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The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

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Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter. (See Pg.1)

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

**Dillon puts climate change in spotlight as new Napa Board of Supervisor chair.**

Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon took over as chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and made climate change a top issue for 2020. Dillon's Board of Supervisors peers voted her to the position on Tuesday, January 7. They voted Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza as vice chairperson.

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# The Lake Berryessa News

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January 2020

## Yes On Lake Berryessa Revitalization

In 2011 I wrote an article titled "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles!" This was a critique of how long the Pensus Group was taking to rebuild the resorts in the face of an uncooperative Bureau of Reclamation bureraucracy.

Although the image of a turtle stampede is amusing, no one at Lake Berryessa is laughing about how long it was taking to redevelop the demolished Lake Berryessa resorts. Local businesses and property owners who had been severely hurt by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of five resorts had hoped that the redevelopment of those resorts would be fast-tracked by government agencies so the desperately-needed recovery could begin.

Unfortunately, this was not to be the case. Nine years later, despite the years of best efforts by our Napa County supervisors, there has been little progress towards the goal of revitalization other than some "happy talk" reports of progress.

In 1971 there were already 1.8 million visitors per year coming to the lake. The National Park Service produced a report projecting 8.7 million in the future

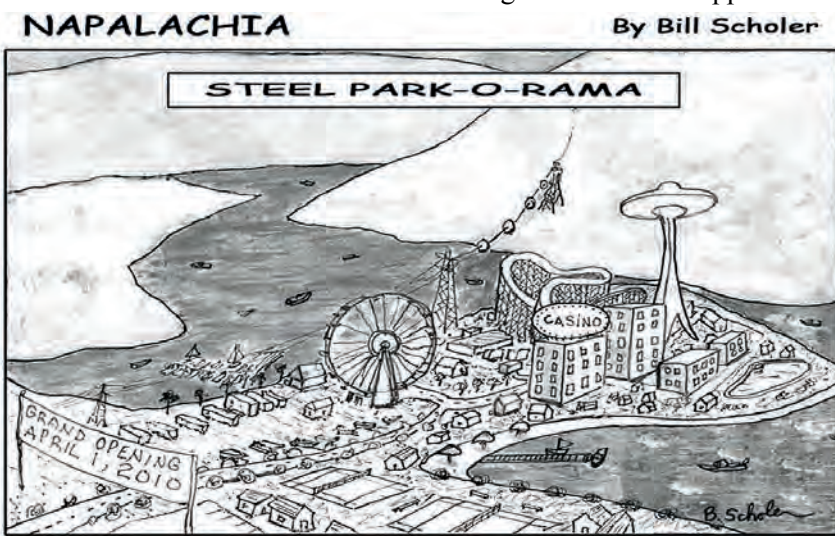
accessing 12 public use areas to be developed around the whole lake. This clearly unsustainable plan was strongly opposed by Napa County.

During the last ten years visitation has dropped to less than 400,00 per year devastating the local business community with significant negative impact on area residents. But reports commissioned by Napa County, especially the Ragatz report of May 2017, concluded that Lake Beryessa is an untapped resource with a huge economic and recreational potential.

Last month we reported that "Staff anticipates returning to the Board in January/February 2020 with the MPA for consideration and releasing a Request for Proposal in April/May 2020 for concessionaires at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores. Several previous bid proposals and detailed plans are available to re-use."

Hopefully, somewhere, there's a herd of bureaucratic turtles racing towards the revitalization finish line.

The satirical cartoon below illustrates the fears of some of the uninformed among us. This can't happen!



## No On Measure K: The Boondoggle Tax

Several years ago the Zombie Apocalypse was a popular theme for movies and TV shows. It may not have been World War Z, where a zombie outbreak erupts around the world, but Napa County had a Zombie outbreak of its own in 2016. The Regional Park and Open Space District produced Measure Z: The Zombie Tax. That movie failed at the box office.

But now the RPOSD is back with a sequel, Measure K: The Boondoggle Tax. The Boondoggle Tax is essentially the same as the Zombie Tax with a prettier master plan on how to spend the \$9 million per year projected to be raised by this sales tax.

