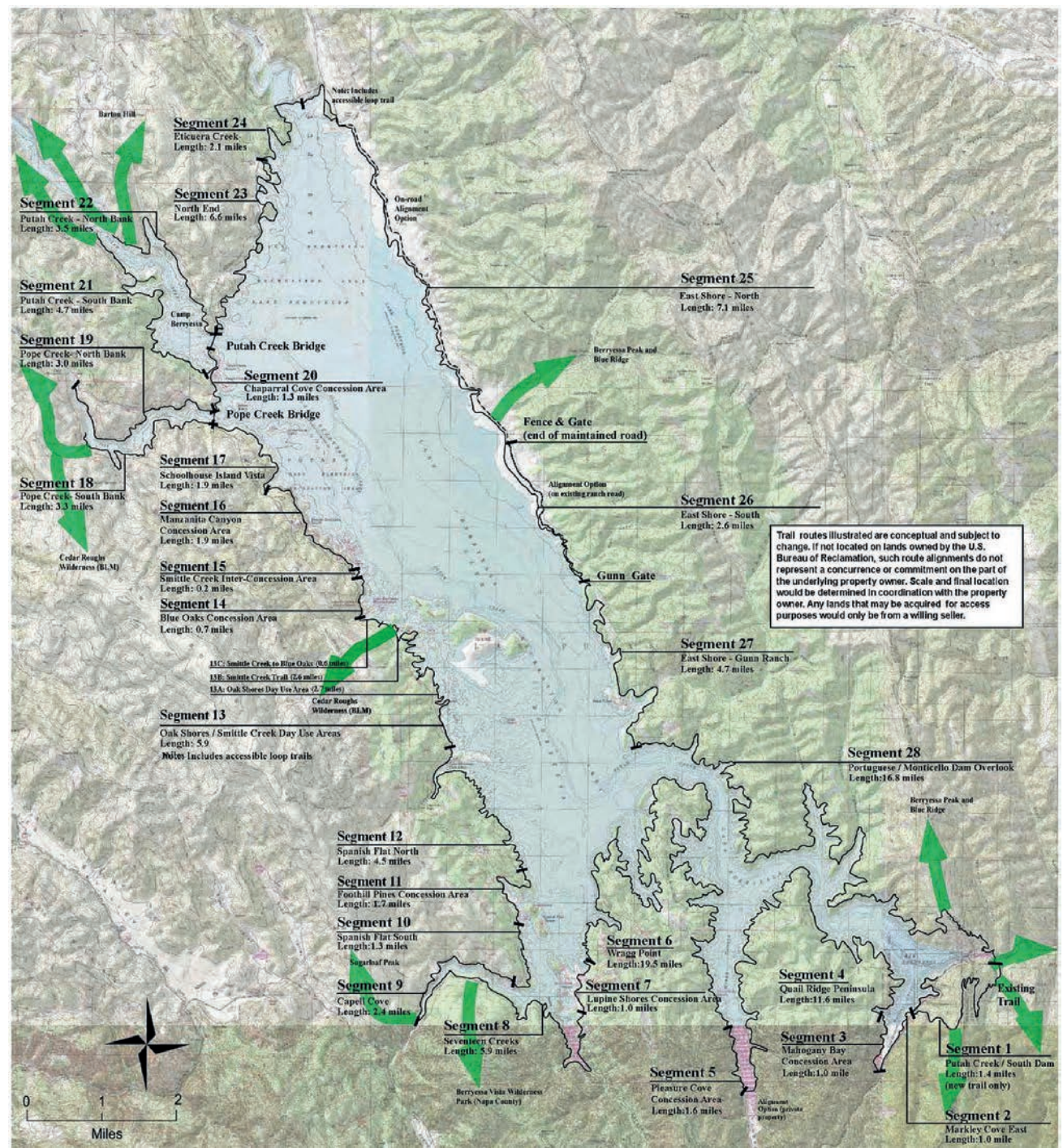
Other problems include building dozens of small bridges as well as larger ones across Capell Creek near the launch ramp and Pope Creek up from the present highway bridge.

Those who attended these meetings were favorably impressed by the thoroughness of the analysis and the depth of the final report. But as we all know, implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any plan. Will there ever be a complete "trail around the lake" as has been promoted by some for many years. The simple answer is "No". It would be astonishingly expensive and almost impossible to construct. Will there be important segments of a trail that can be used by a majority of visitors and which will enhance their Lake Berryessa experience? That answer is a qualified "Yes" based on priorities listed in the final report.

My conclusion, and that of most of the other workshop participants, is that there will never be a "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" – at least not in the lifetimes of anyone in that room. The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" is a grand concept fraught with almost insurmountable financial and technical impediments to its execution.

The full report was released in September, 2012, but no further action has been taken on its implementation. A summary of the report is available on the Lake Berryessa News web site at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/trail-report-summary.pdf

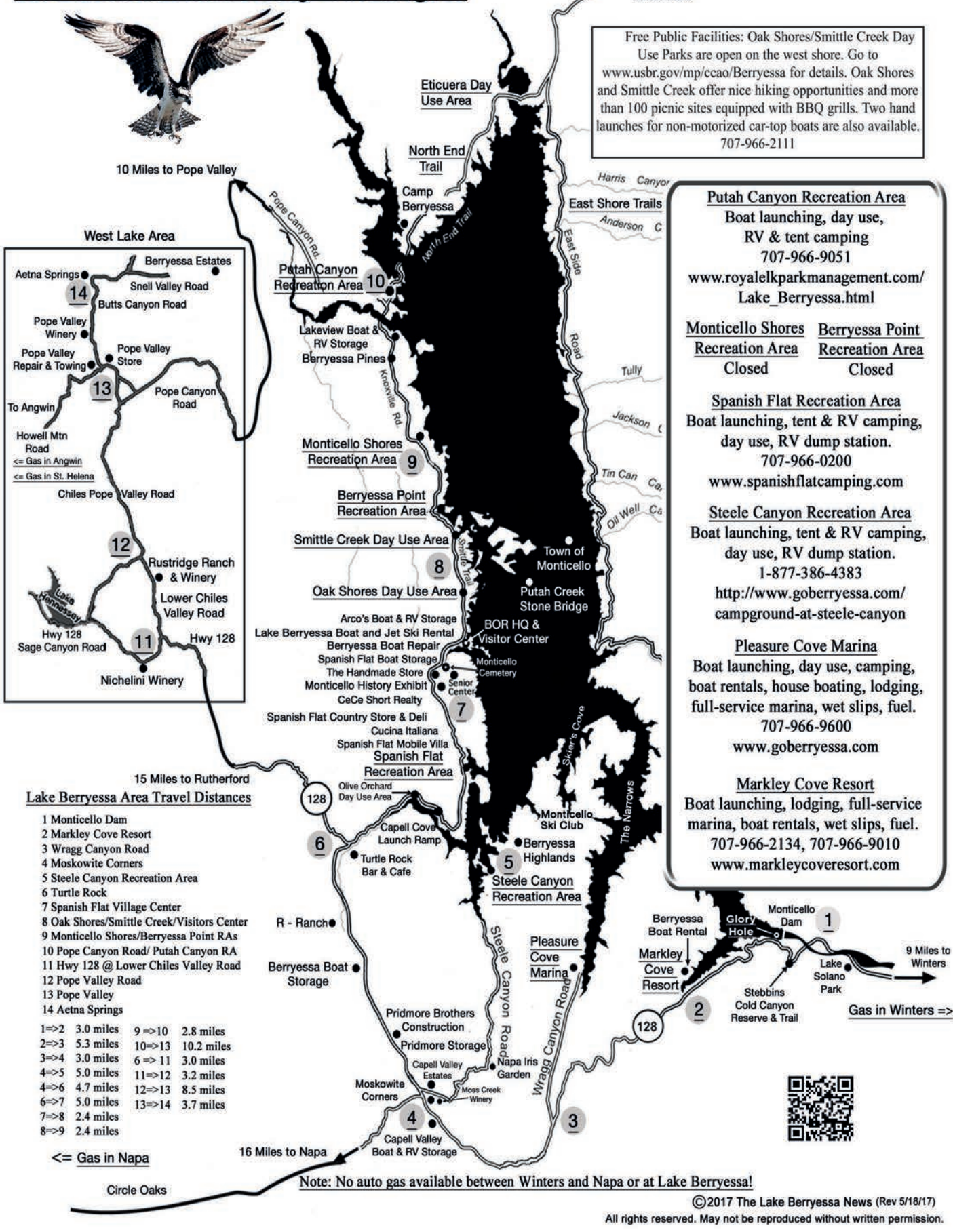


Lake Level as of August 1, 2019
436.0 feet: 4 feet below Glory Hole. Lake is dropping at its normal summer rate of about 6 inches per week, but is still at its highest level on this date for the last ten years. Water temp is 83 degrees at the surface.

Date	Lake level	Below Glory Hole
7/25/19	436.42	-3.58
7/25/18	428.35	-11.65
7/25/17	435.44	-4.56
7/25/16	404.05	-35.95
7/25/15	402.38	-37.62
7/25/14	407.14	-32.86
7/25/13	421.06	-18.94
7/25/12	424.86	-15.14
7/25/11	430.93	-9.07
7/25/10	418.24	-21.76
7/25/09	413.51	-26.49

Lake Berryessa GPS Locations	deg	min	deg	min
Markley Cove Resort	38	29.73N	122	07.50W
Pleasure Cove Resort	38	29.98N	122	09.69W
Berryessa Highlands	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
Steele Canyon RA	38	30.29N	122	12.12W
Capell Launch Ramp	38	34.37N	122	13.23W
Spanish Flat RA	38	31.53N	122	12.86W
BOR HQ	38	33.13N	122	13.80W
Oak Shores	38	33.37N	122	13.92W
Acorn Beach	38	33.21N	122	13.86W
Foxtail Flat	38	33.48N	122	13.94W
Coyote Beach	38	33.98N	122	14.16W
Smittle Creek	38	34.55N	122	14.58W
Berryessa Point RA	38	34.81N	122	14.99W
Monticello Shores RA	38	35.95N	122	15.57W
Berryessa Pines	38	36.40N	122	16.59W
Putah Canyon RA	38	37.96N	122	17.27W
Berryessa Estates	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
East Side Road	38	40.91N	122	15.80W
Monticello Dam	38	30.80N	122	06.29W
Canyon Creek Resort	38	30.76N	122	05.74W
Wragg Canyon	38	29.03N	122	09.47W
Olive Orchard	38	30.63N	122	13.78W
Goat Island	38	33.49N	122	13.10W
Big Island	38	34.37N	122	13.36W
Pope Creek Bridge	38	36.98N	122	17.37W
Putah Creek Bridge	38	37.90N	122	17.35W
Camp Berryessa	38	38.11N	122	17.60W
Skier's Cove	38	31.78N	122	11.20W
Etlicuera	38	40.62N	122	16.42W
Glory Hole	38	30.78N	122	06.34W
Mouth of Narrows	38	33.06N	122	11.05W
Putah Creek Stone Bridge (Underwater)	38	33.53N	122	12.48W
Town of Monticello (Underwater)	38	34.47N	122	12.25W

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the pandemonium of that tumbling plunge,
touch bottom then surface to yellow slickers waving
from the boat's misty deck?

Michael McFee

The Consolations of Poetry

At four, William Blake saw God
in an upstairs window,
and angels in a tree at ten.
With me it's been the other way around: glory flashes
on the pane and I see sunlight;
wings rustle in the aspens
and I see just the silver under-

sides of wind-tossed leaves.
And whereas Blake considered death a mere "removing from one room to another," I know that once

that door slams behind you,
there's no other room, and no you to remove to it. So
Blake died singing and I won't.

But I don't whine about it either. As Dr. Johnson said, it's foolish to confound annihilation, which is nothing, with the apprehension

of annihilation, which is dreadful. I love the accidental, meaningless, and temporary, and so (in case you couldn't tell), I'm singing now.

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Life After Labor Day: Enjoy Beautiful Lake Berryessa Activities And Cooler Weather No Progress Between Napa And Reclamation, But The Zombie Tax Is Back! Measure Z Reincarnated As Measure K!

Keep Enjoying Lake Berryessa!

People familiar with Lake Berryessa know that some of the best weather and uncrowded days at the lake occur after Labor Day weekend. So although this is officially the last weekend of the summer, don't stop planning your trips out to the lake. The weather usually stays nice until early October.

Another Summer Ends With No Progress

2009: Ten years ago Reclamation demolishes the resorts and severely damages the local economy and recreational access without any positive outcomes.

2010: Beginning of the failed Pensus experiment.

2012: Reclamation terminates Pensus contract.

2013: Pensus appeals contract termination and loses.

2014: Reclamation prepares new documents for the next Bid Prospectus.

2015: Reclamation releases Concession Bid Prospectus.

2016: Reclamation announces that no successful bids were received. Lake Berryessa News begins campaign to have Napa County take over management of lake resorts.

2017: Napa County agrees to evaluate the potential management of the resorts under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation.

2018-2019: Despite positive studies and the support of Napa County Supervisors, negotiations between Napa County and Reclamation regarding a Managing Partner Agreement continue with no visible results. Reclamation has no real incentive to agree.

The Zombie Tax Returns As Special K

The Napa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted to place the proposed 15-year Open Space tax on the ballot as Measure K. If passed by a two-thirds vote, the tax would raise an estimated \$9 million annually, but the money from wouldn't be controlled by the Board of Supervisors. Rather, it would go to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, a body created by voters in 2006 with its own, elected board of directors.

The previous attempt to get a huge amount of money for the RPOSD was Measure Z, the Zombie Tax of 2016, which lost.

The Open Space District claims to have "protected" 5,090 acres and runs such parks as Moore Creek Park and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. It has no funding source of its own, but operates on about \$1 million annually granted by the Board of Supervisors from the county's transient occupancy tax.

