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Last year at this time the lake was at 416.3 feet (23.7 feet below Glory Hole) and the rainfall total was at 17.11 inches.

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I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.
I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time" so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.
The other night I was lying in bed, looking up at the stars, and I wondered, "Where the hell is my roof?"
If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.
Did you sleep well? No, I made a couple of mistakes.
I intend to live forever. So far, so good.
Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.
If at first you don't succeed then skydiving definitely isn't for you.
Cross country skiing is great if you live in a small country.
A lot of people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths.
Is "tired old cliché" one?
How much deeper would oceans be if sponges didn't live there?
Clones are people two.
If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
I went for a walk last night and my kids asked me how long I'd be gone. I said, "The whole time."
Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
I just got skylights put in my place. The people who live above me are furious.
Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.
Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why people appear bright until you hear them speak?

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January 2018

"Holes In History" at Lake Berryessa: Simple Incompetence, Fervent Ignorance, Malicious Arrogance

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By Peter Kilkus

I define a "hole in history" as a period of time during which accomplishments were planned to occur or results were expected to be achieved but, unexpectedly, both vanished from our historical timeline. A recent example of that phenomenon was the effect of the tragic Atlas Fire on the potential Lake Berryessa revitalization process. Several events important to that process were to occur during October, 2017, but had to be delayed for **3 months**.

But this three month hole in history at Lake Berryessa is only the latest of many that have slowed progress in rebuilding the lake during the last twenty years.

The original Bureau of Reclamation plans in 2000 called for a "seamless transition" from the supposedly polluting resorts populated by evil mobile home owners who denied access to the American people, to the new glorious days of internal-combustion-engine-free, rainbow covered eco-resorts populated by pink unicorns and vacationing tooth fairies.

Time keeps on slippin', slippin',
slippin'...Into the future...

They say you can't kill time without harming eternity. But at Lake Beryessa time was beaten into a coma by a combination of simple incompetence, fervent ignorance, and malicious arrogance on the part of individuals and organizations.

So how much time did the holes in history at Lake Berryessa steal from us?

The first hole in history occurred when Reclamation released its first bid prospectus in 2007. The initial due date for bid proposals was September 6, 2007. The bid decision was **delayed for 4 months** due to a lawsuit by Markley Cove. Selection of successful bidders occurred in April, 2008.

Contract negotiations began in June, 2008.

The government began excavation of the second major hole in history in March, 2009. Reclamation canceled negotiations with Markley Cove and Pensus because of a minor technicality in the bid document regarding future federal funding. This could have been easily resolved. A single government attorney seriously disrupts a decades long process. Reclamation required a complete rebid of the concession selection process.

The revised bid prospectus was released two months later in May, 2009. New bid proposals were due in September, 2009; five separate proposals were received. In January, 2010 Pensus Group was selected as most responsive bid for all six concession areas.

This rebid process caused a **19 month delay**, April, 2008 to January, 2010 -

23 MONTHS TOTAL lost so far!

The third major hole in history began to form immediately after the Pensus contract was awarded in May, 2010. Relations between Pensus and Reclamation soon begin to deteriorate. No progress was made in redeveloping any of the resorts. Many of the problems appeared to observers to be caused by Reclamation's unrealistic policies and poor management. Pensus management appeared inept and arrogant despite the validity of their complaints.

From December, 2011 to December, 2012 relations between Pensus and Reclamation continued to deteriorate with long legal arguments exchanged. The Pensus contract was terminated in December, 2012. Pensus lasted from May, 2010 to December, 2012 with no results.

2 YEARS and 7 MONTHS lost!

At the end of 2012 the total holes in history count stood at

4 YEARS and 6 MONTHS lost.

The fourth hole in history was another long one. From August, 2013 to January, 2014 Reclamation prepared various detailed plans for five concession areas, some of which had been done for the previous bid proposals. In July, 2015 Reclamation released its latest Concession Bid Prospectus. In February, 2016 Reclamation announced that no acceptable bids were received - a major disaster for the Lake Berryessa community. August, 2013 to February, 2016 -

another TWO YEARS and SEVEN MONTHS lost.

7 YEARS and 1 MONTH lost so far!

In March, 2016, the Lake Berryessa News began its Renaissance Lake Berryessa campaign to return management of Lake Berryessa to Napa County. In January, 2017 Napa County began serious efforts to evaluate the feasibility of taking over management of the lake. Napa County Supervisors direct staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty to assist the County in identifying interested concession partners in the resort.

In October, 2017 Another important milestone in the potential rebirth of Lake Berryessa was achieved. Napa County issued a Request for Information and Interest (RFII) to solicit potential concessionaires for five sites at the lake.

Been Down So Long
It Looks Like Up To Me

If all goes well, the present schedule shows an optimistic date of July, 2018 for concessionaire selection and negotiations.

You do the math. The first contract negotiations of the new era began in June, 2008. The optimistic schedule for future contract negotiations is July, 2018.

The total holes in history at Lake Berryessa add up to

TEN YEARS of lost opportunities!

A generation of children and families have missed some of the best experiences of their lives! It's time to start fulfilling expectations, not digging new holes.

Life After the Holes?

