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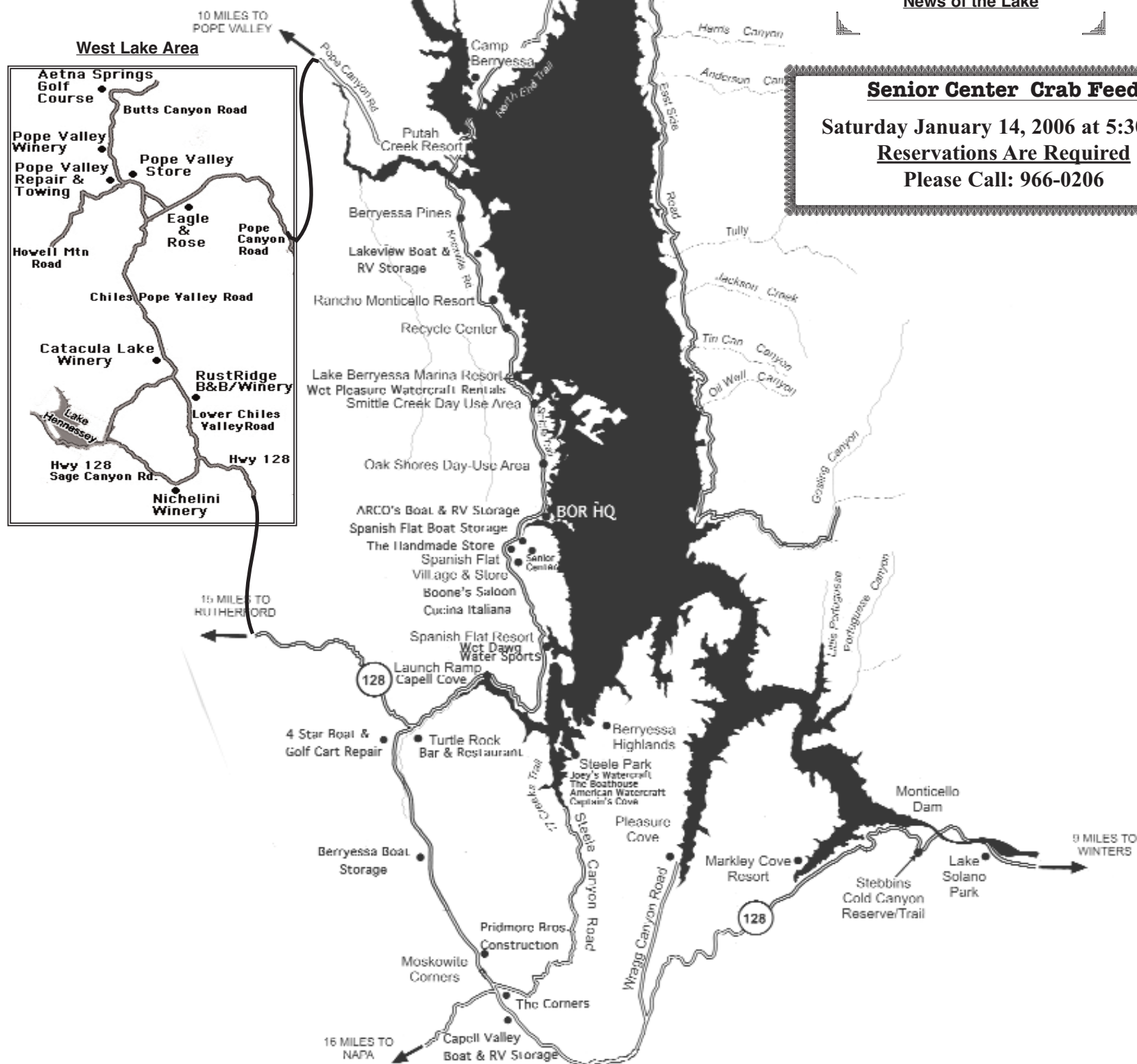
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Floods and Landslides Affect Lake Berryessa Region

The year 2005 ended with a bang and many whimpers caused by personal tragedies suffered due to the weather. Hwy 128 between the Corners and Turtle Rock looked like a battlefield with minor landslides encroaching onto the road and new potholes along the whole stretch. Coming around a curve on Knoxville Road near Spanish Flat at night to see the road more than half covered with mud was an unanticipated New Year's Eve thrill!

For my son, trying to get to Napa early Saturday morning only to be turned back near Circle Oaks because of massive landslides blocking Hwy 121 was annoying. But then trying to get through Rutherford only to be blocked by a large tree across the road at Conn Dam was a show-stopper. Since so many other roads were closed between Lake Berryessa and San Anselmo in Marin County, he probably wouldn't have made it anyway. He was on his way to San Anselmo to help his mother fight the Town's first flood since 1982. The downtown was a 4 foot deep river and my old neighborhood was in thigh-high water. Napa and the other Napa Valley towns were hurt badly and I'm sure there are hundreds of stories of loss and of neighbors helping neighbors out there.

It promises to be a long clean-up of the access roads around the lake which may affect people commuting to work. The worst news for commuters from the Berryessa Highlands area is that Hwy 121, the main road to Napa, has suffered a major slide between Wooden Valley Road and Napa which may take CalTrans many days to clear. An alternative route is Hwy 128 through Rutherford. At press time Wooden Valley Road itself was open to one lane traffic. It's a bit unusual, but there were no major slides on Hwy 128 to Winters so access is available that way. Hopefully when you read this story on Thursday, the situation will be greatly improved.

Please Read This!

Pages 3 & 4 of our last issue caused a bit of confusion among some of our readers. They apparently didn't notice the explanation printed in the first paragraph of text to appear in the paper on Page 2. They wondered why we had printed two pages sideways! Rather than feel bad that they didn't bother to read my editorial section, I guess I should have put a dotted line with a picture of scissors and some instructions on Page 3. So if you still have our last issue, here's what we said about Pages 3&4: "This issue also includes a tear out page (3&4) with useful phone numbers and a full directory of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Just carefully cut out the page and fold it over. You now have a handy reference of phone numbers on the front, businesses in the middle, and a map of the lake on the back. Keep it handy near your telephone or inside the front of your telephone book."

