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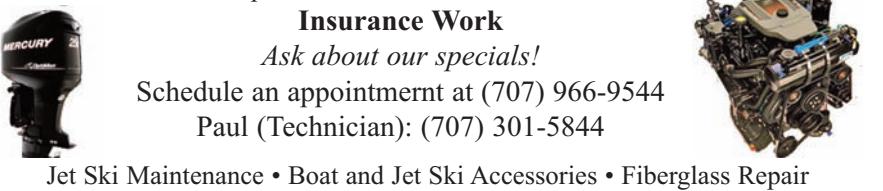
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October 2010 - Happy Halloween



Jeff Parady For Supervisor

Give Rural Napa a
Chance to be Heard!

by Peter Kilkus

If a candidate gets less than 20% of the vote, it usually signifies profound voter dissatisfaction with that candidate. Official election records show that in the primary election Supervisor Diane Dillon got less than 19% of the vote in Pope Valley (17.7%) and Lake Berryessa (18.9%).

Getting less than 35% of the vote is still a telling repudiation of that candidate's performance, which was the case for Dillon in Angwin (34.7%) and Oakville (33.7%). She got less than 44% of the votes in Deer Park and along the Silverado Trail. This means something. It means that voters in the unincorporated areas of District 3 want new leadership.

The total registered voters in those areas is only 4,100, but the total registered voters in District 3 is 13,365. The majority of the remaining 9,265 voters are in St. Helena and Calistoga. Even there, about 40% voted against her.

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, nor have many of them even visited Pope Valley or Lake Berryessa. Yet they have the majority of votes in District 3!

A local political activist wrote that land use issues in Napa are characterized by a group that perpetually resists every possible improvement, backed by a chorus of neighbors saying it violates the Ag Preserve, which really means "I don't like it, you can't do it, whatever it is."

Everyone supports the best aspects of the Ag Preserve. Everyone appreciates the beauty of the 50,000 acres of the most protected land in California. People are simply asking for the ability to improve their communities, socially and economically, in a sustainable way.

Dillon suggested it might have been a mistake for local officials to approve the remote residential neighborhoods like the Berryessa Estates, the Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Pines, Spanish Flat, and Circle Oaks in the first place. Dillon said, "We can't approve communities like these in the future." Strangely, the County is proposing some of these very areas as "affordable housing" locations.

But no one can turn the clock back on rural Napa. The communities are there, some water and wastewater systems are run well, some need leadership to fix.

Every improvement in a rural area is not an attack on the Ag Preserve. Everyone appreciates the beauty of the 50,000 acres of the most protected land in California. People are simply asking for the ability to improve their communities, socially and economically, in a sustainable way.

Dillon is not actually protecting the Ag Preserve nor is she saving open space by her exclusionist policies. She is simply harming real people and businesses, denying the aspirations of those folks who live in the rural areas of the County.

"Experience" is not the real issue here. Jeff Parady has the intellectual depth and real life experience to understand the issues and be a good supervisor.

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their first year. Not as much as some people like to think.

Due to the Supreme Court's silly Citizens United decision that says corporations are "people", predatory corporations now get the advantage of \$1 = 1 vote. Unfortunately, rural folks don't get the analogous advantage of 1 acre = 1 vote.

The residents and business owners of the Lake Berryessa region, Pope Valley, and other parts of District 3 want change. They want their voices to be heard. To our brothers and sisters in St. Helena and Calistoga, please help, please vote for Jeff Parady for supervisor.

(See Page 5 for another view of rural issues - Assault on Rural Life by Jeffrey Earl Warren)

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Committee Recommends Keeping Capell Valley School Property

On Oct 7th The Napa Valley Unified School District Board met to consider the recommendations of the 7/11 committee regarding the future uses of the now closed elementary school sites in Napa County. These three sites include Wooden Valley, Carneros, and our own Capell Elementary. The 7/11 committee, which included local residents Jon Soper, Dee Cuney, and Bob Lee, recommended that Carneros be retained by the School District, Wooden Valley be sold, and Capell be retained for at least the near future.

The recommendation for Capell was based upon community interest in converting the school site into community center use. A group of interested citizens has been meeting and putting plans together for such a center should the School Board decide to allow the use. Along with a community center the Napa County Sheriff's Department is very interested in opening a Sheriff's substation at the Capell site.

There is sufficient room for this joint venture and the committee is proceeding in this direction. A decision is expected at the School Board meeting on either November 4 or November 18. Please check for meeting details and location on the District web site WWW.NVUSD.k12.ca.us.