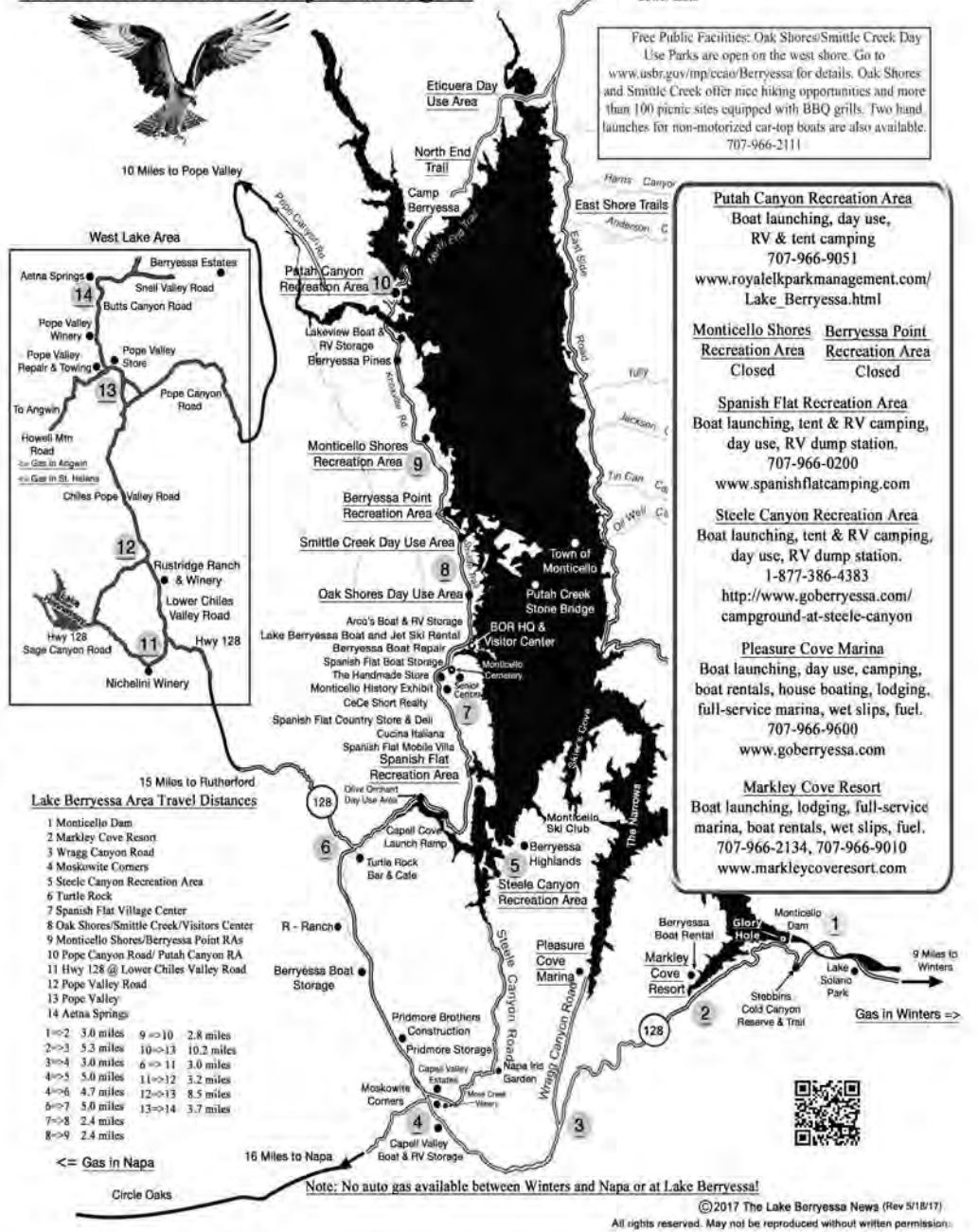
The County/BOR RFII process is moving forward with positive results. The Bureau of Reclamation had many staff members, here all day on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 for a presentation and tour for prospective bidders. This was followed by an evening public Community Forum meeting hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation and the County of Napa.

The result of that day was very good news for Lake Berryessa. Reclamation said that it is dedicated to coming to a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the County that allows the County to manage the concessions. An MPA would allow Napa County to manage concession contracts with terms that were previously not available through Reclamation, leading to the revitalization of the whole region.

The County is dedicating major financial and staff resources to make this happen. Both Lake Berryessa supervisors, Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon, were present at the community meeting and spoke positively about the potential outcomes.

Supervisor Pedroza said, "We've made great progress in working with the Bureau of Reclamation that will renew the vibrancy and allow sensible development at the lake."

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Who Will Run The New Lake Berryessa Resorts?

by Peter Kilkus

The Lake Berryessa News, since March, 2016, has been advocating that the federal government turn over the ownership and management of Lake Berryessa to Napa County. Significant, if slow, progress has been made in that direction during 2017. Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation are negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement under which Napa County will manage several of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas.

Napa County has released a Request For Information and Interest (RFII) seeking interested recreation management companies who would potentially become concession managers under contract to the County. The target date for selection of concession contractors and completion of negotiations is Summer, 2018.

But what governance structure will be created by Napa County to actually manage the future revitalization of Lake Berryessa?

There have been recent proposals for some management involvement by the existing Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD). The Lake Berryessa News strongly opposes any involvement of the RPOSD in the Lake Berryessa management structure.

The Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas are neither “parks” nor “open spaces”. The RPOSD is a small agency with few resources and no technical expertise in managing large, full service recreation facilities. It’s basic goal is preservation, not recreation.

A major negative of the RPOSD is that its Board is elected directly by Napa County voters. The rural areas of Napa County are already at a political disadvantage since most of the county’s voters are in urban areas with little knowledge of, nor interest in, Lake Berryessa.

Lake Berryessa Recreation Commission

Lake Berryessa is not another “lake in the country”. It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting with significant value to Napa County.

I believe a special Lake Berryessa-only commission should be created reporting directly to the Napa County Board of Supervisors. This was the original, successful form of governance when Napa County managed the lake from 1958 until 1975.

I propose a Lake Berryessa Recreation Area Commission consisting of nine to eleven members with the professional expertise and the competence needed to make the Lake Berryessa recreation areas successful and profitable family recreation destinations.

Members could include the Directors of the Napa County Public Works and Planning Departments, members of the Board Directors of Visit Napa Valley - Napa’s premier tourism association, other Napa recreation and hospitality management professionals, finance and contract experts, sustainability design consultants, and business owners and residents of the Lake Berryessa region who have prior personal and professional experience related to the former profitable resorts.

January 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Next week will be a joyful whirlwind of magic, laughter, and romance, so it’s too bad you’re going to miss the whole thing.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You’ll be saddened when it turns out that all those people who only like you for your money turn out not to be very good friends.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You will finally meet the man of your dreams, which sounds like good news until you remember some of your dreams.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): They say it’s never to late to do something meaningful with your life, which is a nice idea, but you actually have about nine days.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You will soon come into a great deal of money, resulting in your arrest and immediate dismissal from your job as a bank teller.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Turns out that while dogs can’t actually smell fear, they’re really good at smelling who likes to carry bacon around in their pockets.

Leo (7/23-8/22): When all’s said and done, it’s our experiences that make us who we are. However, that doesn’t explain why you’re assistant manager of the produce department.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Although roughly 70 percent of the Earth’s surface is covered by water, that still doesn’t explain why you have to be rescued from drowning all the time.

Libra (9/23-10/22): There are some kinds of pain that never go away, but after all these years you’d think they’d come up with a way to get that lobster to let go of your nose.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Love, wisdom, and luck are all strong in your zodiac sign this week, providing further proof that you are not your zodiac sign.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It’s simply not true that most people think you’re an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You’ll become embroiled in a vicious conflict between those who feel Queens of the Stone Age are overrated and those who want control of the cocaine trade on the Eastern Seaboard.

