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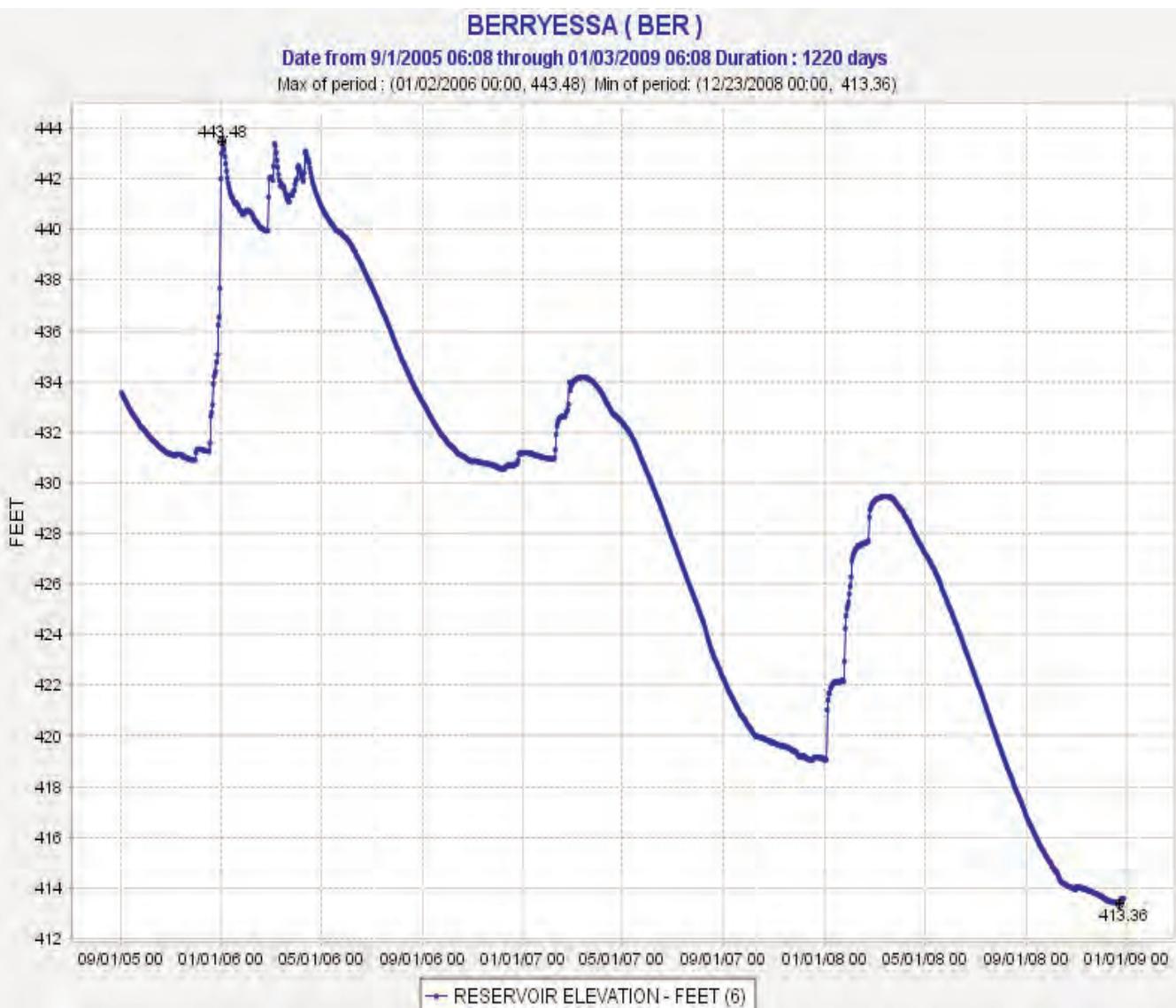
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From the Editor

This is the first issue of the "New" Lake Berryessa News. Shirl has retired after almost 20 years of publishing it. But the Lake Berryessa News has been around for many decades. Thanks to Maxine at Turtle Rock I have some issues going back to 1977! The front page of May 6, 1977 includes a story and photo introducing Don Stanley as the new Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy.

Shirl took over the paper in 1994 when she had to cut and paste articles, pictures, and ads onto paper templates which she then took to the Davis Enterprise very early on Tuesday mornings. There they photographed the paste-ups and made printing plates to run off her copies. Shirl tells the story about one of her first issues where she and her friends were laying out stories and ads on the floor around midnight and moving them around to fit on the pages. They had not yet glued the many pieces of paper in place when her friend's large bird (cockatiel or parrot?) decided to fly across the room, scattering stories and ads randomly around the floor. Shirl says that they laughed themselves silly for awhile before putting the puzzle pieces back together (with glue this time). Most people don't remember how much fun it was using typewriters, carbon paper, and mimeograph machines to get the word out. Listening to Shirl tell the history of this paper makes me appreciate how much effort she has put into her labor of love.

I now do the paper totally electronically and transmit files to the Davis Enterprise on Monday evening for Tuesday printing and Wednesday/Thursday delivery. I also can now put each printed page of the paper up on the web site as its own web page. I can then put links from advertisers' print ads to go directly to their own web sites or open larger photos of their businesses. Photos will be in color. I can link directly to information that wouldn't fit in the print edition.

My goal is to make the Lake Berryessa News more interesting and relevant to the local community as well as to the Napa Valley, Winters and beyond. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Capell Cove public launch ramp, Oak Shores Park, Smittle Creek Park - all are here now for you to enjoy.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Peter,

Wow, what a great memories came back to me when I saw the Big Rock park picture in the Christmas issue of your Lake Berryessa News. The park was above where the dam is now. I believe it was named for the big rocks there at the dam. I spent many week ends there in the 1940s with my family. We fished the creek pot holes, always catching bass and catfish. I couldn't afford a pole and had to use throw lines with two hooks. Mr. Martin charged me one dollar a weekend. His two boys took me jack rabbit hunting until we shot a hole in the roof of his car. Wish I knew how to find his boys.



I worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 10 summers. Most people don't know that I volunteered for five winters, planting small valley oak trees found under the great trees near the Gamble Ranch. I caged them to protect from deer. I repaired trails, wooden steps, bridges and washes from Smittle creek to Monticello Dam. I also planted other species of trees for the biologist and did some work at the boy scout camp.

Bagging rattle snakes and removing them from camping and trail areas was always exciting! I warned a fisherman who was being watched by a mountain lion at Smittle creek. It had been raining and he believed me when I showed him the muddy tracks.

George Parrish, Spanish Flat



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DFG ordered to stop stocking several lakes

(with thanks to Guy Carl and Bill Ryan of the Napa Valley Register)

In Oct. 2006, the Pacific Rivers Council and the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of Fish and Game over fish stocking programs it has engaged in for more than 100 years, claiming that no Environmental Impact Report had been completed for the programs.

The two sides have now agreed on a plan for DFG to stock some of the California waters which have traditionally received fish, but approximately 175 lakes and streams throughout the state have been taken off the list until the EIR is complete in 2010.

In Napa County, there are two reservoirs that receive regular stocks of trout. Lake Berryessa WILL continue to get its trout. However, Lake Hennessey WILL NOT receive any stocks of fish in the immediate future.

Other regional waters on the no-stock list include Putah Creek, Solano Lake, Pillsbury Reservoir, Indian Valley Reservoir, San Pablo Reservoir, Lafayette Reservoir, and numerous other lakes throughout the Bay Area.

The negotiated plan is designed to prohibit the stocking of "non-native" fish in "any California fresh water body" where surveys have demonstrated the presence of certain amphibian or fish species, or where a survey for those species has not yet been done. This conflict is mostly over the red-legged frog which has been at the center of environmental controversy for decades.

Fish stocking programs have created incredible opportunities for fishing that have helped introduce millions of people to the outdoors over the years. Many of my (Guy Carl) fondest childhood memories are of fishing for these "non-native" species. I can't imagine a California without bass fishing — no largemouth, smallmouth, or even striped bass. These fish have all been brought in from other parts of the country through various stocking efforts.

In addition, our trout fishing opportunities would also be very limited without these programs. The only true native trout to our state are rainbows, goldens, and certain strains of cutthroat. We would have no brown trout, no brookies, and not nearly as many rainbows as are now found throughout the state.

When I think back to all the fishing adventures I've enjoyed in my life, a great majority have been in pursuit of fish species that were originally introduced through stocking programs.

Fishing With Sid

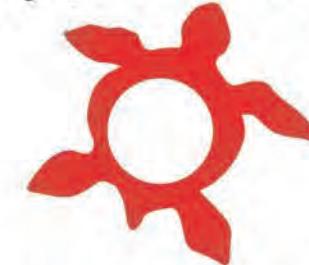
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It is incredible how nice a day can be and you achieve your targeted goal as well. Getting up this morning, I was optimistic when the HMB Weather Buoy report was 0 gusting to 0. I had never seen that. We ran out with a good load (for a change) and dropped in for a little get to know your gear session. Then I moved a little bit south and put the anglers in Squidville. I hooked up first. Mike Velasquez followed immediately with a 'Fresh one!'.

The anglers did not catch on immediately, but soon got the knack and did well. Ending count was 175 Humboldt squid. We had two coolers that will go to NOAA for science. We will have the usual stomachs for analysis. We saw our first large pod of Grey whales migrating south out about 12 miles. Various dolphin sightings and large assemblages of birds going crazy on bait. Weather absolutely could not have been better. There were even some good story-tellers on the boat. We will try a few more trips this week for squid.

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In just over a year from now, the EIR will hopefully tell us what native species could be harmed by the continued stocking of trout. Its findings may change the sport of fishing in California forever.

As outdoors enthusiasts and citizens, we need to challenge this continuing junk science. We must ask our representatives in the legislature to find out what shadowy agenda is pushing the Center for Biological Diversity and Pacific Rivers Council.

Should we sit by while our rights are taken from us without real reasons? What's next? Hunting, trekking, birding, skiing?

You can call our state senator, Patricia Wiggins, at 224-1990. Call our state representative, Noreen Evans, at 258-8007. Or, write to each of them at 1040 Main Street, Suite 205, Napa, Ca., 94559.



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The Anatomy of an Internet Hoax

The Joke (It's a Hoax): BEST LAWYER STORY OF THE YEAR

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost ‘in a series of small fires.’

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON!

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable ‘fire’ and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars lost in the ‘fires’.

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

The Hoax Explained

The events described above did not occur. This is the latest (and most verbose) retelling of an old urban legend that has roots in humor. In some variations, the cigar-buyer is just an average scammer, in others, he’s an accountant. In every version, however, his clever scheme always backfires and he ends up losing more than he wins.

This tale and others like it give us hope that, in this overly litigious society plagued by frivolous lawsuits and scams, justice does prevail and clever crimes have equally clever consequences. In short, we want it to be true. Country music star, Brad Paisley, obviously picked up on that desire and immortalized this legend in a track on his 2003 album “Mud on the Tires,” entitled “The Cigar Song.”

This cigar story has been posted on a variety of message boards and people are generally quite excited by its theme. Interestingly, even when it’s pointed out as a hoax, most people insist they don’t care about the message’s truth or falsehood. They claim they will pass it on anyway for its entertainment value.

There is no such thing as the “Criminal Lawyers Award Contest” mentioned in the version of the text above. Plug that phrase into Google and you’ll get many different Web sites, all leading to a form to fill out for legal advice from an organization identified as the Legal Assistance Network. Unfortunately, no information is available about that organization without filling out the form. This sends up a warning flag that this may be a front for a scam to obtain contact information, cashing in on the popularity of this legend. Break this chain.

