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January, 2016: The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Returns From Cyberspace and the Data Cloud!

What you hold in your hands is the first print edition of the Lake Berryessa News since September, 2012 when I published what I thought was the final print version - the "Collectors Edition". (See Page 3)

But after a three year "vacation" during which so many people told me they missed the print version of the paper, I've decided to bring it back - although on a smaller scale to start.

That "Collectors Edition" edition and every print edition from 2005 to 2012 is available for download as fully searchable PDF files at www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives.html. They make interesting reading and provide in-depth historical context for the present situation at the lake..

Coincidentally, since we are once again talking about an El Nino in 2016, the last print edition had this as a main story: "A 2012 El Nino Is Coming? Will Lake Berryessa Fill Up This Year? The latest data from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center continues to point toward much-needed substantial rainfall this winter in California. El Niño conditions are likely to develop during September 2012..."

Well, we got only 21 inches of rain (about average) in 2012-2013, and the lake went up only 6 feet to 425 feet from 419 feet below Glory Hole. The last time the lake was full was in early 2006. It's all been downhill since April, 2011 when the lake hit a high of 435 feet. No one knows what will happen with the rain in 2016.

Another major issue at Lake Berryessa was described in a story in that last issue titled: "Serious Questions for Congressman Thompson about the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area". Four years later, due to strong opposition from local businesses and residents, the NCA was killed, and the controversial replacement proposal, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, was seriously modified to remove Lake Berryessa and surrounding lands from the monument map.

The major controversy reported on in the print editions of 2012 was the Bureau of Reclamation's decision to kick Pensus out of Lake Berryessa and begin the bid process all over again for the third time in as many years.

The new bid proposals are being evaluated by Reclamation now and we may know who bid on what within the next several weeks. Hopes are high, but expectations cautious based on the information released so far. This will be the major story for 2016, "Renaissance Lake Berryessa", and we will follow it closely.

We'll bring back the popular Lake Berryessa News Horoscope whose secret source delivers incredibly accurate advice such as these tidbits from 2012.

=>Taurus: There's little you can do to stop the inexorable unfolding of inevitable fate, but moving the charcoal lighter fluid away from the furnace wouldn't be a bad start.

=>Scorpio: Your face will soon be on the cover of every newspaper in town, thanks to a rather gruesome printing-press accident.