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Pick Your Political Target - The Post Turtle Joke

An old farmer was getting his hand stitched up after an accident at his cattle farm. He and the doctor start into conversation, which leads into politics.

The old farmer explained, "As I see it, most politicians are 'Post Turtles'." Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked what a 'post turtle' was.

The old farmer explained as best he could, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle on top, that's a post turtle. The doctor remained puzzled. The farmer continued further.

"You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while up there, he's elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of dumb arse put him there to begin with."



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Without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS there would be no Lake Berryessa News...and finally there would be no definitive history of what happened at Lake Berryessa. Having participated directly for more than twenty years as an advocate for the lake during the fiasco that was the Bureau of Reclamation’s Visitor Services Plan, its tragic outcome, and the process of rebuilding, I have very strong views of the causes and results - supported by facts and data which were mostly obfuscated by the proponents of the destruction of the lake’s residential and business community.		
The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. Many people ask me about the history of the process that led to the present situation at Lake Berryessa. When I explain what happened most become incredulous and can't believe the government could have done something so stupid: a combination of simple incompetence, fervent ignorance, and malicious arrogance.		
The goal of this book is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. The initial timeline shows a condensed history of the process. The next section tells the story through the eyes of Lake Berryessa News articles. With the permission of the Napa Register, a parallel history is presented through contemporaneous editorials, articles, and letters to the editor from the Napa Register. This book is not a traditional academic exercise in historical exposition. Academic historians define history as presenting facts without expressing any opinion or analysis of the events whereas memories are comprised of emotions that can have a great influence on the perception of an actual event. Critical historians live by the old saying of "there are two sides to every story and then there is the truth." I’m more interested in the narrative approach to defining this history. Almost two decades have passed since this story began, and Lake Berryessa history has been created with every day of that twenty years.		
This book is the initial partial draft of the raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. It is organized chronologically; focused on a single coherent story; primarily descriptive but also analytical; primarily concerned with people but also the abstract circumstances in which they find themselves. To me a big part of the fascination with any history is trying to discover what was going on inside people's heads in the past, and what it was like to live in that past. Download a PDF of the first draft at http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/publications/0-what-happened-at-lake.pdf		
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On a variety of fronts, the United States is falling farther and farther behind both other developed nations and its own lofty standards.	1. The kids are alright: Teen birth rates hit a new low in 2016, dropping 9% since 2015 and 67% since 1991. And Washington University found that teens aren't abusing alcohol or drugs, or engaging in "delinquent behavior" as much as they used to.	
1. We're dying sooner: America just registered its second straight year with a decline in life expectancy. That last happened more than a half-century ago. There is some good news: heart disease and cancer death rates are down.	2. We're more environmentally friendly: Boston has joined other cities in banning single-use plastic bags. St. Louis committed to a transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035 — it currently gets only 5% of its energy from renewable sources.	
2. Student debt is piling up: College costs continue to soar, jumping 6.1% from 2013 to 2016, but the median income for those with college degrees only rose 2.1% over that same period, per Bloomberg. As a college degree becomes a requirement for entering an increasingly competitive workforce, many young people are doing so with a pile of debt. Student debt hit \$1.3 trillion this year, compared to just \$243 billion back in 2003.	3. Technology is making a difference: Tesla restored electricity to a children's hospital in Puerto Rico after it was hit by hurricanes in September, and a North Carolina police department used a drone to find a missing 81-year-old woman with dementia within 25 minutes of her disappearance.	
3. Homes are out of reach for millennials: First-time homebuyers accounted for 34% of all home purchases in 2017, which neared a historic low, per CNBC. Chalk that up to sky-high home prices and those massive piles of student debt, which the New York Fed said accounted for a noted drop in homebuyers amongst millennials this year.	4. Medical advances are helping millions: The FDA cleared an earpiece that may help block symptoms of opioid withdrawal. And Portal Instruments, a private medical device company licensed from MIT, has made a needle-free drug injection device.	
4. Mass shootings result in a shrug: The Onion's continuously re-upped headline says it all: "'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens." And research from the period 2000-2014 shows that the United States has had more mass shootings and more people killed in those mass shootings than 10 other developed nations combined, per Politifact.	5. The economy is booming: 13 states saw record-lows of unemployment this year; nationally, the unemployment level is at the lowest it has been since 2000. And financial satisfaction hit a 24-year high this year.	
5. The opioid crisis is staggering: The CDC reports that sales of opioids almost quadrupled from 1999 to 2010 without any change in the amount of pains reported by Americans. Now, 91 people in the United States die every day from an opioid overdose. Vox put things in terrifying context earlier this year: the U.S. has 4% of the world's population but 27% of its drug overdose deaths.	6. We're becoming more tolerant: Support for allowing same-sex marriage is at its highest point in 20 years, according to a Pew Research survey. For the first time, a majority of Baby Boomers (56%) favor allowing same-sex marriage, and almost the same amount of Republicans favor allowing it (47%) as opposing it (48%).	
6. Our education system is middling: While the United States has some of the world's best higher education, its elementary, middle, and high schools are positively average compared to other developed nations. Data from the Pew Research Center shows that U.S. STEM education is especially lacking. In 2015, only 38% of fourth-graders, 34% of eighth-graders and 22% of 12th-graders were rated proficient or better in science based on the government's National Assessment of Educational Progress.	7. Space exploration: Vice President Mike Pence said in October that the U.S. "will return...to the moon not only to leave behind footprints and flags but to build the foundation we need to send Americans to Mars and beyond." In September, NASA's Cassini spacecraft ended its journey after bringing us some incredible findings.	
7. Our infrastructure is falling behind: President Trump has promised a massive infrastructure package sometime early in 2018. That couldn't come soon enough, as the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the United States' infrastructure a D+ grade for 2017.	8. Neighbors are looking out for one another: A man in North Carolina has started the non-profit ChemoCars, a service that provides cancer patients with free rides to and from their chemo treatments. More than 6,000 Texas inmates decided to donate \$53,863 of their commissary funds to Hurricane Harvey victims. And, a GoFundMe campaign raised more than \$11 million for the victims of the horrific Las Vegas shooting in October that left 58 people dead, and hundreds injured.	
8. There aren't a lot of days off: The United States is still the only developed country on the planet — and just one of a handful overall — that doesn't guarantee paid maternity leave. We also don't guarantee paid vacation time — most countries in Western Europe guarantee weeks — and there's no guaranteed paid sick days.	9. American philanthropy is reaching beyond our borders: Uber partnered with the charity Whizz-Kidz to give those who use wheelchairs in the UK free rides to polling places this summer. And The Carter Center, run by former President Jimmy Carter, announced in October that it helped eliminate the disfiguring tropical disease elephantiasis from two states in Nigeria, where it was the most prevalent.	
9. We drink too much: With alcohol cheaper today as a percentage of income than at any time since 1950, Americans are drinking a lot more, per Bloomberg. A follow-up study done by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism saw risky drinking behavior jump to 12.6% among American adults in 2012-2013 from 9.7% in 2001-2012. That increase amounts to about 7 million more Americans binge drinking each week.	10. The bottom line: Americans are pulling together, every day, to help one another; there are medical advances that will help millions, and not even D.C. is that bad all the time. But, much of the good news never makes headlines.	
10. Fewer people want to visit: The rest of the world is noting the trends in this list. Tourism is down across the board — per The Telegraph, there are huge drop-offs in demand for British travelers to come to the United States. Tourist hubs like Las Vegas and Orlando saw double digit declines in U.K. visitors in 2017.	***** <u>Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed</u> Saturday, February 24, 2018: Mark your calendars! Details to follow.	
		