Lake Berryessa News Collector's Edition!

Apparently our last issue also confused our printers. Those of you who are subscribers received an issue with mixed pages. Page 2 with the explanation for the sideways pages 3&4 actually was printed as Page 10 and Page 8 appeared in the place of Page 2! Several other pages were also out of order. The problem was corrected before the rest of that edition was distributed so you subscribers have the Collectors' Edition - sort of like a few copies of a defective stamp being printed before the problem is caught. Those stamps now have incredible value to stamp collectors. Maybe we'll start to see those "defective" copies of The Lake Berryessa News being auctioned off on eBay. If you'd like your own copy of the Collector's Edition, call or email us and we'll send you one (or 10, or 100)....

The Leap Second Was Here!

As a philosopher said, "You can't kill time without harming eternity." If life is often a matter of split seconds -- the train door that closes in your face, the chance encounter with the love of your life, the near-collision with an oncoming SUV -- then the universe just bestowed on us the generous gift of a **leap second**. We hope you used it wisely.

Last Saturday, at exactly 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, one second was added to our official record of time, Coordinated Universal Time, kept by a series of atomic clocks housed in environmentally sealed vaults in about 80 timekeeping laboratories around the world and certified by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris.

The reason for the extra second is simple: The earth is slowing down. Since the days of Sir Isaac Newton, scientists have understood the time it takes for the earth to make a full rotation is getting longer. The gradual deceleration is caused by the gravitational pull of the moon. The same force that brings the tides is putting the brakes on the earth, albeit very slowly. And because time is a function of planetary movement, our days are getting longer and, depending on how you look at it, time is slowing down. Happy New Year.

The Pope Valley Bears Controversy

Earlier this year, animal control officers caught and killed four black bears -- two males and two females -- at the Aetna Springs Vineyard in the rugged Pope Valley. Winery owner Paul Maroon said he had tried scaring off the bears, but resorted to getting rid of them for good because he feared they might hurt his field workers. He claimed that they damaged his fences on a daily basis which allowed both the bears and deer to eat the grapes, sometimes damaging and killing the vines.

With premium Cabernet grapes that can be produced only in mountainous regions selling for \$5,000 to \$7,000 a ton, vineyards have sprouted on slopes and ridgetops where animals make their homes. According to Fish and Game officials, the state is required to issue extermination permits if property owners show evidence of damage caused by wildlife.

In the past, some winery owners have summoned authorities to trap and shoot black bears -- as well as wild pigs, deer, turkeys and mountain lions -- that plundered their vineyards. The recent killings of black bears in Pope Valley have sparked debate over the future of wildlife in vineyards. It's fairly common for feral pigs and deer to be killed for similar offenses, and obviously lions and coyotes that kill livestock or threaten humans are targets, but many people question the killings of the relatively rare bruins.

Some of Maroon's neighbors are outraged by the killings. Ann Curtis, who helps manage Aetna Springs Golf Course down the road from the winery, called the controversy "wine for blood, life versus profit." "To come into a wildlife area and then kill off the wildlife is wrong," said Curtis, who has lived in Pope Valley for 34 years.

Jerre Sears, owner of Black Sears Vineyards on Napa County's Howell Mountain, said all the growers he knows on the 1,800-foot peak shrug off the grapes they lose to bears and other wildlife as a kind of tax for doing business in hillside territory. They point out that the bears don't eat that many grapes and since vineyards are being planted in the bears' home, what can you expect.

Sharyn Simmons, co-owner of Cucina Italiana Restaurant at the Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa and a wine broker, said that black bears are typically not a problem and often considered as part of the environment for wineries. She referred to Zaca Mesa Winery in Santa Barbara County which has a premier wine that earned its name from the many black bears that live around their vineyards.

Sylvia Nasholm of Zaca Mesa was shocked when told that black bears were killed in Napa County. She said that the bears were no trouble at their winery and she often saw signs of them when she walked the property. Although the bears ate a small amount of the grapes, they are considered part of the Zaca Mesa family. When Zaca Mesa planted the first syrah grapes in Santa Barbara County on a 3.54 acre block in 1978 on its own roots from cuttings brought over from the Hermitage region of the Northern Rhône, they were still looking for a name for the vintage. One day they sighted black bears near the vines and decided it was a fortuitous encounter. Thus the name Black Bear Block Syrah was born.

One unfortunate result of the publicity is that the wrong winery has been blamed. Aetna Springs Vineyards, which caused the uproar, does not make its own wine. Unfortunately Aetna Springs Cellars, a completely different vineyard sharing a too-similar name, has had its business threatened by people who Google without discrimination. Sally Kimsey, owner of Aetna Springs Cellars, said she is being unfairly targeted by animal rights activists who have deluged her with threats of a boycott. She appeared on television to plead with people to stop blaming her winery. She played a phone message from someone claiming to be a restaurant owner who planned to boycott her winery's products. Unfortunately the caller did not leave a name or number she could call to set him straight. Hopefully this mistaken identity has been resolved. People who act from righteous anger better know they're facts first.

"Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted."

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527.

Weekly Berryessa Youth Meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM at the Vol. Fire Station. For more information call Gina Hamilton, 966.2816

Sufi Center ~ Meditation & Healing Circle - Pope Valley

Every Thursday - 7pm ~ Every Sunday - 6pm
1st Sunday of every month - Pot Luck - 4pm to 6pm

Info - Call 707-965-0700, 2950 Pope Valley Canyon Rd.

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for pre-dinner cocktails.

Sunday, February 5 – Super Bowl XL

Boone's Saloon will open the doors at 12:00pm
for pre-game cocktails.

4370 Knoxville Road (Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa)
(707) 966-2420 www.Boones-Saloon.com

How I Spent My Christmas Vacation

Although the weather was horrible during the last week of 2005, the Christmas and New Year's holidays were fun for most people. The Senior Center Christmas Party had great food, friends, and entertainment by the Polite Brothers. The singers had great voices. Santa danced with an elf!