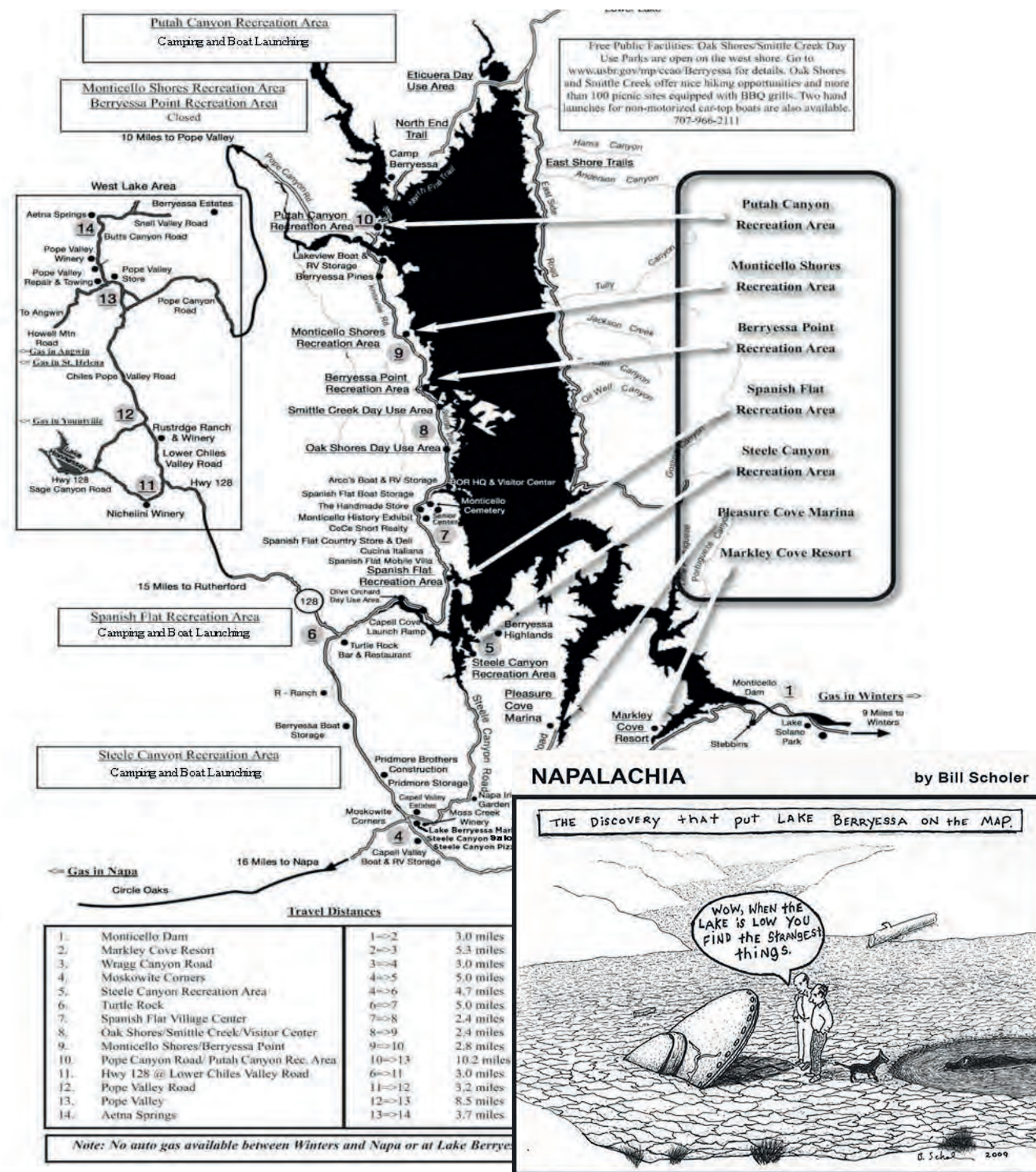
June District 4 County Supervisor Election Affects South Lake Berryessa

The 4th District supervisor race pits incumbent Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza against challengers Diane Shepp and Chris Malan. The 4th District includes parts of the northeastern city of Napa and extends east to such rural areas as Soda Canyon, Silverado, Circle Oaks, Wooden Valley and the southern tip of Lake Berryessa.

Pedroza was on the Napa City Council until December 2014, when Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him to fill the seat vacated by county Supervisor Bill Dodd. He believes he can reach across jurisdictions to work on the regional issues of housing, transportation and water.

Shepp is a rural resident (Soda Canyon) and founding member of Protect Rural Napa and the Vision 2050 coalition. She believes the county needs to address the quality of life for local residents and neighborhoods, including rural areas like Lake Berryessa, Gordon Valley, and Soda Canyon.

Malan, who has worked for the county as a mental health professional for 35 years, is a longtime local environmentalist. She has been at the forefront of Napa River and watershed protection efforts.



Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Elects New Officers

Renaissance Lake Berryessa!

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has elected new officers. Board Members for 2016 are: Peter Kilkus, President; Bob Lee, Vice-President; Jerry Rehmke, Secretary/Treasurer; Craig Morton; Tom Gomez; Paul Quarneri; Marcia Ritz.

Our 2016 Chamber Theme can be "Renaissance Lake Berryessa" if the bid process is successful in attracting strong recreation companies to redevelop some of the resorts at the lake.