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 - Joseph Heller, Catch-22

**The Oak Woodlands Initiative:
 An Anti-Growth Attack On Rural Property Rights
 Masquerading As Environmentalism**

This proposed Napa County watershed measure qualified for the June ballot, but all is not as it seems. In 2005 a similarly specious initiative called the "Stream Setback Ordinance" was defeated by the voters. This new initiative attempts to resurrect the previous stream setback goal while adding onerous rules regarding tree-cutting without real environmental benefits.



It then obfuscates its main goal within a forest of words designed to appeal to environmentally-unsophisticated voters in the urban areas where the majority of the votes exist.

Any rural property (and even some urban lots) can be declared an "Oak Woodland" since “Oak Woodland” is defined in the initiative as an oak stand with a greater than ten percent canopy cover. An oak stand consists of **at least two (2) oak trees of at least five (5) inches in diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade.** A parcel may contain one or more "oak woodlands".

It retroactively establishes a 795 acre limit, as measured from September 1, 2017 on removal of oak trees in the Ag Watershed, and requires a County permit for further removal of oaks after the limit is reached. .

This initiative is really just an anti-vineyard move by its proponents. It will require permits for “tree removal” which means causing the death or removal of any living tree of any species that is **five (5) inches or more in diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade,** by cutting, dislodging, poisoning, burning, topping or damaging of roots.

Stay tuned for more analysis as the election draws closer

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Politics Watch History (February 2017)

Napa County is considering whether to take over managing the Bureau of Reclamation’s stalled effort to redevelop five Lake Berryessa resorts. The County is working with consultants from Ragatz Sedgwick Realty which was chosen for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and recreational opportunities.

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. Richard Ragatz has been in Napa touring the closed resorts, gathering information, and meeting with, among others, the Bureau of Reclamation, Visit Napa Valley staff, and members of the Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

Glory Hole Level Watch History (February 2017)

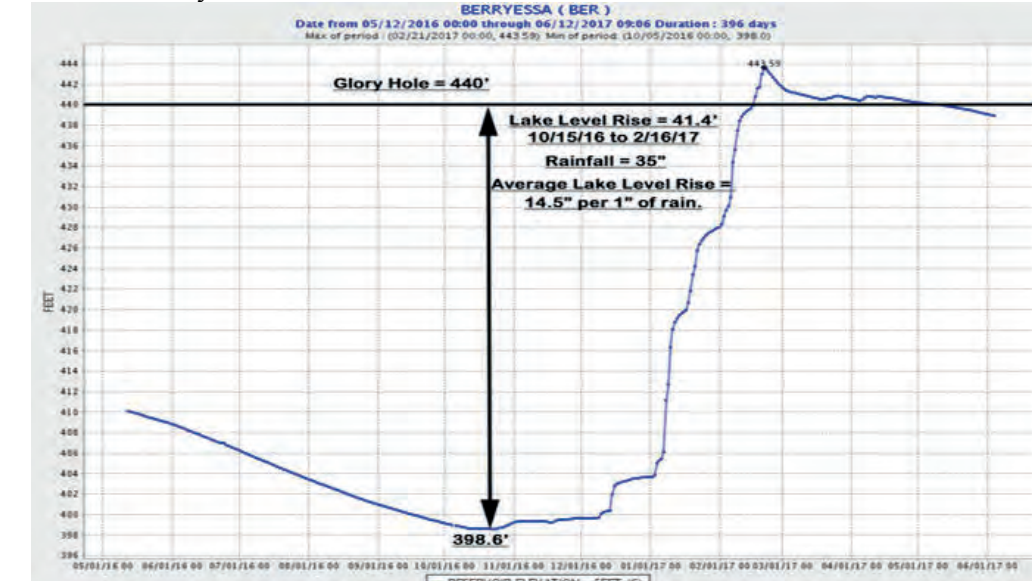
Lake Berryessa water washed over and into the Glory Hole on Feb. 12, 2017 at 1:45 PM for the first time in 11 years! Granted it was helped by California Marine Sports wakeboard boats on a beautiful, clear sunny Sunday, but before anyone objects that this doesn’t count, we were MAKING history.

It was REAL Lake Berryessa water flowing over the lip of Glory Hole. And it was also a bit of good fun the large crowd on hand. Feel the Lake Berryessa spirit after all these years of government turmoil.

2/16/17: Lake Berryessa "officially" hit 439.9 feet - 1 inch below Glory Hole at 7 PM! Wind pushed some small waves over the lip.

2/17/17: Lake Berryessa OFFICIALLY HIT THE TOP of the Glory Hole Spillway, 400.0 feet, at 1 A.M! It was stable at 440.0 feet as of 6 A.M.

2/21/17: Lake Berryessa hit 443.6 feet, 3.6 feet above Glory Hole, the second highest level in history.



Politics Watch History (February 2018)

The County received nine responses to the Request for Information and Interest. Given that the proposals contain proprietary information that may be used in a formal Request for Proposal process, they will not release the details of the respondents or the responses. Neither the names of the submitting firms nor the specific sites will be made public until an Intent to Award notification is published in the later RFP process. Discussions continue with the BOR and County staff will report to the Board of Supervisors in the coming months.