Regional Water Board extends building moratorium for new wastewater treatment facilities for the Berryessa Highlands

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Cease and Desist Order for the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, effectively extending both the existing moratorium on sewer connections and the timelines that the District must follow in planning,

financing and building necessary wastewater treatment facilities.

The order is the third placed on the District since 1996, in response to the District's inability to comply with wastewater regulations. It has been cited for exceeding its wastewater discharge limits several times, as recently as June 2010.

The root of the District's issues are, in part, due to the Bureau of Reclamation's delays in awarding the contract to the Pensus Group and its plans to build a new resort at the site of the previous Steele Park resort, which closed in 2009.

Historically, the Resort has been the District's largest customer and ratepayer. The Order would preclude Pensus from connecting the new resort to the District until the necessary improvements are made. It is in the best interests of the Bureau, Pensus, the District and the residents that the resort becomes an active ratepayer and the necessary improvements to the wastewater treatment system are made on our new timeline. Specifically, the Order:

Extends the connection moratorium that was placed on the District in a 2006 Cease and Desist order; and

Extends the final deadline for construction and compliance to Oct. 1, 2017, unless an Environmental Impact Report will be required, in which case the deadline would be Oct. 1, 2018. The Order also stipulates that there will be no additional time extensions.

Bob Lee, Pastor

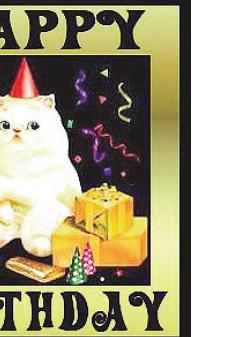
For residents of the District's service area, the order continues the status quo. Because the owners of unimproved lots are still unable to build, the District will have no additional wastewater to treat, but also no new ratepayers to help share the financing burden for the improvements.

In addition, the Regional Board

County recognizes 20 new green businesses

The Board of Supervisors recognized 20 County businesses as "green businesses," those that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally-responsible way.

Napa County's program is affiliated with the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) Bay Area Green Business Program and the



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Rudy Fehrenkamp	
Beatrice Junk	28th
Cathy Parrish	23rd
Betty Pedersen	3rd
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Event Calendar

October 16 - Saturday: The Bureau of Reclamation in partnership with the C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill Foundation) for Kids Foundation, and Pleasure Cove Marina, and others will be hosting the 2nd annual CAST for Kids Fishing event. 8 AM - 2 PM

October 17 Sunday: Pope Valley Turkey Shoot. See flyer below.

October 23, Saturday: Senior Center annual pancake and sausage breakfast fund raiser, 8:30am to 11:00am. Adults \$5.00, children \$2.00. Changed from the 9th due to road closure.

November 5 -30: Dark Resort: A nocturnal survey of Lake Berryessa in transition. Photographs by Riki Feldmann, Stephen Walsh, and Joe Reifer. Opening Friday, November 5th from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Pacific Pinball Museum, 1510 Webster Street, Alameda, CA

November 7 -Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins - 2 AM

November 13 - Saturday: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store

November 20 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Thanksgiving Pot luck and Thanksgiving meal food basket raffle.

December 11 - Saturday: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store

December 18 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Christmas Pot Luck. Mr. & Mrs. Claus in attendance. More information to follow.

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, 10/11/10

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet Lake Berryessa has had **0.0** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.

The water is now **26.11**feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
9/20/10	413.86	0.14	77	53	0.00
9/21/10	413.81	0.16	84	52	0.00
9/22/10	413.75	0.21	83	49	0.00
9/23/10	413.69	0.15	80	49	0.00
9/24/10	413.65	0.18	83	49	0.00
9/25/10	413.60	0.17	89	50	0.00
9/26/10	413.54	0.20	94	51	0.00
9/27/10	413.51	0.18	99	52	0.00
9/28/10	413.45	0.21	99	53	0.00
9/29/10	413.41	0.19	100	55	0.00
9/30/10	413.38	0.23	104	57	0.00
10/1/10	413.32	0.18	99	54	0.00
10/2/10	413.28	0.13	92	53	0.00
10/3/10	413.21	0.17	93	59	0.00
10/4/10	413.15	0.20	80	52	0.00
10/5/10	413.08	0.11	71	52	0.00
10/6/10	413.02	0.19	76	50	0.00
10/7/10	412.98	0.17	79	50	0.00
10/8/10	412.94	0.14	76	47	0.00
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The Importance of Saying Goodbye (Rest in Peace Bob Petty) – by Lori Popoloski

Bob had been trying to get in touch with his son. And he would not stop worrying about me. He told me a few days before he died about a feeling he had that even though he knew I was taking care of him, he "felt" as if he was watching me take care of someone else, this other person. I asked him if it was possible that the person he was watching me take care of was just the shell of him, and that he - his spirit was watching, ready and waiting to move on...but "Bob's will" (not God's) was keeping him here because of unfinished business? He said, "Hmm, probably so."