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN

If you wish to become a member, send your name and application information with a check for \$25 payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

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The lake may be low but is starting to rise. Winter brings some of the best hiking weather to the area and there are miles of trails available. Several launch ramps are open for hardy boaters and anglers. Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. An added bonus is that all the main roads to the lake have been repaved - Hwy 128 from Silverado Trail, Hwy 121 from Napa, Hwy 128 from Winters, and Knoxville Road along the west shore. Bicycle, motorcycle, and auto touring have never been smoother.

After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Turtle Rock, and Steele Canyon Saloon and Pizza. Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit. A trip to Napa is not complete without the short drive to Lake Berryessa.

Can Past Become Future?

Here's a slice of history from 1976. We had a thriving business community, thousands of residents, hundreds of jobs, our own local elementary school, and more than a million visitors per year. This brochure will bring back some good memories - and some sadness. These great

Meet Margaret Bailey: New Lake Berryessa Park Manager

She will have responsibility for managing public recreation, natural resources, visitor services and recreation area concessions at the lake.

Bailey earned a Master of Science in Forest Management from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, in 1991. She began her career as a National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator in 1990 with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in Alsea, Oregon. She joins Reclamation from her former position as District Ranger with the USFS where she managed the Klamath Ranger District. Most recently, Bailey served as the Nevada State Liaison, USFS, in Sparks, Nevada. She and her husband, Bruce, have two grown sons. The family enjoys the outdoors, camping, bicycling, kayaking and traveling.

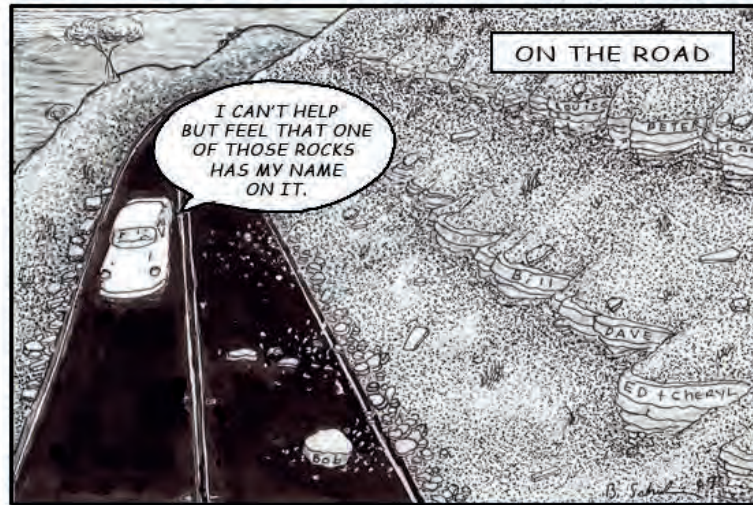


days as a family recreation destination for the Bay Area and beyond lasted until about 2005 - and were totally destroyed by 2009. We can only hope to achieve a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa" if the resorts (recreation areas) can be revived by strong companies with significant financial investments - with the support of our community and the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County government.

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Winters Fish Fry

Friday, February 19, 5pm - 8pm
Pre sale Tickets \$15, Kids 6 - 12 \$6
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Walk Quail Ridge Reserve on Feb. 13

An interpretive walk will be offered on the Quail Ridge Reserve near Lake Berryessa from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Call in advance to reserve a place and get directions at 530-219-4477. The group will meet at 1:45 p.m. at Markley Cove Resort and will leave the reserve at about 5:30 p.m.

Berryessa Valley History Exhibit Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/768589156517643

Visit the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center for great photos & artifacts about the Berryessa Valley and Town of Monticello before the Monticello Dam was built in 1958.

Lake Berryessa Information Resources

Bureau of Reclamation Information Page:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html

Lake Berryessa Visitor Information:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/visitor-info.html

Lake Berryessa Recreation Opportunities:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/rec-opp.html

Markley Cove Resort:

www.markleycoveresort.com

Pleasure Cove Marina:

www.goberryessa.com

Steele Canyon Recreation Area:

www.goberryessa.com/campground-at-steele-canyon

Spanish Flat Recreation Area:

www.spanishflatcamping.com

Putah Canyon Recreation Area

www.royaleltparkmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html

Bureau of Reclamation Media Library

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You will find that the climate in the Berryessa Basin is moderate and pleasant. The surrounding hills keep fog and smog from the Bay Area away most of the time. Warm summer days are followed by mellow evenings. Spring is delightful and quite warm from early in the year, and the fall is clear and pleasant. Beautiful weather often extends clear into November. The winter is mild, with the thermometer only occasionally below 32° and with moderate rainfall.