More Explanation & History

Origins: This legend began its Internet life after it was posted to the newsgroup alt.smokers.cigars in early 1996, and it has continued to circ-

ulate as a “true story in newsgroups and e-mail ever since, despite its having been identified as an “urban legend” when it was first posted. The version posted was, in fact, nearly identical to one that has been circulating since at least the mid-1960s.

Another anecdote from the same mid-1960s volume suggests this legend stems from a joke whose basic premise has been used in a few different ways: “He’s the kind of accountant you’ve got to admire, Last year he deducted eighty cartons of cigarettes from my income tax. Called it loss by fire!”

Sometimes the basic legend is given a darker ending:

“A North Carolina man was on the top of the world, a self-proclaimed smart guy who made money by finding the loopholes in laws. He bought a \$15,000 box of vintage imported cigars and took out an insurance policy, just like he did for his other valuables, protecting them against hazards, including fire. Once he finished smoking the two dozen cigars in the box, he filed an insurance claim, stating that the cigars had been consumed by fire,

The insurance company took him to court but was ordered to pay the man his claim because his policy did not specify the exact nature of fire it covered or excluded. The man jauntily stepped into the bank with his check. However, the moment he cashed it, he was arrested, charged, and convicted of twenty-four counts of arson - one for each cigar. Unable to find a loophole, he was sent to prison for two years, where he met his demise in an argument over a book of matches.”

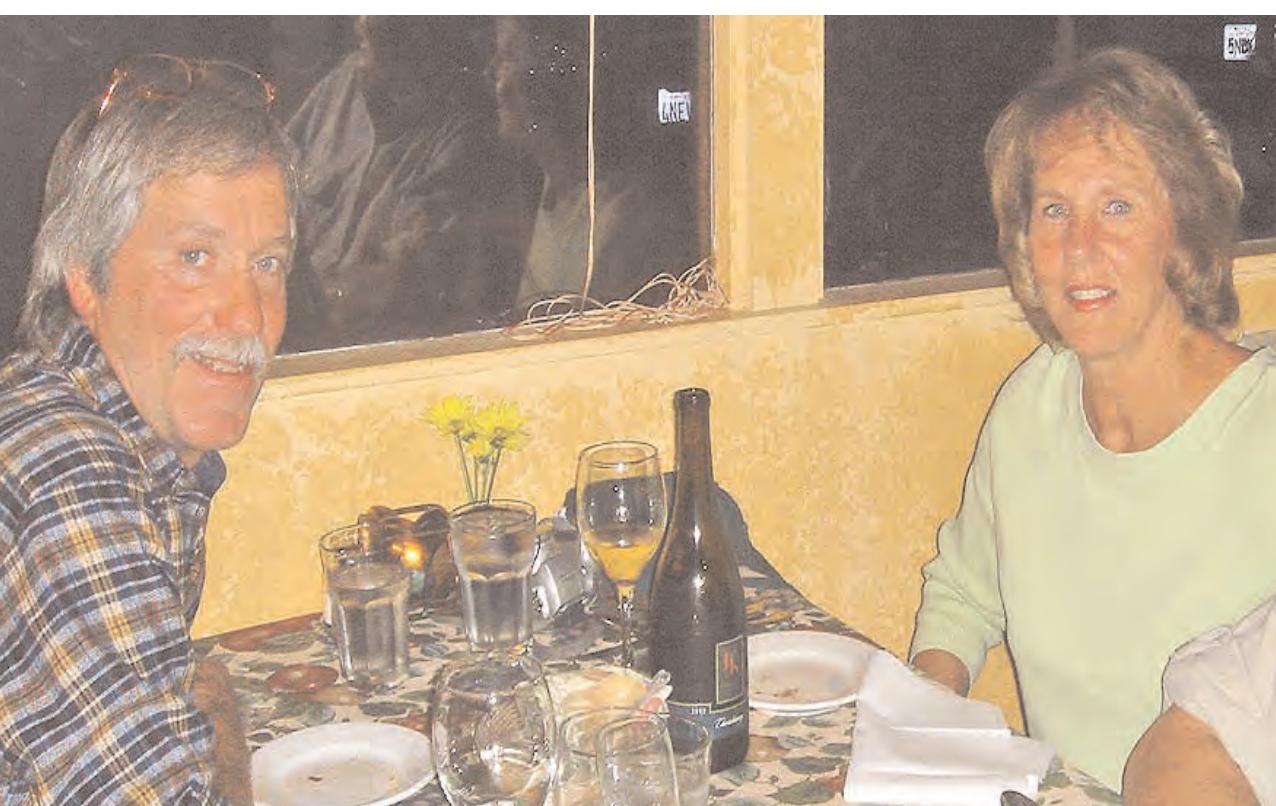
As to whether there could be any truth to the Legend’s premise, insurance policies are generally written so that deliberate actions on the part of the policyholders cannot trigger payouts. Furthermore, destroying your own property isn’t arson, as long as the act isn’t intended to defraud anyone. If a court had already ruled that the insurance company was required to pay, then obviously no fraud was committed, and thus the burning could not be considered arson.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Puzzle No. 1 Solution

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Shirl Has Retired Her Press Pass! Thanks to Shirl & Dave for the interesting years working together with them on the Lake Berryessa News.



The Lake Berryessa News SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in the missing spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 block have all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Difficulty Level: Mild

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Puzzle No. 1—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

Thanks to my friend, “Sudoku Gary” Howes.

Remember, you can burn 3-5 calories per hour by using your brain!

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



Letters to the Editor

Where is the Plan to Open the Lake?