Boondoggle: work or activity that is wasteful or pointless but gives the appearance of having value; an expensive program that is a waste of money, especially one using public money.

A burning question to many of us trying to revitalize a battered Lake Berryessa region is why this Boondoggle Tax is being considered at all when one of the most important recreational areas in Napa County, Lake Berryessa, has been so neglected by the County. We'd like to have \$9 a year million to help in the revitalization of this major resource!

Lake Berryessa is only mentioned ONCE in passing in the ordinance itself in Section B.1.b describing "protecting" water quality by buying land. But Lake Berryessa is already the cleanest lake in northern California with no foreseeable water quality threats.

The RPOSD, with its policy of land grabs and trails-at-any-cost philosophy, has done little of compelling benefit for Napa County residents. They claim they are "preserving" land, but they are actually just buying land that is already nearly unusable for any practical development.

Giving \$9 million dollars - **\$9 MILLION!** - a year to this agency would be like, to mix cliches, giving it to kids in a candy shop who would spend money like drunken sailors on mostly pointless acquisitions. Their slick master plan would have you believe Napa County is in grave danger which could only be alleviated by buying more unusable, already protected land.

The District now has a budget of about \$800,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax from Napa County plus various grants. They have been doing fine with this amount. But to buy the votes of urban folks they propose giving money to individual Napa cities to create more parks within the cities' borders. This is not the role of an Open Space District.

To inflate their relevance they actually claim they will have a positive impact on climate change. This is a scientifically silly statement in a state where preserving a few hundred acres of forest land to "sequester carbon dioxide" pales in the face of wildfires that burn tens of thousands of acres of trees a year, releasing their already-sequestered carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. More than 7,860 fires have been recorded in 2019 totaling an estimated of 259,823 acres of burned land.

**\$9 MILLION per year!** What could you do with \$9 MILLION per year. \$9 MILLION stolen from Napa County residents' wallets. The existing sales tax in Napa County is 7.75 percent, with the exception of St. Helena, where it is 8.25 percent. For people on limited incomes, these taxes build up and become a burden. The RPOSD needs to live on its current budget not tax, tax, tax.

The Lake Berryessa News believes the benefits of Measure K are not worth its cost.

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2 **Corporate CEOs Are NOT Worth What They Are Paid, Stupid!**

Exorbitant CEO pay is a major contributor to rising inequality that we could safely do away with. CEOs are getting more because of their power to set pay, not because they are increasing productivity or possess specific, high-demand skills. This escalation of CEO compensation, and of executive compensation more generally, has fueled the growth of top 1.0% and top 0.1% incomes, leaving less of the fruits of economic growth for ordinary workers and widening the gap between very high earners and the bottom 90%. The economy would suffer no harm if CEOs were paid less (or taxed more).

When justifying outrageous executive salaries, the press commonly notes the importance of such rewards in motivating the heads of corporations to exert their best efforts. When William A. Anders, the chairman of General Dynamics Corporation, was granted a \$1.6 million bonus for having kept his company's stock price above \$45 for ten days, a company spokesperson told the *Washington Post* that the bonus plan was needed to give top executives the incentive to change the company's business strategy and focus on maximizing returns to shareholders. *It is an extraordinary claim that the most privileged and well-paid professionals in the world require million-dollar bonuses to motivate them to do their jobs.*

Derek Bok, the former president of Harvard University, offers a telling explanation. He suggests that top corporate executives must be paid such outrageous sums to ensure that they place the short term interests of shareholders above all other interests that they might otherwise be tempted to consider - such as those of employees, the community, and even the corporation's own long-term viability. *In short, top executives have to be paid outrageous salaries to motivate them to not yield to their instincts toward social responsibility.* Viewed from this perspective, these salaries are an indicator of how distasteful the job of top corporate managers has become in the era of corporate downsizing.