Chef Stefano and Sharyn laid out a fantastic New Year's Eve gourmet meal for a good-natured crowd at Cucina Italiana. The band couldn't get to Boone's Saloon for the New Year's Eve Party but folks were still in a good mood and it was a great night to be there. See if you recognize any of these happy faces. More color photos are available (some they may not want you to see!) on our web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com.



The Lifecycle of Plywood**Overview**

Plywood may be the most prosaic building material ever. Even concrete, polished to a mirror finish, can be made into high-end kitchen counters; there's no equivalent glory for softwood-base plywood. (Hardwood laminates are another tale.) But when toughness is required, plywood gets the call, as Hurricane Katrina and all that television footage of people racing to board up their windows remind us.

Laminated woods were known to the ancient Egyptians and Chinese, but it wasn't until the early 1900s that anything like mass production began. Even then, plywood didn't blossom until the invention of waterproof adhesive for bonding the plies. That was achieved in 1934 (by an American chemist, according to U.S. sources; the Canadian say it was one of theirs). Suddenly there was hardly anything plywood couldn't do. During World War II it was declared an essential war material and made into crates, buildings, various watercraft (including fast PT boats), gliders, and even the famous de Havilland Mosquito fighter-bomber. In the United States, the postwar building boom fueled soaring demand. Today, global annual output of plywood and veneer sheets is roughly 70 million cubic meters and rising. The top five producers are the United States (about 30 percent of the total), Indonesia, China, Japan, and Canada.

Manufacture

Though the logs grow out of the ground, the plywood made from them is an industrial product. The logs are stripped of bark and limbs and cut into lengths called blocks. Using hot water or steam, the blocks are heated to about 93°C before moving on to a veneer lathe or slicer, which cuts the logs into layers generally about 3 millimeters thick. These in turn are trimmed and blasted with hot air to reduce the moisture content. The cooled veneers are coated with heat-cured resins and laid up symmetrically on a core with the grain of each ply at right angles to the one below. The lay-ups are sent to a hot press, where the resin is cured at over 100°C, and then move on to be trimmed and possibly sanded.

This process consumes a lot of energy, thus releasing notable emissions of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. But plywood manufacture also releases particulate matter smaller than 10 micrometers in diameter - which are inhalable and thus unhealthful - as well as volatile organic compounds, including formaldehyde and other hazardous air pollutants. Some of these escape into the atmosphere. Global plywood demand also contributes heavily to the unsustainable logging of tropical rainforests, especially in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Disposal

Where does all that plywood go at the end of its useful life? Like other wood scrap, a lot of it is burned for energy, although combusting plywood without proper emission controls can release hazardous substances. Some of it lives on as particleboard after being ground up into suitable flakes. Some is salvaged and reused: this seems to be a favored option among "green" builders, and they benefit from a budding network of architectural salvage companies and Internet sites that function as exchanges. Used plywood can even be composted, despite the glues. (In a pilot study, some plucky Mississippi researchers mixed plywood sawdust with various animal manures, also a major waste problem, and left the compost cans outside for six months, reporting at the end both "reduced toxicity and weight.") In the end, though, most plywood returns to the Earth from which it came, but in landfills.

The Lifecycle of Chopsticks**Overview**

From the back roads of Yunnan to the sushi bars of New York, epicures of Asian cuisine the world over rely on chopsticks as a handy eating tool. In use since at least the Shang Dynasty (c. 1500 BCE), these slender sticks, averaging 9 inches long, are daily utensils in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, and common companions of rice and noodle dishes in many other countries. Chopsticks have been carved from cedar, bone, plastic, ivory, jade, and precious metals.

But today, the disposable wooden chopstick, mass-produced from white birch, poplar, or bamboo, reigns supreme. Known as waribashi in Japan and yicixing kuaizi in China, disposable chopsticks date to the 1870's and were originally deemed a thrifty way to use up wood scraps. They became widely available in the 1980's after technological improvements sped up the production process. The Chinese government promoted their use to fight disease, and across Asia interest in the one-use sticks skyrocketed as more people ate out.

Manufacture and Use

Rising global demand for disposable chopsticks began sparking concerns about deforestation in the early 1990s. A subsidiary of Japan's Mitsubishi Group was reportedly razing centuries-old aspen groves in western Canada to generate 8 million pairs per day, using only the finest-grain (knot-free) wood and leaving as much as 85 percent of the timber to waste. After milling and drying the wood to reduce moisture content, the rough sticks were then shipped to Taiwan for finishing and packaging. Japanese output plummeted with the advent of cheaper Chinese imports, and in 2000 more than 95 percent of the 25 **billion** disposable chopsticks used in Japan were imported.

China is now the world's leading producer, exporter, and consumer, making some 45 **billion** pairs a year for domestic use alone. This requires some 1.7 million cubic meters of timber a year, the equivalent of 25 million trees. To prevent the wood from becoming yellow, black, or moldy, some manufacturers of lower-quality chopsticks bleach them with sulfur dioxide (SO₂), which at high dosages can cause asthma, vomiting, and skin rashes.

Closing the Loop

Every day, hundreds of millions of chopsticks are used once and then tossed. While restaurants in some countries wash and restock them, in Japan most people don't want a chopstick that is used by someone else. But times are changing. Some Japanese producers now recycle the used sticks into items like particleboard, paper, and facial tissue. And in October, China issued new standards requiring that chopsticks be made only from birch, poplar, and other widely planted trees, or carved from fast-growing bamboo. The rules ban the use of certain chemicals and limit the water content of bamboo sticks to 10 percent to prevent mold.

Some Japanese consumers are swearing off warabashi altogether, instead carrying a set of reusable lacquer or stainless steel sticks as part of the country's "Let's Carry Our Own Chopsticks" campaign. In China, Shanghai imposed a partial ban on disposable wooden chopsticks in restaurants and snack stores in 2000, and a 5 percent tax is being considered nationwide to discourage their use. South Korea, meanwhile, has switched largely to metal sticks.

The Internet Can Be a Dangerous Place!