The night before he died, I asked Bob if he could hear me, he opened his eyes and nodded in gesture that he could. I told Bob that I had reached his son, Steven, and that everything was going to be okay. I told him, "Steve said he wanted me to tell you that everything was going to be okay...and Bob, I want to tell you that you don't have to worry about me anymore, I am going to be okay too. I want to tell you that Steve said he loves you, and Bob, I love you. And ...I also wanted to tell you good-bye, Bob, I will miss you very much, but it's okay for you to go and be with God now, did you understand what I just said?"

With that he closed his eyes, nodded his head, and lay his head back down on his pillow. Bob passed away in his home, in his sleep, early the next morning on Saturday, September 25th, 2010.

Editor's Note: Lori also said that Bob left some personal messages for Jerry, Marty, Sandy, Cynthia, and Nora. Please talk to Lori about them.

Group Cheers After Group Hears Group's Name Called

HAVERFORD, PA—A group attending an event cheered in unison Thursday after a man with a microphone called out the group's name. "Wooooo!" group members yelled in an act that made them feel closer to one another than they had before hearing their name said aloud. "That's us!" The group ceased its excited cheering moments later when another group's name was called.

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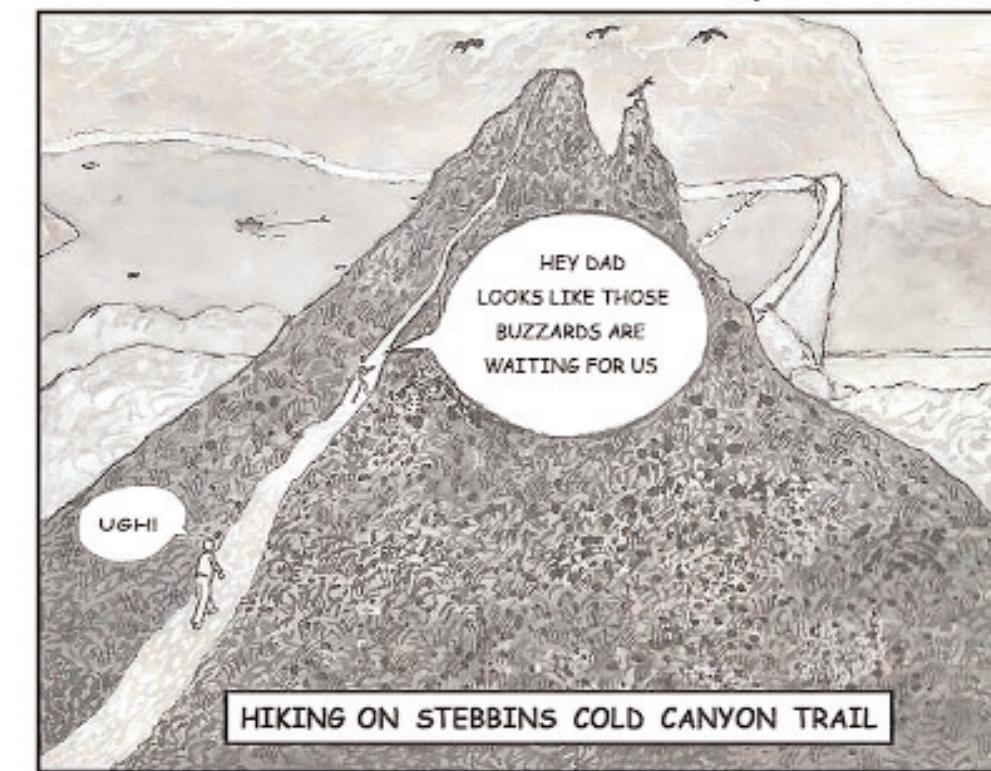
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by Bill Scholer



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Is Paraprosdokian a New Greek Restaurant?

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. Thanks to Barry Bossard for this insight.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

What's Buzzin' Cousin?