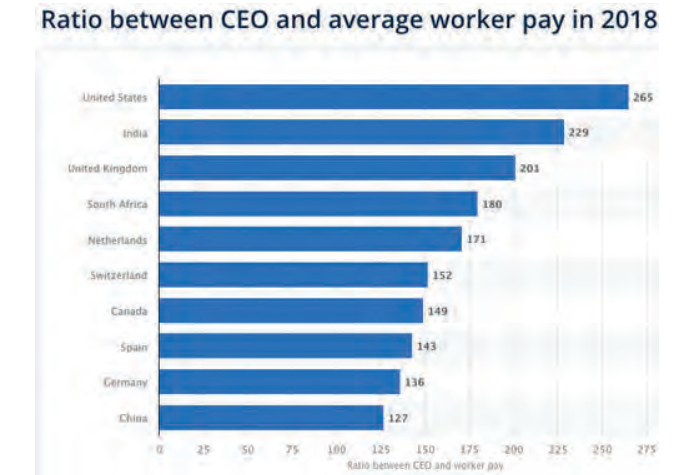
**CEO-to-worker Compensation Ratio**

While 2016 CEO pay is projected to fall slightly from 2015, the average CEO of a large U.S. company makes 271 times the wages of the average worker.



This uses the "options realized" compensation series which includes salary, bonus, restricted stock grants, options realized, and long-term incentive payouts for CEOs at the top 350 companies ranked by sales. SOURCE: Economic Policy Institute FORTUNE

A former Texas commissioner of agriculture, Jim Hightower, made the following suggestion: *"Let's keep our factories and jobs here and move our corporate headquarters to Mexico, Korea, or wherever else we can get some reasonably priced chief executives."* Or maybe we could allow free immigration of cheap chief executives along with cheap labor. Not likely. More likely is that we will witness a further writing off of the laboring class in this country, an increasing disdain toward uneducated and rural people by the corporate and university elite.



CEO compensation has grown 940% since 1978. Typical worker compensation has risen only 12% during that time. The United States topped the list in 2018 for the country with the highest gap between CEO and worker pay. In that year, for every U.S. dollar an average worker received, the average CEO earned 265 U.S. dollars. India, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and the Netherlands rounded out the top five for countries with the highest CEO to worker pay.

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Richard Jolly, author of the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Report of 1996, points out that there are five types of growth that give people less and not more. They are:

Jobless growth, where the overall economy grows, but does not expand opportunities for employment.

Ruthless growth, where the fruits of economic growth mostly benefit the rich.

Voiceless growth, where economic growth is not matched by democracy or individual empowerment.

Rootless growth, where cultural identity withers as the economy grows.

Futureless growth, where economic growth consumes its very foundations, squandering resources needed for future generations.

**What is Economics?**  
Most people have no idea as to what Economics is really all about - another failure of the Amerian educational system - especially colleges and universities. Combine this with the public's inclination to believe what they are told, and you get the present financial depradations of predatory capitalism.

From the Greek root: Oikonomia: the management of the household so as to increase its value to all members of the household over the long run.

From a dictionary: A social science concerned chiefly with the description and analysis of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

From a textbook: The study of how people make their living, how they acquire food, shelter, clothing, and other material necessities and comforts of this world. It is the study of the problems they encounter, and of the ways in which these problems can be reduced.

From economist Hazel Henderson: Standard economics is a form of brain damage!

**Some Thoughts Contrary To Standard Economic Propaganda**

"Homo Economicus" is a (mostly) fictitious alien being. Free trade arguments are based on a (consciously?) faulty premise.

Money is not wealth.

Most money is phony.

Nature's services must have value or you would be dead.

Capitalism is not democracy.

Democracy is not just the right to shop.

Growth is not development, is not an obvious good, is not required.

Globalization in its present form is patently destructive.

Corporations are not people and do not have human rights.

Socially-responsible stock market investing is an oxymoron.

The stock market has no productive value and should be abolished.

Interest, especially compound interest, should be eliminated.

Intergenerational equity demands political will.

Trend is not destiny.

The plural of anecdote is not data.

Beware of infectious repetitis.

Sustainability is not hard to define and is the true meta-solution.

