

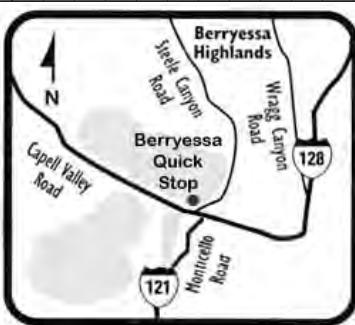
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The Future of Lake Berryessa Begins

On September 30th, the Bureau of Reclamation received bids for all the resorts at Lake Berryessa. Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero said on Oct. 6, that they had received "at least 2 bids for each of the six resorts available for new contracts."

He also said that the names of the bidders would not be released at this time. The timing of the release of that information would be up to the Program Manager for the Berryessa project.

Let the speculation begin! The key issue is how quickly the resorts can be rebuilt and re-opened for at least boat launching.

The Future of Real Estate at the Lake

by Amber Payne, Realtor

The Real Estate market is changing in the Berryessa Highlands area! Since April of 2009 there have been 10 homes that have SOLD. Of those 10 homes 8 were "Bank Owned", one was a short sale, and one was a normal sale.

The highest sale price during that time period was a home that sold for \$299,000. The lowest price was a home that sold for \$91,875 - a manufactured home. The average days on the market are approximately 137 days. The average list price was \$180,817 with an average sales price of \$161,752, an 89% difference from list price to sale price. Again most of this SOLD data is for the Berressa Highlands area of Lake Berryessa.

At the time of this writing the inventory in the Berryessa Highlands is rather low, there are currently 3 SFR homes in the Berryessa market that are available and there are 2 in escrow. Several other listings that are available outside of the Berryessa Highlands area vary in price and acreage.

The biggest challenge in this market seems to be appraisals. The lenders are depending heavily on the appraisals. The other issue that is prevalent and unique in our market is the fact that we have many buyers for the second home market. Any second homebuyer in today's market must put down 20%. Manufactured home loans are not as easy to get a loan on in this market either. A well qualified buyer should be able to obtain a property in this market and if you are a sell-

er in today's market it is best to speak with your Real Estate professional to help you decide what might be the best situation for you in this market. All of this data was obtained from BAREIS.

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Investing in the Future at the Lake

by Vinni Bubak, Realtor

For a while no one wanted to buy up here due to the fact that homes in town are affordable. Potential second home owners were skeptical because they said, "We aren't sure what is going to happen with the resorts and if they don't open then we don't want to own a home up there if we can't use the lake".

I believe once the economy recovers and the resorts reopen this will be an exclusive area - as I've stated for the last 14 yrs. It's a great opportunity right now to buy homes and properties. As the market recovers people won't be disappointed in their investments. It will be profitable. For right now, we have to ride the storm out.

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District 3 Supervisor Election

by Peter Kilkus

Next year (2010) will see the election for a new supervisor for District 3 which includes most of North and East Napa County. There are approximately 13,000 registered voters in the district. The Napa (94558) list includes Lake Berryessa as well several hundred voters along the Silverado Trail. The approximate number of voters in each area are (alphabetically):

- Angwin - 1,660
- Calistoga - 3,000
- Deer Park - 130
- Napa (94558) - 2,500
- Oakville - 65
- Pope Valley - 360
- Rutherford - 200
- St. Helena - 4,800
- Yountville - 130

The primary race will take place in June, 2010, and realistically a candidate must raise tens of thousands of dollars to have the best chance.

If more than two people run, June will be a primary to determine the top two vote getters. If no one gets 50% or more, then there will be a run off in November.

It is clear from the numbers above that the urbanized areas of the Napa Valley exert an undue influence on the outcome of this election. When I ran for Park and Open Space District last November I lost by 60% to 40%, even though I got about 90% of the Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley vote and up to 60% in Angwin and other rural precincts. But that could not overcome the St. Helena/Calistoga block.

The basic unfairness here is that St. Helena and Calistoga already have their own city governments which are relatively independent of the County. Their citizens typically don't understand the issues of rural Napa County. Yet they have the majority of votes in District 3 which is geographically the largest and most rural part of the County.

Only a few names have been floated as potential candidates to run against present District 3 Supervisor, Diane Dillon. One of those is Jeff Parady, Pope Valley resident and owner of Pope Valley Repair and Towing. Jeff's family has a long Napa County history and he believes the

rural parts of the County, especially Pope Valley and the Lake Berryessa area, have not been adequately represented at the County level for years. He believes we need a District 3 supervisor who understand the needs of the rural parts of the County and who has roots in east Napa County.