By Doug Patterson

After 50 years the time had come. Bill Patrone, a Nichelini family member by marriage, was visiting from Florida, and said he would take on the job. The job was to remove bee hives from the walls of the Nichelini Family Winery fermenting building. Helio Medina, a local bee-keeper, when he got the call from Bill said he would be right there. "With no vegetables or fruit trees being farmed nearby, the honey would be pure wild flower", said Helio. Having driven by the Nichelini Family Winery on Sage Canyon road many times, he knew exactly where to go and he could hardly wait.

It was thought that there were no more than 4 individual hives. Helio brought 4 bee boxes with him. When he got into it there were 6 hives. The technique was to remove the queen bee and place her in a wooden box beehive. The bees, hopefully, would then follow her into the box.

In fact, as the temperature cooled off at night, the bees cooperated perfectly and did go inside their new hives. The boxes were then relocated to the Rustrige Ranch and Winery nearby on Lower Chiles Valley Road. Susan Meyer of Rustridge had recommended Helio and also had graciously agreed to accept the Nichelini hives to join the hives she already had on her own property.

Bill Patrone said that he took on the job because no one else was raising their hand very high to get this done, and he is glad he did it. "The family did not want to destroy the bees but just relocate them. I learned a lot from Helio including how important it was to keep calm and cool when the bees are flying all around you", said Bill.

"If you are excited, they're excited. If you are calm, so are they". Fifty years was a long wait, but the bees are in good hands. The Nichelini cousins now call him "Buzzy Bill" the bee whisperer.

Doug Patterson is a great-grandson of Anton and Caterina Nichelini, founders of the Nichelini Family Winery. With his sister, Diane, owns a home on Lower Chiles Valley Road.



Bill Patrone helping to relocate beehives from the Nichelini Winery. See more color photos at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com

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Too bad no one likes your husband.

I've always wanted to have

Someone to hold,

Someone to love.

After having met you

I've changed my mind.

I must admit, you brought Religion into my life.
I never believed in Hell until I met you.

As the days go by, I think of how lucky I am...
That you're not here to ruin it for me.

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You always said you'd die for me.

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

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Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You will get a haircut this week. However, when people ask if you got a haircut, you will enigmatically say, "Yes, I got them all cut."

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The angels do in fact hear your prayers. In fact, they record them and play them back for fun at their laughter-filled angel parties.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll finally stumble upon a copy of the secret book of the Jews only to find it bears an uncanny similarity to the first few chapters of the Bible.

Leo (7/23-8/22): When your life's work is utterly destroyed in the blink of an eye, you will finally learn once and for all to save before the boss pulls the plug.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): It will take considerable amounts of food, water, and oxygen, followed by a long period of sleep, to preserve your life for but a single day, a routine doctors say won't work forever.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will have a potentially fatal problem that you at first believe the DJ cannot fix, but as it turns out he can do it in the mix, thereby saving your life.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll achieve your life's goal of becoming sex on wheels only to realize what a poor locomotive choice wheels are for someone who wants to have a lot of sex.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll be diagnosed with a rare condition that makes it impossible for you to get started in the morning unless you have, like, three cups of coffee.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Although most of the jabs at your mother's weight are obvious hyperbole, even you will admit that she has a propensity to sit around the house.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You will be assured that a certain item is made with the same quality and care as certain other items, but you will have reason to believe this is not the case.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The stars would give you a horoscope, but you dropped the ball last week when you failed to meet a dark, handsome stranger. This is a two-way street, buddy.

Community Church – On the Road Again

On September 25 when many California residents were out in force helping to clean up our highways, byways, and waterways members of the Community Church of Lake Berryessa were cleaning up a two-mile stretch of Highway 128. They donned their Highway Clean-Up safety gear and spent a few hours picking up trash along Highway 128. In the end they collected 12 bags of litter left behind by uncaring motorists. If you'd like to join them next time they go out, give Pastor Bob a call at 252-4488.

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Row, Row, Row, Row, Row, Your Boat (In a Kayak at Night!)

By Donna Matern

My sister Sally likes to call her many adventures with me "The Donna Party." So, ok, we get lost once in awhile. I'm a CA state parks docent, but a hike I led in Jack London State Park ended up at the Hanna Boys' Center. And Sally's still mad about the time I took her on a coast walk, and we ran out of coast when the tide came in. So it was a great relief to learn that my first-ever kayak trip was going to be led by someone else, a very experienced kayaker and dear lady, Nena.