**No, Walmart Is Not Sending You A \$1,000 Gift Card On Your Cell Phone**

I just got a text from "Walmart" last week. Some others in the Lake Berryessa area and Napa did too. Think it's your lucky day because a text message shows up on your phone offering you \$1,000 in cold hard spending card cash at Walmart? It's a scam, says the company, so don't follow any of the directions given and don't expect that gift card.

Walmart says the offer is bogus. They don't give away gift cards via text. They also never notify customers they've won something via text. "Walmart doesn't participate in these types of promotions and has no affiliation with them. We don't participate in any type of promotion that would ask for certain personal or financial information."

How the hoax works, Walmart explains, is that you're asked to enter an email address and other personal information, including home address, phone number and credit and debit card numbers. Then, the consumer is given the opportunity to select their "free" gift. However, it will end up costing the consumer a lot of money in hidden subscriptions and they'll never actually get that "free" gift card. Sorry no freebie here. This text to receive offer is not legit.

The following tips can help you protect yourself from being scammed by any questionable offer you see online:

- Don't open or respond to unsolicited e-mails offering free gift cards, other gifts, or money for surveys.
- Don't click on or respond to online ads or websites offering free gift cards, other gifts, or money for surveys.
- Pay attention to the website URL. If the URL does not match the branding to a legitimate website get away from that website.

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I love when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

My New Years resolution is 1080p.

I return to work tomorrow with a child-like belief that 2020 is the year people will think at least twice before hitting Reply All.

This New Year's I resolve to be less awesome since that is really the only thing I do in excess.

I have only one resolution. To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have. Happy New Year!

Dear Luck, .....can we be friends in 2020 Please?

**Onion Headlines**

GOP National Committee Votes To Change Party Symbol From Elephant To Lemming

Body-Positive Male Ally Worried Girlfriend Has Been Packing On The Beauty Lately

All Of Area Man's Positive Qualities Stolen From Past Friends

Woman Not As Fun-Loving And Carefree As Pom-Pom On Winter Hat Would Suggest

Man Relaxing His Overwhelming Anxiety For Just A Moment Finally Gives Pack Of Coyotes The Opening They Need

Company's Holiday Party Moves Up Timeline For Bankruptcy By 4 Months

Antiques Shop Owner Only Thousands Of Sales Away From Avoiding Bankruptcy

New Napa Valley Sip-And-Weld Studio Provides Opportunity To Drink Wine, Create Own Masterpiece With Blowtorch

Cabal Of Handsome Male Celebrities Agrees To Continue Withholding Baldness Cure From The Public

GOP Turns Dozens Of House Democrats Away From Impeachment For Failing To Provide Adequate Voter ID

Insurance Company Annoyed Customer Doesn't Realize They Were Just Being Polite When They Said They'd Cover Healthcare Bills

Study Finds Comparing Yourself To Others Actually Pretty Good Way To Gauge Success

Mom Scolds Child For Pointing At Homeless Man Instead Of Ignoring His Very Existence

'Arrested Once' Now Sufficient Law Experience To Work As A Federal Judge

Man's Life Spent Occasionally Eating Barbecue In Between Doing Things He Hates

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6 Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?  
(Reprinted from the January 2017 edition)

Looking back on 2016 at Lake Berryessa one might think that nothing much happened. But a year is a long time, and 2016 did have some momentous events for the lake community. In 2015, after a year of economic analysis and community outreach, the Bureau of Reclamation released a detailed Bid Prospectus in another attempt to solicit recreation companies to reopen the closed recreation areas. Hopes were high, but Reclamation announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006).

In March, 2016 the Lake Berryessa News headline read: A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County. For several months the case was made by the Lake Berryessa News and supported by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and the majority of the Lake Berryessa community.

Both Napa County and Reclamation responded positively (although hesitantly) to this proposal. On April 5, 2016, the Board authorized staff to engage in discussions with Reclamation and the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding the future of the concession areas of Lake Berryessa.