The reason for not releasing this information is that it could give an advantage to a submitting firm in the RFP submittal and negotiation process. If, for instance, a submitting firm knows who else submitted and that other particular firm specializes in only one service, they could tailor their RFP submittal to just barely outdo that firm, and not necessarily propose services that are as plentiful as they could be otherwise. Or conversely, they may assume their company cannot compete with “the other folks” and decide not to submit a RFP response at all.

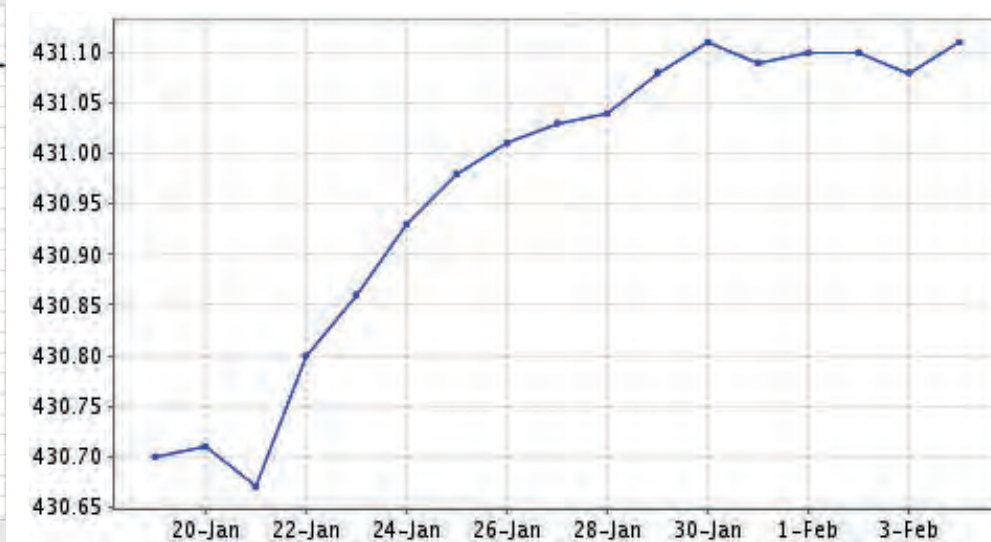
Additionally, if a firm knows no one else is interested in a particular site, their RFP proposal may not be as competitive in either services offered or other elements of financial package offered, as it might be otherwise.

Next Steps: April, 2018 - MPA Authorization; May, 2018 - RFP Release

Glory Hole Level Watch (February 2018)

As of 2/8/18 the lake has stabilized at 431.1 feet - 8.9 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall total is now at 7.44 inches. No rain since January 26 and none expected for the next week or so.

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the lake was at 429.7 feet - 10.3 feet below Glory Hole - and still rising fast. Rainfall was already at 28.7 inches.



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Please Join The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce To Support The Revitalization Of Lake Berryessa

Dear Chamber Members and Potential Chamber Members,

2018 is here. Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2018 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

You don't need to be a business owner or non-profit. We welcome Community Supporter members. Please return your 2018 dues of \$25 as soon as possible. Send your check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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Spanish Flat Village Center
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The Chamber's tourist information program includes our partnership with Visit Napa Valley including our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Visit Napa Valley website: www.visitnapavalley.com. Our own page is at: www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm.

The Napa Valley Guidebook is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

Thanks for your support,

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Communities evolve because people who care make things happen. 2018 will hopefully bring a renewal of our Lake Berryessa recreational community. The Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall is also looking forward to a revitalization as a community resource. Please join the Lake Berryessa Senior Center to support the Lake Berryessa community during this time of positive change at the lake. Your \$25 membership will help keep the doors open. Younger members are needed to provide a foundation for the future.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall offers a broad range of social activities and support services. And this energetic group of Berryessa residents is redefining the Center, both because you don't have to be a "senior" to join the organization and because of their positive attitude towards community action. As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join, the more active things there'll be to do. Community Supporter members of any age are welcome.

Membership dues are just \$25 a year. The Center is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. They have regular monthly dinners and events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the annual Crab Feed, summer BBQs, bingo, and various fundraisers - and in 2018 they'll be installing a pool table and adding a horseshoe tournament.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center Community Hall is an amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd and is available at a very reasonable rent for special occasions. Call for details: 966-0206. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

When you join you will be put on the Center's email list to receive regular announcements of activities and services.

Please send your check for \$25 made out to the Berryessa Senior Citizens and mail it to:

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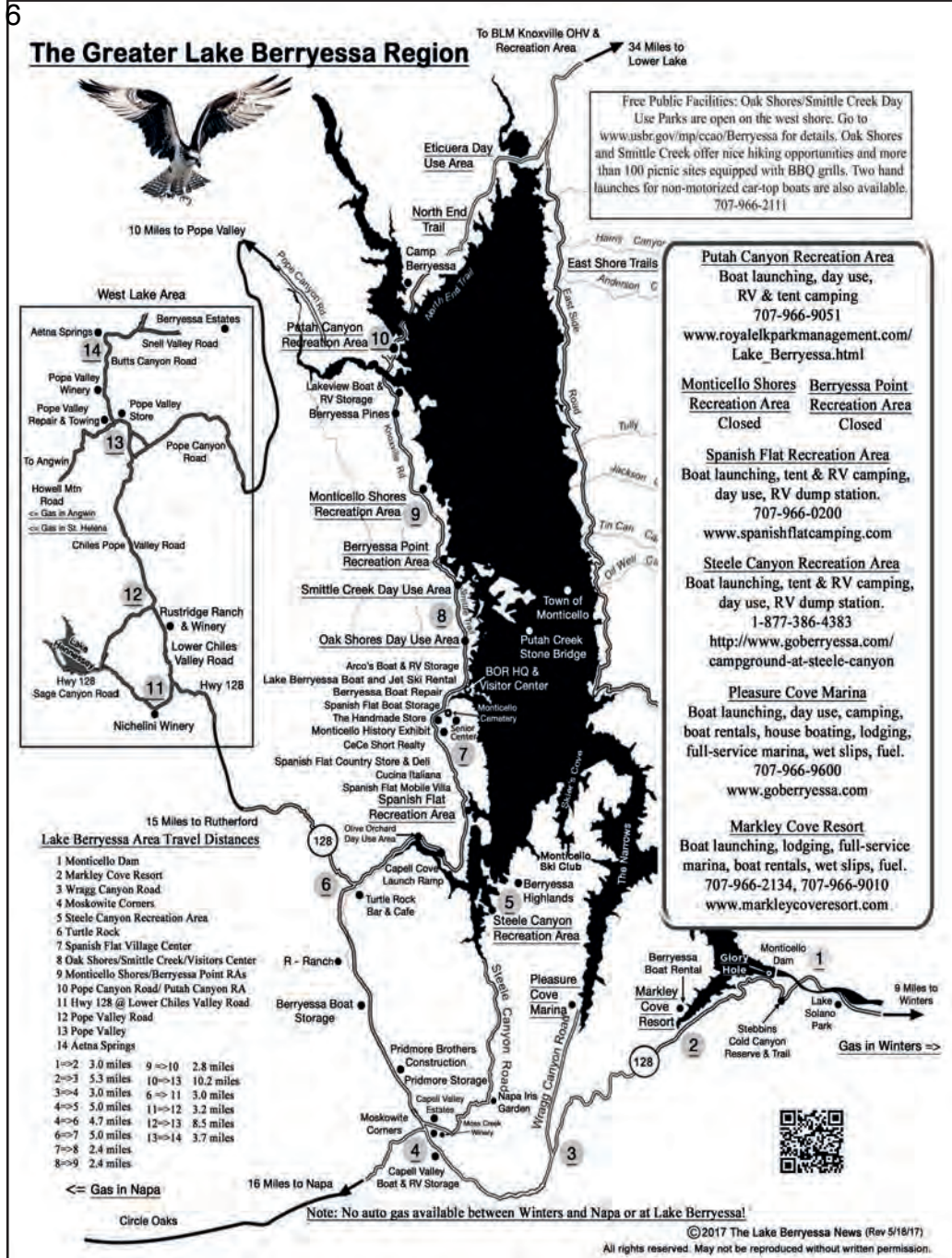
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The "Oh No" Jokes

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"If you hadn't been so fresh last night, we wouldn't be in this jam today!"

What did the hat say to the hat rack?
"Now you stand here and I'll go on a head."

Why does a milking stool only have 3 legs?
Because the cow has the udder.

What do you call a cow with no legs?
Hamburger.

What do you call a cow spying on another cow?
A steak out.

What do you call a cow standing on the side of a hill?
Lean beef.

How do you get six elephants in a Volkswagen
Three in front and three in back.

How can you tell if there are six elephants in church on Sunday
morning saying their prayers?

There's a Volkswagen parked out in front.

(Note: The Lake Berryessa is not responsible for this content. Read at your own risk. Author is hiding out somewhere in the Berryessa Highlands.)

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
— Oscar Wilde

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."
Indira Gandhi

Berryessa Highlands Neighbor Next Door Supports Community

Berryessa Highlands Neighbor Next Door has been active for four years and is made of a diverse group of people. Every person brings a different perspective and voice. We cherish this diversity, but with so many voices, there may not always be harmony. If you choose to express your ideas in forums, here are some good guidelines to follow:

Do NOT be:

- snarky, sarcastic and mean, negative for the sake of negativity;
- disrespectful;
- critical without being constructive;
- Referring to specific people, addresses, or other personal issues;
- Prying, nousey, gossipy, involved in others' personal business

Positivity and Pride: There is already plenty of negativity in the world. Berryessa Highlands NextDoor is a positive force. Be part of that.

Does your post or comment add value? Is it kind? Does it come from a good place? What you say represents you as a person. Be proud of what you post. Two weeks from now, two years from now, will you be proud of what you said?

Respect: You deserve respect. So does everyone else.. Insulting someone else doesn't make them look bad. If you bully, harass, or insult another member, you're disrespecting not only them but the space we all share.

Pause: Take time to read over and revise your post. This might help you get your point across more clearly and respectfully. Never promote or glorify hatred, violence, or illegal activities. Detrimental comments based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation are not OK. Don't be sarcastic and mean. Don't bully, harass, or bait other members into breaking the Forum rules. Don't threaten anyone or anything.

Ideas, Suggestions, and Criticism: Gentle criticism and sharing ideas can be super productive. Help someone be a better neighbor. Good criticism is constructive and well intentioned. Bad criticism, criticizing without being helpful, and being overly involved is just rude. Debate is healthy and makes for good discussion, and it often leads to the discovery of new ideas. It may be reasonable to ask if you can offer an opinion prior to doing so. Don't make it personal. Separate the idea from the person behind the idea.

Avoid posting when...

- You're getting angry.
- You're typing with that "now I'm going to tell them" feeling.
- You will feel vindicated after posting.
- You're using sarcasm or snark to deliver your message.

The last thing I will add is that the vast majority of us use the site properly. I am happy to have met many of you out there in the community face-to-face after meeting you first on NextDoor. I think the net result of Nextdoor has been positive for the community, and it's worth working on to make sure it continues to be positive. I am asking for your help to make sure it stays positive for us all to use.

Thanks, Debra Healer

February 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): When the stars told you this was a good time to start new projects at work, they certainly didn't expect you to put Vaseline on the stairs and then pull the fire alarm.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You refuse to buy into society's petty, narrow-minded definitions of good and evil, or at least that's what you tell people when they notice you're a lousy tipper.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll be doing a lot of traveling in the near future due to your inability to dribble a basketball effectively.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): There will come times in life when you find it impossible to tell the dancer from the dance. Be advised the person is the dancer and the dance is the series of motions being made.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You've always detested clichés, tired old jokes, and easy irony, which are three more reasons why you're going to hate being killed by a falling safe.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): While "To thine own self be true" is wise advice, it was intended for someone whose own self didn't sit on the couch eating beef jerky and watching car-auction shows.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll be devastated by the news that you could have stopped a major tragedy in Nigeria if you had only answered their pleading emails in time.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your eyes will be a little too big for your stomach next week when a sudden, hideous allergic reaction causes your eyes to swell six times their usual size.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Home is where your heart is, and your lungs and liver too, but despite a month-long search they'll never find all of you.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You can't help but feel that if there were something you could do to stop being such a wishy-washy, passive, indecisive loser, you would have done it by now.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Sometimes there is just no way to say you're sorry, but the rest of the time you should probably try just walking up to the person and saying "I'm sorry."