Jeff believes that rural folks understand better what the urban areas need than urban folks understand what the rural areas need. This is why a rural-based supervisor would be more effective for everyone in District 3.

I also spoke with another potential candidate, Michael Haley, who lives in the unincorporated Oak Knoll District. Michael is an active political force in the County and has a regular column in the Napa Register as Napablogger.

He expects soon to announce the formation of an exploratory committee to run for Supervisor.

The main reason he says he is running is to bring more focus to the county budget and increases in spending that far outweigh the growth in the economy. He believes the pension system has gotten out of control, with multi-million dollar unfunded liabilities, yet nothing is being done about it by the current Board of Supervisors. He says that this is a problem that is going to get worse and worse until we deal with it, so he intends to make it the focus of his campaign.

As far as Lake Berryessa is concerned, Michael said, "In Berryessa, the county has virtually ignored many problems that have caused a great deal of hardship. It seems that we can keep increasing employee payrolls and pensions faster than the cost of living or what taxpayers can afford, yet we can't fix water systems or the roads. The way that the resorts got dismantled with no support from the current Supervisor to consider local impacts was terrible, and I can assure you I will be all over that if I am elected Supervisor. I will be happy to meet with and talk to anyone in the Lake Berryessa region who would like to talk with me. Email me at michael@napablogger.com."

As far as the business owners and residents of the Lake Berryessa region, the prevailing attitude seems to be "ABD": Anybody But Dillon.

Winter Publishing Schedule

With this issue of the Lake Berryessa News, we begin a winter publishing schedule. From October through March, the paper will be published once per month during the first full week of that month.

However, I will be updating the Lake Berryessa News web site (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com) and sending out email newsletters more often to keep you informed about current events at the lake.

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By Bill Scholer



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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Oct. 10: Semi-Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 - 11:00am, Berryessa Senior Center. An "All you can eat Pancake, Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast" for \$5.00 - Adults and \$3.00 - Children under 12. Also Available for \$0.50 Additional - fruit juice and/or eggs. Please call 966-2127 for additional information.

Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18: Pope Valley's Ocho, the champion Gypsy Vanner horse and his sister, Zen, are performing at the Northern California Renaissance Faire, held at Casa de Fruta at 12:00 and 2:00, 30 minutes prior to the Tournament of Champions Royal Joust. Call Mandy at 707-312-0828. For further information like driving directions, go to www.gypsystation.com and click on the Now Appearing notice on top left of your screen.

Oct. 13: "Eat to Defeat ALS" and the last Classic Car Cruise Night of the season in Winters. Fundraiser at Cody's Restaurant, 314 Railroad Ave. All you can eat tri-tip buffet for just \$12.00/person. Tickets should be purchased in advance at Cody's Restaurant, Close Quarters Salon or by calling Cherie Felsch at 530-795-2574. A limited number will be available at the door. Also happening, just a few steps away on Main Street, is the last Classic Car Cruise Night of the season from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Oct. 16: The Bill Kaye Annual Bike Rodeo will be held at Pope Valley School, with Wooden Valley and Capell Elementary schools also in attendance.

Oct. 17: LIONS CLUB ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST, Hosted by the Turtle Rock, Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be music, prize drawings and more fun than the law allows! All You Can Eat Octoberfest Goodies for \$15.00. Sign-up at the Turtle Rock. Please come out and support your local Lions Club in their many Community Projects - the Lions Club just finished eye exams on 97 children from Capell, Pope Valley and Howell Mountain schools on September 15th and 16th.

Oct. 24: Annual Harvest Party & Grape Stomp, 1 - 9 pm, Pope Valley Winery

Oct. 24: Las Posadas Christmas Pageant Auditions, Pope Valley Farm Center, 1-4 PM. This is a family event and all are welcome to participate. There are solo parts, chorus, walk on and general helpers needed for the production. Pageant and pot luck dinner will be held on Dec. 19 at the Farm Center.

Nov. 10: Free AARP event, Napa Elks Club, 2480 Soscol, 10 AM - Noon. Five things you should know about: Free Napa County RX Cards, Happy Healthy Pets, Good Grief, Managing Your Mail, Keeping Family & Friends Informed.