By May 15, 2016 the proposal was getting some traction and the Lake Berryessa News headline read: “A Path Forward To Revitalize Lake Berryessa: Fire The Feds!” I wrote at the time, “We need a revolutionary strategy to stop the death spiral at Lake Berryessa. The fifteen year failure of the Bureau of Reclamation is not based on simple ineptness, often complex ineptness is involved.

But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal level which treats Lake Berryessa as just another "lake in the country" to be dealt with as any other federal rural holding - independent of context. Lake Berryessa is not another “lake in the country”. It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted.”

The Lake Berryessa News, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and local residents then strongly promoted a new strategy - have Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation. The headline on June 1 was even more aggressive: “Open Letter to the Federal Government: Get Out of Lake Berryessa!” The Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County were listening.

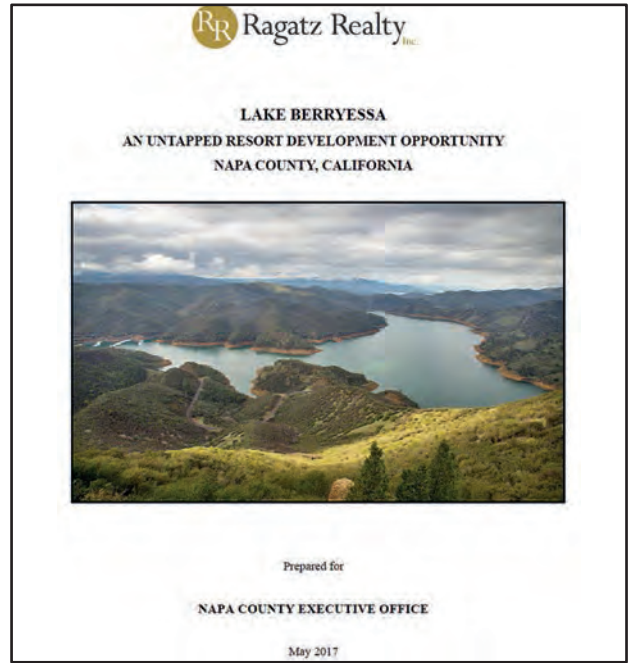
On June 7, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with Perkins Coie for specialized legal advisory services on federal statutory and regulatory law as it pertains to concessions management.

On June 21, 2016, the Board directed staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement between the County and Reclamation. Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas would be transferred to Napa County.

At the December 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting the supervisors accepted a recommendation to move forward with this strategy by providing direction to staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and other recreational opportunities worldwide.

Under this agreement, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty will assist the County in identifying interested concession partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site. The County’s intent is to market Lake Berryessa and seek interest in the opportunities that exist. The goal is to create a short list of interested parties that are viable and have interest and ideas that can fit within the Visitor Services Plan.

If Ragatz Sedgwick is successful in identifying interest, the County and Reclamation will move forward with negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and creating a formal Request for Proposal process to select a concessionaire.



7 Money Can't Buy Happiness

Except that, according to a study from Princeton University, it sort of can - about \$75,000 worth a year. The further a person's household income falls below that level, the unhappier he or she is. But no matter how much more than \$75,000 people make, it doesn't bring them more joy.

Before employers rush to cap or raise everyone's salary, they should know that, according to this study, there are actually two types of happiness. There's your changeable, day-to-day mood: whether you're stressed, bummed or exuberant. Then there's the satisfaction you feel about the path your life is taking.

Self-evaluation is heavily influenced by income. The more money people earn above \$75,000, the more they believe their life is working. But the money doesn't make them any more jovial in the morning. "High incomes don't bring you happiness," conclude the authors, "But they do bring you a life you think is better."

The study draws its data from more than 450,000 Americans polled by Gallup and Healthways. Participants were asked how they had felt the previous day and how they would rate their life, from the worst to the best. Turns out it isn't low income that saddens people; it's that less money makes them feel more ground down by other issues, like health and relationship troubles.

At \$75,000 and up, individual temperament and life circumstances like age and education level have much more sway over how a person feels on any given day than money does. The study doesn't explain why, but, says, "it does seem to be a plausible number at which people would think money is not an issue." At that level - people have enough expendable cash to do things that make them feel good, like going out with friends.