Much of the land it has "protected" were simple buyouts of bad private land investments that couldn't be developed anyway. Land around Lake Berryessa that had no chance of being built on was acquired through "donations - with tax benefits" or bought for a "low price". So what? That land could never have been developed under Napa County restrictions.

Now the Open Space District wants to tax us and give them a \$9 million per year slush fund - with no proposed benefit to a long-suffering Lake Berryessa. Their proposed Master Plan is a slick marketing document which will bring tears of joy to those obsessed with "protecting" land at any cost. But the first question we must ask is "protecting" from what?

The Napa County Land Trust, enabled by IRS regulations granting tax breaks to

donors and by Napa County land use restrictions, has already protected almost 74,000 acres in Napa County with conservation easements. The recently enacted Watershed and Tree Protection Ordinance includes provisions to accelerate that by requiring vineyard developers to grant conservation easements.

The Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation land around Lake Berryessa is already "protected" from any development. With nearly a third of the County already dedicated to open space, it would be highly inappropriate to dedicate public funds to acquiring more.

The ordinance itself throws money around the county like a drunken sailor cliché, including grants to the cities for their public parks, in an attempt to sway urban voters. It's "Overview" even includes a scientifically irrelevant and un-measurably small appeal to those concerned with climate change : "By protecting natural carbon sequestration, the Ordinance will help Napa fight climate change."

Then it tries to scare voters with an unverified and unverifiable fear factor: "Without the Ordinance, 20,000 acres of unprotected land and natural areas could be lost to development and gone forever." Gone where? Protected from what? Lost to what "development"? Facts please!

Lake Berryessa is mentioned only once in the ordinance, and the subject is water quality, not revitalization of the area as a key resource for outdoor recreation: "protect water quality in rivers, creeks and lakes, including but not limited to the Napa River and its tributaries, Putah Creek and its tributaries including Lake Berryessa, ..."

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I have proposed that the supervisors take \$200,000 per year from the RPOSD budget to help pay the initial three years of transition costs for the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa resorts. This money would hopefully accelerate the now-stalled Managing Partner Agreement between Napa and Reclamation. After that the resort revenue would cover those ongoing costs.

\$9M per year, \$135M over 15 years, is a ridiculous number of dollars to give to such an uncontrolled group. What could you do with \$9M per year? A lot of good could be accomplished at the most important recreation resource in Napa County - Lake Berryessa.

Read the ordinance for yourself. Download it from the County web site. The Overview is printed below.

THE NAPA WATER, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ORDINANCE

Overview. The goal of this Ordinance is to protect the quality and quantity of local water resources, reduce wildfire risk, preserve 20,000 acres of forests, wildlife habitat, rivers and streams and other important open space lands and resources in Napa County, provide public parks for all, and educate future generations in the care and stewardship of the natural environment.

The Ordinance does this by establishing a dedicated source of funds to implement the Napa Open Space District Master Plan as updated on July 8, 2019. Funds come from a one-quarter percent transaction and use tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax); of the estimated \$9 million annually generated, at least 52 percent is restricted to the acquisition of high priority open space lands, 25 percent is restricted to operating, maintaining and improving

open space lands, including but not limited to managing forests to reduce wildfire risk, operating public parks and sponsoring youth outdoor education, 20 percent will be distributed to the four cities and one town in Napa County to implement their adopted local park and recreation plans, and no more than three percent may be spent on administrative overhead. The Ordinance requires independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits and yearly reports to the public.

The Ordinance makes it possible for the Napa Open Space District and its partners to compete successfully to obtain a fair share of State and Federal matching funds. Tourists are expected to pay more than one-third of the total funds generated.

Without the Ordinance, 20,000 acres of unprotected land and natural areas could be lost to development and gone forever. The Ordinance will help ensure that city parks can continue to be expanded and improved to provide valuable recreational facilities for local residents. By protecting natural carbon sequestration, the Ordinance will help Napa fight climate change. The tax authorized by this Ordinance shall terminate in fifteen years unless renewed by a two-thirds majority of the voters of Napa County.

Ten Years Ago in The Lake Berryessa News (September 17, 2009)

The question on everyone's mind is, "What is the future of Lake Berryessa and when will it happen?"

The answer to that question is solely in the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation whose track record is questionable. The original 2007 Request for Proposals were due on September 5, 2007. In March, 2009 Reclamation declared their own Request for Proposals illegal, and cancelled all negotiations. A new RFP was issued in May, 2009 with bids due September 30,

2009. This will essentially be the second anniversary of the first bid proposals. Will there be a better outcome this time - two years later? (Editor's Note, 2019: The answer was no.)

Pete Lucero said that Reclamation hopes to award the contracts by March of 2010. He said he expects to see more recreational opportunities at the lake by next summer. Lucero said he believes the new lakeshore will be in full blossom in three to seven years. (Editor's Note, 2019: That never happened.)

Uncertainty remains about Steele Park, which alone among the resorts requires a commitment of upwards of \$4 million from the new operator to pay into water and sewer upgrades for the Berryessa Highlands area. "We just can't tell if bidders will be willing to take on that much" of a financial obligation, said Lucero.

The Bankruptcy Court finally awarded Putah Creek Resort to the BOR. They are using stimulus funds to clean up some of the mess there. Apparently the store has been demolished and the old motel is being torn down. Although there is much at the resorts that would have been torn down and rebuilt under any conditions, there is still some senseless demolition of perfectly good facilities to come if the Bureau has its way.

Per Reclamation's instructions to new bidders, "Reclamation will not allow Offerors to use existing facilities even on a temporary basis until new facilities are constructed." In March, 2010 five resorts will be closed and in various states of demolition - and summer will only be two months away!

And what if the previous owners of the other closed resorts, whose value was originally appraised by the BOR itself in the millions of dollars, are forced into bankruptcy because they can't afford to demolish their perfectly good launch ramps and other facilities for which they expected to receive fair market value. If the BOR takes over those too, will they demolish everything with government funds and still require the successful

bidder to rebuild them all? (Editor's Note, 2019: The answer was yes.)
Of course, our favorite conspiracy theorists still believe that this is actually a government plan to eliminate recreation at the lake. And our favorite local radical exclusionists have already talked about turning the whole north end of the lake into a no alcohol, non-motorized area!

Napa County Measure J: Cannabis County Coming

Editor's Note: After this issue of the Lake Berryessa News went to print the Napa Register published the new story:

Measure J proponents pulling cannabis initiative from Napa County ballot.

In a surprise move, Measure J proponents are pulling the commercial cannabis citizens' initiative from the March 3 ballot in what they called "a show of good faith" to the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

Measure J backer Eric Sklar said Wednesday that he thinks the legislative process results in better laws. He expressed optimism the Board of Supervisors will work on a commercial cannabis law for the unincorporated county.

Board Chair Ryan Gregory on Wednesday said the move to withdraw Measure J surprised him.

Measure J would have, among other things, allowed up to one acre of commercial cannabis grows on each agricultural property 10 acres or greater. It included setbacks and taxes for commercial cannabis activities. Proponents gathered enough signatures to qualify the citizens' initiative.

The ballot measure generated controversy in some quarters, with skeptics saying cannabis grows have a skunk-like odor at times, can be incompatible with pesticide uses on nearby vineyards and raise other issues. The Napa County Farm Bureau was ready to try to defeat Measure J.

Stress Rehearsal
By Marcus Cox

Before my part time business became my full time business I used to commute 136 miles a day in horrendous San Francisco Bay traffic – my mind would anxiously rehearse the day's schedule, meetings and deadlines, and of course upcoming bills etc.

I commuted from Napa to San Leandro and by the time I left the house at 4:45 am my stress rehearsal of all the things I had to do and what "might happen" was already in high gear – the big rush of cortisol and adrenalin that are effects of being plugged into the F.U.D. (fear, uncertainty and doubt) factory and then add a splash of traffic jam, morning news (horrors) and totally forget how wonderful life is!

I finally had a heart attack (on 680 but managed to make the off ramp) and I knew I had to make a drastic change.

Long story short I started taking my part time biz seriously and was able to fire my Boss in 2008 and never look back. Since then my wife and I get to hang out on Lake Berryessa on our boat (never on weekends), go skiing in Tahoe midweek, or go to SF or the Coast during the week too –we never have to beg for extra vacation too. We have been on 4 exotic Cruises now – even though we never thought that possible.

How about you? Do you love where you live but don't have the time to enjoy it? Could you use some extra income? If you would like to learn how we build a Global biz on Facebook, from a Mountainside or on the Lake, send me a friend request on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/marcus.cox.923> - listen to some other testimonials so you can be the judge.

Accept what is in front of you without
Wanting it to be other than it is.
Study the natural order of things and work
With it rather than against it, for to try
To change what is only sets up resistance...
Lao Tzu from the Tao TeChing
It's fine to propose speculative ideas, but if they can't
be tested, they're not science.
Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.
Wolfgang Pauli's withering dismissal: They don't
even rise to the level of being wrong!
Alive: temporarily metabolically enabled
Dead: metabolically disabled
Definition of explosion (US Army): Rapid
mechanical disassembly

Onion Headlines

California Introduces Eco-Friendly Initiative
Making Plastic Water Bottles Too Expensive To
Afford

Aging Boxing Veteran Wishes Someone Had
Told Him Being Punched Unconscious Could
Damage His Brain

Dwindling Kitchen Resources Forcing Man To
Scavenge For Food Higher In Cabinets

Child Concerned Parents Might Never Amount
To Anything

Song Banged Out In Half Hour By Professional
Songwriters To Define Teenager's Personality
For Next Two Years

Planet Earth Releases First Public Statement On
Global Warming: "Don't Worry About Me. I'll
Adapt Like I Always Do. You Dummies Are
Only Killing Yourselves."

Eco-Conscious Man Cuts Up Plastic Can Rings
So They Safe To Throw In Ocean

Majority Of Bible "Intended To Be Ironic,"
Clarifies God

The Trump Administration has decided to deport
Walmart employees to lessen the strain on social
welfare programs.

Local Triplets Britney, Britnee and Brittany
Engaged, Schedule Triple Wedding To Brothers
Brayden, Jayden and Kayden

Progressive Area School To Require Equal Use
Of "Person" And "Perdaughter"

Artist's Mother Wants Credit As The Source Of
The Inspirational Trauma

ALARMING: Given recent trends since 2016,
Earth could be completely depleted of satire
news by 2030.

Local "Climate Change Is A Hoax"
Demonstration Cancelled By Conservative
Protestors Due To Soaring Heat Wave

FBI Apologizes After Raiding Offices Of Organ
Vendor, Blames Bad Tip - "It Is Not A Crime To
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6 All you need to know about plastic bag recycling

Napa’s banned the bag.

And now California has banned plastic bags statewide!

Plastic bags and other plastic film packaging should not be placed in your curbside recycling cart – they tangle with our Bring Your Own Bag bannerequipment and create costly and dangerous work stoppages. Please use reusable bags when you shop. Other plastic bags (like produce bags) can be reused. Some stores offer plastic film and bag recycling – find local drop off locations and more info at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org. Otherwise, any non-reusable plastic bags/plastic film should be disposed of in the gray landfill cart.

When Napa’s ban took effect, we immediately saw a 50% decrease in plastic bag contamination in our recycling stream. In addition, Napa stores are reporting that 60-90% of shoppers are now using reusable bags (up from less than 10% before the bag ban)...It’s easy and it’s working!

If you know your recycling, you probably already know that most communities don’t accept plastic bags in their curbside bins. And if you recycle like a pro, you may know that plastic bag recycling is a thing you can do at most local grocery stores, or superstores like Target or Walmart.

But here’s where it gets confusing. Does that mean just the bags from that store? Or can you recycle more? Most drop-off bag collections accept polyethylene film. This includes high-density polyethylene (HDPE or #2 plastic) and low-density polyethylene (#4 plastic or LDPE). It’s great if your bags have markings on them, but since most do not, it’s good to know some general guidelines.

Some plastics that can go into the bin are:

- plastic shopping bags (from any store — remove receipts, etc.)
- food packaging (Ziploc-type bags)
- bread bags
- plastic liners from cereal boxes (do not include if they tear like paper)
- produce bags
- dry cleaning bags (remove staples, receipts, hangars)
- plastic newspaper wrapping
- product wrapping (such as covers a case of water bottles, etc.)
- bubble wrap and air pillows (popped)
- plastic shipping envelopes (remove labeling)

ALL materials should be clean and dry. Not just a quick rinse — if your bags are not completely clean of food residue, they will contaminate the entire batch.

Other plastics need to go into the trash:

- frozen food bags
- cereal box liners that tear like paper
- biodegradable bags
- pre-washed salad bags
- candy bar wrappers
- chip bags
- six-pack rings

Why can’t I put bags in my bin?

Although a small handful of communities accept plastic in curbside bins, the vast majority do not. That’s because most facilities don’t have the personnel and equipment they would need to process them.

Rigid plastics, like gallon milk containers, are easily processed by machine. They are carried by conveyor belts and machine sorted. But throwing plastic bags into the mix wreaks havoc on these machines. The bags bend easily and get snagged in belts. They jam machinery and need to be cleared by hand. The extra labor required to handle these problems and higher amount of equipment downtime makes your recycling program less profitable. That means that your government has less to spend on other programs.

frag-ile:/ˈfraɪjəl,ˈfraːjəl/- easily broken or damaged

“Fragile environment” has become a welded phrase like “aging hippie”. Too many people approach the environment from an anthropocentric view without realizing it. The concept of “saving the earth” is meaningless. It is humans that we are trying to save, not the “earth”. We care because we may die.

Mental Workout

Need to lose some flab? Sit your big butt down with a math book—and feel the burn. The human brain is a 24-hour workhorse. While you’re thinking, millions of neurons fire messages back and forth to each other and to the various tissues in the body. These neurons need fuel, consuming a full 75 percent of the blood sugar from the liver and 20 percent of the body’s total used oxygen.