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You try to be a decent person with a good perspective on life and a firm view of right and wrong, but you'll soon find yourself ordering something called a half-caff skinny maple soy latte.

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4 **Atlas Fire Follow-Up: Triumph Over Catastrophe**
Thanks to Community
by Evan Kilkus

In all the chaos of the wildfires last October, miraculously only one house was lost in the Berryessa area. Despite this misfortune, more than 500 families in the region, who had feared the imminent loss of their own homes which in the end had not been touched, experienced immense relief. Immediately following the wildfire, that relief turned into action to help their neighbor recover. And that they are doing, remarkably faster than many.

When word spread about the loss, the community jumped to do what they could to help this family of four get back home. With the combined effort of all, the Hauck Family has been “comfortably” living on their property in a travel trailer since December, with 2 storage sheds, a landscaped and fenced in yard, pets, farm animals, a cleaned-up home site, and building plans submitted so they can start rebuilding this spring.

Neighbors in Capell Valley were able to help right away after the fire, in giant ways. First, a neighbor fostered the families pet geese, a somewhat simple act of kindness, but one that makes their property feel like home now that they are all back.

Second, neighbors were able to set them up with a reliable local contractor, American Canyon Builders, who was able to clear the hazardous material and install necessary infrastructure hook-ups to allow the trailer to be lived in per county codes.

Then, to make sure the property felt livable and not like a disaster zone, three separate times groups of ten Berryessa Highlands neighbors showed up to clear burned trees and brush, and help set up a new yard for the family that wasn’t just scorched earth.

Crown Hill Stone Supply generously donated a full truckload of Cedar wood chips, so in a matter of hours, the dirt around their temporary travel trailer became a yard. And all it took was some great neighbors and 150 hours of volunteer work to make it happen!

Also there was the GoFundMe page that raised more than \$3,000 for the Hauck Family, the donation drives and huge donation from the Bay Area Diesels Car Club, the pile of toys from the Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department Annual Toy Drive, and coming up soon, the Hauck’s are looking forward to extra hands from the local 4-H kids to rebuild the animal pen.

The moral of this story is simple... it turns out that an actual house is not necessary to feel at home. Just Community.

Please consider making a donation of any size for the next family we will be helping to clean-up so they can rebuild. We’d love to buy them a storage shed and fencing too!

Donate here: <https://www.gofundme.com/NapaFiresBerryessaHelp>



Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments
Super Bowl Sunday

Wow! 40 Teams fished the Fourth Event of the Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments Circuit for the 2017-2018 Season on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2018 hosted by Markley Cove.

Great support again everyone! We had a clear & safe blast off with four flights, including 5 youth teams! The morning was clear and warm, the moon was just past a Blue Moon, and the fish were chewing! Felt like a spring day.

The lake is still fishing really well with a jig bite. The large mouth have been chewing good for two months now, the water temperature never got cold. You just have to find the key areas. Some teams had reported that they had a tough day again, and most teams had a limit.

Water temps are on the rise, might hit 60 degrees real soon! Teams reported catching their fish on Shaky head, Glide Baits, Huddleston’s, Jigs, and a few on the A-rig. Most teams are fishing in the main lake and Narrows!

In the Youth Division, First Place with 10.42lbs went to Jeff & Chris Hardin. In Second Place, James Vella & Luke Lipanovich weighed a sack of 9.54lbs. In Third Place, Dario Fernandez and Eric Perkins weighed in 8.57lbs in their bag.

First Place with all the cash went to Chris Franks with a beefy sack that weighed 24.17lbs and anchored with an 8.98lb kicker for 1st Place Big Fish. Second Place went to Ron & Lesa Tobey who brought in a sack that weighed 19.82lbs and with a 6.85lb kicker caught by Lesa. Third Place went to Frank Ono and Billy Hines with a 5.89 kicker that anchored a sack that weighed 19.65lbs.

With a Fourth Place finish, Brandon Jones and Matt Moreno weighed in 18.97lbs. and had a 7.55lb kicker for 2nd Place Big Fish. In Fifth Place, a sack of 18.33lbs was weighed in by Matt Hamilton and Scott Smith. Sixth Place went to Phil Garcia and Roy Desmangles Jr. with a sack of 17.20lbs. Seventh Place went to John Ewing and Dennis smith with 16.10lbs.

Zach Ploeger and Brandon Hansen weighed in 15.56lbs for Eighth Place. Ninth Place went to Berryessa Bass Tournaments newest young guns Joe and Jack Mariani with a sack of 15.19lbs. anchored with a 4.83lb kicker. Tenth Place went to Kelly Oward and Matt Waddington with a sack of 14.29 lbs.

See you all on March 4, 2018 (Sunday)! Email or call office phone if you have any questions (530)794-6085.

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2018: A Summer of Anticipation

Once again the Lake Berryessa community is holding its breath in a spirit of cautious optimism. Nine companies have responded to Napa County's Request for Information and Interest. These companies are now eligible to respond to the RFP due to be released in May.

The RFP will be preceded by the Managing Partner Agreement between Napa County and Reclamation to be completed in April. Summer 2018 should see concessionaire selection and contract negotiations proceeding.

Whatever the RFP outcomes, we are still in a "what you see is what you get" pattern. There will continue to be two full service resorts open: Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina. Three recreation areas will be open for camping and launching: Steele Canyon RecArea, Spanish Flat RecArea, and Putah Canyon RecArea. Monticello Shores RecArea and Berryessa Point RecArea remain closed. (See map on page 5.)

If the lake level is above 430 feet, most people consider the lake "full" (only 2.2% low), providing thousands of surface acres to play on and miles and miles of beaches to relax on.

Summer Elections Affect Lake Berryessa

Farmer Cio Perez pulled papers and paid his candidate's fee for the 3rd District supervisor race, which would pit him against incumbent Supervisor Diane Dillon, who represents the northern half of the Lake Berryessa region. Dillon has been a supervisor since 2003. She is running for a fifth term.

Napa County supervisors placed the Oak Woodland Initiative on June ballot, naming the initiative Measure C. "I fully support, as I did with every other citizen-driven initiative, putting it on the ballot," Supervisor Diane Dillon said.

Ray Pridmore: 1944—2018

Raymond "Ray" Pridmore, 73, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018, unexpectedly at his home in Lake Berryessa.

New Interim Lake Berryessa Park Manager

Jerome L. Jackson

Interim Period: February 18th through April 8th.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, CA, in 2008. He has law degree with an emphasis on Natural Resources Law. His regular position title is Recreation Program Manager, Policy and Administration, Denver Office.