Money's power over self-esteem, however, never seems to taper off. No matter their income level, people feel their life is working out better with each and every raise. Which is another good reason to keep asking for one.

Wealth or income class	Mean Household Income	Mean Household Net Worth	Mean Household Financial Wealth
Top 1 percent	\$1,318,200	\$16,439,400	\$15,171,600
Top 20 percent	\$226,200	\$2,061,600	\$1,719,800
60th-80th percentile	\$72,000	\$216,900	\$100,700
40th-60th percentile	\$41,700	\$61,000	\$12,200
Bottom 40 percent	\$17,300	-\$10,600	-\$14,800

My New Year's resolution is to help all my friends gain ten pounds so I look skinnier.

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

My resolution was to read more so I put the subtitles on my TV.

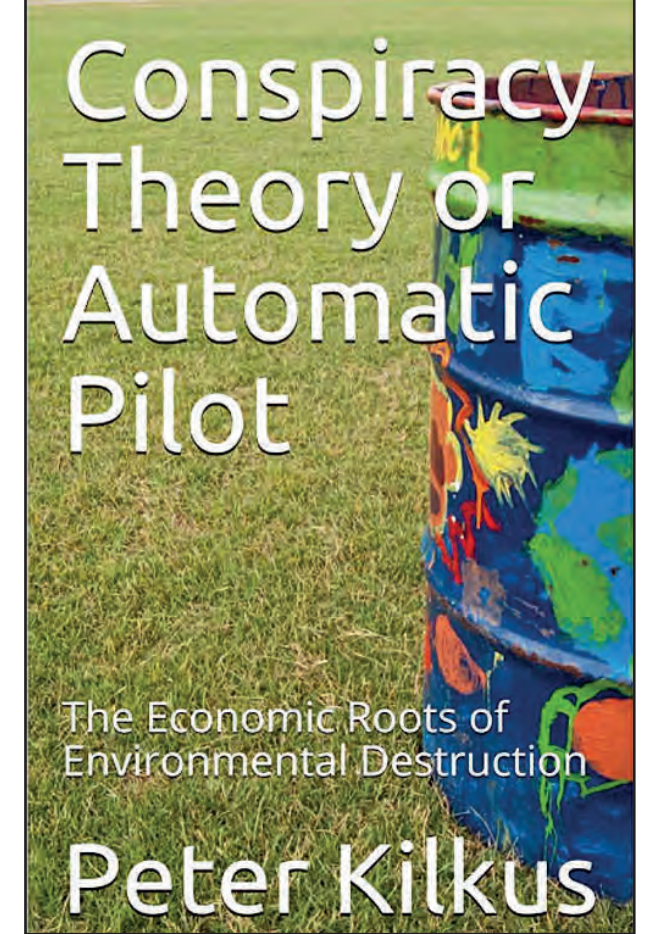
8 New Book Release on Amazon

I've just released my new book: Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction. Available on Amazon in Kindle (\$2.99) or Paperback (\$7.99).

Classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion. But is the present economic and environmental situation a conscious conspiracy or an unintended consequence of simplistic beliefs supported by basic human greed?

This book provides the basics of classical economic theory and the description of the intended or unintended consequences of predatory capitalism based on this theory. It contrasts these to sustainability principles underpinning modern environmental economic theory and the various movement towards corporate responsibility.

The book is not meant to be an academic or scientific exercise for economists or policy makers. The concepts discussed are easily accessible to thoughtful readers. My objective was to explain to myself the structure of economic influence that is at the heart of environmental degradation (including the welfare of individual human beings). Understanding is the foundation of action.



9 January 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You awoke this morning as a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The people at the local animal shelter wouldn't think so highly of you if they knew about your taxidermy hobby.