Here’s how your neurons feed: Astrocytes—the cells near the capillary walls in your brain—suck energy-rich glucose from the bloodstream and convert it into a form that the neurons can soak up. The neurons then use it to fuel the production of neurotransmitters and, eventually, conscious thought. “The more energy an area of the brain wants, the more glucose that part of the brain will break down,” explains neurologist Harry Chugani of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan. “So yes, if you’re thinking really hard and really struggling with your thoughts, the neurons in the frontal lobes of your brain will be burning a lot more glucose.”

Simply to survive, your brain requires a tenth of a calorie per minute. Compare this with a walk to the doughnut shop, when your body burns approximately four calories a minute. Kickboxing zaps 10 calories a minute. And when you’re hunched over a crossword puzzle? Your brain is blasting through a respectable 1.5 calories a minute. Pass the Cheetos.



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Veil of Ignorance: A Philosophical Application of the "Golden Rule"

All people are biased by their situations, so how can people agree on a “social contract” to govern how the world should work.

Philosopher John Rawls suggests that we should imagine we sit behind a veil of ignorance that keeps us from knowing who we are and identifying with our personal circumstances. By being ignorant of our circumstances, we can more objectively consider how societies should operate.

Two primary principles supplement Rawls’ veil of ignorance: the liberty principle and the difference principle.

According to the liberty principle, the social contract should try to ensure that everyone enjoys the maximum liberty possible without intruding upon the freedom of others.

According to the difference principle, the social contract should guarantee that everyone an equal opportunity to prosper. In other words, if there are any social or economic differences in the social contract, they should help those who are the worst off. And, any advantages in the contract should be available to everyone.

So, according to Rawls, approaching tough issues through a veil of ignorance and applying these principles can help us decide more fairly how the rules of society should be structured. And fairness, as Rawls and many others believe, is the essence of justice.

The original position is a central feature of John Rawls’s social contract account of justice, “justice as fairness,” set forth in A Theory of Justice (TJ). The original position is designed to be a fair and impartial point of view that is to be adopted in our reasoning about fundamental principles of justice.

In taking up this point of view, we are to imagine ourselves in the position of free and equal persons who jointly agree upon and commit themselves to principles of social and political justice. The main distinguishing feature of the original position is “the veil of ignorance”: to insure impartiality of judgment, the parties are deprived of all knowledge of their personal characteristics and social and historical circumstances.

They do know of certain fundamental interests they all have, plus general facts about psychology, economics, biology, and other social and natural sciences. The parties in the original position are presented with a list of the main conceptions of justice drawn from the tradition of social and political philosophy, and are assigned the task of choosing from among these alternatives the conception of justice that best advances their interests in establishing conditions that enable them to effectively pursue their final ends and fundamental interests.

Rawls contends that the most rational choice for the parties in the original position are two principles of justice: The first guarantees the equal basic rights and liberties needed to secure the fundamental interests of free and equal citizens and to pursue a wide range of conceptions of the good. The second principle provides fair equality of educational and employment opportunities enabling all to fairly compete for powers and positions of office; and it secures for all a guaranteed minimum of the all-purpose means (including income and wealth) that individuals need to pursue their interests and to maintain their self-respect as free and equal persons.

September 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You have no idea why you’ve been experiencing laughter, tears, a sudden desire for fried chicken, or an impulse to call the law offices of Marvin Falbaum, but it’s probably the TV.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Sometimes we find amazing things in places we least expect them, whether it’s true love, peace of mind, or, in your case, a pack of furious marauding cannibals.

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

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: You’ll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): They may tell you you’re deluded and that you’ve lost your mind, but you know good and well that those jabbering, naysaying radiators in your apartment don’t know what they’re talking about.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A good friend will be a pillar of strength and selflessly support you in a harrowing crisis. Show your appreciation by sending them a note that says “Thanks for your support.”

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Romance will once again pass you by when the love of your life decides to go with a person who makes better mixtapes.

Libra (9/23-10/22): When you were a child, you spoke as a child, you understood as a child, and you thought as a child; so no real changes, then.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Love may mean different things to different people, but it’s surprising how many definitions include investment in real estate.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Readers across the nation will finally be exposed to your literary genius and scintillating wordplay now that the Department of Transportation approved your custom license plate.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You will make medical history this week as the first person to recover from smallpox only to die from a never-before-seen strain of enormouspox.

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Society Sale: October 5 and 6, 2019.

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The adjacent Martha Walker California Native Habitat Garden, maintained by the Napa Chapter, will be open for you to see the native plants in a landscape setting. All proceeds from the sale benefit the maintenance, improvement, and educational programs of the Garden and the Napa Chapter.

Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa. For more information, visit our website www.napavalleycnps.org. Admission to Park is free during the sale and show.

Napa Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing information on native plants. Our chapter is fortunate to have the Martha Walker Native Habitat Garden in Skyline Park as an educational and public recreational asset. We offer gardening and habitat opportunities for chapter members and the public. Our mission is to promote the natural beauty of California's native plants through education, science, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.

4 **Bocce is Big in St. Helena - And Lake Berryessa Is Represented!**
The City of St. Helena is rightly famous for its LARGE bocce league. The St. Helena Bocce season is 17 weeks played in the spring and summer. Bocce is played 6 nights a week including Friday mornings during the Farmers Market. There are 17 registered bocce teams per night - more than 100 teams!



The Berryessa Headhunters carry the flag for Lake Berryessa. The 2019 summer league season is coming to an end with the Berryessa Headhunters in second place. The now move on to the finals where the top three teams fight it out in sudden death matches. They hope to do well.



The sport is played with one small ball (Pallino) and eight larger balls [Bocce (singular), Bocci (plural)]—four for each team. The Pallino is thrown first and becomes the target. Then each Bocce is thrown with the goal of placing it as close to the Pallino as possible.

The Berryessa Headhunters are:

Aric Ahlstrom (Captain)
Craig Ahlstrom
Margaret Ahlstrom
Geoffrey Lake
Carl Peterson
Oscar Salas

Peggy and Craig Ahlstrom are shown here in the Lake Berryessa Headhunters team shirts.

“Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people. To destroy this invisible government, to befoul the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of the day.”

Theodore Roosevelt, 1906

“Fact and fiction carry the same intrinsic weight in the marketplace of ideas. Unfortunately, reality has no advertising budget.” From Freedom by Daniel Suarez

Ten very loud wrongs never equal one very true right.

Hopelessness is not a very interesting way to live.

False Equivalence & False Balance At Lake Berryessa
Those arguing for the continued closure of Big Island Lagoon locally, and those denying climate change globally suffer from two common logical fallacies: False Equivalence and False Balance.

False Equivalence is an argument or claim in which two completely opposing arguments appear to be logically equivalent when in fact they are not. The confusion is often due to one shared characteristic between two or more items of comparison in the argument that is way off in the order of magnitude, oversimplified, or just that important additional factors have been ignored. In this case the false equivalence argument proposes that the needs of a dozen kayakers is equivalent to the needs of tens of thousands of family boaters.

False Balance, also bothsidesism, is a bias in which analysts present an issue as being more balanced between opposing viewpoints than the evidence supports. Journalists may present evidence and arguments out of proportion to the actual evidence for each side, or may omit information that would establish one side's claims as baseless. In this case the argument proposes that “sharing” means that each group gets half of something even though one group is made up of a dozen kayakers while the other affected group consists of thousands of family boaters.

Coastal Cleanup at Lake Berryessa
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Distance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1=>2	3.0 miles													
2=>3	5.3 miles	9 => 10	2.8 miles											
3=>4	3.0 miles	10 => 11	10.2 miles											
4=>5	5.0 miles	11 => 12	3.0 miles											
5=>6	4.7 miles	12 => 13	3.2 miles											
6=>7	5.0 miles	13 => 14	8.5 miles											
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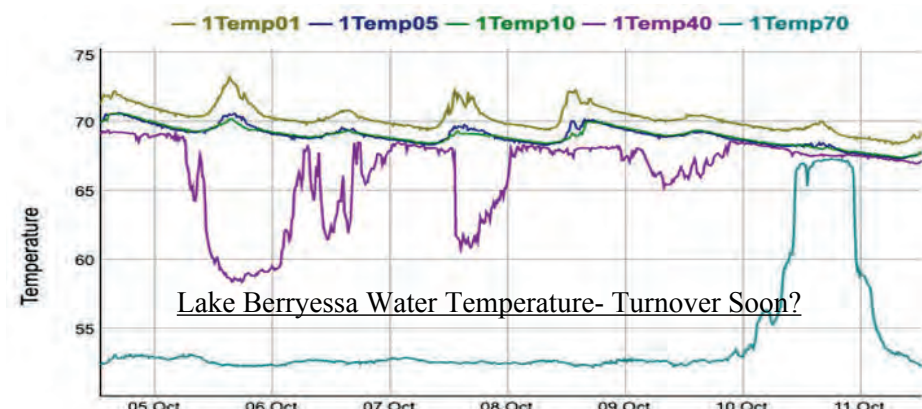
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Atlas Fire Second Anniversary Commemoration - PG&E Shuts Off Regional Power For Two Days! Tenth Anniversary of the Destruction of the Lake Berryessa Resorts - Still NO Progress with the Bureau of Reclamation

by Peter Kilkus

Holiday Celebrations This Year?
The 2019 holiday season has just begun. Which will be the special one for Lake Berryessa?

Halloween
Will the Bureau of Reclamation answer Napa County's "Trick or Treat" call with a treat rather than its usual bait and switch tricks which have led to a multi-year delay in the revitalization of Lake Berryessa? The important treat would be a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) that allows Napa County to take over management of the lake resorts.

Thanksgiving
Will the Lake Berryessa community celebrate the happiest Thanksgiving in years knowing that the MPA will lead quickly to Requests for Proposals (RFP) being sent to compnies wishing to bid on managing the resorts? There were nine positive responses to the Request for Interest and Information (RFII) distributed by Napa County in 2017.

Christmas
Will Napa County give the Lake Berryessa community its late, but well-deserved, Christmas present of a ready-to-go bid package to be distributed before the end of the year? Reclamation has reserved the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall for a meeting on December 5th but has not specified the purpose of the meeting.

Positivity vs. Reality
A Lake Berryessa News editorial colleague, nicknamed "Mr. Positivity", continually counsels me to

think happy thoughts. I have a plaque on my wall that states, "If you're lucky enough to live at the lake, you're lucky enough." But as someone who has fought the Bureau of Reclamation for 20 years - yes, 20 years - to minimize its wanton destruction of the Lake Berryessa community, it's sometimes hard to

but let's try.



The final Ragatz report in May, 2017 was titled, "Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity" and stated that "Lake Berryessa now represents one of the most untapped opportunities in the country for new resort development and local economic impacts."

Ragatz viewed Lake Berryessa as a year-round destination, not simply one for the summer months. Hospitality offerings that include bird watching, health and wellness programs, spa services and culinary education could drive off-season and mid-week demand, it said. It will be important to reestablish the reputation of Lake Berryessa with criteria of success, quality, and an "in" destination to visit.

Many thorough economic and environmental reports have been part of previous Reclamation Bid Prospectuses and are available for use by Napa County. Releasing new bids should be a reasonably easy task.

Supervisors Dillon and Pedroza with Deputy County Executive Officer Molly Ratigan have been negotiating with the Bureau of Reclamation for

several years regarding Lake Berryessa. Let's speculate that in a fit of mutual respect, the latest terms for an MPA are close to resolution.

Let's say our supervisors are quite upbeat about their final meeting with the BOR. Say they told Reclamation that negotiations are over and both teams of lawyers have gone through everything with a fine comb. Say that all that's needed is for Reclamation to make a final decision on a couple of items.

Then the County negotiating team addresses a near-future Supervisor's meeting to get the rest of the Supervisors to accept and approve what was presented to Reclamation.

New RFP's go out by the end of the year which include the required 50 year contract term and the approval for the use of subcontractors. A response date is set for March 31, 2020. Resort operators are selected by May, 2020. Revitalization of the selected resorts begins in the summer of 2020.

Certainly an aggressive schedule, but in my opinion doable. Lake Berryessa deserves this type of approach after so many years of neglect. Thousands of words, plans and diagrams have already been written which can be reused.

I have a friend who always told me he had two girlfriends. One was Italian named Rosy Scenario, the other was French and named Skylab Debris. He enjoyed Rosie because she was always happy and looking forward, but with Skylab he often felt that the something bad might be falling on his head from above. I think I'll choose Rosy too.

Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 3, 2019
Starting in 2007, DST began in the US on the second Sunday in March, when people move their clocks forward an hour at 2 a.m. local standard time (so at 2 a.m. on that day, the clocks will then read 3 a.m. local daylight time).
Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November, when clocks are moved back an hour at 2 a.m. local daylight time (so they will then read 1 a.m. local standard time).
Last year, DST began on March 11 and ended on Nov. 4. And this year, DST will begin on March 10 and ends on Nov. 3, 2019. You will then move your clock forward an hour on March 8, 2020, and the new cycle will begin again.

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2 The Stock Market Is NOT The Economy, Stupid!

by Peter Kilkus

I want to focus on the stock market in a bit of detail because it is a major driving force in the way corporations and clueless people behave. Breaking through the myths fed to the general public by the financial media can bring a revelation akin to that of an old time Catholic who finally realized he wouldn't go to hell for eating meat on Friday!

The stock market is not the hub of capitalism, as some believe. In fact trading in bonds and foreign exchange dwarfs stock market trading. There are three alleged purposes for the stock market. The first is that it provides a way for some new companies to raise large amounts of capital. The second is that it provides an additional source of capital, if needed, after a company has gone public, through a secondary issue of stock into the marketplace. And third, it provides a measure of the "market value" of a company when one company decides to buy another.

In the first case, a company basically sells its soul in an initial public offering (IPO). This is the process of "going public." It raises millions of dollars with the benefit of not having to pay the money back to anyone – it's not a loan. But going public does affect the soul of the company because everything the company now does must be done in public under the scrutiny of the government and the shareholders. This is not necessarily good.