She and 7 other women, including my college roommate Bonnie (U.C.Davis, 1963) met me at Capell Cove, and we "put in" our one-person kayaks (note nautical terminology) at 5:30 p.m. on a gorgeous Thursday night. We were inspired to make this voyage because of the promise of a full, harvest moon.

I blissfully paddled along behind the group, enjoying the serenity, the gorgeous scenery, and the exercise. After an hour or so, we stopped for snacks, using bungee cords to link our crafts together. Shortly after 7:30 Bonnie started howling like a wolf. I thought she had been stung by a bee or had sighted a Great White, but no, she was the first one to see the rising moon. We joined her in a chorus of howls then onward to Capell Cove.

Again, I loved skimming across

the water, a perfect moonbeam lighting up the sky. Unfortunately, one moonbeam wasn't quite enough to light up the shore, and as the evening wore on, the shoreline became lost in shadows, and finally, total darkness. After about an hour and a half, I wondered out loud why we weren't back yet. Word was passed back that surely our cove was just around the next hunk of rock. I also learned that no one in our happy group had ever kayaked on Lake Berryessa before!

So we paddled up a cove, but no boat dock at its end. Back we went to the lake, and someone was positive we only needed to go around that next bunch of trees. This went on for two more hours and several dead-end coves and finally, at about 10p.m. it occurred to me to be worried. Also, I was tired, and everything was starting to hurt: shoulders, wrists, arms, back and even my knuckles. All 10 fingernails were

broken and somehow my seat bones made it through all my built-in padding to find the hard plastic seat of the kayak and start barking at me.

And then came the hallucination. I was SURE I saw someone walking along the shore, waving a lantern at us, wearing a long white dress. The other kayakers kindly assured me that it was just a beacon light, and was staying in one place. The harder I stared at it, the more it seemed like a person, our savior, but I reluctantly followed the group in to yet another dead end.

At this point it was time for Plan B, hastily developed on the spot: we beached the kayaks at a cove and Bonnie, Karen, and I started hiking. The idea was to get up to the highway, flag down a driver, and find out where the heck we were. As we walked along in the dark, quite stiff and cold by now, we came upon a beautiful sight, a 5-th wheel trailer, all lit up, with a nice little barking dog inside. The owners came out and became our real saviors.

Dave Peet and Jeanette Grube invited us to sit down. Dave and Jeanette are the on-site Pensus managers, the most perfect people to rescue our sorry crew. Jeanette brought out towels to help warm us up, and Dave showed us a map of Lake Berryessa that revealed our current location: Steele Park Cove, not terribly far from Capell Cove. Dave drove us back to our group, and we sailed off towards our final destination. Or not...

After leaving us, Dave drove his pickup to an overlook and shined his highbeams onto the lake. He continued to do so as we paddled part way into Capell Cove, but it all looked so strange that we actually turned around...again! Thinking we had reached safety, Dave returned home.

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As is the case with all my other Donna Parties, I learned many things: always take a cell phone, a light, food and water, and definitely take note of features like rocks and trees to mark home base. I also learned that Lake Berryessa is truly a lovely destination for boating and hiking, but next time I'll do that in the daytime.

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Steele Park Plaque Plundered?

By Peter Kilkus

More than forty-six years ago a bronze plaque was inset in a large rock between the old Steele Park Resort office and the Boathouse Restaurant. The dedication was sponsored by the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Grand President - James D. Boitano.

But the photo below shows that the plaque has gone missing. Inquiries to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the former Steele Park Resort concessioner, and the demolition crew that destroyed the old office and restaurant turned up nothing. No one recalls when the plaque went missing - sometime before November 4, 2009, according to the photo date.

Everyone assumes that the plaque was stolen. Theft and vandalism were rampant at the closed resorts. There was no consistent security provided during the demolition period. Whoever took the plaque had to pry it out of the rock into which it was cemented. Another minor tragedy to add to those already suffered at Lake Berryessa.

But according to multi-talented St. Helena resident, Gregory Hunter, the man on the left was James D. Boitano, an active Republican, member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and former Napa County District Attorney. The man on the right was U.S. Senator Thomas Kuchel, another Republican, who served from 1953 to 1968. Senator Kuchel was at least in part responsible for the creation of Lake Berryessa.

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The Plaque says: "The pioneer town of Monticello was founded in 1866 when the E.A. Peacock hotel was erected. In 1867 I. N. Van Neys built the general merchandise store which housed the post office. The Putah Creek Bridge built in 1896 was the largest stone bridge west of the Rocky Mountains. In December,



Assault on Rural Life

by Jeffrey Earl Warren, St. Helena

We are witnessing an unparalleled assault on rural life here in the Napa Valley.