Ongoing Events:

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is now open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through the summer. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 10/4/09

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet. Lake Berryessa has had **0.16** inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now **32.01** feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
9/14/09	409.22	0.08	74	54	0.08
9/15/09	409.15	0.10	79	54	0.00
9/16/09	409.09	0.15	89	53	0.00
9/17/09	409.02	0.17	92	53	0.00
9/18/09	408.97	0.15	92	57	0.00
9/19/09	408.92	0.20	101	57	0.00
9/20/09	408.85	0.19	97	57	0.00
9/21/09	408.80	0.18	99	57	0.08
9/22/09	408.73	0.20	101	56	0.00
9/23/09	408.67	0.18	102	57	0.00
9/24/09	408.60	0.22	106	58	0.00
9/25/09	408.53	0.00	100	56	0.00
9/26/09	408.50	0.16	99	57	0.00
9/27/09	408.45	0.16	103	58	0.00
9/28/09	408.38	0.18	103	0	0
9/29/09	408.30	0.20	92	0	0
9/30/09	408.22	0.18	78	0	0
10/1/09	408.15	0.22	76	0	0
10/2/09	408.10	0.15	85	0	0
10/3/09	408.05	0.16	89	0	0
10/4/09	407.99	0.16	77	0	0

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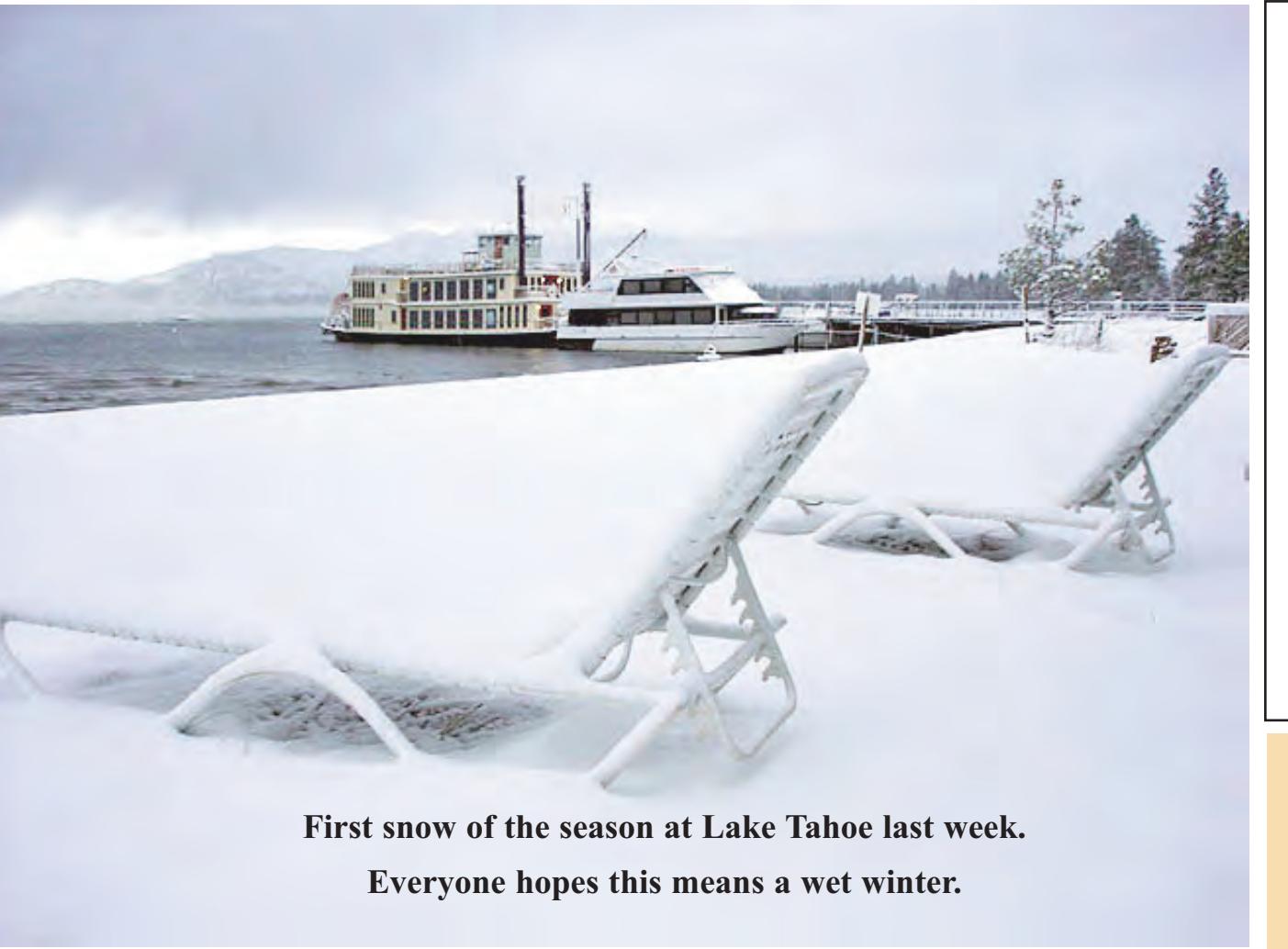
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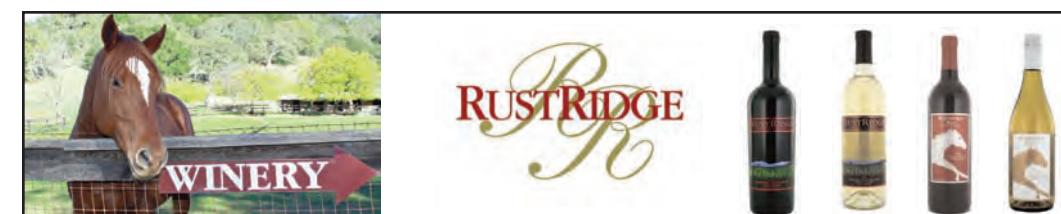
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Saturday 9/19/09: Came for the Zodiac hunt but stayed for Cucina Italiana!