The simplest example of the negative aspect of being a public company is that the managers of a private company have the freedom to make rational decisions. They can decide to lower their profit margin - to invest in new people or equipment or to avoid a layoff, for example - without causing any impact on an arbitrary stock price. I have been in situations where we did just that.

The real incentive to go public is the large amounts of money the financial backers and each employee of the company, not just the managers, can make because of

their stock options. The goal of most new startup companies is to go public for that reason, and the case can be made that it creates very strong incentives for the employees to work diligently to make the company a success. But when big money is the ultimate goal, the law of unintended consequences often bares its fangs.

The case of the secondary stock offering is simple – more stock sold in the public market equals more money in the company's bank account. But it obviously drives the company to keep the stock price high now if it plans to sell more stock later. The third purpose, providing an objective value of a company, has some relative validity in the way the game is played today. But it is not the only, nor necessarily the best, mechanism for that valuation.

Consider Internet company stocks in 1999, for example. But none of the three purposes discussed above leads to significant financial activity compared to the vast amounts of money traded daily in the stock market. What no one wants you to know, and what only a small percentage of people understand, is that the stock market is nothing more than a big gambling casino with the large financial companies as primary owners, fund managers as the dealers, and stock analysts as the lounge singers.

Large and small investors wander among the various game tables with the only real difference being the cash needed to bankroll one of the games. In the broadest sense, the stock market provides no real productive value to an economy.

The Small Investor: Gambler/Sucker/ Believer (Choose One)

Despite the stories about delivery drivers getting rich off stocks traded online, the boom has bypassed most Americans. As of 2015, 40 percent of households owned stock directly and indirectly - including through a mutual fund, individual retirement account and defined contribution pension plan, for example. This is a significant increase from 32 percent in 1989, but still less than half of all households.

A growing number of Americans own stock, but most still don't own much. Less than one-third of households (29 percent) owned stock worth more than \$5,000 in 1995. Almost 90 percent of the value of all stocks and mutual funds owned by households was in the hands of the top 10 percent. Wealth projections through 1997 suggest that 86 percent of the benefits of the increase in the stock market between 1989 and 1997 went to the richest 10 percent of households, with 42 percent going to the top 1 percent alone.

But what drives individual stocks? Again, especially since it's a casino, it's simply a perception of a company or industry segment. If I think a stock will go up because I think other people will think it will go up, I buy now. When it does go up, I sell, take my profits, and look for something else I think will go up. If it goes down, I sell, take my losses against my income tax, and look for something else I think will go up. Since it's so simple, a ritual has grown up around this activity to make it seem complex, scientific, or logical. The mythmakers will say that a company has a value based on its future revenues and profits. This is called determining the "market fundamentals" of a company.

Through "analysis" the "professionals" will judge the future sales projections in a company's "target market", their potential profitability based on their "efficiency", the capability of their "management team" to meet their plan, and peg a stock price. Any stock price is essentially arbitrary. The final driver for the stock to go up or down over time is primarily the change in short term profitability of the company which drives the herd mentality of the market players.

So why do normal people invest in the stock market? Many have no choice since their pension funds and 401K money is invested in stocks but not controlled by them. For others with a choice, it's not just raw greed, but a "reasonable" desire to have more. If others have done it, why can't I? But there are risks. Say you have \$10,000 in a CD at 5%, you make \$500 interest in a year with no risk. With a CD

from a bank you actually get the \$500 deposited in your bank account at the end of the year, as well as your principal back, for a new total of \$10,500. Then you can decide to buy another CD or not.

But the financial media tell you that only conservative little old ladies own CDs and you can get twice the return by buying stock. If you buy 500 shares of some stock selling at \$20 per share, you've now fully invested your \$10,000. If you're lucky, the stock goes up \$2 (or 10%) during the year and you "make" \$1,000 (instead of the CD's \$500). But remember you only get the money if you now sell the stock. And typical stocks are notorious for movements of several dollars at a time. At the end of the year the stock may just as likely be selling for only \$18 per share and your original investment is now down to only \$9,000.

You lost \$1,000 by trying to make an additional \$500. Some gamble if you really need your money! Mutual funds do limit your risk by spreading it over many more stocks, but the principle is the same.

Stocks Support Company Growth – Not: Whose IPO Is It Anyway?

Both civilians and professional apologists would probably say that the stock market raises capital for investment. *In fact it doesn't.* Most of the daily trading in the stock market is of *existing* shares, not newly issued ones. Over the long haul, almost all corporate capital expenditures are internally financed, through profits and depreciation allowances. Of course, some individual firms do issue stock to raise money, but surprisingly little of that goes to real investment either. The process we all hear about is an Initial Public Offering (IPO). However, once the IPO takes place, the stock, mostly "common stock" which often pays no dividends if the company is small, is traded in the "secondary" stock market (98% of NYSE and almost all of NASDAQ is common stock). This means that the stock is traded among individuals with no real connection to the original company.

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Ten Years Ago at Lake Berryessa (October, 2009)

Lake Berryessa folks are in a state of anticipation now that the concession bids have been received. On September 30th, the Bureau of Reclamation received bids for all the resorts at Lake Berryessa. Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero said on Oct. 6, that they had received "at least 2 bids for each of the six resorts available for new contracts." He also said that the names of the bidders would not be released at this time.

The Lake Berryessa News has confirmed the following: Steele Park owner Sean Buckley has bid on Steele Park Resort. Markley Cove owners John and Linda Frazier have bid on Markley Cove Resort. Present Rancho Monticello owners did not bid on Rancho Monticello resort since they expected their bid to be disqualified. They still expect to receive fair market value for their facilities.

Present Spanish Flat owners did not bid on Spanish Flat resort because "the conditions in essence said we would be disqualified if we tried." Previous bidder Peter White, who had been a partner in the Recreation Del Sol Enterprises bid in 2007 did not bid this time.

Calls were not returned by Forever Resorts or the Pensus Group. Informed observers believe that Pensus did bid on all six resorts but Forever Resorts did not bid on any resorts. This leaves at least one "mystery bidder" for Putah Creek, Berryessa Marina, Rancho Monticello, and Spanish Flat.

Halloween Humor?

Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, "Never take candy from strangers." And then they dressed me up and said, "Go beg for it." I didn't know what to do. I'd knock on people's doors and say, "Trick or treat. No, thank you." ~ Rita Rudner

Q. Why are monsters huge and hairy and ugly?

A. Because if they were small and round and smooth they'd be M&Ms.

Q. Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers?

A. No, they eat the fingers separately.

Q. What do you get when you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A. Pumpkin Pi.

Q. Who are some of the werewolf cousins?

A. Whatwolves, the whowolves, and the whenwolves.

Q. What's the problem with twin witches?

A. You never know which witch is which.

Q. Why do witches fly on brooms?

A. Because vacuum cleaner cords aren't long enough!

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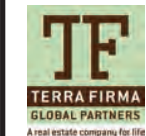
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A company doesn't sell its stock on the open stock market. In reality, a consortium of investment banking and brokerage firms (the underwriters) helps determine the amount of stock and the guaranteed initial price of the stock to be offered (called "taking the company public"). The underwriters then buy the stock from the company at the guaranteed IPO price (for example, 5 million shares at \$25 per share for \$125 million to the company).

Once that happens the company, as a company, has no more special ownership of the stock – it has the money in the bank. But individual employees in the company, especially senior management, with thousands or tens of thousands of stock option shares, have an extremely keen personal interest in the outcome of the IPO. The final price in the market is what they will get for their shares when they are finally able to sell them (usually over a four-year vesting period).

Take a real life example. An engineer who joins a startup company may get an option for 5,000 shares at \$0.05 per share. He or she works incredibly hard for 3 or 4 years (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays included). The stock splits once before the IPO and once after the IPO. Our engineer now has 20,000 shares at \$0.0125 per share. In the boom times the stock is at \$42 per share and the engineer is looking at \$840,000 profit, before taxes. (However, if the stock crashes to \$4 per share, as this one did less than two years later, the profit drops to only \$80,000.)

Perform the same calculation for a senior manager who joined the company at the same time as the engineer but got an original option for 20,000 shares! Even assembly workers and test technicians received stock options worth tens of thousands of dollars. Many people bought new cars for cash after the IPO.

The original underwriters also have a deep interest in the IPO because they were the ones who actually paid the initial price and will only make a profit if the price of the shares increases (for example, to \$35 per share, for a \$50 million profit on the original five million shares) as they are sold into the open stock market. Of course, the members of this investment group are also usually members of the initial capital financing of the IPO company and so may also own millions of low-priced stock option shares from their initial investment in the startup. For example, if the IPO is for five million shares, there may be an additional thirty million shares, at an average cost of \$1, in the hands of employees and the financial backers. Although the company makes a significant amount of money in the initial round, the large financial market players are the big winners in the game.

Computers increasingly call the shots in financial markets

The job of capital markets is to process information so that savings flow to the best projects and firms. That makes high finance sound simple; in reality it is dynamic and intoxicating. It reflects a changing world. Today's markets, for instance, are grappling with a trade war and low interest rates. But it also reflects changes within finance, which constantly reinvents itself in a perpetual struggle to gain a competitive edge.

The latest revolution is in full swing. Machines are taking control of investing—not just the humdrum buying and selling of securities, but also the commanding heights of monitoring the economy and allocating capital.

Funds run by computers that follow rules set by humans account for 35% of America's stockmarket, 60% of institutional equity assets and 60% of trading activity.

New artificial-intelligence programs are also writing their own investing rules, in ways their human masters only partly understand. Industries from pizza-delivery to Hollywood are being changed by technology, but finance is unique because it can exert voting power over firms, redistribute wealth and cause mayhem in the economy.

October 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You awoke this morning a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you'll end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will soon become obsessed with disproving the long-standing assertion regarding the impossibility of roller-skating in buffalo herds.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Although you are firmly convinced that there are some things mankind was just not meant to know, you're not exactly sure how you're supposed to be able to tell what they are.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Juggling three young children isn't easy for any mother, but then, that's why you start with tennis balls and bowling pins first.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Due to the high incidence of hijinx, tomfoolery, and puns, you'll finally decide to stop answering doors during knock-knock jokes.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The stars are just going to go out on a limb here and say you're tired of turkey sandwiches.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll continue to grow as a human being this week, much to the relief of all those geneticists.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Every day on Earth is like a beautiful gift from God, which is thoughtful and all, but you'd probably prefer something you can actually use.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You thought whale-watching sounded harmless enough, but now that they've decided to watch you back, it's really starting to become a problem.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll be mesmerized by the simple beauty of a grand-piano-shaped shadow that somehow just keeps getting bigger all around you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You will be celebrated and vilified in equal measure when you scientifically determine the exact point at which a cute kitten becomes a full-grown cat and starts to suck.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It occurs to you that the best and most practical way for you to follow your dreams is to spend most of your time asleep.

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4 This poem was recommended to me by local Spanish Flat poet and chef, Geoff Lake. Still applicable to our present time.

A Poison Tree

by William Blake

A Poison Tree is a poem that focuses on the emotion of anger and the consequences for our relationships should that anger be suppressed. It deals with the darker side of the human psyche. It is one of English literature's most striking explorations of the corrupting effects of anger.

The speaker tells of how he talked to a friend about his anger and everything was fine but with an enemy he could not do so and kept the anger inside. It began to grow, eventually becoming a metaphorical tree with poison fruit.

The enemy or foe ends up under the tree, destroyed by the speaker's pent up anger. The speaker seems ok about this but is there some doubt about the destructiveness of his anger? Early communication of anger seems the best way to deal with it.

William Blake's poem was written in 1794. Society at that time was encouraged to bottle up emotions and to present a polite and unruffled persona to the world. Blake thought this approach unhealthy and advocated a more expressive mode of being, especially with regards to potentially festering emotions. His ideas were against the prevailing attitudes of the church and state.

A Poison Tree uses metaphor, antithesis and biblical associations to highlight the self-damage that can proceed from suppressing anger. The emphasis is on letting go of negative emotions and moving on with life before this energy impacts on the health and wellbeing of others.

A Poison Tree

I was angry with my friend:
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I watered it in fears,
Night and morning with my tears:
And I sunned it with smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright.
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,
When the night had veild the pole;
In the morning glad I see;
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

Future Scent

by Jason Colby

I can smell the future and it doesn't smell good. Here I stand waiting to pay for my coffee knowing that in about twenty four hours someone will be shot in this convenience store. Should I bother telling the cashier that a shooting will occur and someone will be injured or killed? When they inevitably ask how I could know this they will either think I am crazy or that I have violent intentions. The smell of gunpowder combined with the almost rusty smell of blood is what informs me of the events that will transpire.

This ability came to me several years ago following removal of a brain tumor. The smells were confusing at first and the doctor visits, examinations, and tests all said I was healthy with no brain damage. It took time to understand what the smells meant. It started to make sense when I smelled smoke at my parents house only to have a major fire occur there a day later.

It could have been a slow growing fire that I had smelled however no one else noticed anything prior to the event. Later when I smelled blood at the office I had a hard time understanding what it was and why I was smelling it. The next day, while opening a package with a box cutter, Travis cut his arm fairly deep. The smell of blood, almost rusty, was clearly what I had smelled the day before.

Over time I have learned that what I smell becomes reality twenty four hours later. Because I don't see the events that will happen, it can be hard to identify exactly what is going to happen, and even more difficult to determine who will be affected. Who will be shot in the convenience store? The clerk, a child, the perpetrator?

This is certainly no gift. I lack details and there is not much I can do to help those that will be involved, whoever they are. Are there others with similar abilities? Certainly I can't be the only one.

A couple of days have passed since I was in the store and the local paper reveals the events surrounding what I smelled. Turns out a person attempted to rob the store at gunpoint and an undercover police officer had shot and killed the robber. The streets are crowded as I make my way to the bus stop.

Intense smells from everywhere suddenly overwhelm me and I stumble grabbing a light pole to steady myself. The smell of dust, acrid smoke, blood, sweat, and a multitude of other scents I can't identify assault me from every direction. As I hold the pole trying to steady myself a passer by is listening to the news on their phone.