My dad wanted to live in the country. He hated cement and commuting to San Francisco. He actually liked the smell of manure on his boots. Had he been able to make a living at it, he'd have been a great Marlboro Man.

Though he couldn't be the real McCoy, he did the next best thing. He bought the "Lazy J"—a 12 acre "spread" (for \$1,000 an acre) which was up a mile dirt road and a mile from the closest neighbors. I was always the best kid on the block in each sport, because I was the only kid on the block.

That doesn't stop many from trying to change it, though. There's a move afoot to defeat the school bond because it highlights our Ag Program. Some think focusing on Ag makes us a "hick" school.

Getting to town was a chore. It meant walking a mile to where I hid my bike in the bushes near the paved road. Then it was about a 30 minute ride into town—mostly downhill going in. Alas—uphill on the way back.

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plastic bags before one's neighbor sulfurs.

But those inconveniences and annoyances are the price one pays to live in such a bucolic and unpopulated environment.

By law, we are an "Ag First" country. It is disclosed to every new buyer who moves up here. If dust isn't your thing, or Wind machines intolerable—don't move in. It's like complaining about loud subways or horn honking cabs in New York. It comes with the territory.

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Assault on Rural Life (2)

As farmers deal with this "late" harvest people are worried—some are scared. Will some grapes be left hanging as they did last year? How bad was the sun burn during the heat wave of August 10th and 11th? How will falling grape prices affect our economy?

Despite reports that 20% of our grapes were left on the vines last year, our total crop was \$495,000,000—nearly 24% higher than in 2008. Cab topped out at \$4,722 per ton-average. (Many got Napa Valley average plus 10 or 20% more than \$5,000 per ton).

For laughs, compare that to 1961. There were 9,623 bearing acres back then—around 40,000 today. The crop yielded \$2,400,000 then. Today it's 200 times that. In 1961 an average acre grossed around \$250 per acre! Today it's over \$12,000. Cab grosses almost \$19,000 acre.

What do you think a vintner like Louis Martini or a farmer like Chuck Carpy would have said had you told them back then, that someday their dirt would be producing over 20 grand per acre? Right. The expletive wouldn't be fit for a family newspaper.

Our nearly half billion dollar crop last year far exceeds inflation. Are we to conclude that all these figures show that a few fat cats hit the jack pocket? Has anyone else prospered or benefited in any way?

Go back and look at Napa Valley fifty years ago. There were few families of Hispanic descent living here. Workers, called braceros, were transient. They were bussed up in broken down school buses just for the harvest.

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If we can't show gratitude, can't we at least show more tolerance—less bullying? There's something unseemly about picking on the very folks who gave us the raison d'être for so many of us to come here in the first place.

Where did all the cattle manure,

blood, bones, hides, entrails and Toxics wind up? In the Napa river, of course. That was our sewer.

Walnuts were regularly spayed with DDT. Thanks to the grape, we don't use one hundredth the chemicals that we used back then.

In 1961 there were one acre minimums on the Valley floor. Once the grape demonstrated that agriculture could be a viable economic alternative to houses, now it's 40 acre minimums on the Valley floor and 160 in the hills.

A St. Helena high school graduate in 1961 could come back and do manual labor or work in a store. With less than 20 wineries, the job options were few. Today college grads compete for high paying jobs in hundreds of wineries and all the support facilities that come along with them. A true professional class has emerged were only a tiny one existed before.

Anyone want to compare the old "San" to the current St. Helena Hospital and the high tech facilities at Queen of the Valley? Who paid for those upgrades?

Perhaps most important, an entire Latino middle class has grown up here. Forty percent of St. Helena's schools are Latino. Latinos own businesses, homes, land and vineyards. The un-air conditioned school bus has gone the way of the horse and buggy.