by Ben Rumson, Pashnit Motorcycle Forum – For the love of the ride. (www.pashnit.com)

The number nine is or is not important in Zodiac symbology, according to the master sleuths over at that Zodiac web place. That made Saturday a perfect day to lose my ambitions for a longer motorcycle ride to the coast (instead of allowing people to believe that I simply lacked the endurance for a longer trip due to idiopathic slackerdom) and instead revisit one of the sites covered in previous reports. And to try out the new D5000 camera, which had languished in its box, unexamined, since the big brown truck delivered it a week before.

There was nothing of interest to be found at the Berryessa Zodiac site, which was expected yet still disappointing, especially after I had gone through the trouble of persuading the friendly personnel staffing the gate to the BOR camping area to let us in for free. The only item of note is that the place heretofore referred to as Zodiac Island is now Campsite 27. There's a picnic table and BBQ pit-on-a-pole right there at the approximate scene of the events of 9/27/69. No replacement trees, 90-something degree heat. Water level dropping to near subterranean levels. The place is not an attractive place to set up camp...

There's no new Zodiac info in this addendum to the addendum to the report on Zodiac. That's due partly to the fact that I have already explored the Zodiac deal to the point where there's nothing else to interest me, and mostly because the only reason I'm posting at all is to tell you that the best rib eye steak I have ever had is available a short distance south of Zodiac Island at Cucina Italiana.

With pepper sauce, made with whole black peppercorns. And roasted fennel on the side, and all of the bread and really excellent Balsamic dipping stuff you want. You wanna know just how good it is? I'm sittin' there, with my D5000 in the saddle bag just outside the window, and some guy comes in and says, "Stefano, I got a buck, dude! Come out and see it!!!"

As the guy with the old "Good Chevrolet, Sacramento" license plate frame and Stefano go out front, I'm thinkin' about the cool shots I could compose if I could talk the hunter into takin' the deer outta the truck and propping him up on the seat of the Rocket III while Tanstaafli lies inert under the front wheel of the red behemoth.

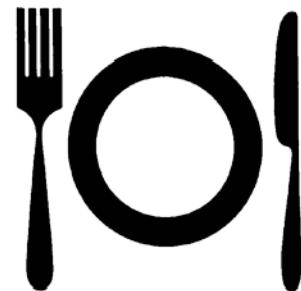
I'm starting to get motivated to put some effort into picshur-takin', but then I look back down at that rib eye and decide that nothing is gonna pry me away from it. It was that good.

With just the right level of attentiveness from Chef Stefano and his business partner, Pashnit member Winelink, (A.K.A. Sharyn), we continued our excellent dining experience. I am telling you, I have never been disappointed by anything I have eaten at Cucina Italiana. Why I haven't yet encountered other Pashnites there is a mystery, because this place seems tailor-made to our dominant demographic.

Let the guys from that other forum go to those places farther south and west—all they need is bread, sandwich meat, and beer and then they're off on their next double-yellow scofflaw Team Berryessa adventure, like a flock of angry little buzzing mosquitoes. You want real food? Go see Chef Stefano and Winelink.



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Cucina Italiana Switches to Winter Hours

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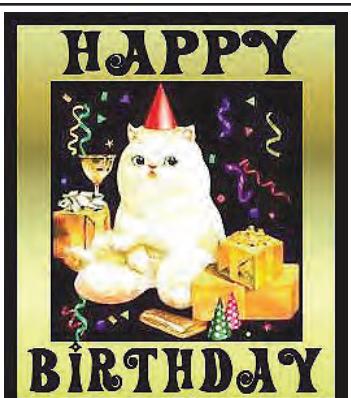
Chef Stefanos' Cioppino with Dungeness Crab, Salmon, Mussels, Clams & Whitefish has been voted the most favorite reason to come to the Lake - although the beautiful weather continues to be "fabuloso" for an easy shoreline hike just up the road at Smittle Creek.