The news that Pleasure Cove Marina LLC/Forever Resorts LLC has signed a new contract for their concession Pleasure Cove Marina is a sign of false hope for a resolution at Lake Berryessa. The Forever Resorts, LLC contract for Pleasure Cove Marina, and the FX10 [the Fraziers] contract for Markley Cove Resort are new contracts with existing concessionaires. With contracts signed, they will both be able to move forward with preparations for the 2009 season, and with the upgrades designed in their proposals, while utilizing nearly all of the existing improvements. There will never be a shut down nor public access denied at those two resorts.

The fact remains that The Pensus Group, LLC has not signed a contract. If the negotiations are complete, as Reclamation's Lynnette Wirth stated, the contract signing should not be delayed any longer. (Why is Pete Lucero, who announced the concession awards in April, or in the alternate Mike Finnegan, not making this announcement?)

The award on April 2, 2008 to Pensus Group, of five concessions has cost the public, concession employees, local economies, and the current concessionaires enormously. With the five resorts closed, approximately 230 seasonal jobs, and 60 full time jobs are lost. Vendors lost millions of dollars in 2008 from the closed resorts, many were local Napa companies.

Should Pensus sign a contract, the question still remains whether or not Pensus Group will be able to provide any public access in 2009. Pensus Group and Reclamation are requiring the current concessionaires to remove all improvements, including: roads, sewer and water systems, launch ramps, utilities, retaining walls, fuel systems, docks, stores, restaurants, gate entrances, signage, campsites, RV sites, buildings, parks, landscaping, bathrooms, laundry facilities, swimming pool, fresh water pool, tennis court, etc. If the major infrastructure improvements are removed, it will be years before the resorts can reopen. Many improvements would be cost prohibitive to replace in the future.

The only way that the resorts can open in 2009, is if Pensus Group, or other bidder, pays the current concessionaires for their improve-

ments. If a plan is not instituted soon, there won't be time for the preparation necessary to open for 2009, and valuable improvements will be gone.

The current concessions, under government contract, were developed and managed [according to Reclamation's Public Use Plan 1959, RAMP 1992, ROD 1993 for 50 years, at no cost to the government, providing public access, facilities, services, franchise fees, employment, taxes and various revenues to the American economy. The original contract for Rancho Monticello Resort states, "WHEREAS, United States and the County have not provided facilities and services for the public visiting the area and desire the Concessioner to establish and operate the same at reasonable rates..."

The RAMP described the concessions which were developed, "The resorts offer a variety of high convenience facilities in a total resort concept which fulfills most people's needs...the concessionaires have established facilities such as camping and picnicking sites, travel trailer and mobile home parks, boat launching ramps, marina facilities, restaurants, food stores, and related support facilities for public use. Each resort offers a variety of marina services including moorage, gas service, boat rentals, etc...Houseboat rentals are currently only offered at Markley Cove Resort."

Reclamation was quoted, "The Bureau estimates that Lake Berryessa is visited by about 1.5 million people each year." That would have been through 2007, while 2008 public access was shut down at four concessions and the visitation was probably approximately 300,000. In 1960 there were approximately 800,000 visitors at Lake Berryessa, increasing to the 1.5 million visitor days.

No resort at Lake Berryessa should be closed to the public. A bidder should be able to take over a resort and be open to the public, providing facilities and services. A long term plan of redevelopment [proposal], combined with a contract which gives sufficient time for the investment of purchasing improvements and the development of new facilities, are the elements by which a concessionaire needs to operate. If Pensus Group, or any other bidder, is not prepared financially, or by their proposal, that bidder and/or proposal needs to be rejected. All seven resorts at Lake Berryessa have been open

to the public for 50 years, and all seven should be open to the public in 2009.

LucyWhite
Owner/VP Rancho Monticello Resort
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(Don Lombardi was an outspoken leader at Lake Berryessa who believed that the lake could be improved without destroying the mobile homes. Although Father's Day is a long way off, his touching letter should give us all pause to think as we enter 2009.)

"I Would Like To Share Memories of my DAD, A PROUD AMERICAN."

I would like to say a few things of why I hold our Government to high standards, of always being proud of America like my Dad. My Dad came from Italy when he was just a boy about seventeen years old to the state of Rhode Island. He later was put into the US Army, and was sent over to England to fight the Germans, and his own people the Italians, in World War One. He spoke very little English, but was given a rifle and asked to kill others to protect the rights of America.

My Dad never went to school, and had not one ounce of education. He also never had a driver license, nor owned or drove a car. He had a book on how to learn English and he would spend hours by himself trying to learn to speak the English language.

He had seven children. Some of us were given the chance to get an education, which he had not. Others were taken out of school to help support the family. I always remember my Dad saying in his broken English "GODA BLESSA AMERICA".

My Dad passed away at ninety years old, and never said a bad thing about America. He was given a Veteran's Burial and is buried at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery. The only thing he kept saying was "GETTA THE EDUCATION, NO BE LIKA ME, AND GODA BLESSA AMERICA".

He was a simple man but a proud man, and I only hope I can be a son that he would be proud of - to stand up for America and never let anyone disgrace this nation which he never turned his back on. This is an example of a man who came to America, had no education, fought for America, and died a Proud American, someone in life to follow. He also believed in GOD, and prayed every day at his altar he built down in his home cellar.

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Don Lombardi Sr.
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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM at CeCe Short's office in the Spanish Flat Village Center. The discussions will include 2009 membership recruiting and the new 2009 directory.

2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Business Owner and Community Supporter,

We hope you will join us. Every year the Chamber publishes and mails a Membership Directory to local residents and beyond. In 2007 we produced and distributed 10,000 Tourist Brochures and distributed 10,000 more in 2008. We are also planning a Tourist Information Program and Road Sign Project to make Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors.

In addition, we have worked with the Napa County Conference and Visitors Bureau (now the Napa Valley Destination Council) to promote the Lake Berryessa Region as a major recreational asset to Napa Valley tourists. The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website: www.legendarynapavalley.com. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide. Ongoing benefits to our members include:

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HERE'S HOW TO JOIN:

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Top Online Napa Register Searches for 2008

Lake Berryessa was the number one online search for 2008!