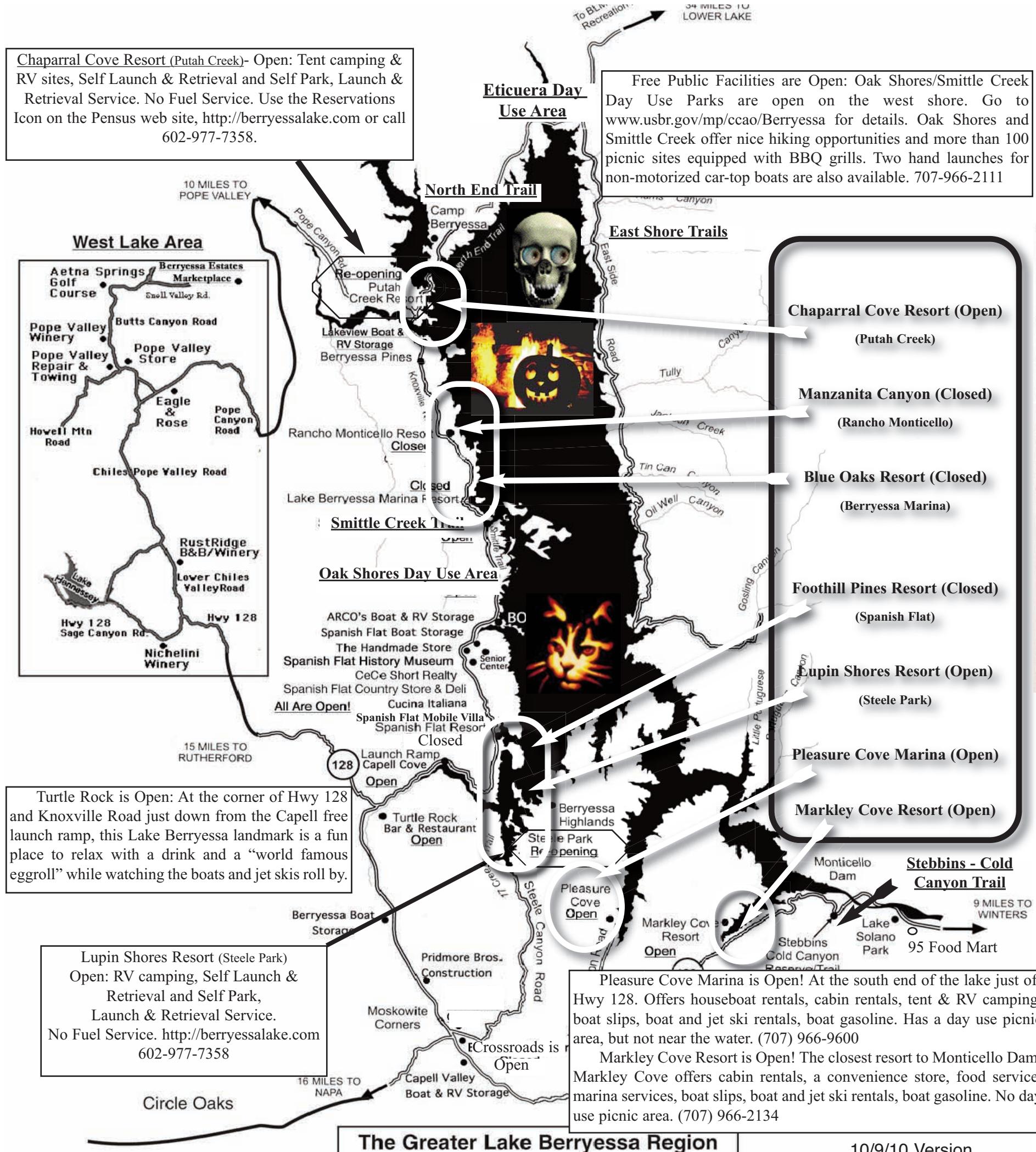
Napa Valley has truly become a land of opportunity for many—yet, many don't get it.

Certain radical environmentalists and city folks criticize the wine industry. They talk about viewsheds, alcohol farming, hillside ordinances, setbacks, and restricting vineyards.

This is surely most environmentally strict farming county in the country. They want to shut down the very industry that produces the glorious landscapes and life style which brought them here in the first place.

Ag, and it's viability are all that stands between us and suburban sprawl. The "good life" we reap today in the Napa Valley comes solely from one source: The grape that was planted yesterday.

Lake Berryessa is Open – North to South!