Protect Yourself From Email Phishing Scams

Phishing is a variation on "fishing," the idea being that bait is thrown out with the hopes that while most will ignore the bait, some will be tempted into biting. Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft. The e-mail directs the user to visit a Web site where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and credit card, social security, and bank account numbers, that the legitimate organization already has.

The Web site, however, is bogus and set up only to steal the user's information. For example, 2003 saw the proliferation of a phishing scam in which users received e-mails supposedly from eBay claiming that the user's account was about to be suspended unless he clicked on the provided link and updated the credit card information that the genuine eBay already had. Because it is relatively simple to make a Web site look like a legitimate organizations site by mimicking the HTML code, the scam counted on people being tricked into thinking they were actually being contacted by eBay and were subsequently going to eBay's site to update their account information. By spamming large groups of people, the "phisher" counted on the e-mail being read by a percentage of people who actually had listed credit card numbers with eBay legitimately.

One of the following often accompanies this request:

- A threat or warning that failure to update your information will result in the closure of an account or cancellation of a subscription
- An offer of a prize or some other form of financial compensation
- A note that you have received pictures or an instant greeting
- A confirmation of an online purchase

Phishing attempts may masquerade as official notifications from reputable companies, such as your bank, your credit card company, or AOL. The message will usually encourage you to click on a link that takes you to a "copycat" Web site designed to look identical to a legitimate site. Such copycat sites are also known as "spoofed" sites.

Once at the spoofed site, you may be asked to enter your screen name or username and password, your credit card number and expiration date, your Social Security number, or other personal information. Entering this information can give the phisher access to your account to send spam, steal your identity, make fraudulent purchases or otherwise use your identity! Don't do it!

If you believe you have given away your billing information: First, notify the bank or other business that holds your account. Then visit the FTC's National Resource for Identity Theft Web Site at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>.

How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams

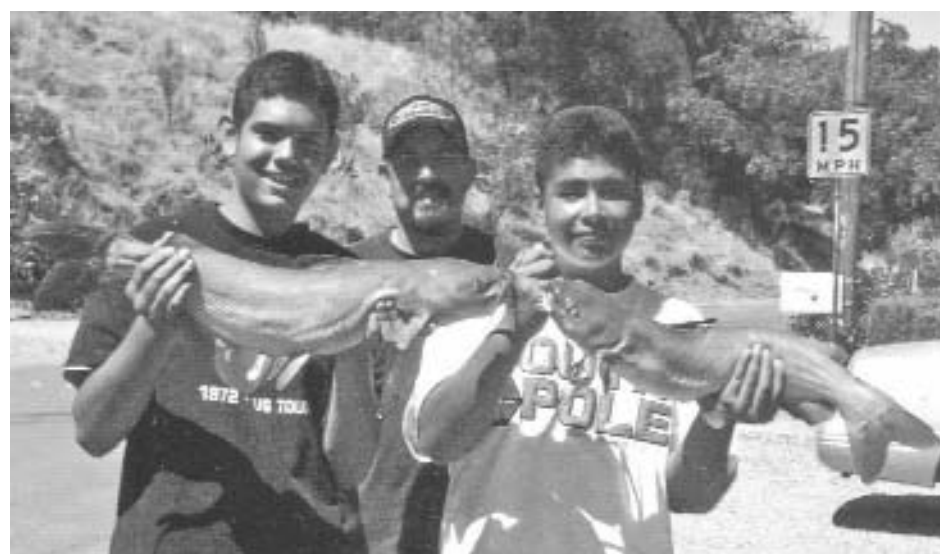
Be suspicious of any e-mail or other message containing an urgent request for your personal information. Phishing scams typically include upsetting or exciting (but false) statements to encourage victims to act immediately. They typically ask for information like AOL screen names or other usernames and passwords, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers and more.

Even if you think a request for information may be legitimate, don't click the links in the e-mail to visit a Web site. Sometimes links can be disguised to look like they're taking you to a real site, when they're actually taking you to a scam site. Instead of clicking a link, type the Web site's address by hand to ensure that you go to the company or organization's real site.

If the request for information is coming from a company or organization with whom you have a relationship, call them directly to confirm whether they actually need the information and, if so, whether you can provide it over the telephone. Be very careful if you share personal or financial information online.

Review credit card and other account statements regularly. If you see anything suspicious, contact your banks and all your credit card issuers immediately.

We've asked you to send us your favorite fishing photos. Email them to pkilkus@aol.com or mail them to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. The one below came to us with the caption: Robert Durling and friend, Luis.



Men, How Old is Your Fantasy Woman?

Sophia Loren 71
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Fishing with Sid

As of the new year the lake is full to the brim and then some. I would like to review some of the fishing events from last year. The largest bass caught in a tournament weighed in at 16.75 lbs. Salmon were caught in the 3 lbs+ category and trout in 2 lbs+. For those who went for crappie, there were many limit days of 25 fish. My largest catfish this past year was 18.5 lbs caught on mackerel (great bait), but the average catfish weighed 4 to 6 lbs caught on hotdog or mackerel. The carp were plentiful all over the lake and for those fisherman who like to fish for carp (there are some out there) we found that bread does the trick. Some of the other fish we caught were a 12 lb. Sacramento pike and a 2 lbs+ sunfish. I am looking forward to good fishing stories this coming year and hope you will share yours with us. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and a great year of fishing.....til next time www.fishingconnection.net



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Aquarium denizens find their way home post-Katrina.

Families scrambled to reunite in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the August 2005 storm that flattened the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts, but one family's resilience was a surprise success. Eight aquarium-residing dolphins found each other in the Gulf of Mexico and returned home to the Mississippi State Port after they were swept out of a 30-foot-tall holding tank at the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulf port, Miss. It took about 13 days before they were found by their trainers in the Gulf.