The reporter is explaining how a large comet will be passing closer to Earth than previously predicted. No impact on earth is expected. I can smell the future and it does not smell good.

This is going to be very bad.

Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments

What an exciting TOC! TOC Dinner was at The Preserve in Winters and Weigh In for Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments was out of Markley Cove. We had a Warm & Calm Blast Off, everyone wondering who was going to win the trip to Kauai! The bite has been tough lately, but there is always a chance that someone from Berryessa Bass Tournaments cracks the 20lb mark!

Most teams reported catching their fish in 2 – 25 feet of water. Water temps are up into the mid 70's range with the water clarity still the same with slightly murky tan/green in areas and crystal clear in other areas. Teams reported catching their fish on Top Water, A-Rigs, Jigs, Drop Shot, Reaction Baits, and Flipping being the winning pattern! Most teams covered a lot of water and were fishing all over the lake.

First Place went to Steve Alvarado and Mark Peters with a sack that weighed 20.89lbs and was anchored with a 8.69lb Kicker for 1st Place Big Fish! Steve and Mark will be flying to Kauai for 2 days Peacock Bass fishing on the Waita Reservoir with Koloa Bass/Zipline/ATV. They will be staying at Waipouli Beach Resorts, Rental Car, and Dinner at Hanalei Gourmet. They will also get Oakland A's tickets!

Second Place went to Bob Dettling and Jason Kincannon who brought in a sack that weighed 16.97lbs and was anchored by a 4.87lb Kicker for 2nd Place Big Fish. Bob and Jason are the 2018-2019 Pasote Tequila and Berryessa Bass Tournaments AOY winners! They will receive a 2020 Season Pass from Markley Cove Resorts, \$450.00 to spend on tournament entries, and Oakland A's tickets!

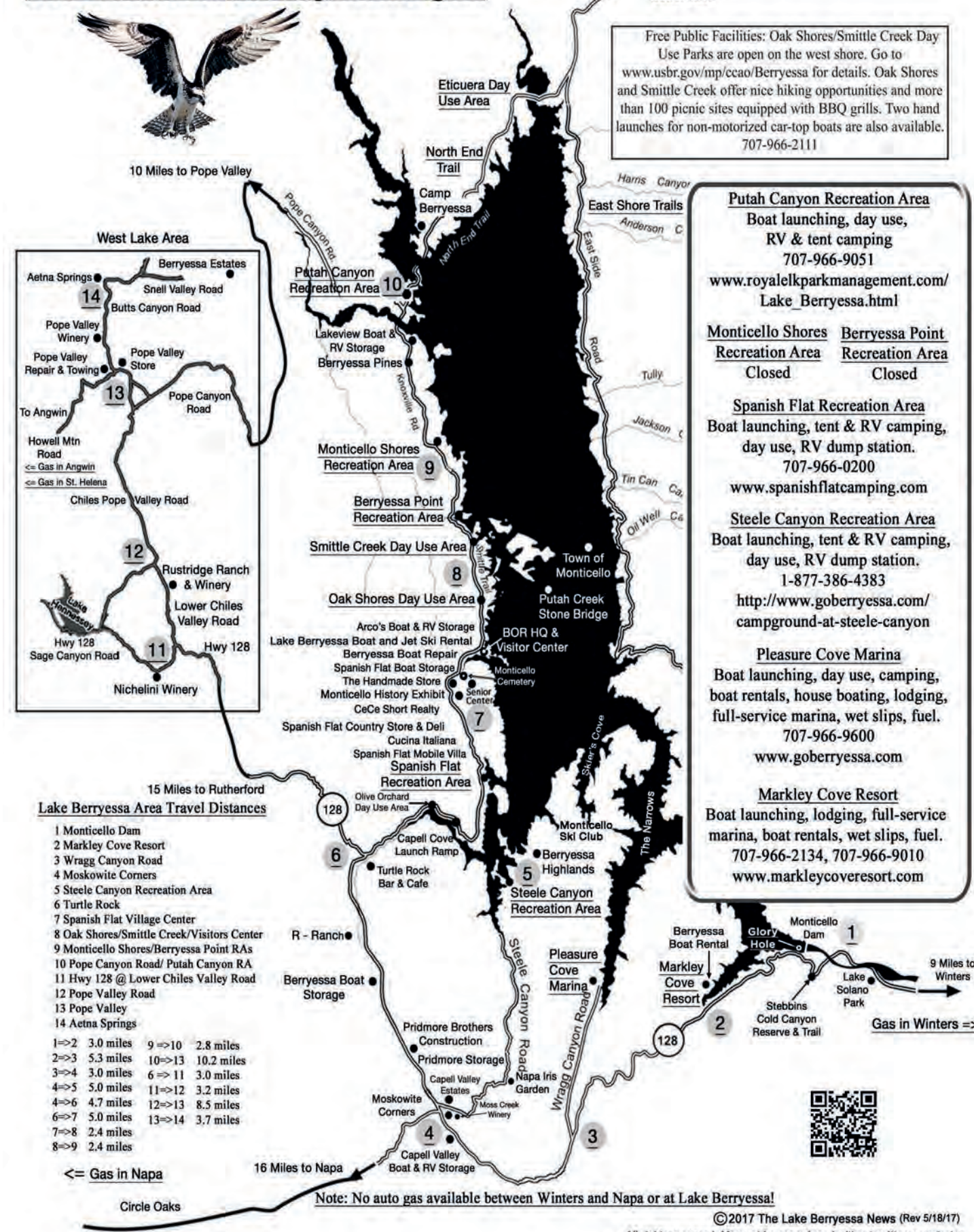
Third Place went to Zack Ploegger and Joey Henrichs with a sack that weighed 12.74lbs. With a Fourth Place finish, Frank Ono and Billy Hines weighed in a sack for 12.39lbs. In Fifth Place, Gary Okusako and Dave Symmons came in with a sack weighing 11.80lbs. In Sixth Place, was Mike Hitomi and Todd Ushijima with 11.38lbs. Next tournament, the 2019-2020 Opener, Sunday 10/20/19!



Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments Schedule for 2019 - 2020

Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 10/20/19
Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 11/10/19
Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 12/8/19
Delta (Bethel Island) – 1/5/2020
Berryessa (Markley Cove) – 2/16/2020
Clearlake (Redbud) – 3/8/2020 Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 4/4/2020
Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 5/17/2020
Berryessa (Markley Cove) - 6/7/2020
TOC Berryessa (Markley Cove) – 9/27/2020

The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



Petanque Comes to Lake Berryessa

Thanks to Spanish Flat renaissance man, Geoff Lake, many of us are learning to speak "Petanque." Petanque was invented by French Navy seamen, who used small cannon balls, and is played outdoors on any reasonably firm surface: your yard, the park, a field. Find a place that is open and fairly flat. Petanque is much like bocce without the walls.

You can play singles with one player on each side, doubles, or triples. Each team's boules will have groove patterns that distinguish them from the other side's boules.

The team that wins the coin toss chooses the starting location and then selects one of their players to throw out the jack. Once a circle is drawn, the player then stands with both feet inside the circle and throws the jack. The jack can be thrown in any direction.

The player attempts to throw the boule so that it lands as close to the jack as possible - it is okay to hit the jack. A player from the opposing team then steps into the circle and attempts to land his boule closer to the jack even if it means knocking his opponents out of the way. The other team must continue throwing boules until they take the lead or run out of boules.

Once a team has used all its boules, the other side is allowed to throw the rest of its boules. When all boules are thrown, the points are counted. The team that has the boule closest to the jack wins the round. In addition, they also receive a point for each boule that is closer to the jack than their opponents closest boule. The first team to earn a total of agreed upon points wins the game. There is not a required number of rounds that must be played.



Petanque in France, 1970s



Petanque Comes to Lake Berryessa - Berryessa Highlands 11/3/19

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Remember Happy Days, Good Ole Days, Have Some Smiles For The Holidays!

The Turkey Popped Out of the Oven

The Turkey popped out of the oven
and rocketed in to the air;

It knocked every plate off the table

and partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a corner
and burst with a deafening boom,

Then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows,

it totally coated the floor,

There was turkey attached to the ceiling,

where there had never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance,
it smeared every saucer and bowl;

There wasn't a way I could stop it;

that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scraped with displeasure

and thought with chagrin as I mopped,

That I would never again stuff a turkey

with popcorn that hadn't been popped.

Jack Prelutsky



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and
doesn't matter?

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2 That Wonderful Rural Living Comes With A Cost.

A friend gave me a plaque that I have over the door to my deck looking down on beautiful Lake Berryessa. If you are lucky enough to lie at the lake, you are lucky enough." But that luck can be expensive.

Napa County is taking a hard look at two small, remote Lake Berryessa-area communities to try to keep their aging utility services from once again falling into dire straits.

Both communities face capital and maintenance needs for water and wastewater systems built in the mid-1960s, county reports said. But costs must be spread among only 330 customers in Berryessa Highlands and 171 in Berryessa Estates.

The challenge can affect more than the districts. A county report said Napa County since the mid-2000s has loaned a total of \$2.5 million for the Berryessa Highlands system and has received back interest payments, with the principal outstanding.

County supervisors will decide how to address the districts' future finances. They sit as the board of directors for Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District serving Berryessa Highlands and Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District serving Berryessa Estates.

Both boards informally endorsed doing rate studies to help figure out financial options for the two districts. Moving ahead with the studies at \$30,000 apiece using county money involves future approval by supervisors sitting as the Board of Supervisors.

Berryessa Highlands is located in a hilly area overlooking Lake Berryessa. It was created as a Berryessa resort community in the mid-1960s, but its population of about 920 people is nowhere near to the several thousand that developers originally envisioned.

In coming years, Berryessa Highlands will need more than \$11 million in water

and wastewater system improvements. Among them is an increase in wastewater treatment capacity to handle higher flows during major winter storms, a county report said.

The district is seeking grants to make these improvements, though some grants would require a local match. It likely wouldn't qualify for 100-percent state grants because the median household income among customers of \$59,500 annually is too high, the report said.

Rates for Berryessa Highlands water and sewage services last rose in 2011. Customers pay an average of \$500 bimonthly. They also pay an availability charge that for 2019-20 is \$240 per parcel.

County officials estimate that operating expenses will outstrip revenues in 2020-21. Any proposed rate hikes under Proposition 218 could be vetoed by district property owners.

A key unknown for the Berryessa Highlands system is whether nearby Steele Canyon Recreation Area will ever reopen as a full-service resort, as opposed to only offering camping and other limited services. Deputy Public Works Director Phillip Miller said the resort once provided about 30 percent of district revenues.

Berryessa Estates is located along Putah Creek northwest of Lake Berryessa. With about 1,800 residents, it too never matched its 1960s vision of about 5,000 residents and 40,000 annual visitors.

This district faces \$1.65 million in what a county report called "essential short-term projects." The median household income of \$43,200 annually is low enough to open the door to full state and federal grants, the report said.

Customers pay an average of \$600 bimonthly for water and sewage services. They pay an annual tax that for 2019-20 is \$981 per parcel.

Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program 2019

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program is managed by the Solano Resource Conservation District and focuses on boater education at Lake Berryessa. The reservoir serves as a drinking water source for approximately 500,000 people in Solano County, as irrigation for agriculture, and use for local businesses such as Jelly Belly and Anheuser-Busch.

Outreach interns conducted one-on-one educational surveys with boaters and recreational users at Lake Berryessa every weekend, covering topics such as hazardous waste disposal and precautions to help keep the water clean. Boater surveys were conducted primarily at the three busiest launch concessions: Markley Cove, Steele Canyon and Capell Cove.

After a boater completed the survey, they would receive a free "Clean and Green" boating kit. Boating kits included a fueling bib to prevent gasoline spills while refueling, a West Marine coupon for \$15 dollars, and oil absorbent pillow and to prevent oil and hazardous contaminants from leaking into the lake.

Useful information such as a map of Lake Berryessa, booklets about California boating and environmental laws, and information explaining clean boating practices were also included in the boating kit. For fisherman, fishing line containers

were distributed so that the fishing line could be collected and recycled safely.

World Environment Day took place on June 1 and Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21. 184 volunteers attended World Environment Day and 327 pounds of garbage and 676 pounds of recyclables were removed from the shores of Lake Berryessa. For Coastal Cleanup Day, 74 volunteers attended and 327 pounds of garbage and 196 pounds of recyclables was collected.

The 2019 Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach program achieved its goal. Interns educated 3,582 people and conducted 878 boater surveys. Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach interns motivated eligible boaters and jet skiers to install a total of 365 oil absorbents, each of which can absorb up to a quart of oil. The work completed this summer has further advanced the education of boaters and recreators on oil absorbents and where to recycle them, as well as provided information on clean boating practices to keep Lake Berryessa one of the cleanest drinking water sources in California.

Interns conducted surveys at Oak Shores to educate the day-use recreators. Accompanying the interns was "Bilgee," a giant oil absorbent pillow who is the protector of clean waterways and a real-life superhero. Being large and over the top, Bilgee attracted the eye of boaters and day users alike. The day use survey enabled interns to interact with the non-boating public about hazardous waste disposal and how to keep the water clean.



Why Third Parties Undermine Democracy: Duverger's Law

The "Duverger" in Duverger's Law is Maurice Duverger, a French scholar and former member of the European Parliament who died in 2014. He is best known for his analysis of what happens in states that use — that is, a system that awards victory to whichever candidate receives a plurality of the state's popular vote, regardless of how small that plurality may be.

Duverger's Law provides that "single-member plurality districts produce two-party systems." That is, when multiple candidates compete for a single job, and the job goes to whoever gets a plurality of the votes, the candidates will tend to sort into exactly two political parties. Third parties will vanish.

According to Duverger, this sorting happens because "the brutal finality of a majority vote on a single ballot to regroup their forces at the risk of being overwhelmingly defeated."