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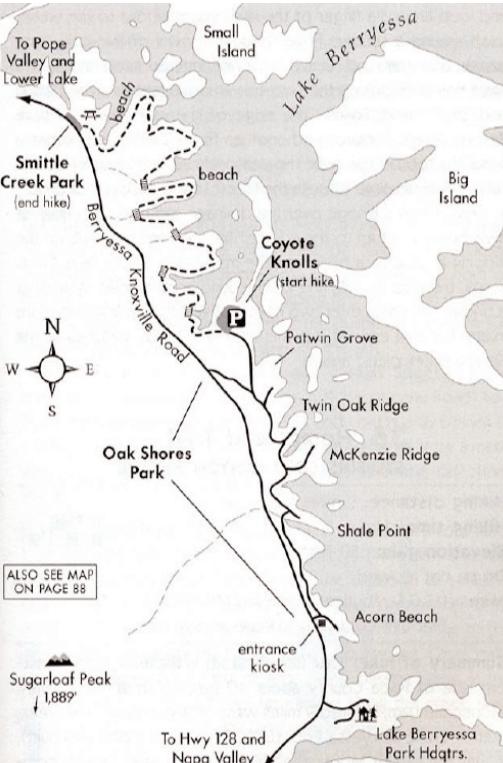
The Eticuera Day Use Area is a short distance past the east end of the causeway that crosses the north end of the Lake. This facility offers a parking lot, restroom and a smooth path to carry or wheel a boat to the water for launching.

North End Trail

This unusually scenic trail winds along the north shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is an easy and clear path with wonderful views down the full length of the lake to Blue Ridge, 15 miles away. With luck, you may see White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey.

Smittle Creek Trail

This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.



35. Smittle Creek Trail: Oak Shores Park to Smittle Creek Park

There's Nature's Beauty - and then there's just plain Nature

A reader sent in a hiking note: I did see a semi fresh killed coyote at Smittle Creek a couple of weeks ago. I was hiking along the numbered trail. It was across from the #2 marker, down in a ravine. I only used my binoculars, but I could see that it was swarmed with yellowjackets, flies and buzzards. There was a big hole in his chest, and plenty turkey vultures eating. They were getting pretty aggressive flying and swooping so low they were hitting the low treetops! Wonder what top food chain took it out? Mountain Lion, Bear?

Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

- 11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove
- 8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowitz Corners
- 20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowitz Corners
- 4.7 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Turtle Rock
- 13.0 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Napa
- 3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.
- 8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley
- 5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park
- 3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

- 14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
- 15.5 Miles - Turtle Rock to Chaparral Cove Resort via Knoxville Rd.
- 10.2 Miles - Pope Valley to Knoxville Rd. via Pope Canyon Rd.
- 8.3 Miles - Pope Canyon Rd. to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 18.5 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Pope Canyon
- 19.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Chiles Valley
- 2.4 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Oak Shores Park
- 10.5 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Chaparral Cove Resort
- 3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
- 11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
- 4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

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

East Shore Wildlife Area

The east shore of Lake Berryessa is an undeveloped wildlife area backed by cattle ranches. The well maintained gravel East Shore Ranch and Fire Access Road allows public access for almost six miles of the shoreline starting from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and extending south to a turn-around loop. The area between the road and the water is the East Shore Wildlife Area. The road provides public access to the Wildlife Area as well as ranch and fire access. The Wildlife Area extends south from the end of the gravel road to the dam and is accessible by foot.

There are two pedestrian access gates through the fence that runs on the lake side of the road. The first gate (labeled E1) is 0.2 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the northern end of the Wildlife Area. Parking is available across the gravel road and a short distance to the north of the gate. The second gate (labeled E14 - see photo above) is 5.5 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the middle of the Wildlife Area. Short trails lead from each gate to the shore. A large variety of raptors and water fowl may be viewed from the trails including White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles, Western Grebes, Cormorants and many species of ducks.

Note: the north pedestrian access gate was damaged by the Rumsey fire in October, 2005. Subsequently, someone sealed the damaged entrance with barbed wire. Until the foot entrance is repaired and the barbed wire removed, hikers and paddlers may climb over the metal gate next to the foot entrance to gain access to the lake.

While the entire Wildlife Area is open to hikers and bird watchers, visitors should be aware that rattlesnakes inhabit the tall grass and thistle that cover much of the area. Signs posted on the fences give regulations governing the Wildlife Area. There are 15 numbered metal gates (labeled E1 to E15) along the public access road. Hikers may climb over any of these gates to access the Wildlife Area.

Note that the somewhat confusing "Closed Area" signs mean only that the area behind the sign is closed to off-road vehicle use. Unless otherwise noted, foot access is allowed and hikers are welcome.

All of the land to the east (away from the lake) side of the road is private property and not open to the public. The ranch houses are not appropriate sources of information, water or bathroom facilities; contact the ranchers only in case of a real emergency.

More Lake Berryessa Hikes, Maps & Directions available at: www.berryessatrails.org/guide/trailguide/index.htm