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Letters to the Editor

The "Right to Life" is also the "Right to Live"

Regarding your libertarian friend's "thinking" on doctor-cum-capitalist-entrepreneur: Isn't there a glaring intellectual inconsistency - or outright contradiction - in the position that mandating and protecting profits for the health insurance industry and its "provider" docs is the same as requiring drivers insurance? As I want to point out, driving is not a right but a choice - the old free will canard.

But being born is a condition, entailing all that goes with embodiment, subject to earth and time - only secondarily and for the most privileged a matter of choice or free will.

The glaring part is that the "pro-life" rabble defend - literally to the death - the "fundamental right to life"...(although not to the living)...So why not therefore commit to supporting and protecting the result, i.e., the individual born of that ideological position, with optimum conditions for living that life?

An inherent right to life of the living versus choice to drive or not - these are not of the same phenomenological order. Nor is the medical profession's right to exploit those whose health it exists to protect.

The medical profession is not an existential right but a calling to service. Its profits are not inherent. If its

position of trust is adequately met, it achieves a position of respect in society - and in turn an adequate living (and sense of a life well-lived) for its practitioners. No wonder in this capitalist society doctors commit so much suicide: the profession has lost its moorings.

Jana Sequoya Magdaleno

Nothing to Celebrate.

I don't know the origin of the article about CNA and the "SuperUnion" (Sept. 17 issue) but I have to respond. As a registered nurse since 1965 I've always considered myself a member of an honorable profession. How sad to learn I am now considered part of the "exciting industry for the labor movement today".

In the late 1960's I was among the first nurses to join the California Nurses Association and empower that professional organization to act (with us, not for us) as a collective bargaining unit. Membership was voluntary. This union did indeed help us attain better working conditions and compensation.

Since then, the CNA has morphed into a gigantic and liberal union. Mandatory membership in order to work in most large hospitals ensures a steady income to the union coffers. Most of these monies are spent in the political arena and overwhelmingly for "progressive" causes and candidates.

Next time you see the California

National Nurses Organizing Committee - United American Nurses...Organizing and United for what?...a new "union merger that seeks to align progressive nurses with other service workers as well as healthcare consumers". Sounds like a stronger and bigger union to me.

Aspirin and Heart Attacks

If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. Aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life". Therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the aspirin would be strongest in your system. Aspirin by your bedside saves lives.

There are other symptoms of an heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating. NOTE: There may be no pain in the chest during a heart attack.

The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVE TWO ASPIRINS IN YOUR MOUTH and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards, phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by and state "HEART ATTACK!!!" and that you have taken 2 ASPIRINS. Take a seat on a chair or sofa and wait for their arrival andDO NOT LIE DOWN !!

Pope Valley School
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Las Posadas Christmas Pageant

A Glimpse of History Through Music and Drama

Dawn Redlaczyk, R.N.Pope Valley

In Upper Alta California in the Mexican era, beginning eight days before Christmas, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem would be re-enacted. A procession, led by children, would be formed outdoors as soon as it was dark. The participants would stop at the closed door of a house to ask for lodging.

The man of the house would answer in song telling them to go away - that everyone was asleep.

He eventually is persuaded to open the door. All enter singing - begging for sweets. Refreshments would be served and there would be dancing. On the ninth night, the babe is born. His image would be carried around the room and kissed. Piñatas were broken, spilling out candy and nuts for all the children.

The Las Posadas was introduced as a devotion at the Church of Acolman in 1587 to counteract the Aztec celebrations in honor of Huitzilopochtli. This was to help teach and convert the Indians. It was inspired by the early miracle plays of medieval Europe but lost the sacred drama of those plays and acquired spontaneity, simplicity and religious fervor.

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The production is a narration of the event with tableaus of scenes in-between the song and answer songs. It seeks to re-create the spirit of the early Spanish and Mexican cultures in Upper Alta California when Commandante Vallejo, Doña Francisca Vallejo and their family would celebrate the Christmas Holiday with all the people.

This year, this production of Las Posadas Pageant will be held in Pope Valley on December 19 at the Farm Center. This will be adding to the history of the area by bringing to life the way it was. A get together meeting and audition will be held at the Farm Center, October 24, 2009 from 1:00-4:00.

This is a family event and all are welcome to participate. There are solo parts, chorus, walk on and general helpers needed for the production. Music sheets will be provided for auditions. Martha McGettigan, great great granddaughter of General Vallejo is the producer and director.