Here are the words or phrases that sent readers searching through NapaValleyRegister.com to find the information they wanted to read about.

1. Berryessa/Lake Berryessa
2. Angwin
3. Copia
4. Births/Birth announcements
5. Marriage(s)/Wedding(s)
6. Accident(s)/Car accident
7. Most Wanted/Napa Most Wanted
8. American Canyon
9. Napa Pipe
10. Obituaries

Snow Blonde - She must live somewhere in Minnesota!

One winter morning a couple was listening to the radio over breakfast. They hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park ..." Then the power goes out.

Norman's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, Norman says ..

"Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

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California

From the cool electric gaze of a Hollywood enigma to the cormorant eating fish at a Muir Beach tide pool, the state's a deep oasis of appetite and ease.

The newspaper reports eighty quakes a week, most of them temblors faint as a star on water. As whole hands of fog drape over the Golden Gate, a piano in Oakland moans like a choir.

In the High Sierras, falling snow is blue as brand-new skin; the world's weight is measured by a metaphysical Reno as clean as Disneyland. Closer to Sacramento, the hum of BMWs on their way to a software convention sounds tasteful in the rain.

The motel owner knows the desert speed of screenplays, since he is writing one in the neon light of a nude but lucid room. A postmodern bar just opened down the street. No dancing, no smoking, no alcohol are allowed. But you can get a mud bath, scented body wrap, and whales hysterically singing directly into your headphones.

The county sheriff has a Ph.D. and surfs the internet. Relations are wreathed with chaos theory and the "new world order."

As the millennium approaches and nature politely recedes, everyone thinks good thoughts. Former cheerleaders join a women's drumming circle.

The family leaves the Methodist Church for a sweat lodge in the country. In the absence of the Soviet Union, Satan makes a comeback along with angels who look like airline stewards, cheeks rosy with steroids and purpose. But they're on leave or out of work.

Narcissus drowns in a tide pool while reflecting on a starfish; Sisyphus rides a mountain bike up Mt. Tamalpais, where Zeus confuses omniscience with his remote control. The future oversleeps. But in a trailer home in Rancho Cucamonga, the present has a theory scratched as paradise. Bruise's star is dark.

The bargain was to sing, as populations do, the terrors of pleasure, like holding the gecko's tail after it has dropped. Disguised by rear-view worlds, we have taken steps in just that direction.

Glad the puritans came, we wander back repressed to the land we would unsettle. Darkness swallows borders. A wilderness shines.

PAUL HOOVER

In Memory of George (Pizza Bill) Kaye

Bill Kaye, a true friend of Lake Berryessa, passed away on Christmas Eve. He was a friendly guy always willing to help you out. He had been an Instructor/Trainee Specialist in the Air Force from 1955 to 1963. Bill was proud of being a Charter Member of the Berryessa Lions Club which he helped form more than 25 years ago. He has been a loyal member ever since, working on the annual eye exams for local school children, the Pope Valley school bike rodeo, and the many Lions Club poker runs. He epitomized the Lions Club salute we give at every meeting: "Not above you, Not below you, But with you!"

There will be a celebration of Bill's life with a potluck gathering of friends on **Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 1 PM at the Berryessa Senior Center**. Please call Lions Club President Linda Tschida, 707-966-1413, if you will be coming. Linda is coordinating the potluck. I'm sure there will be many stories told about Bill such as this one I got from George Parish.

"I have known Bill for many years. He once owned a bowling alley in Milbrae, and I believe he bought his pizza place from Pat Turnpaw. I first met Bill at his pizza oven store on a weekend outing from Sunnyvale. Cathy and I mentioned that we would be interested in buying a small weekend trailer or mobile home. Bill arranged for us to meet an owner in the Spanish Flat Villa. We purchased it for \$4,000 dollars.



After we moved in for weekends Bill introduced me to a man who taught me how to troll for trout in Lake Berryessa. The guy's name was Victor Bergeron. Bill and Victor introduced us to Tom and Pat Turnpaw, owners of the Spanish Flat Bar and Restaurant. They prepared the trout for us. When Cathy and I later retired, we purchased Victor and Helen's mobile home where we live now. That's when I learned that Victor Bergeron was "Trader Vic". I worked with Bill at Rancho Monticello and he was always helpful to me. He was well liked by all the other employees and by all the tenants."



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The 10x15cm (4x6") ads will be stenciled onto dancer's bottoms with body paint. "I had to do a lot of research with a tape measure to come up with the optimum size for the adverts!" the spokesman cracked. (Chester Chronicle) ...Though if he had done research on the best placement for the most viewership, that's not where they would have put them.

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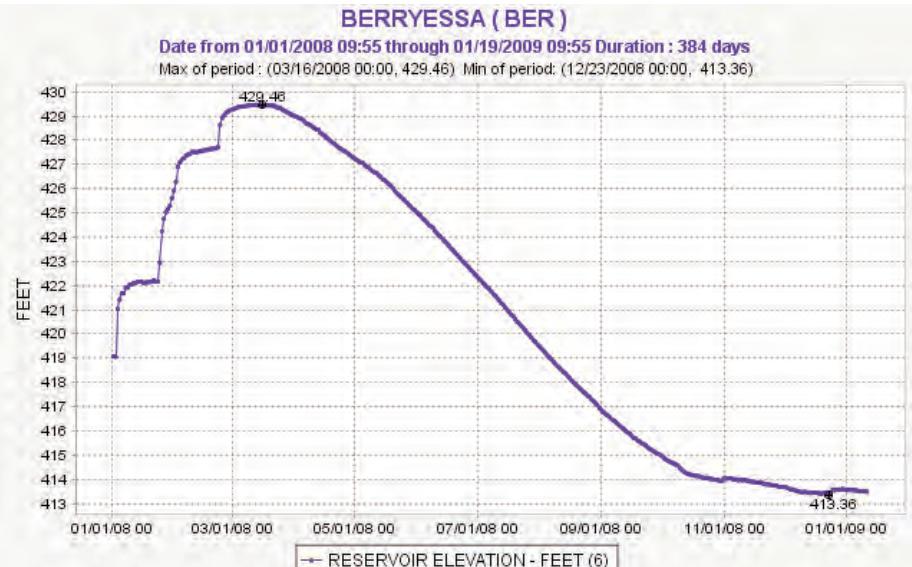
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Lance Armstrong Riding Through the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley Region