Ever since Lake Berryessa started to fill behind newly formed Monticello Dam in 1957, the fish have been jumping here. The Lake is rated one of the best fisheris in the state. The deep, cool waters and the warm surface temperatures provide excellent conditions for both cold and warm water fish.

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Silver Salmon can be taken year round, with May through December the best Trout months. Trolling, minnow drift fishing and casting from boat or bank are all rewarding.

California Fish and Game Department plants trophy Trout here every spring, and the program has been a big success here at Lake Berryessa. Large and Small Mouth Bass are also plentiful. The "Bronzeback" grows big and fat, with most fishermen taking fish in the 2½ to 5 pound class. Lunkers of Large Mouth up to 12 lbs. have been taken. Spring and fall weather conditions are perfect for bass fishing here. However, the Bass are here all year long for the taking. Crappie and Bluegill are popular catches especially during spring and summer for both children and adults. Catfish are a good catch all year long. They average 2-10 lbs. at Lake Berryessa.

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Lake Berryessa waters are clean and clear with temperatures up to 75° in summer, ideal for swimming and water skiing, and so cooling on a hot day! The many little coves all around the lake make for marvelous outings by boat, for picnics, relaxing, fishing expeditions and water skiing "bases." The

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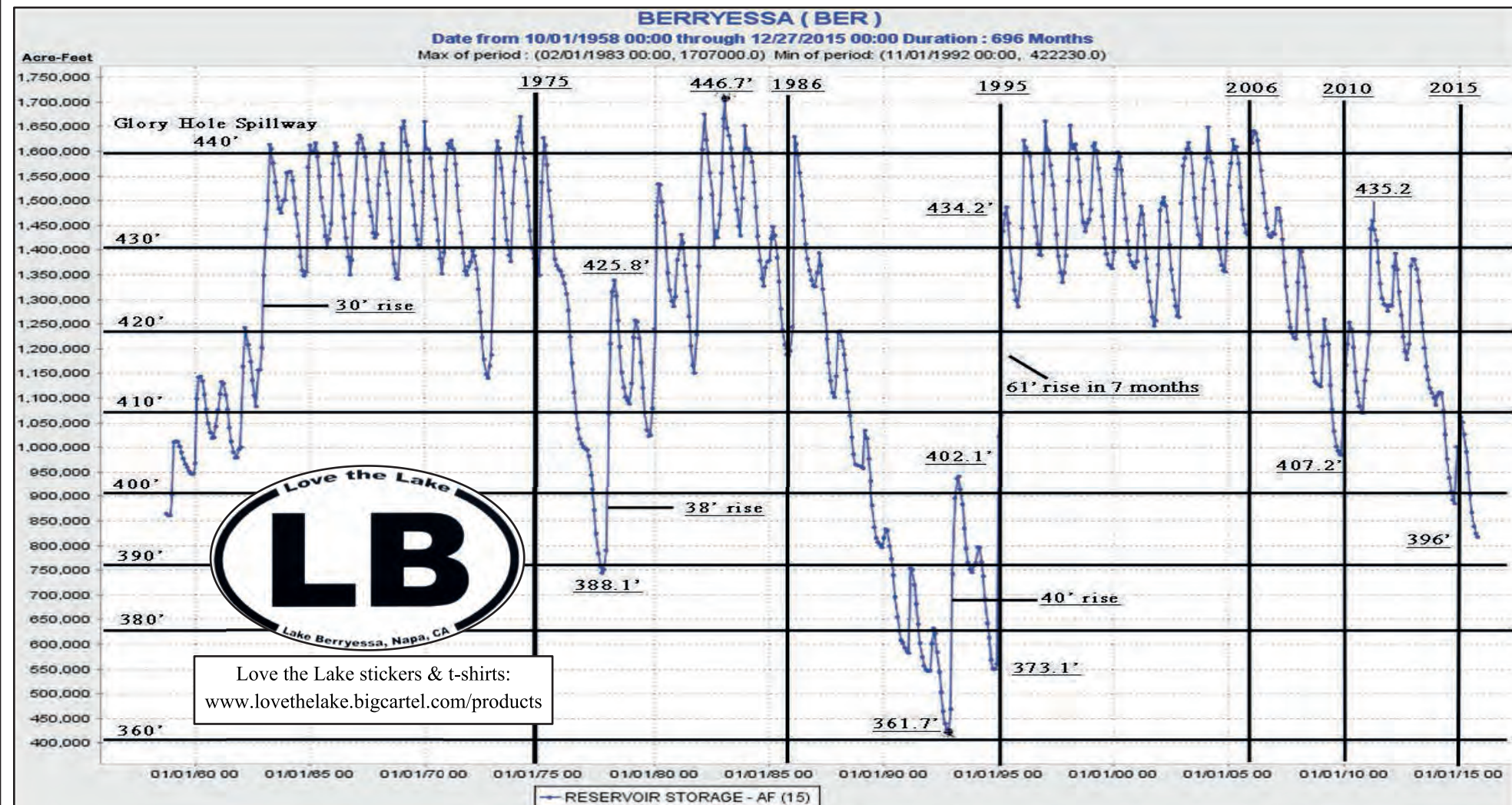
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As of 1/25/16 the water level is at 39.36 feet below the top of the spillway at 400.64 feet. The Capell Public Launch Ramp needs another 5 feet before it can be re-opened. This year's total rainfall since July 1 is at 13.01 inches at Monticello Dam.