Consider, he wrote, "an election district in which 100,000 voters with moderate views are opposed by 80,000 communist voters." In a two-party race between the Moderate Party and the Communist Party, Moderates will prevail, and the winner of the election will reflect the preferences of a majority of the district's voters.

Now imagine that a second moderate candidate (perhaps motivated by the fact that they disagree with the Moderate Party's position on taxation) decides to jump into the race as a third-party candidate.

This candidate may have some disagreements with the Moderate Party, but they still hold moderate views on most issues. Thus, they will be likely to draw votes away from the Moderate Party's candidate — and if they draw enough votes, they will wind up electing a Communist.

Duverger's insight is that similarly-minded candidates have no choice but to join together into one of two parties, lest they wind up being divided and conquered.

Similarly, third parties wind up undermining democracy because they often cause the candidate who is least preferred by a majority of the electorate to win the election.

Q. Why does the Norwegian Navy have bar codes on the sides of their ships?

A. So when they come back to port they can Sacndinavian.

It's no longer "box wine", the classy term is "cardboardeaux".

Onion Headlines

Kanye West Scrambling To Get Sample Clearance From God Ahead Of 'Jesus Is King' Release

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Amber Payne

The current data in this article includes all of Lake Berryessa (but NOT Pope Valley) - just the north end of the lake to the Berryessa Highlands and in between with a timeline of July 2018 to September 2019.

Currently there are eleven "Active" properties on the market ranging from \$289K to \$549. In addition to that there are six active "Acreage" properties ranging from \$650K for 43 Acres to a compound listed at \$1,602,276 with 42+ Acres.

There are currently four properties under contract - two in the Berryessa Highlands and one in the Berryessa Pines plus one Acreage property.

The Lake Berryessa area has had a great year on “solds”. Sixteen properties have sold since May of this year. Ranging from \$285K to \$480K, the latter being the highest most recent sale besides an acreage property that sold for \$725K.

For the properties mentioned above:

Average Sold price: \$387,185

Average price per sq. ft.: \$303.82

Average days on the market: 152 Days

There is now 23 months of inventory on hand which makes it a buyers market!

I continue to be optimistic - if we continue to get rain and the lake is full we should see continued interest in lake properties. With the resorts being fully booked for the summers that is good news for the Real Estate market. Of course we would love to see some movement soon on the Corners and the resort revitalizations. Next year is an election year so that always brings some uncertainty to the market, but interest rates are good and the job market is thriving. This is a great time to buy for first time home buyers and for second home buyers.

Currently there are approximately 35 Active vacant land parcels on the market. - priced from \$14K to \$599K - 11 of the 35 are "acreage" properties.

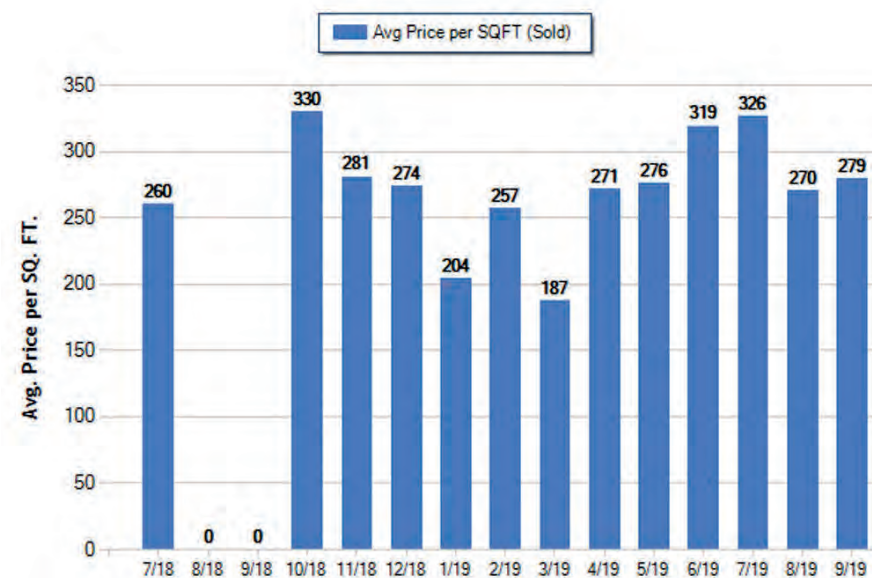
There are currently two under contract - both are in the Highlands

There are six recent Solds:

Four "lots"

Two "Acreage" properties

Average Days on the Market for vacant land is approximately 453 days.



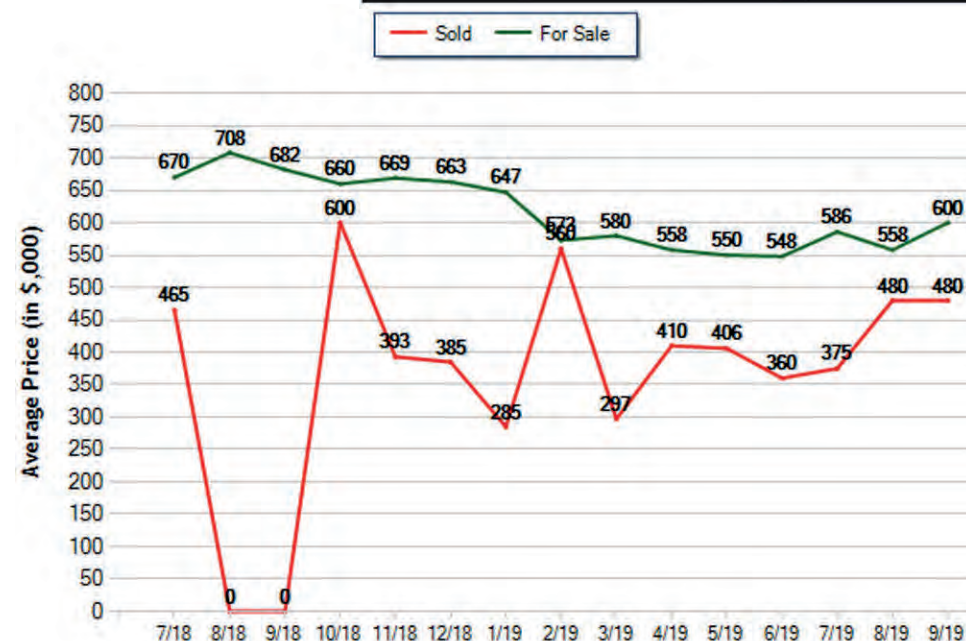
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by Paul Franson

(Paul Franson has been a Lake Berryessa supporter for many years. This is a shortened version of an article from his weekly newsletter, NapaLife: An Insider's Look at Napa Valley, a wide ranging information trove for anyone interested in the amazing number of opportunities to have fun in the Napa Valley. It's available for subscription at: paul@napalife.com.)

A recent study said that only 31 percent of diners order wine first when they sit down for a meal, while the rest choose beer or spirits to get things rolling, concluding, “Wine is expensive, people prefer the cocktail experience, and wine is intimidating.”

Then I read a column in the latest Wine Business Monthly on high wine prices in restaurants. The high prices most local restaurants charge not only discourage patrons from buying Napa wines, but I think they hurt the restaurants and wineries.

The typical wine list prices are twice winery retail, which are more than most actual retail prices. Of course, restaurants buy the wines at wholesale, so the price you pay is typically three times what they pay. I know the restaurant business is tough, but an almost-\$100 markup on a wine they serve for \$130 and buy for \$35 is unconscionable.

These prices are particularly egregious for restaurants that want to attract locals by offering some reasonably priced food. A \$40 wine doesn't go with a \$15 pizza or burger, for example. And don't get me started on wines by the glass that start at \$12 or more. Of course, visiting tourists may be willing to be fleeced for a meal or two, but those of us who live here aren't.

This situation has a number of results:

- People buy imported wines, which are generally cheaper (excluding Bordeaux or other rarities).

- Patrons choose a beer, nurse a cocktail or make do with water.

- They bring wine, especially if there's no corkage charge. That way the restaurant gets zilch instead of a reasonable markup.

The diners pay a corkage charge, which is almost surely less with wines they bring than the wine list price if the least expensive bottles are \$50 and up. And vintners and winery employees may pay nothing or little for the wines they bring. The restaurant gets less than if it charged a reasonable amount.

Or people may opt for takeout food or prepare their own food at home. Many locals simply go during happy hour and make that a meal. And I know many people who always take wines to restaurants, generally only choosing ones with lower or no corkage that night or always. I personally don't want to take wine. I just wish the prices were reasonable. In almost every case, the restaurant suffers.

The obvious answer is to have both reasonable and expensive wines on the list, but restaurateurs say they want to keep the high prices since people might buy cheaper wines. Duh.

One solution is to have at least some reasonable wines for locals, maybe on a separate card or just offered during the week when there are fewer high-rolling tourists and more locals out to eat.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Everyone wants to live forever, but in your case, it would just mean more time being chased by a swarm of bees.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your extremely trying week will not be improved by your decision to deal with all problems by leaning on the horn.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Nobody likes a know-it-all, but then, you probably knew that already, you smug jerk.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You should have more folding chairs around. If wrestlers come over and can't find one, they'll use something else.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The stars foresee a second job promotion in the days to come, though they should probably be telling Dave about it.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Despite the offer of a brand-new car, an all-expenses-paid trip to Greece, and a four-piece living room set, you'll once again go for the box with the question mark on it.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known as disintegration.

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

Libra (9/23-10/22): Wilderness sports may be growing in popularity, but people are not yet ready to appreciate your expertise at trout-shotgunning.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Were it officially sanctioned, judged by an impartial panel, and taking place somewhere other than your kitchen late at night, you'd pretty much shatter all existing hot dog eating records.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what's been wrong with you lately. That, sadly, takes three.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): All of your boy scout training will come in handy this week when you're forced to fight off three grown men inside a darkened tent.

How The Heel Got Its Height

How do they walk in these things?" grumbles Jack Lemmon, stumbling in his heels, newly dressed as his alter-ego Josephine, in “Some Like It Hot”. Like “jello on springs”, he marvels, when Marilyn Monroe sashays down the station platform. Monroe in high heels is the embodiment of a certain version of femininity – dainty, sexualized and uncomfortable, with limited mobility, and pandering to the male gaze.

Until the 17th century, high heels were mainly worn by men. High heels were, in fact, originally designed for men – and had an immensely practical purpose. Soldiers on horseback wore them in tenth-century Persia.

The heel helped keep them stable as they stood up in their stirrups and took aim at enemies with bows and arrows (cowboy boots still use heels in this way). Over time, heels appeared on the shoes of male aristocrats across Europe. Yet from the mid-17th century, heels became associated with supposedly “feminine” qualities such as frivolity, and so became women's wear.

Until the mid-20th century heels were chunky, clunky things. After the second world war, techniques and materials used in aircraft engineering were applied to shoes, creating the stiletto. The spindly heel requires a thin metal shank, strong enough to bear the wearer's weight yet flexible enough to allow the shoe to move.

Shoemakers and wearers have searched doggedly for a heel that is both high and comfortable. They aim to mitigate the angle created by a high heel, which forces the few square centimeters of the ball of your foot to bear the entire weight of your body. Joan Oloff, a podiatrist-turned-shoe-designer, makes footwear lined with memory foam to absorb the shock of each painful step. The sole is crafted to support the arch of the foot and distribute the wearer's weight more equally.

Antonia Saint Dunbar, an entrepreneur, makes shoes with a heel cup and strips inside to stop the foot slipping around and getting blisters. Feet are unique and rarely conform perfectly to standard sizes, a problem that the downward angle of heels exacerbates as it changes their shape further. And growing numbers of companies make shoes with adjustable heels: two inches for the boardroom, four for the nightclub, none for the schlep home.

4 America's Defining Divide Isn't Left vs. Right. It's Old vs. Young.

Voters over retirement age will continue to dominate U.S. politics until at least 2060. Due to increasing life expectancy, falling birth rates and the sheer size of the baby boom generation, today's older voters have held on to political power longer than any previous generation in history. The U.S. electorate is the oldest it's ever been and will keep getting older for at least four more decades.

Researchers call it the "demographic transition." Americans over 65 are now the fastest-growing age group in the country. The U.S. Census projects that by 2035, the population past retirement age will outnumber the population under 18 for the first time in history. While younger, more diverse generations have captured the media narrative about U.S. politics, its defining feature in the future may be its oldest participants.

"As much as diversity is growing in the U.S., the baby boomer generation still has a lot of financial power, political power and consumer power," said William Frey, a demographer and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "There's a lot of focus in the media on the younger generations, but in fact, the younger population is growing more slowly than seniors."

America's current demographic makeup, Frey said, is unprecedented. Due to rising longevity, falling birth rates and the sheer number of baby boomers (currently between 55 and 73 years old), today's older Americans have held onto power longer than any previous generation. In 1950, as the boom began, just 8 percent of Americans were over 65; the United States had more people under 25 than over 45. By 2010, when the boomers began to retire, those numbers had flipped and the share of the population over retirement age had increased by 50 percent.

Their power goes beyond raw numbers. Older Americans are more likely to vote than millennials and Gen Xers, particularly in midterm and primary elections. They are three times more likely to donate to

political campaigns. Plus, they are clustered in rural and sparsely populated states, giving them disproportionately large Senate and Electoral College representation.

This partly explains why the average member of Congress is now 58.6 years old, roughly a decade older than they were in 1981 and two decades older than the population at large.

Without a dramatic increase in immigration or a sudden doubling of the birth rate, this is likely to be a permanent shift. The elderly population will continue to grow until at least 2026. By 2050, demographers expect the number of Americans over 65 to roughly triple and the number of Americans in their 20s to decline.

Between 2016 and 2036, Americans over 65 are the only age group expected to increase in numbers. This trend has profound implications for every American institution, but perhaps none more so than politics itself. Older voters have unique characteristics and specific interests that transcend the Democratic-Republican divide. From their economic circumstances to their demographic makeup, the concerns of older voters are only going to become more prominent as the baby boom generation enters retirement.