This program has been done and well-received in Sonoma for many years. It is a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit with friends, family and the community.

For more information please call Martha at (707) 965-2169.

Does Indian Summer Mean Summer in India?

Because of the period of hot weather we had at the end of September which coincided with my daughter Radha's birthday, she asked if I knew where the term Indian Summer originated. I didn't so I looked it up - Wikipedia's not a bad source.

Indian summer is an informal expression given to a period of sunny, warm weather in autumn in the northern hemisphere, typically in late October or early November, after the leaves have turned but before the first snowfall.

As with all informal expressions, ideas on what constitutes an Indian summer vary widely. All in all, even with the variety of opinions on this weather (or seasonal) phenomenon, the most popular belief of Indian Summer is as follows: It is an abnormally warm and dry weather period, varying in length, that comes in the autumn time of the year, usually in October or November, and only after the first killing frost or freeze. There may be several occurrences of Indian Summer in a fall season or none at all.

In some regions of the southeastern United States, "Indian summer" is colloquially used to describe the hottest times of the year, typically in late July or August. But in the South as elsewhere in the U.S., this period is more commonly known as the dog days, in reference to the position of Sirius—the "Dog Star" and brightest star in the northern hemisphere—alongside the sun.

Why Indian? Well, no one knows but, as is commonplace when no one knows, many people have guessed. Here are a few of the more commonly repeated guesses:

* When European settlers first came across the phenomenon in America it became known as the Indian's Summer.

* The haziness of the Indian Summer weather was caused by prairie fires deliberately set by Native American tribes.

* It was the period when First Nations/Native American peoples harvested their crops.

* The phenomenon was more common in what were then North American Indian territories.

* It relates to the marine shipping trade in the Indian Ocean (this is highly dubious as it is entirely remote from the early US citations).

* It originated from raids on European settlements by Indian war parties, which usually ended in autumn.

* In a parallel with other 'Indian' terms it implied a belief in Indian falsity and untrustworthiness and that an Indian summer was an ersatz copy of the real thing.

The term Indian summer reached England in the 19th century, during the heyday of the British Raj in India. This lead to the mistaken belief that

the term referred to the Indian subcontinent. An author by the name of H. E. Ware, noted that ships traversing the Indian Ocean loaded up their cargo the most during the "Indian Summer", or fair weather season. Several ships actually had an "I.S." on their hull at the load level thought safe during the Indian Summer.

In fact, the Indians in question were the Native Americans, and the term began use there in the late 18th century.

Silverado Resort for sale

The largest resort in Napa County doesn't come with a set price tag, but is expected to sell for "probably somewhere in between" \$10 and \$100 million. Setsuo Okawa of Tokyo, Japan, and his family, have owned Silverado Resort for the past 20 years.

In 1984, Robert Meyer bought the resort for \$20 million, selling it five years later to the Okawa family for \$110 million in 1989.

The history of Silverado Resort stretches back to the mid-1800s, when retired military general John Miller built the signature Southern-style white mansion near Atlas Peak Road in Napa. In the late 1960s, AMFAC Corp. turned the property into a resort.

This could be a difficult time to sell Silverado Resort. The recession has affected the hotel market since hotel values have fallen 30 to 50 percent, depending on where they are.

Silverado Resort includes 1,200 acres, two 18-hole championship golf courses, 280 guest condo hotel units and private cottage suites, 13,000 square feet of meeting space, 10 swimming pools, 16 tennis courts, three bocce ball courts, three dining facilities and a 16,000 square-foot spa.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts, based in Colorado, manages the resort. The resort employs 500 people and includes 300 condominium owners and 800 country club members.

Trick or Treat!



STEBBINS COLD CANYON - UC Davis Natural Reserve Outings

Most outings are interactive and experiential in nature. In addition to Stebbins Cold Canyon, outings will take place at Bobcat Ranch, and Lake Solano Regional Park. Please RSVP for each outing you are interested in attending. Most outings are limited to 15 participants and fill up quickly. RSVP via e-mail: jfalyan@ucdavis.edu. Include your name, address, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether you need directions.

STAR GAZING: Saturday, October, 17th 6:30-9:30pm, Tour of the Night Sky

Yes, stargazing in the fall. Focus on changes in the sky compared to spring, point out planets, deep sky objects & constellations and share stories on the mythology of the night sky. There is a 1½ mile, slight up hill, hike to the meadow where the group will observe the night sky. This outing fills up quickly so RSVP early.