Afer finding temporary shelter in local pools, they now reside in various aquariums. "Our tank was undisturbed by all previous hurricanes," says Moby Solangi, president of the facility, "so we thought it would be safe." Even Hurricane Camille, a devastating Category 5 in 1969, did not su merge the holding tank. The tank itself survived Katnna, but the storm surge was so high that it went over the top and swept the animals out. The dolphins had all lost some weight while away from home, and some endured injuries, but they are all recovering and doing well now. Solangi estimates that it will take two to three years to rebuild the Oceanarium. "After reconstruction," he says, "we plan to have all eight dolphins back at the new facility. They were trained together, they came home together, they should stay together."

A blonde woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "God help us. Has it come to this?"

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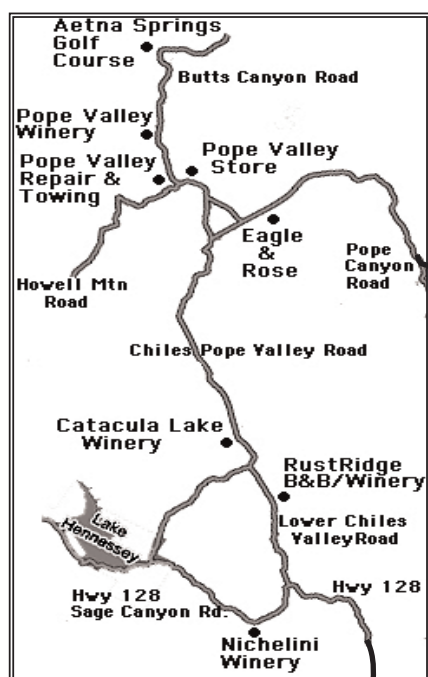
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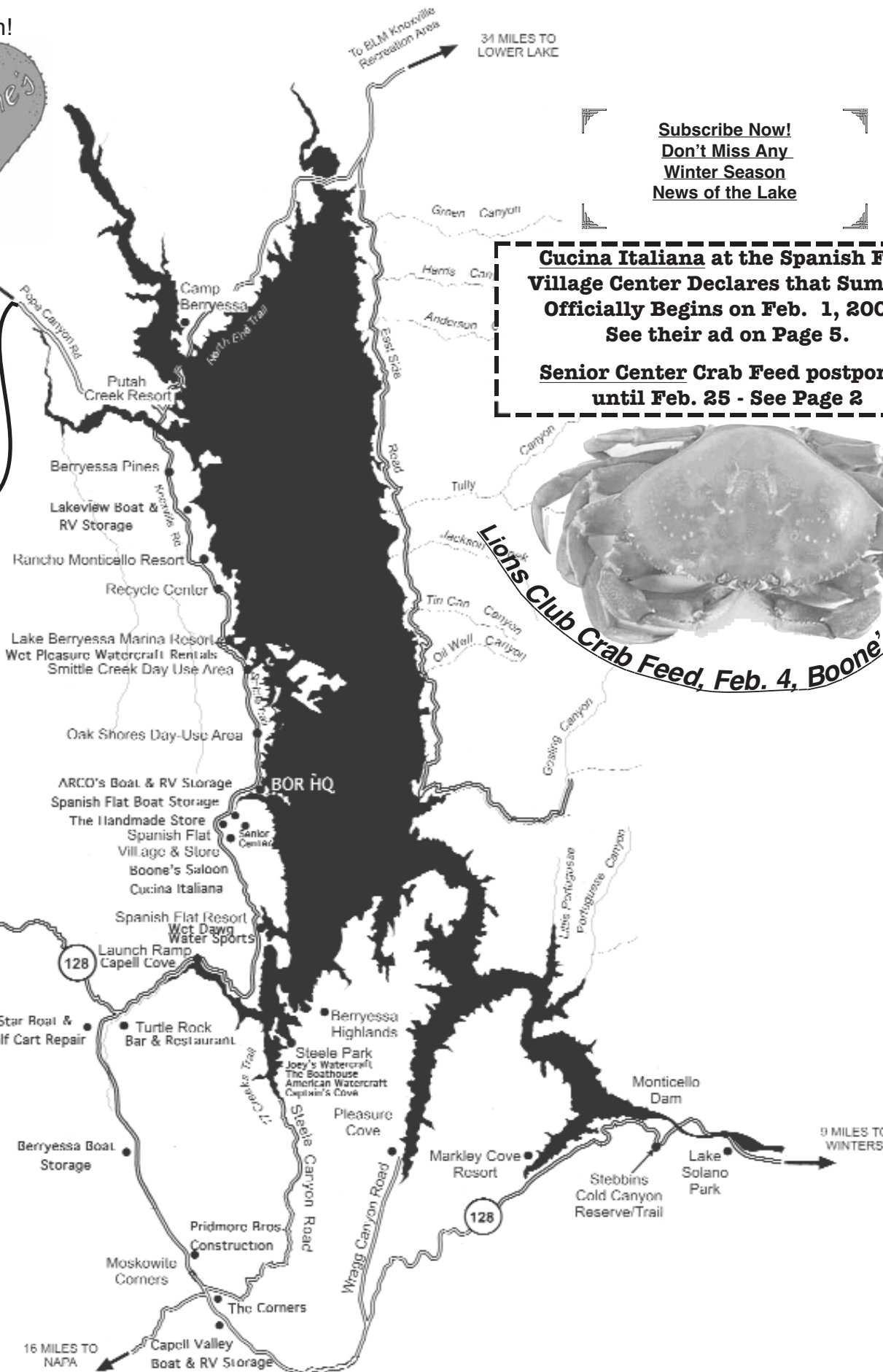


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LAKE BERRYESSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The Chamber will meet on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7 P.M. at Cucina Italiana at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Napa County Conservation, Development & Planning Director, Hilary Gitelman, has agreed to attend the meeting to discuss the General Plan process and other issues of concern to our members. She will take a tour of non-Federal lands prior to the meeting.

The Conservation, Development and Planning Department administers the County's planning and land use development program and building inspection activities in the unincorporated areas of Napa County. The department is composed of three divisions - Conservation Division, Planning Division and Building Inspection Division.

Other items on the agenda include the Business Directory and Brochure as well as the future public relations strategy and community mass mailing.

BERRYESSA SENIOR CENTER CRAB FEED RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 25th, DUE TO THE LACK OF AVAILABLE FRESH CRAB.