This creates a paradox for the candidates vying for the presidential nomination in 2020 and beyond. Though the most high-profile policy ideas — subsidized childcare, paid leave, universal health care — address the concerns of younger generations, the election itself may be determined by voters unlikely to reap benefits and wary of paying the costs.

Older voters have strikingly different wealth and income profiles than younger voters. Four out of five older families own homes, compared to just one in four younger families. Most own stocks and a large plurality are business owners. Nearly 1 in 9 older households are millionaires and, according to a 2015 study, are the only age group in America whose net worth has increased since 1989.

What is Haiku?

Spanish Flat poet and chef, Geoff Lake, sent me this haiku when power was finally restored at Lake Berryessa after four days last week.

Five days without heat or hot water
how beautiful
the wildflower, blossom, blooms

Traditional Haiku

A haiku is traditionally a Japanese poem consisting of three short lines that do not rhyme. In Japanese, there are five "moras" in the first and third line, and seven in the second, following the standard 5-7-5 structure of haiku.

A haiku is considered to be more than a [type of poem](#); it is a way of looking at the physical world and seeing something deeper, like the very nature of existence. It should leave the reader with a strong feeling or impression.

An old silent pond...
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again.

A summer river being crossed
how pleasing
with sandals in my hands!

Light of the moon
Moves west, flowers' shadows
Creep eastward.

The lamp once out
Cool stars enter
The window frame.

Modern Haiku

Many modern western poets do not subscribe to the 5-7-5 pattern. The [Academy of American Poets](#) recognizes this evolution, but maintains that several core principles remain woven into the tapestry of modern haiku. That is, a haiku still focuses on one brief moment in time, employs provocative, colorful imagery, and provides a sudden moment of illumination.

More recently, poets like [Jack Kerouac](#) paved the way for a freer rhythm in haiku. However, the same tiny moments in time are still captured in a very colorful and enlightened manner. A

haiku remains reserved for those special moments in life when you want to examine the very nature of existence, from a church bell ringing out in the night to the staggering moment you realize he loves you.

From across the lake,
Past the black winter trees,
Faint sounds of a flute.

Nightfall,
Too dark to read the page
Too cold.
- Jack Kerouac

Insects on a bough
floating downriver,
still singing

Spring passes
And the birds cry out-
Tears in the eyes of fishes

On New Year's Day
I long to meet my parents
as they were before my birth.

A giant firefly:
that way, this way, that way, this -
and it passes by.

The haiku doesn't have to be serious. It can be funny- for example:

My life is Jello
Sitting and waiting in the bowl
Patiently to gel

And of course there are Cat Haiku poems:
You never feed me
Perhaps I'll sleep on your face.
That will sure show you.

You must scratch me there!
Yes, above my tail!
Behold,"Elevator butt."

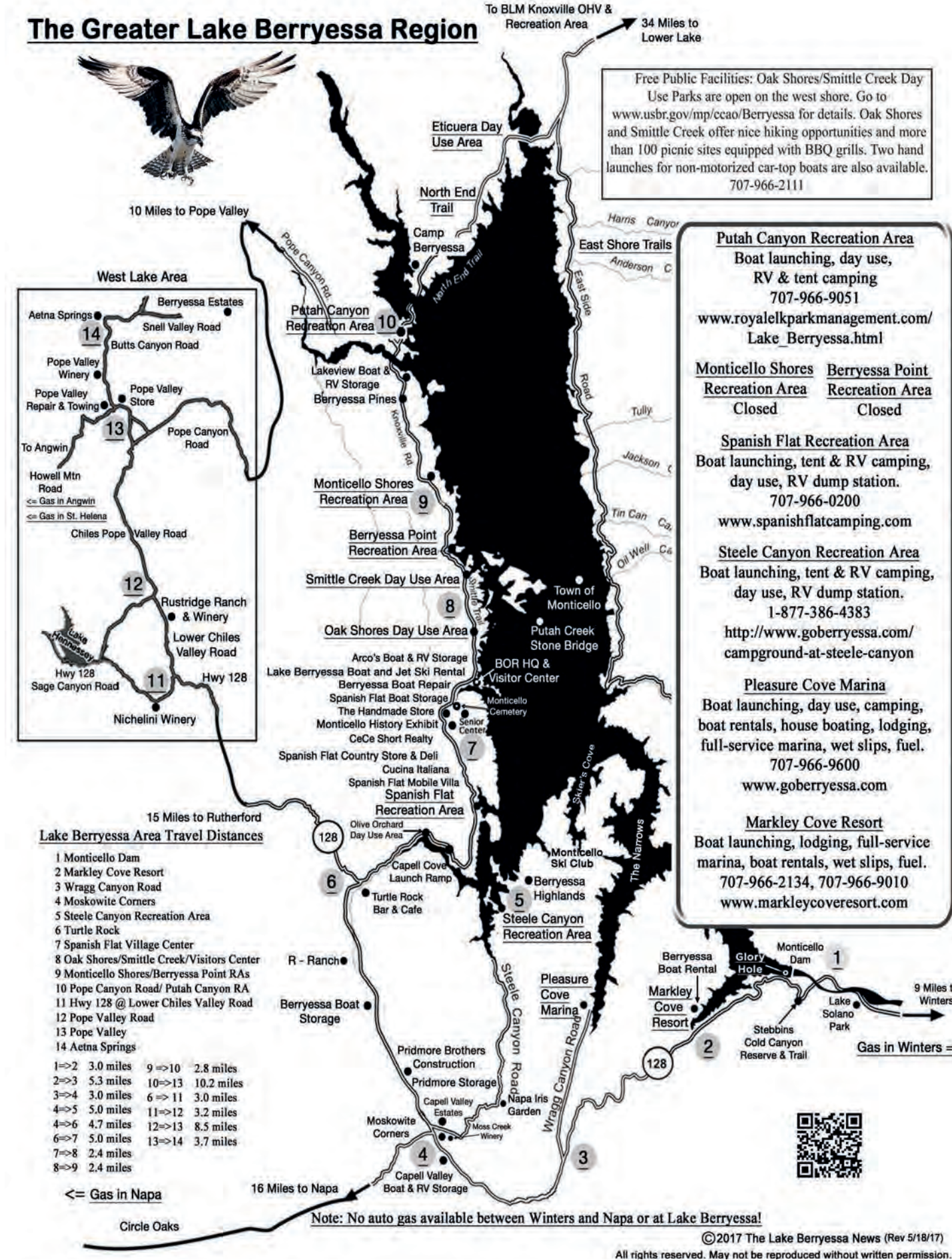
The rule for today
Touch my tail, I shred your hand
New rule tomorrow

Grace personified,
I leap into the window.
I meant to do that.

My small cardboard box.
You cannot see me if I
can just hide my head.

Oct./Nov., 2019 is shaping up to be the driest fall period in 23 years!

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98-99	11/10/98	7.18"
99-00	10/30/99	6.5"
00-01	10/20/00	4.54
01-02	10/29/01	15.73"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"
05-06	9/26 - light	17.4"
06-07	10/3/06 (.22") 11/2/06 (.8")	5.36"
07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"
08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"
09-10	9/13/09 - .16" 9/14/09 - .08"	6.5"
10-11	10/17/10 - .21" 10/22/10 - .21"	12.62
11-12	9/25/11 - .03" 10/4/11 - .17"	3.04"
12-13	10/22/12 - .73" 10/23/12 - .20"	17.97"
13-14	9/21/13 - .43" 11/20/13 - .70"	1.88"
14-15	9/18/14 - .1" 9/25/14 - .24"	13.34"
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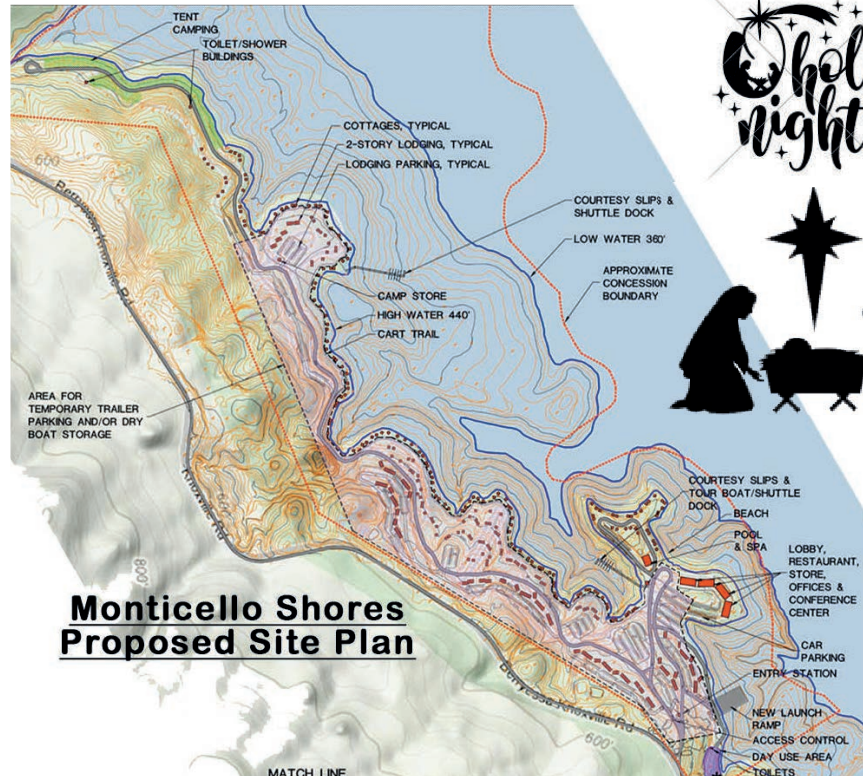


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Christmas 2019: The Promise of the Gift of Lake Berryessa Revitalization

Napa County is close to signing a 55-year agreement that would let it try to jumpstart the long-stalled Lake Berryessa resort revival starting next year. "We're not going to celebrate until we sign on the dotted line, which is close," Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza said. "I think every time we drive by the lake, we all get excited about the potential of what it could become,"

If all goes as county officials hope, the Board of Supervisors could vote on an agreement with the Bureau in January or February.

Lake Berryessa has seven resorts on federal land. The Bureau of Reclamation a decade ago razed five resorts and has unsuccessfully sought concessionaires to redevelop them. Napa County could try to succeed where the Bureau has failed. It would try to find concessionaires to build marinas, restaurants, stores and other amenities at three of those five resorts, with an option to take on the remaining two at a later date.

Reaching an agreement with the Bureau has proven difficult, with supervisors in May expressing disappointment with the terms being offered. Supervisors Pedroza and Dillon traveled to Washington, D.C and met with Bureau staff to try to work things out.

The County had previously entered into an MOU with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to discuss whether the County should assume management of one or more

concession areas and determine development interest.

The County is currently in discussions with the BOR regarding how to share the cost and risk of possible concession management as well as how to best manage and develop the Lake Berryessa area. According to Supervisor Ryan Gregory, "Although there is still much work to do, I'm excited to report that many of the proposed terms under the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the BOR have been resolved, including the 55-year term expected to begin November 1, 2020.

Staff anticipates returning to the Board in January/February 2020 with the MPA for consideration and releasing a Request for Proposal in April/May 2020 for concessionaires at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores (Rancho Monticello). Several previous bid proposals and detailed plans are available to re-use. (See diagrams in this issue.)

County officials have also wanted the Bureau to share in the losses in the initial years of an agreement, before resorts are built and begin generating revenue. County expenses would include such things as management staff and Sheriff's law enforcement at a busier lake. The Bureau proposes to make available \$1 million over five years.

After ten years of devastation and delay, people often forget what a wonderful place this was, especially for Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat residents.



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6 Corporations ARE NOT People. Stupid! Repeal Citizens United

by Peter Kilkus

The 1880s and 1890s were the days of men such as John D. Rockefeller, J. Pierpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, James Mellon, and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Wealth begat wealth as corporations took advantage of government disarray to buy tariff, banking, railroad, labor, and public lands legislation that would further enrich them. Citizen groups committed to maintaining corporate accountability continued to battle corporate abuse at state levels, and both courts and state legislatures revoked corporate charters.

Gradually, however, corporations gained sufficient control over key state legislative bodies to virtually rewrite the laws governing their own creation. They limited the liability of corporate owners and managers and issued charters in perpetuity. Corporations soon had the right to operate in any fashion not explicitly prohibited by law.

Step-by-step, the court system put in place new precedents that made the protection of corporations and corporate property a centerpiece of constitutional law. Judges sympathetic to corporate interests ruled that workers were responsible for causing their own injuries on the job, limited the liability of corporations for damages they might cause, and declared wage and hours laws unconstitutional.

In 1886, in a stunning victory for the proponents of corporate sovereignty, the Supreme Court ruled in Santa Clara County V. Southern Pacific Railroad that a private corporation is a natural person under the U.S. Constitution - although, as noted above, the Constitution makes no mention of corporations - and is thereby entitled to the protections of the Bill of Rights, including the right to free speech and other constitutional protections extended to individuals.

Thus corporations finally claimed the full rights enjoyed by individual citizens while being exempted from many of the responsibilities and liabilities of citizenship. The subsequent claim by

corporations that they have the same right as any individual to influence the government in their own interest pits the individual citizen against the vast financial and communications resources of the corporation and mocks the constitutional intent that all citizens have an equal voice in the political debates surrounding important issues.

Markets and politics are both about governance, power, and the allocation of society's resources. But the political reality is that in a political democracy, each person gets one vote. In the market, one dollar is one vote, and you get as many votes as you have dollars.



No dollar, no vote.

Behind its carefully crafted public-relations image and the many fine and ethical people it may employ, the body of a corporation is its corporate charter, a legal document, and money is its blood. It is at its core an alien entity with one goal: to reproduce money to nourish and replicate itself. Individuals are dispensable. It owes only one true allegiance: to the financial markets, which are more totally creatures of money than even the corporation itself.