PHOTOGRAPHY & NATURE: Sunday, October 25th, 10-1pm

Take only photos leave only footprints. Do you want to develop some photographic technique and learn how to take fantastic nature photos? Join Daniel Ng as he guides you how to uniquely capture an image with film or a digital camera. Bring a camera and a sense of wonder.

COLD CANYON, A POSSIBLE FUTURE: Sunday, November 1st, 9:00 AM

Andrew Fulks will lead a loop trail hike that includes exploration of property at the Cold Canyon headwaters. Currently the property is privately owned, but Tuleyome, a non profit organization dedicated to protecting both the wild and agricultural heritages of the Putah-Cache bioregion, will talk about plans to purchase the property and add to the existing trail system. The hike will be approximately 6 miles long with a 1,200 elevation gain.

BOBCAT RANCH: Sunday, November 15th 8:30am-1:00pm

To the north-east of Stebbins Cold Canyon is the 6,800-acre Bobcat Ranch. For decades the ranch was privately owned but a few years ago Audubon, California purchased the property for conservation, restoration and recreation. Currently the ranch is not open to the public but ranch manager, Alex Palmerlee, will lead a special outing into the inner reaches of the property and highlight the natural habitats and local wildlife inhabiting this region. The hike is moderate. The group will meet at Steady Eddy's in Winters @ 8:30am

BASIC BOTANY: Saturday, November 21st 10-1pm, As a way to ID Plants

Come on out and take an easy hike in the sunshine while learning about some fundamentals of plant anatomy that provide clues to identifying major plant families. With this skill you might be surprised how many plants and wildflowers you can identify at the reserve and at home in your own backyard.

LOOP TRAIL: Saturday, November 28th 9-1pm

Hike the loop trail after Thanksgiving with opportunities along the way to learn about the reserve and to reflect on what you are thankful for. This hike is 5 miles, has a 1,200' elevation gain (with many steps) and offers distinctive changes in the plant communities and breathtaking views in all directions—look for waterfalls after the rain. Bring: Sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water and a snack.

ANIMAL TRACKING: Saturday, December 5th, 9-Noon at Lake Solano

It is easy to forget that the places we live and play are also home to foxes, mink, coyotes, and other mammals. Usually these animals stay out of sight, but they always leave behind clues to tell you they were there. Learn to read animal track and sign with experienced tracker Sean Clementza and see the landscape through an animal's eyes. This outing meets in the day use parking lot at Lake Solano.

Community Church of Lake Berryessa

Located at 6008 Monticello Road

(Moscowite Corners)

For information please contact Bob Lee

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Holiday Assistance from the Community Church of Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will once again be the location for people in the Lake Berryessa area to sign up for holiday assistance. The assistance is provided through Catholic Charities and others for the Christmas holiday.

Sign-ups will occur on Thursday, October 15th between 11:00am- 4:00pm, Thursday, October 22 between 11:00am - 4:00pm, and Saturday, October 24 between noon and 2:00pm.

The church address is 6008 Steele Canyon road and it is located at Moscowite Corners. Holiday assistance will include gift assistance for those children under 14 years of age and food for the elderly and or low income.

Requirements for assistance are:

1-proof of income for all adults in the home

2-Passport to services from social services accepted

3-proof of residence via Water, PG&E or other bill bearing the home

address and party name

4-birth certificates for all children living in the home

5-a photo ID for all adults in the home.

If the above documents are not present when signing up for assistance the assistance may not be available. For questions please call the Community Church at 707-252-4488.

Coastal Clean-Up Day Results - September 19, 2009

Lake Berryessa Coastal Clean-up Results: 47 volunteers collected 1500 lbs of trash and 744 lbs of recycle from the shoreline of Lake Berryessa!

Quote of the month

“Glen Beck is Satan’s mentally-challenged younger brother.”

Author Stephen King

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Pope Valley School Gets Clean-Air Grant for Two New Clean Exhaust School Buses!

After months of hard work by School Board President, Chris Thompson, and many others, Pope Valley School received two new LNG (liquified natural gas) school buses.

The buses solve a problem for the district in that their use of LNG allows the school to use its LNG tanks at the school to refuel the buses. Previously the diesel buses had to be driven to St.Helena to refuel.

From the photo below you can see that the new buses have high-backed seats with seat belts for added safety (and less fidgeting?).

Since the buses were purchased with clean air grant funds, the engines of the old buses must be destroyed. However, the buses have already been used as a teaching tool to educate the kids about environmental sustainability



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Berryessa Highlands residents agree to water rate increase
Property owners want county to OK agency to run service
 By KERANA TODOROV
 Napa Register Staff Writer

Berryessa Highlands residents are paying more to keep their Lake Berryessa water and sewer district afloat.