The storms we had recently dropped 17 inches of water here at the lake. The roads into the area were affected, but are now carrying traffic. Watch out for rocks, mudslides and potholes.

With the high surf and pounding waves, the crab boats were unable to drop their crab pots or even leave their moorings. We have always served fresh crab, cooked the day of our Crab Feed. Without the available local crabs, we tried to get them from as far away as the Oregon border. This didn't happen. The local crab boats finally went out but reported back that the crabs are under sized and don't look good.

On January 9, the Senior Center Board decided to not use anything but the best. We have a wonderful reputation and want to keep it that way. We rescheduled the Crab Feed until the crabs are larger and plentiful. The new date is February 25th, 2006. We will honor your current tickets at the door. If there is a problem for you about the new date, please call me and we will resell your tickets and refund your money. Please call 707-966-2127 concerning this or other questions as soon as possible.

This is the first time this has happened and we are so sorry if it inconveniences you in any way. We thank you for your patronage and we thank our staff for their service to us. The kitchen staff has worked overtime to try to avoid this change of date. We especially thank them. It couldn't be avoided.

Thank you sincerely,

Georgia Craddock

Ways and Means Chairman

BILL DODD ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

At their meeting on January 10, 2006, the Napa County Board of Supervisors elected Bill Dodd, Fourth District Supervisor, as Chairman. This is Supervisor Dodd's second time serving as Chairman. He previously was elected Chairman in January of 2002.

Each January the Board elects a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. Supervisor Dodd served as Vice-Chairman during the 2005 calendar year. He replaces Diane Dillon, Third District Supervisor, as Chairman. The main duty of the Chairman is to preside over meetings of the Board, sign contracts as authorized by the Board, and represent the Board at official functions.

As Chairman of the Board, Supervisor Dodd also serves as Chairman of the Board of Equalization, Napa County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Napa County Public Improvement Corporation, the Napa County Housing Authority and several special districts where the Board sits as the governing body.

Supervisor Dodd was elected as the Fourth District Supervisor in 2000, with his term beginning in January of 2001. Dodd was born and raised in Napa and he and his wife Mary live in Napa with their five children. Prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors he was the President and General Manager of Diversified Water Systems, Inc. (dba Culligan Water Company).

At the same Board of Supervisors' meeting Fifth District Supervisor Harold Moskowitz was elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

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Conservation Partners Protect 12,575-Acres in Napa County

The Wildlife Conservation Board, in partnership with the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, the Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Conservancy, The Land Trust of Napa County and The Nature Conservancy, announced the acquisition and protection of the 12,575-acre Napa Ranch, an important milestone in protecting the region's natural areas and providing wildlife-compatible recreational opportunities. The property, which will become part of the California Department of Fish and Game's Knoxville Wildlife Area, includes one of the last unprotected segments of the 70,000-acre Eticuera Creek watershed, which supports a wide variety of threatened plants and animals.

"What the Point Reyes National Seashore is to San Francisco, or the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is to Los Angeles, the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Natural Area can be for our region," said Ray Krauss of the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership, a coalition of private landowners and public land managers dedicated to conserving 750,000 acres in portions of Napa, Yolo, Solano, Colusa and Lake counties. "More than 10 million people live within a three hour drive of the BRBNA, and that population is expected to increase 33 percent by 2020. The protection of Napa Ranch is a big step in our effort to protect the region's natural treasures and its way of life before it's too late."

The Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership (BRBNACP) promotes the conservation and enhancement of the expansive landscape that comprises the BRBNA by encouraging the sensitive management of its natural, agricultural, recreational, archeological and historical resources. As a voluntary and inclusive organization, the BRBNACP facilitates coordination and collaboration among its public, private, and nonprofit partners; provides research, information, and education services to partners; and conducts outreach to the public. www.brbna.org

"The Land Trust of Napa County has been working continuously on the Knoxville Region of Napa County since about 1990 and, with the acquisition of Napa Ranch, we have a swath of lands that is unparalleled in Napa County," said John Hoffnagle, executive director of The Land Trust of Napa County. "We all know that the Napa Valley harbors world-class vineyards. Now we see that Napa County's world-class territory encompasses natural systems as well." The Land Trust of Napa County is a county-wide, community-based land trust that works to protect the natural diversity, scenic open space and agricultural vitality of Napa County by preserving lands with significant conservation values for present and future generations, and by fostering an appreciation and understanding of the natural environment. www.napalandtrust.org

The acquisition of Napa Ranch contributes 12,575 acres to the Knoxville Wildlife Area and a network of open space that spans the Cache Creek Wildlife Area, the Cache Creek Natural Area, the Knoxville Wildlife Area, the McLaughlin Reserve, the Cedar Roughts Wildlife Area and the Lake Berryessa public lands. Protection of the property preserves an important wildlife corridor serving a variety of wide-ranging animals, including mountain lion, bear and bald and golden eagle. Napa Ranch also contains one of the last unprotected segments of the Eticuera Creek watershed, which spans 70,000 acres of oak woodlands and serpentine chaparral — two highly threatened vegetation types in California.

The acquisition is an important step in providing a wide range of nature-based, resource-compatible public activities for the growing populations of Napa, Yolo and Lake counties and visitors from the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento regions. Opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, swimming and white water rafting are currently available on some of the surrounding properties. The property, which spans both Napa and Yolo counties, features the spectacular Zim Zim waterfall which, upon completion of a land-use and habitat restoration plan for the property, will be accessible to the public for the first time.

The California Department of Fish and Game will manage Napa Ranch as part of the Knoxville Wildlife Area and, with support from The Nature Conservancy and the Blue-Ridge Berryessa Natural Conservation Partnership, will develop a land use and habitat restoration plan for the property. For more information on the public lands surrounding the Napa Ranch, visit the Department of Fish and Game at www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region3/r3list.html.