By Staff Writer Evan Kilkus

The fourth-annual Amgen Tour of California is coming back to Lake Berryessa on Sunday, February 15, 2009. The event will take place along a new route highlighting more of the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley region, and will once again have a world-class field of competitors, including two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer and seven-time Tour de France Champion Lance Armstrong.

A new stage for the Amgen Tour of California, the 107.6 mile route from Davis to Santa Rosa includes evenly spaced climbs throughout the stage and plenty of scenic settings for both the cyclists and the spectators. After 20 miles of flat roads, the riders will meet their first climb up a short,

but steep section leading up to the Monticello Dam. Another long, flat section along Lake Berryessa will take the riders to their second climb up Howell Mountain Rd., followed by a fast descent into Napa Valley. After one final climb and a steep descent from Calistoga Road, the cyclists will finish the race in downtown Santa Rosa.

Communities along the route have the chance to see, firsthand, a lineup of some of the most elite, recognizable teams and athletes in the world. Local spectators can expect racers to be passing by the following local landmarks as early as these estimated times:

Monticello Dam - 12:53 PM;
The Corners - 1:17 PM; Turtle Rock - 1:27 PM; Pope Canyon Bridge - 1:55 PM; downtown Pope Valley (at Pope Valley Repair) - 2:17 PM.

Already considered cycling's most important and successful stage race in the

United States, the 2009 Amgen Tour of California will be expanded to cover more than 750 miles over nine consecutive days from February 14-22, 2009. In its fourth running, the race will travel almost the entire length of California on a demanding course visiting 16 host cities from Sacramento to San Diego County.

Lance Armstrong returns to bicycling this year stating that he "wants to take the LIVESTRONG message around the world and talk about the global burden of this disease (cancer)". On his bicycle you will see two numbers; "1274", which is the number of days since his last race in Paris in 2005, and "27.5", which is the approximate number of people around the world, in millions, who have died from cancer in that period. He also stated that his expectations for domination are not set that high, but "if the race feels good, I promise you, I will attack..."

From the Editor**Steele Park Resort Is Still Open**

The fifth of the five Lake Berryessa west shore resorts is open but winding down operations. Restaurants are closed. Mobile home owners who continue to pay rent are allowed into the park, but will need to demolish or remove their units within the next few months. Launching and RV camping will be available for a few more months.

Per contract, the owner of Steele Park Resort has six months from the contract end date of May 26, 2009 to remove/demolish all his personal property and "improvements", including restaurants, motel, roads, launch ramp, etc., since the Bureau of Reclamation claims they have no value. The resort owner is in the preliminary planning stage for having a company come in and grind out all the roads and resell the asphalt.

On April 2, 2008, more than 9 months ago, the Bureau of Reclamation announced the selection of the new concessioners for the lake resorts. At that time Mr. Michael Finnegan, Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region said in a press release, "Reclamation intends for recreation at Lake Berryessa to continue essentially uninterrupted, other than occasional temporary closures in various locations for developmental activities. Reclamation anticipates that the new contracts will be signed within the next few months."

On December 23, 2008, the Bureau of Reclamation finally signed a contract with Pleasure Cove Marina, after four of the west shore resorts had been totally closed since mid-summer. In a breathtakingly oblivious comment on the disaster perpetrated at Lake Berryessa by Reclamation's actions, Lynnette Wirth, a spokeswoman for Reclamation, said the Bureau may have erred in trying to place a timeline on signing contracts with Pleasure Cove and the Pensus Group.

"It's really hard to estimate times for contracts," Wirth said. "There's so much involved, so many elements. I'd say we hadn't examined the whole breadth of what we had to do."

An old quote seems appropriate here, "Government fails because it pays no price for failure."

Berryessa Highlands Building Moratorium Continues

One of the fallouts of the Bureau of Reclamation's so-far disastrous redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa has been the inability of Napa County to implement its State-required rehabilitation of the Berryessa

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Highlands/Steele Park Resort water and sewer system facilities. The State imposed a building moratorium on the Berryessa Highlands two years ago.

The Pensus Group would prefer to build its own system to service Steele Park Resort which it believes could be constructed and operated more economically. Napa County and Berryessa Highlands residents want Steele Park to remain part of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) since Steele Park contributes 30% of the capital cost and operating costs of the district. This is probably one of the major issues that has delayed the contract completion between Reclamation and Pensus.

Napa County Investigates Takeover of NBRID by Private Water Company

At a public meeting on Wednesday, January 21, Napa County discussed the water and sewer system upgrade problems it faces and proposed the possibility of a private water company acquiring the system

Per the County announcement, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the potential opportunity for privatized operation and maintenance of NBRID and to inform the community of public meeting to be held by the NBRID Board of Directors on February 3, 2009, at 1195 Third Street, Napa @ 9:00 a.m.

The County has found a private company, California Water Service Company (also known as Cal Water - <http://www.calwater.com/>) that is interested in purchasing the District's infrastructure and operating the facility.

California Water Service Group is the second largest investor-owned water utility in the United States. Traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT," the Company has five wholly owned subsidiaries operating in California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii. Four of the five subsidiaries are regulated by state public utilities commissions.