Last year at this time we had had 13.34 inches of rain and the lake had risen to 408.15 feet, but the the rain had stopped on December 21, 2014 with only 3.75 inches in early February followed by nothing in March, 1.46 inches in April, and 1.01 inches in May for a total of only 19.56 inches. The high level was on 2/22/15 at 412.07 feet.

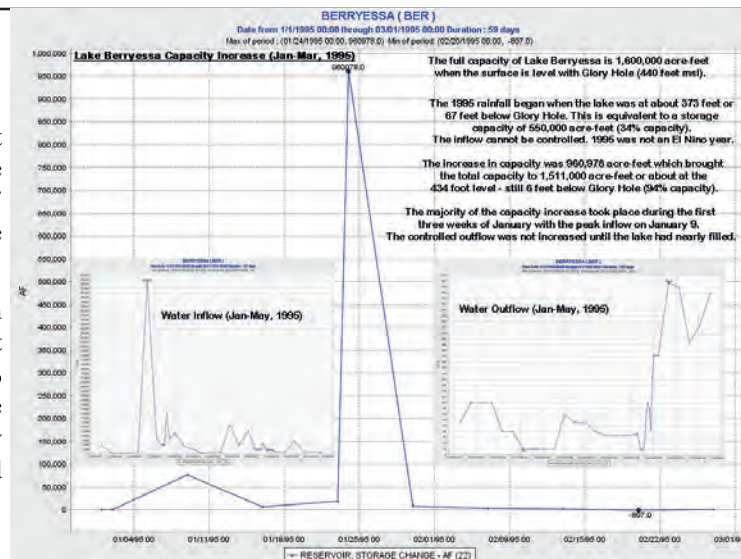


| El Niño and La Niña Years and Intensities (NOAA) | | | | | | | |
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| El Niño | | | | La Niña | | | |
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| 1958-59 | 1991-92 | | | 1967-68 | 1999-00 | | |
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| 1969-70 | 2009-10 | | | 1974-75 | 2010-11 | | |
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| 1994-95 | | | | 2000-01 | | | |
| 2004-05 | | | | 2011-12 | | | |
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Lake Berryessa Capacity Increase (January, 1995)

The full capacity of Lake Berryessa is 1,600,000 acre-feet when the surface is level with Glory Hole (440 feet msl). The 1995 rainfall began when the lake was at about 373 feet or 67 feet below Glory Hole. This is equivalent to a storage capacity of 550,000 acre-feet (34% capacity).