Aries (3/21-4/19): There will be a brief cease-fire in the age-old war between the sexes as both sides cooperate in hunting you down and trying you for war crimes.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Always on the lookout for more challenging games and puzzles, you'll meet your match next week after the release of the new Rubik's Tesseract, a brainteaser that's impossible to solve in our four-dimensional space-time.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Your career as a wacky morning DJ takes a hit next week when the National Water Conservation Association and the White House personally ask you to reduce the number of times a day you use the toilet-flushing sound effect.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The flaw in your plan was the part where your accomplice would start a fire, and in the confusion, you would sneak into the philosophy department and finish writing your dissertation.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll be diagnosed with a rare condition that makes it impossible to get started in the morning unless you have three cups of coffee.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You won't be immortalized upon death, specifically, but people will come from miles around to see the Tomb of the Unknown Guy Who Tried to Eat a Whole 6-Foot Sub In 30 Seconds.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You should really try to live your life so that your happiness doesn't depend so much on whether or not they found the Higgs boson particle.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): If there's one thing that gives you hope when all else fails—one small true thing that keeps you hanging on to this life—you sure haven't thought of it yet.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your inability to be spontaneous is well known, which will leave people struggling to put a name to what happens when you combust without warning next Wednesday.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The blessed arrival of a baby in your life would be greeted with a lot more joy if you could figure out who mailed it to you.

10 Bureau of Reclamation Introduces New Logo.

(Now all they need is a better attitude towards Lake Berryessa!)

Press Release: The Bureau of Reclamation is modernizing our visual identity, including the logo, as part of a proactive effort to better articulate the important work we do. The new visual identity and logo improves accessibility, is more suitable for digital communications, and can be more uniquely and directly associated with Reclamation.



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**2019 word of the year: "They"**  
(See if you can figure this one out)

Merriam-Webster declared the personal pronoun "they" as word of the year, with a 313% increase in Merriam-Webster.com lookups over 2018, AP reports.

Why it matters: Merriam-Webster recently added a new definition to its online dictionary to reflect use of "they" as relating to a person whose gender identity is nonbinary.

In October, the American Psychological Association endorsed "they" as a singular third-person pronoun in its style guide for scholarly writing.

"We believe writers should try to use a person's self-identified pronoun whenever feasible," said Jasper Simons, chief publishing officer for the APA.

"The singular 'they' is a way for writers to avoid making assumptions about gender when it is not known."

Flashback: The American Dialect Society, which is dedicated to the study of the English language in North America, named "they" its word of the year for 2015, in recognition of its emergence among people who reject "he" and "she."



#### 4Berryessa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

“Berryessa CERT is comprised of volunteers who live in the Circle Oaks, Berryessa Highlands, Capell Valley, Spanish Flat and Berryessa Pines communities.”

Shelly van Rijn, Berryessa CERT Team Leader

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about the hazards that affect their communities and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, personal preparedness, and disaster medical operations. People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace.

If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

Following a major disaster in the Napa Valley, first responders who provide emergency services will not always be able to meet the immediate demand for these services. The high number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect. People will need to rely on themselves in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs.



The CERT Basic Training covers basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are better able to assist their family, neighborhood or workplace following an event when first responders (paramedics, fire, police) are not immediately available to help.

In an emergency, CERT teaches you to take care of your personal safety first, then your family, and then those around you. It is important to know what to do to protect ourselves and our family members before, during, and after an emergency event. CERT Training helps you do this.

## Get CERTified!

### Sign up now for the CERT Academy Class

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**E-mail [berryessacert@gmail.com](mailto:berryessacert@gmail.com) or call (707) 591-3755 to sign up!**

**It's FREE!** **It's FUN!**

**Classes will be held at the Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Station from 8am-5pm on the 18th & 25th and 8am-12pm on the 26th**

Sealed into this leaky barrel of myself, I brace against staves creaking and aching as the bitter river races toward a niagara thundering dead ahead: can my rattled heart survive unpulverized the pandemonium of that tumbling plunge, touch bottom then surface to yellow slickers waving from the boat's misty deck?

Michael McFee

#### The Philosopher Said And I Said

1  
Think of the last time you went swimming.

Did you have a picture of yourself, an image of-what?-you? bobbing there?