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Fishing with Sid

I hadn't been up to the lake in almost a month. Passing by my favorite fishing hole I was amazed to see how dry it was. Driving up to my cabin it looked like a war zone. Cabins all around us were being torn apart and moved. Even knowing that this was inevitable, it was still a shocking sight.

My pal Albert told me that each morning he sees trout breaking the surface chasing bait. We decided to go out for a couple of hours. First we went to "Corners" to get bait. Their minnows were outstanding.

We headed straight out to a crappie tree. As we drifted towards the tree I threw brass and glass through the rocks with only two slight hits. I threw top water about fifty times and crankbait with no luck.

When we got to the tree I was in 27 feet of water and I marked fish on the meter. Being in the shade it was real cold. With this great minnows I thought we would have a limit in no time. A couple of fish toyed with the minnows but no bites. This went on for an hour or so and we finally decided to head in. I believe for the next time I have to fish very slow and in about 35 feet of water. til next time.....good fishing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Monticello Dam Facts

- * Dam Height 304 feet tall
- * 90 ft wide at Base, 12 feet wide at crest
- * Dam spans 1,023 feet across the canyon (Devil's Gate)

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Sunday, February 8: Flyway Festival Mushroom Walk at Mare Island Leaders: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839 Milan Pittman (707)255-6834 See Flyway schedule for time and meeting place.

Tuesday, March 3: The first of Weekly Wildflower Hikes: location to be decided each week as the season dictates. Leaders: Mike Parmeter, Juanita Doran and Margaret Barson (707)257-8389

Saturday, March 7: Rockville Hills Park in Fairfield Leader: Linda Price (707) 257-7574

Saturday, March 14 Mt. George Leader: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839

Saturday, March 21 Bothe Napa Valley State Park Leader: Margaret Barson (707) 257-8389

Saturday, March 28 Aetna Springs Leader: Mike Parmeter(707)255-6757

Saturday, April 4 Skyline Park Hikes at Wildflower Show Leaders: Mike Parmeter at 10:00AM Jake Ruygt at 1:00PM

Saturday, April 11 Las Posadas Leaders: Linda Price (707)257-7574 Juanita Doran

Saturday, April 18 East Napa Hills Leaders Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Juanita Doran

Saturday, April 25 Bear Valley Napa County Leader: Jake Ruygt (707)253-1839

Saturday, May 2 Plantathon The number of plant species seen will be counted for the Martha Walker Garden plantathon fund raiser. Leaders: Mike Parmeter (707) 255-6757 and Milan Pittman (707) 255-6834. Call a leader if you would like to participate.

Saturday, May 9 Bubble Rock on the trail to Mt. St. Helena Leaders: Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Mike Parmeter

Saturday, May 16 Snell Valley The Land Trust of Napa County Missimer Wildflower Preserve Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839

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Saturday, May 30 Bull Point, Point Reyes Leader: Margaret Barson (707)257-8389 Please call for information

Mid June Wildlake The Land Trust of Napa County conservation easement Leader: Jake Ruygt (707) 253-1839 Please call for details.

The Map is Back!

At present four resorts are closed: Putah Creek Resort, Berryessa Marina Resort, Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort. Steele Park Resort will remain open for a few more months. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina are, and will remain, open for business.

The Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp is open, as is Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park.

All local restaurants and stores are open and ready to serve you. Berryessa Corners will open soon. The new Berryessa Estates Marketplace has been newly remodeled and is open with a wide variety of items for Berryessa Estates residents and visitors. See their ads in this edition. The Pope Valley Market has also been remodeled.



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NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



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 underneath 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.

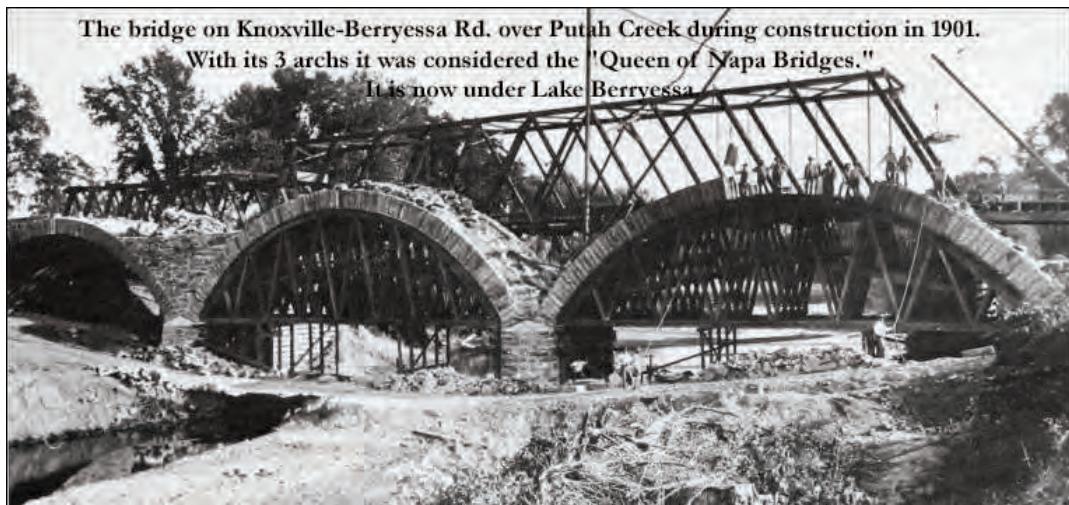
But I don't whine about it either. As Dr. Johnson said, it's foolish to confound annihilation, which is nothing, with the apprehension of annihilation, which is dreadful. I love the accidental, meaningless, and temporary, and so (in case you couldn't tell), I'm singing now.

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Lake Berryessa will be the only local lake that will continue with trout planting by the Fish & Game Department after a lawsuit eliminating planting at many California lakes...