The marvel of the corporation as a social innovation is that it has the ability to bring together thousands of people within a single structure and compel them to act in concert in accordance with a corporate purpose that is not necessarily their own. Those who revolt or fail to comply are expelled and replaced by others who are more compliant.

The contemporary corporation increasingly exists as an entity apart - even from the people who compose it. Every member of the corporate class, no matter how powerful his or her position within the corporation, has become expendable - as growing numbers of top executives are learning. As corporations gain in autonomous institutional power and become more detached from people and place, the human interest and the corporate interest increasingly diverge. It is almost as though we were being invaded by alien beings intent on colonizing our planet, reducing us to serfs, and then excluding as many of us as possible.

Citizens United: Perversion of Democracy - One Dollar, One Vote!

The Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the court opened the campaign spending floodgates. The justices' ruling said political spending is protected under the First Amendment, meaning corporations and unions could spend unlimited amounts of money on political activities...Disembodied corporations were now transformed into real people.

In his opposing argument, Supreme Court Justice Stevens statement is still relevant 10 years later:

"...corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established."

Corporation Runs for Congress Based on Citizens United (True)

"Murray Hill Inc. for Congress" was ready to hit the campaign trail running, armed with a dynamic strategy and catchy campaign slogans like "Corporations are People Too," "Privatize Gain...Socialize Risk," and the surefire vote-getter, "The People Should Always Come 2nd or 3rd." Murray Hill Inc., the first American corporation to openly run for Congress (as opposed to the more traditional "candidate-as-corporateproxy" model) has had its hopes of corporate candidacy dashed by the Maryland State Board of Elections...on a technicality.

According to its advertising, Murray Hill, a public-relations firm, is usinf a recent Supreme Court ruling that granted corporations full first-amendment political rights as people, to create "the best democracy money can buy."

Even though Murray Hill Inc. did have a "DesignatedHuman"(DH) representative, the Board rejected the corporation's application on the groundsthat it was "not a human being."

Despite the Supreme Court's controversial 5-4 ruling in the "Citizens United" case, which removed longstanding restrictions on political activism by companies, these bids for office still face significant obstacles—not least the requirement that candidates in Maryland be at least 18 years old. Murray Hill is just five.

It would become the first elected official truly available to constituents 24 hours a day, seven days aweek. Nor is it alone: according to the Washington Post, a firm called Computer Umbrella is now running for Congress in Virginia. Many legal scholars, as opposed to corporate lobbyists, are shocked that the Supreme Court ruled that Congress cannot limit the rights of corporations that are invented by man and controlled by man. To endow those legal fictions with the same natural rights as living, human beings is absurd. To claim the U.S. Constitution as the basis for that ruling is an outright fabrication.

The Ten Corporations (Continued from Page 2) Responsibility

Every day, each of us makes choices. These choices, large and small, all have consequences—for ourselves and for the world around us. Moral responsibility involves taking conscious ownership of one's intentions and actions, and being accountable for the resulting consequences. Although we all live in a society with various cultural values, expectations, codes of conduct, and social mores, ultimately we all decide for ourselves what is right and wrong. Being a responsible person involves steadfast attention to what is right and willfully bearing the blame or praise for our own actions.

Altruism

Altruism is the selfless concern for the welfare of other living beings without expectation of reward, recognition, or return. The collective welfare of our communities and society depends on the welfare of each individual person. We should always seek to alleviate the suffering and hardships of others with compassionate action. By caring for others around us and lifting each other up, we reinforce healthy connections and contribute to the betterment of our community, society, and the world.

Global Awareness

We live in a world that is rich in cultural, social, and individual diversity—a world with rapidly increasing interdependence. As a result, events anywhere are more likely to have consequences everywhere. Global awareness broadens our knowledge of cultures and perspectives that are outside of our own experience. A true global awareness includes attention to both current and historical events, and acknowledges how we affect—and how we are affected by—the interconnected social, political, and economic systems in which we reside. The end-goal of global awareness is global citizenship, which recognizes our personal responsibility to foster a healthy and dignified life for everyone in our global community.



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December 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The powers that be are in fact watching you at all hours and tracking your every move, but only because they're hoping you'll slip on the ice and drop your groceries.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will realize too late that an absolute monarch is still in thrall to the needs of his subjects when your hamsters start starving to death.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Earth and Water magics are very strong in your sign this week, indicating that this is a good time to do mud-related activities.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): After years of work hard work in Pope Valley, you will be asked to submit your paper, "There Is Nothing Like A Good Plate Of Bacon And Eggs," by Phil Burton to the philosophy department at the University of Lake Berryessaa.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): An angel will appear to you in glory and foretell that you shall have happiness, peace, and the riches of the world, which would be better if he didn't keep getting your name wrong.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Everyone will think you're just making a hilarious reference, undermining your efforts to warn everyone that the alien manifesto is, in fact, actually a cookbook.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Don't worry: They're not laughing at your repeated and costly failures. They're laughing with your repeated and costly failures.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Most women are attracted to power and status, but then the stars don't need to tell you that, Mr. General Manager of the Lake Berryessa Baskin-Robbins.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The presence of Jupiter in your fourth house indicates newfound personal maturity. The presence of empty pizza boxes in your first apartment, however, suggests otherwise.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): There's nothing harder in the world than losing a child, especially when wagering with a full house - or triple 8s.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It will be born with 10 perfect little fingers and 10 perfect little toes, much to the horror of everyone at the reptile breeding center.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You'll soon have the opportunity to reflect on all the crucial moments of your youth when a chunk of flying rebar erases all your memories after age 12.

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By Gary Howes (Berryessa Pines)

This article was originally written in 2018 after the Atlas Fire, for my blog on GunsmithUSA.com. Although the rains have finally come to Lake Berryessa this year and fire season is over, the information is still relevant today. Maybe you might get some ideas on preparing for the next fire season. (And there will most likely be another one!)

Well, we have survived what has probably been the worst set of wildfires in California history—over 214,000 acres burned along with over 5,700 houses and businesses destroyed and the tragic loss of at least 40 lives at this time. And as I write this, some areas are still burning.

We were very lucky here at Lake Berryessa with only two homes burned that I am aware of, but it was a tough week with choking smoke, closed roads, no electricity for 6 days, mandatory evacuations in some areas, and all of the stress that goes along with that.

Now it is time to take stock and reflect on what happened, including any lessons learned. Here are a few of my thoughts, plus some more from a local retired firefighter. Remember that these ideas are also mostly applicable to your preparations for ANY natural disaster—floods, storms, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes and more.

HAVE A PLAN

We were woken up by deputy sheriffs at 11:30 at night and told that we needed to evacuate. Because my wife and I had already had this discussion, we knew exactly what we needed to grab and were able to be packed into our cars and out of the area in less than 30 minutes. You do NOT want to be trying to figure this out at the time and when you are half asleep. Things you need to pack include people, pets, paperwork (including insurance details), prescriptions, cash and some clothing. If you have the time and space to pack anything else that is a bonus.

When it comes to firearms, many of us have an extensive collection so decide now which ones you would be able to take along and how much ammo to take as well. If you can't take them all, you need a good fire rated safe that may protect them if the fire is not too intense.

You should also discuss with your family where you could meet up in case you are not all together at the time of evacuation.

COMMUNICATION

One of the worst feelings is not knowing what is going on. Phone lines and cell phone towers are destroyed, electricity outages means no TV news. Keep a battery or crank powered radio in your house so you can at least listen to news reports, and consider if walkie-talkies might be good in your situation, or even a satellite-based device such as the In-Reach unit that I have discussed her before.

THINGS TO HAVE IN YOUR PREP EQUIPMENT

By far the best thing we had in this fire was a small generator. You don't necessarily need one big enough to run your entire house—ours is a 2,000 watt Honda, which is quiet enough to not be annoying and enough output to keep a refrigerator, a freezer, a couple of lights and even the TV running (but not all at the same time). Of course you also need fuel for your generator. We ran ours for about 12 hours a day and it used close to 1-1/2 gallons each day. Plan on storing at least 10 gallons in approved containers.

One thing we did not have, and now have stocked up on, are good quality N95 particle masks.

Having a supply of clean water and freeze-dried food has always been a part of my preparation plan. As it was, we did have limited access to a small market about 15 miles away, so food was not an issue. But our small water district got very close to running dry the last day before power came back on. Fortunately I live next to a large lake and have a good water filtration system so I knew I would not get too thirsty, but after 6 days I was starting to get a little ripe.

Lastly make sure you have a number of flashlights (LED lights last the longest) and a supply of batteries. Have one light for every person and make sure they understand that is THEIR light and they are responsible for knowing where it is at all times.

ADVICE FROM A PROFESSIONAL

Lastly, following is a list of things to remember from a local retired firefighter. Great advice from someone who knows their stuff!

Simple Preparations for Wild Land Fires

Know your evacuations routes, at least two different directions in case you can't evacuate as planned.

Back your vehicles in the driveway for fast use under limited visibility conditions. Park extra vehicles at the curb to keep them from being exposures from your home or visa versa.

If you have ladders that can reach your roof deploy them at opposite ends of your home. This will allow quick access to you roof if embers are blown on your roof.

Flying embers ignite most homes, they will exploit weaknesses of your home. Remove combustible debris on roof/gutters, roof vents, wood stacks and fences.

If you are trapped by the fire, based on individual circumstance, it is usually best to remain inside a structure as it will typically burn slower that the vegetation around the build. Allowing you to escape after the main body of the fire has passed.

It is less desirable to remain in your vehicle and worse yet to be exposed without cover at all. This can change based on your distance from fuels, wind strength/direction and slope.

In the event you are trapped by the fire call 911 and be able to provide them with your exact location and situation. Tell them "YOU ARE TRAPPED".

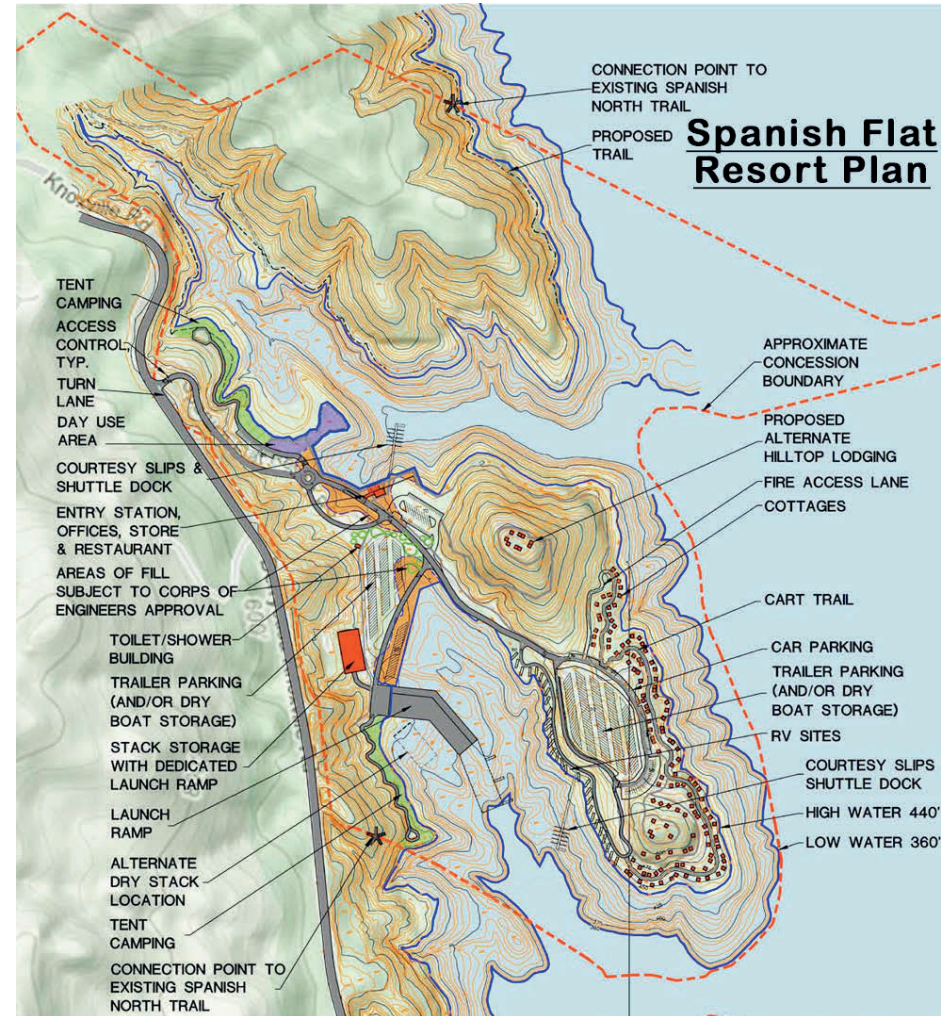
As the fire approaches it will become dark and visibility will drastically decrease due to smoke. Your eyes will burn from embers and blown debris, best to have goggles. The wind may drastically increase because of the fire conditions and it will become very loud.

Be prepared and expect this, remain calm. Think, plan then act. Don't drive your vehicle too fast for conditions, roll up windows, head lights on, put your air conditioner on recirculate.

Above all, don't wait till the last minute to leave. No house is worth your life. Prepare your clothes, medications, non-replaceable items, and pets/food early. Have them ready to go so you don't waste time when ordered to evacuate.

Sign up for Nixle alerts by texting your zip code to 888-777. Listen to your local radio with a battery powered radio.

The Lake is Rising!: Lake Level as of 12/5/19:
Lake Berryessa is now at 430.9 feet above msl (mean sea level) - 9.1 feet below Glory Hole. The lake has risen about 5 inches in the last 3 days. It usually takes about 3 inches of rain before the ground is saturated enough for new rain to run off into the lake. On average, once the ground is saturated, the lake rises about 7 inches per 1 inch of additional rainfall. The latest rainfall data shows that the official rainfall at Monticello Dam has reached 3.15 inches. The Lake Berryessa News weather station above the Berryessa Highlands shows a 3.56 inch rainfall total. Water temperature has dropped to a uniform 55 degrees from the surface to 70 feet.



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