The new water and sewer rates became effective Oct. 1, after the vast majority of property owners in the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District accepted the proposed water and sewer rate hikes. Fewer than 2 percent of property owners in the area filed protests with the district by last Tuesday's deadline.

Under the new hikes, residents will pay 82 percent more than current rates between Oct. 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010; and 61 percent more between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The rates then will decrease to their current levels.

A committee of residents proposed the new structure after a majority of property owners in the area dealt a defeat to higher increases in June.

The new rates are meant to be temporary while Steele Park Resort, the district's biggest customer and revenue generator, is shutting down. The resort is scheduled to close at the end of the month as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reviews bids on Steele Park and four other resorts on the shores of Lake Berryessa.

Committee members said they were pleased with last Tuesday's tally.

"I think we're heading in the right direction," committee member and Berryessa Highlands resident Stu Williams said Friday.

This Tuesday, the members of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, who run the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, will discuss whether two engineering firms recommended by the residents to run the district should be evaluated without a formal bid process.

County staff have recommended going through the normal bid process. Committee members oppose the plan because it could take three to four months.

The district's water and sewer systems need major repairs, but the district

has not been able to issue bonds to pay for the improvements because Steele Park — which has been expected to pay more than a quarter of the estimated \$14 million cost — is closing.

The burden on Steele Park raised concerns in the Bureau of Reclamation and elsewhere that no new operator would bid to take over the popular lakeside resort.

But on Friday, Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Pete Lucero said the agency has received "an acceptable range of proposals" to run all the resorts, presumably including Steele Park. The contract for Steele Park includes a requirement to pay money into the NBRID water treatment system.

The bureau hopes to award resort contracts by March, said Lucero, who declined to say how many bids were submitted by the Sept. 30 deadline.

In 2006, state water regulators imposed a moratorium on new construction at Berryessa Highlands because of a series of violations of rules for disposal and treatment of wastewater. The violations most often occur in winter.

The moratorium remains in effect until the district upgrades its infrastructure. According to San Francisco Regional Water Quality Board, the improvements must be completed by 2012.

Bart Barthelemy, another committee member who has spearheaded the grassroots campaign to find alternatives to run and manage the troubled district, on Friday said he wants county officials to evaluate the two engineering firm proposals without soliciting additional bids.

"Time is of the essence. We have winter coming up," Barthelemy said.

County to distribute H1N1 vaccine

Napa County's Public Health division is making plans to distribute the H1N1 vaccine to priority groups and, eventually, to anyone who would like to be vaccinated, following receipt today of the County's first shipment of vaccine.

The County's initial allocations of vaccine are to be targeted to the CDC-recommended priority groups, including pregnant women; children age 6 months to 24; caregivers and family members of infants up to age 6 months; those with underlying health conditions; and health care workers.



Drunk Drivers on Steele Canyon Road

by Tamia Walker

This is what happens when drunk drivers drive by my house, going too fast for the corner our house sits on.



The driver's car rolled off the cliff. His passenger was air lifted with a broken back. The driver ran and the drama to find him...sheriff and chp along with a helicopter was amazing....you would have thought it was a shooting (must have been a slow Sat night)...the helicopter found him after about an hour and a half and then he was air lifted as well....that is a pic of Joe's brand new work truck.

"Like communities all over the country, our initial shipment of the H1N1 vaccine is small and comes to us in the form of the nasal spray," said Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. "In accordance with CDC and State recommendations, we'll ensure that those first doses are administered to otherwise healthy children, with no underlying medical conditions. We've been told to expect that by November, we'll have enough vaccine for anyone who would like it."

Public Health will make its initial allocations available to priority populations at targeted clinics during October. A schedule of public vaccination events will be made available when the larger shipments begin to arrive in late October and early November.

Most of Napa County's total H1N1 vaccine allocations will be received and administered by private health care providers, including Kaiser and private physicians such as pediatricians.



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Wal-Mart Employee of the Month

Charley, a new retiree greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean shaven, sharp minded, and a real credit to the company.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a fantastic job, but your being late so often is bothersome. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?"

Charley promptly responded,

"They said, 'Good morning, General. Would you like some coffee this morning, sir?'"

From Barry Bosshard

Sunday Drive: Berryessa Loop

Tom Stienstra

www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=c/a/2009/09/20/SPO819NO7R.DTL

What you'll see: Lake Berryessa, a getaway in transition, provides the payoff for a great loop drive as well as a launch point for boating, fishing and water sports. From Napa, the drive takes you past vineyards and through beautiful foothill country en route to the lake. You then run along the western shore of Lake Berryessa with several access points for recreation and lake views.

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