A consciousness of consciousness, a picture-making you among the waters.

2  
Once, wearing a bright blue bathingsuit, I jumped from a white boat into a green sea

and swam a mile to shore, tired and gasping for air. Orgiastic purple crabs clacked on the rocks.

Conch shells, pink lips bleached. A half-drowned, sun-burnt swimmer on a sun-baked beach. Parched, I set back for ship.

Later, I remembered a quick cool dip, an azure cove.

It is now a precious picture. I keep it near the others. The one of me leaving home.

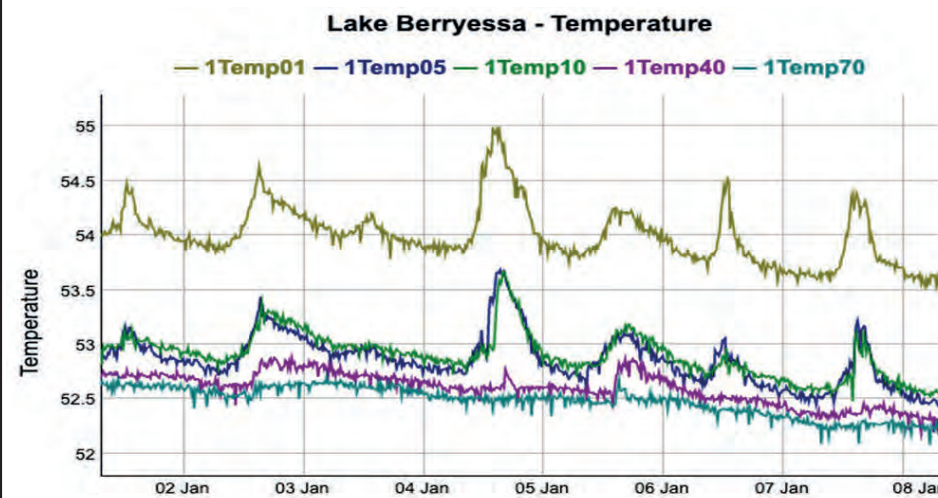
The one of me coming home after all those years.

Susan Lasher

#### Lake Level as of 7/8/2020

January in recent years has set the tone in Napa County for a wet or below-average rainy season, and this one is starting on the dry side. Forecast models indicate heavier rain could come after mid-month.

Lake Berryessa is now at 432.6 feet msl, 7.4 feet below Glory Hole. Last year at this time the lake level was 430.3 feet, 9.7 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall total for the season (July 1, 2019 to June, 30, 2020) is 7.2 inches. Last year on this date it was 11.0 inches. Water temperature is about 53 degrees from top to bottom.



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## The Greater Lake Berryessa Region

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

**Putah Canyon Recreation Area**  
Boat launching, day use, RV & tent camping  
707-966-9051  
[www.royalelcparkmanagement.com/Lake\\_Berryessa.html](http://www.royalelcparkmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html)

**Monticello Shores Recreation Area**  
Closed

**Berryessa Point Recreation Area**  
Closed

**Spanish Flat Recreation Area**  
Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.  
707-966-0200  
[www.spanishflatcamping.com](http://www.spanishflatcamping.com)

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**Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances**

1 Monticello Dam	9 => 10	2.8 miles
2 Markley Cove Resort	10 => 13	10.2 miles
3 Wragg Canyon Road	6 => 11	3.0 miles
4 Moskowite Corners	11 => 12	3.2 miles
5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	12 => 13	8.5 miles
6 Turtle Rock	13 => 14	3.7 miles
7 Spanish Flat Village Center		
8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center		
9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs		
10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA		
11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road		
12 Pope Valley Road		
13 Pope Valley		
14 Aetna Springs		
1 => 2	3.0 miles	
2 => 3	5.3 miles	
3 => 4	3.0 miles	
4 => 5	5.0 miles	
4 => 6	4.7 miles	
6 => 7	5.0 miles	
7 => 8	2.4 miles	
8 => 9	2.4 miles	

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

Circle Oaks

Gas in Winters =>

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