The increase in capacity was 960,978 acre-feet which brought the total capacity to 1,511,000 acre-feet or about at the 434 foot level - still 6 feet below Glory Hole (94% capacity). The majority of the increase took place during the first three weeks of January with the peak inflow on January 9. Although the inflow cannot be controlled, the controlled outflow was not increased until the lake had nearly filled.






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The Lake Berryessa News Hits the Kurzweil Singularity!

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The Lake Berryessa News Finds Immortality in the Data Cloud

by Peter Kilkus

You hold in your hands, if you're one of the lucky 1,000, the last physical body of the Lake Berryessa News. This is the last time the ink will rub off on your fingers. This will be the last edition which will help you start a fire in your fireplace...the last one you can use to wrap up your garbage.

The Lake Berryessa News has hit the Singularity and will live on only in cyberspace.

Computers are getting faster. Everybody knows that. Also, computers are getting faster faster — that is, the rate at which they're getting faster is increasing. So if computers are getting so much faster, so incredibly fast, there might conceivably come a moment when they are capable of something comparable to human intelligence - Artificial intelligence (AI).

Ray Kurzweil transformed the "Singularity" from an interesting speculation into a social movement. He argues that while Artificial Intelligence will render biological humans obsolete, it will not make human consciousness irrelevant. The first AIs will be created, he says, as add-ons to human intelligence, modeled on our actual brains and used to extend our human reach.

The Singularity won't destroy us, Kurzweil says. Instead, it will immortalize us. Maybe we'll merge with AIs to become super-intelligent cyborgs, using computers to extend our intellectual

abilities the same way that cars and planes extend our physical abilities. Maybe the artificial intelligences will help us treat the effects of old age and prolong our life spans indefinitely.

All that horsepower could be put in the service of emulating whatever it is our brains are doing when they create consciousness — not just doing arithmetic very quickly or composing piano music but also driving cars, writing books, making ethical decisions, appreciating fancy paintings, making witty observations at cocktail parties.

I was reminded of my age as I compiled the last seven years of the Lake Berryessa News into PDF format to be copied to CDs. (See note to the right.) I was able to effortlessly scroll down through hundreds of pages from 2005 to 2012 on my computer screen.

I flashed back to doing almost the same thing at the Chicago Public Library during the 1960s, but I was turning large reels of microfilm of the 1929 editions of Chicago Tribune by hand in a huge optical viewing machine. Won't it be so much easier when we can plug a computer into a socket in the back of our heads?

So, as the print edition of the Lake Berryessa News fades into the sunset (or the soft glow of a computer screen), let me personally say, "Thanks for the memories." I'll never forget my bi-weekly 150 mile paper route and the friends I made. See you around.

This edition of the Lake Berryessa News will be the last print edition published, but the Lake Berryessa News will live on. The Lake Berryessa News has been around in one form or another since the 1970s.

I will continue to publish the Lake Berryessa News on line and by email.

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I am also compiling the last seven years of the Lake Berryessa News on a single CD with each print edition as an easy to read PDF file. The CD will be available for \$20.

Lake Berryessa Map - Page 6

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Floods and Landslides Affect Lake Berryessa
The year 2000 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 high-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.

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. Standing below the huge slide was awe-inspiring.



The Leap Second Was Here in 2006!
(Note: 2016 is a Leap Year and February will have an extra day - February 29. But 2006 was famous for actually having a Leap Second!)

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 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

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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.

Fishing with Sid - January, 2006

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 yearwas 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 youwill 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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