Participating anglers, kids & adults, brought their catch in for the 1 pm weigh-in at the store & stayed to enjoy a complimentary lunch of ham hocks n' beans w/cornbread prepared by Marcia Ritz, owner....

This month's \$\$ jackpot winner in the Adult division , Jerry Zachry of Napa, brought in a Rainbow trout weighing in at 1 lb. 6.2 ounces. Jerry shared with us that he was drift fishing with a live minnow and bobber in the Narrows !! Our 1st place winner in the Kid's division, Melinda Niles, took home a fishing rod & reel as a result of her 1 lb. 5.5 oz. Rainbow....Melinda was pretty "closed mouth" about her success...You go girl !!

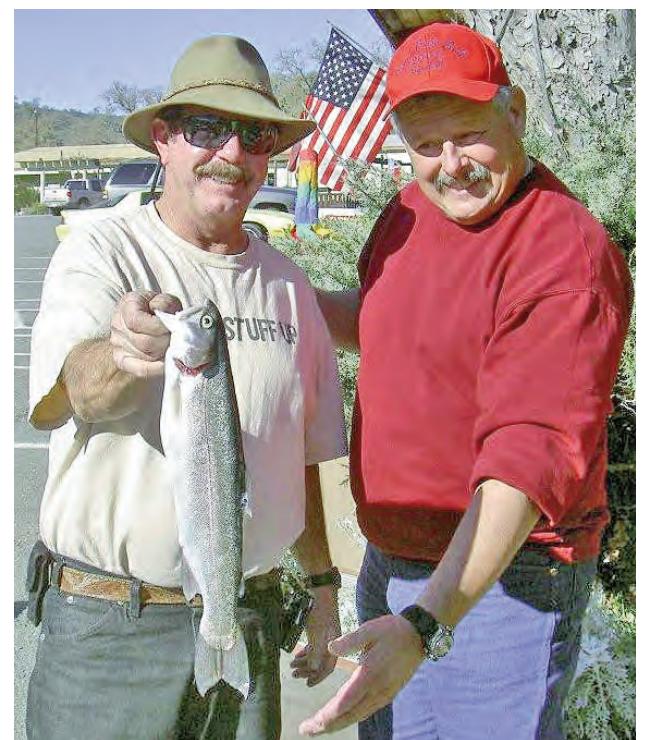
No Salmon were brought in, so that \$\$ jackpot will roll-over to next month's Trout & Salmon Derby slated for Saturday, February 14, 2009.....

The Derby was sponsored by Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli and the Berryessa Senior Center.

by CeCe Short
Coldwell Banker Brokers of the Valley



Melinda Niles
Kid's Division
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Jackpot winner, Jerry Zachry, with fishing buddy Jesse Corral, showing off his 1 lb. 6.2 oz. Rainbow Trout.

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How to Load a Boat onto a Pickup (With thanks to Jim Sonntag)

1. Load up beer, 2-3 ice chests full. 2. Relax, have beer. 3. Hook boat trailer up to truck. 4. Drink lots of beer. 5. Drive real fast. 6. Hit light pole (needs to be a solid one). 7. Boat will load it self onto truck. 8. Relax, have another beer.



Fishing's most bizarre and gripping calamities compiled into a new book

Fishing is great when it goes well, but it proves a much more interesting subject when it all goes wrong. Disastrous game fishing, unlikely catches, pranks on the water, devastating miscalculations, and unexpected fish attacks are just some of the themes of the nonfiction stories compiled by Tyler McMahon and Paul Diamond.

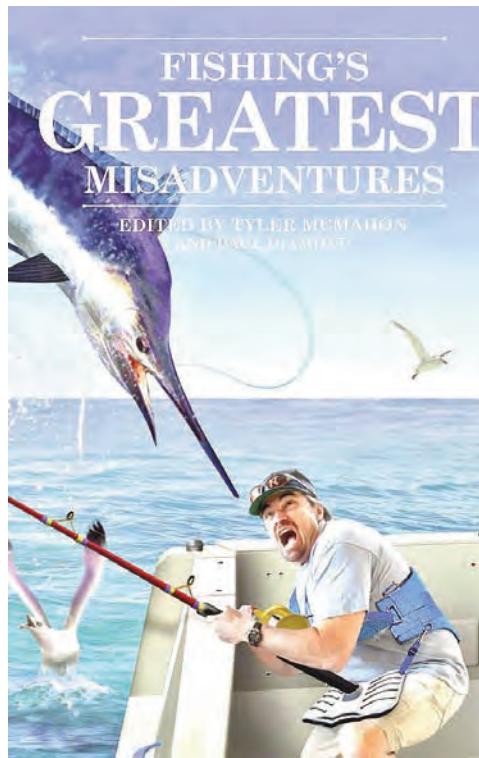
The third title in the "Greatest Misadventures" series by Casagrande Press, Fishing's Greatest Misadventures (\$15.95) is the next best thing to a day on the water.

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Some of these stories might make you cringe or laugh, but most will make you shake your head with disbelief. Culled from hundreds of submissions, Fishing's Greatest Misadventures exposes the unexpected side of fishing. The editors have spent more than a year gathering stories from journalists, magazine editors and everyday fishermen. "I wanted a collection that would reflect the common threads of all the diverse fishing subcultures," says McMahon. "While these stories show the times when it all goes wrong, they also embody the passion and adventure that keep fishermen hooked."



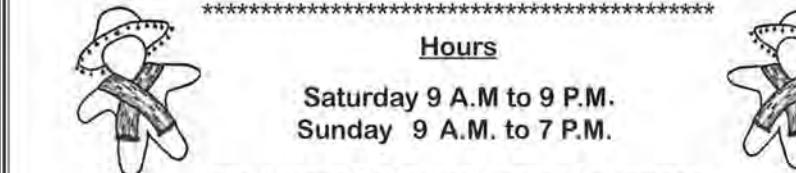
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An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

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