Lions Club Crab Feed Saturday, February 4, 2006 Boone's Saloon Cocktails - 5 PM, Dinner - 6 PM

The crab feed has been hosted by the Lions Club for more than twenty years. It is one of the Lions' two major fund raisers during the year, the other being the Lions Club Poker Run. The local club joins with other Lions Clubs in supporting vision oriented projects worldwide, but the majority of the funds raised are used within the Berryessa community to assist our neighbors with needs.

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527.

Weekly Berryessa Youth Meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM at the Vol. Fire Station. For more information call Gina Hamilton, 966.2816

Sufi Center ~ Meditation & Healing Circle - Pope Valley

Every Thursday - 7pm ~ Every Sunday - 6pm

1st Sunday of every month - Pot Luck - 4pm to 6pm

Info - Call 707-965-0700, 2950 Pope Valley Canyon Rd.

Get your event on the calendar by calling 966-3806 or 287-6240

Email shirllbnews@sbcglobal.net or pkilkus@aol.com.

BOONE'S SALOON LIVE MUSIC ROADHOUSE

Restaurant * Bar * Live Music

Kids of all ages welcome!

Happy New Year!

Boone's Saloon will be closed for the winter season
open only for special events.

Saturday, February 4 – Lion's Club Crab Feed

Contact a local Lion's Club member to purchase
tickets for this annual fundraiser.

Boone's Saloon will open the doors at 5:00pm
for pre-dinner cocktails.

Sunday, February 5 – Super Bowl XL

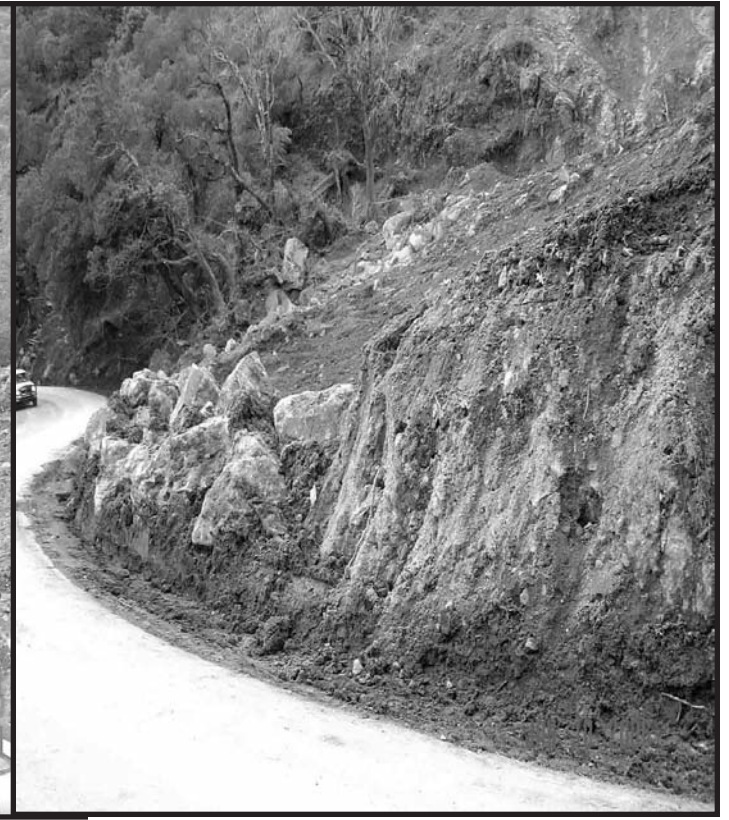
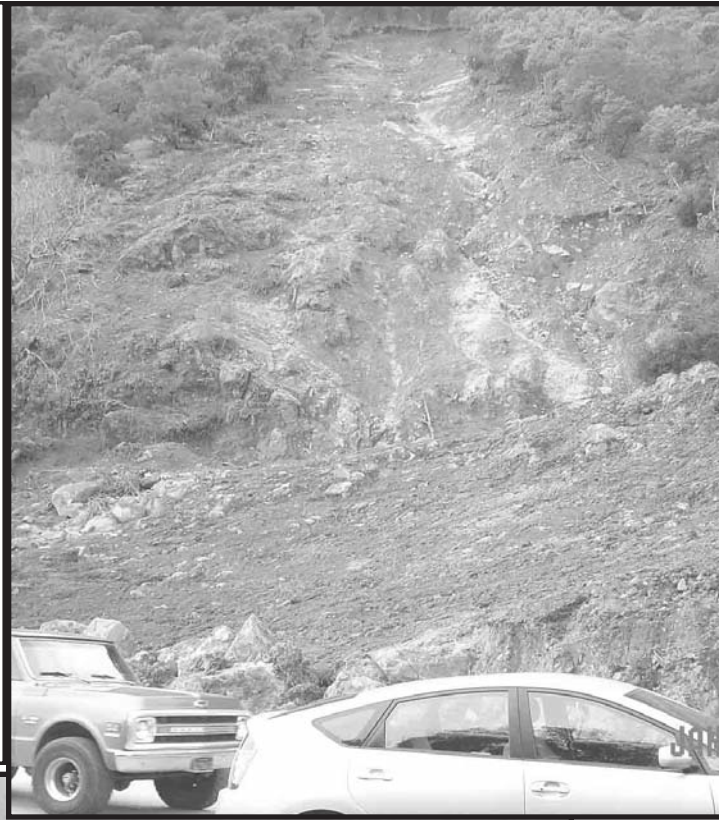
Boone's Saloon will open the doors at 12:00pm
for pre-game cocktails.

4370 Knoxville Road (Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa)
(707) 966-2420 www.Boones-Saloon.com

Massive Slide Blocks **Access to Napa**

Driving the long way to Napa from the Berryessa Highlands was a real pain for residents at the south end of the lake. Monticello Road (Hwy 128) was closed between Wooden Valley Road and Napa for several days, then open only before 7 A.M. and after 5 P.M. for several more days. The slide was huge and could easily be seen from Wooden Valley Road as you drove back from Fairfield. The pictures shown here may not do it justice. Standing in the middle of it was awe-inspiring. And it could happen again at many points along the road with the same rainfall. See more color photos at:

www.lakeberryessanews.com



Truthiness Voted 2005 Word of the Year!

In its 16th annual words of the year vote, the American Dialect Society voted truthiness as the word of the year. Recently popularized on the Colbert Report, a satirical mock news show on the Comedy Central television channel, truthiness refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true. As Stephen Colbert put it, "I don't trust books. They're all fact, no heart."

Word of the Year Runners-Up:

whale tail: the appearance of thong or g-string underwear above the waistband of pants, shorts, or a skirt. Also known as a longhorn.

muffin top: the bulge of flesh hanging over the top of low-rider jeans.

flee-ancée: runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks.

man date: when two heterosexual men engage in an activity together without romantic implications.

pope-squatting: registering a domain name that is the same of a new pope before the pope chooses his new name in order to profit from it.

Heck-of-a-job: catch phrase coined by President Bush to FEMA's Brown.

Brown-out: the poor handling of an emergency.

disaster industrial complex: the array of businesses which make a profit from disasters

What causes feedback in a sound system?

Several mechanisms can lead to the unpleasant shriek known as feedback. For the simple case of a microphone and an amplified speaker, feedback occurs when a "loop" closes between an input (the microphone) and output (the amplified speaker). The sound radiated from the amplified speaker is picked up by the microphone and is amplified again, then heard by the microphone and amplified again, in a "feedback loop" until the amplifier "saturates" and can no longer amplify the input. This causes the horrible, even painful, screech we hear.

This excessive ratio of output to input, called gain, arises from many factors which can include the distance

between the microphone and the speaker, the directional design of the microphone and speaker, the influence of reflective surfaces within the acoustic environment, and the presence of additional microphones and amplified speakers.

So remember, if you want to wake up a crowd and get their attention all you have to do is aim your microphone at the speaker and say something. This may not be the best way to make friends.

How does a man take a bubble bath? He eats beans for dinner.

What do you call a man with half a brain? Gifted.

What does a man consider a seven-course meal? A hot dog and a six-pack of beer.

The Internet Can Be a Dangerous Place - Part 2!

Phony Flu Vaccine Pills

The Avian Flu claimed more lives last week. In eastern Turkey, initial tests showed at least two of the three deceased siblings from the Kocyigit family had succumbed to the virus' dreaded 5N1 strain, becoming its first human victims outside East Asia. As fears of a pandemic continue to grow, customs and health officials are struggling to halt a burgeoning trade in counterfeit forms of Tamiflu, the only drug approved to treat the disease. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials officers seized 250 separate parcels of suspect Tamiflu at the air-mail facility in New York City-the biggest interception to date- and one package in Chicago. The New York shipments came from the island of Mauritius and were probably destined for American consumers wanting to stock up in case of a pandemic.

Officials expect more-and bigger-seizures of fake Tamiflu. If past experience is any guide, the pills will contain no more than trace elements of Tamiflu's active ingredient. Less than a month ago, authorities in San Francisco announced the confiscation of 51 packages of phony Tamiflu ordered through the Internet and shipped from Asia. Tests on those pills found only harmless ingredients, but experts worry that in an outbreak, people might take such pills and consider themselves protected.

The World Health Organization, which has recorded 76 human deaths from H5N1 since 2003, discourages individuals from hoarding Tamiflu since there is a global shortage and those who can afford it are unlikely to be most vulnerable. Tamiflu's manufacturer, Roche, has promised to increase production tenfold from its 2004 level, to 300 million 10-pill courses by the end of 2007. A rush order of 100,000 courses was sent last week to Turkey, where 20 people with symptoms of bird flu remained hospitalized, including the last surviving sibling in the Kocyigit family.

Beefalos and Zorses: Crossbreeding Wildlife

What are the ramifications for wildlife of cross breeding species and creating animals such as the "zorse" (horse and zebra mix) and the "beefalo" (cow and buffalo)?

In 1986, a 14-foot long male false killer whale and a six-foot long female Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at Honolulu's Sea Life Park Hawaii became the proud parents of Kekaimalu, the first "wholphin" ever born in captivity. In the 19 years since, Kekaimalu, with a little help from male bottlenose dolphins, has given birth to three wholphins herself, each one three-quarters dolphin and one-quarter whale. Though rare, the interbreeding of different animal species does occur in nature. But mankind, in search of marketable traits or the next big zoo attraction, has long turned to controlled cross breeding. The mule (horse/donkey mix) has been a beast of burden for centuries. The zorse, also bred for its work endurance, has been around since the late 1800s.

Beefalo meat was introduced in the 1960s to increasingly health-conscious consumers to provide a heart-healthier alternative to pure beef. And the Sierra Safari Zoo in Reno, Nevada now entertains visitors with a 1,200-pound "tiger" hybrid. It has the face and mane of his father, an African lion, and the body and striping of his mother, a Bengal tiger. Says the zoo's website, "He roars like a lion and swims like a tiger." But according to Science World magazine, such a pairing would probably not occur in the real world: "A tiger would probably not choose to visit a pride of lions; a raucous brawl - not romance - would be the more likely result"

Indeed, unlike the wolphins at Sea Life Park, interspecies offspring are usually sterile. Hybrid species would likely have many other survival challenges. Nature has evolved a number of unique traits within species enabling them to adapt to their unique environments. These traits may not pass down to hybrid creations.



The road to Shirl's house! But The Lake Berryessa News still came out on time.

Astonishing Credit Card Facts

- Number of Credit Cards per Household: 12 to 13!
- Outstanding Balance on Those Cards: \$7,200
- Average Interest Rate Charged: 18%

If you owe \$7,200 on a credit card that charges 18% interest and only pay 2% (\$144 per month) of your balance per month, it will take you 52 YEARS to pay it off and will cost you \$20,531 in interest. If you raise your payment to 4% (\$288 per month) you will eliminate the debt in less than 14 YEARS and pay ONLY \$4,236 in interest. Credit cards are definitely a bad way to spend money!

11 PEOPLE ON A ROPE

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to name that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids, or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping their hands....PASS THIS ON TO AN INTELLIGENT WOMAN, SO THAT SHE HAS SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT TODAY.

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