There have been some regular changes over time at Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Field Office. In the twenty years I've been dealing with the BOR, the Park Manager position has been a revolving door.

When the Lake Berryessa News filed a Freedom of Information Act letter requesting the names of the Lake Berryessa Park Managers since Reclamation took over management of the Lake from Napa County in 1975, their response was, "The request asked for records of the names and tenure dates for Lake Berryessa Park Managers since 1975. No such records exist."

A search of the available public records shows the following people served as Park Managers (dates approximate). If you have any additional information please send it to the Lake Berryessa News at pkilkus@gmail.com.

B.E. Martin (1978)
 Mel Rossi
 Bob Simmons
 Eric Natti (1997)
 Cecil Lesley (1998)
 Pete Lucero (2003)
 Janet Rogers (2006)
 Lynn Pilgrim-Little (2011)
 Jeff Laird (2012)
 Margaret Bailey (2015)

"American politics is the only part of our lives where changing your mind based on new information is a bad thing."

Marco Rubio

March 10 - Free Community Dinner

Come Saturday March 10th many Lake Berryessa people will be enjoying a free community dinner at the Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall.: Shepherd's Pie & Scones with Spring Greens Salad. Everyone is welcome. Come yourself or with your family. Enjoy a social hour at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

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March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

On March 11 at 2 A.M. (after the Senior Center Dinner at our Community Hall) most of you will be "springing forward" as daylight saving time kicks in, giving us another hour of sunlight. "Spring forward and fall back" is an easy way to remember how to set the clock when daylight saving times begins and ends. You set your clock forward one hour at 2 a.m. on March 11. You'll set it back one hour at 2 A.M. on November 4.

Historically, there were no uniform rules for DST from 1945 to 1966. This caused widespread confusion, especially in transport and broadcasting. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 aligned the switch dates across the USA for the first time. Following the 1973 oil embargo, the US Congress extended the DST period to 10 months in 1974 and 8 months in 1975, in an effort to save energy. After the energy crisis was over in 1976, the DST schedule in the US was revised several times.

In the United States, daylight saving time began on March 21, 1918. U.S. government officials reasoned that fuel could be saved by reducing the need for lighting in the home. Many people call it daylight savings time. The official name is daylight saving time. No 's' on 'saving.' A standardized system of beginning and ending daylight saving time came in 1966 when the Uniform Time Act became law. While it was a federal act, states were granted the power to decide if they wanted to remain on standard time year-round.

Arizona (except for the Navajo, who do observe daylight saving time on tribal lands), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time.

2 **Please Join The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce To Support The Revitalization Of Lake Berryessa**

Dear Chamber Members and Potential Chamber Members,
2018 is here. Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2018 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

You don't need to be a business owner or non-profit. We welcome Community Supporter members. Please return your 2018 dues of \$25 as soon as possible. Send your check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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The Chamber's tourist information program includes our partnership with Visit Napa Valley including our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Visit Napa Valley website: www.visitnapavalley.com. Our own page is at: www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm.

The Napa Valley Guidebook is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

Thanks for your support,
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The Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall is also looking forward to a revitalization as a community resource. Please join to support the Lake Berryessa community during this time of positive change at the lake.

As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join, the more active things there'll be to do. Community Supporter members of any age are welcome.

Membership dues are just \$25 a year. The Center is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. They have regular monthly dinners and events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the annual Crab Feed, summer BBQs, bingo, and various fundraisers - and in 2018 they'll be installing a pool table and adding a horseshoe tournament.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center Community Hall is an amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd and is available at a very reasonable rent for special occasions. Call for details: 966-0206. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

When you join you will be put on the Center's email list to receive regular announcements of activities and services.

Please send your check for \$25 made out to the Berryessa Senior Citizens and mail it to:

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Napa County Leaders Share “Lessons Learned from the October Fires and HOW TO PREPARE”

The Angwin Fire Safe Council hosted a meeting for residents with a line-up of presenters that had recent experience to share. Napa County Fire Chief Barry Biermann, Napa County Sheriff John Robertson, Napa County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Kevin Twohey, and Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon each spoke briefly about their experience during the Atlas Fire. This was followed by a presentation by Angwin Volunteer Fire Chief JR Rogers, discussing the “Ready? Set? Go!” wildfire preparedness principals, as they relate to the residents of the Angwin and Deer Park neighborhoods.

Angwin Fire Chief Rogers made it clear that creating defensible space and hardening your home with fire resistant building material are two steps that are must do’s for all Napa County residents that live in the forest. This especially is needed in the Angwin area, which hasn’t had a fire since the 1940’s.

Napa County Fire Chief Biermann advised residents that “I would do whatever I can do to make my home a stand-alone-property”, meaning one that has so much defensible space, and is properly hardened, so a fire would move past the home without any fire personnel on scene. CAL Fire successfully accomplishes their mission of containing 90% of fires at 10 acres or less, cases in which firefighters and fire engines are able to get to the scene to help, but the Atlas Fire was “so far out of the box...with winds in excess of 70 MPH, that the “priority was to save lives”.

Chief Biermann also noted that he “truly believes the Fire Safe Council work saved lives”. By clearing brush from along Atlas Peak Road it made it safer to access in and out. As the chief drove up Atlas Peak Road into the fire, he felt it was a “really reassuring thing...I knew I could get out.”

Sheriff Robertson said his take-away after the wildfire was that “We do very well in a disaster. When I say we, I mean you all.” While phone service was down and things happened very fast in the first hours of the disaster, he noted that neighbors helping neighbors clearly saved lives. “First responders are not always going to be able to get to you. It’s time to get to know each other”.

Napa County OES Coordinator Twohey added that his office has been “very busy with four disasters in 40 months, and they have learned from each one”. During Lake County’s Valley Fire, Napa County opened a shelter for evacuees at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga, which took in 1,000 people and their small pets. When the October fires started, they were immediately able to set up the same shelter and offer a place for evacuees and their pets. Additionally, they had plans in place to evacuate large animals, which helped them to “successfully rescue and evacuate over 700 horses.”

Twohey reiterated “Everybody should be prepared to be on their own for 72 hours. Have a disaster kit ready. The government can’t always be there, residents have to be self-sufficient, help your neighbors, know your evacuation routes, and have a contact person and place if you get separated from your family”.

(Photos on previous page.)

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Study Finds Humans Crave Sweet Foods
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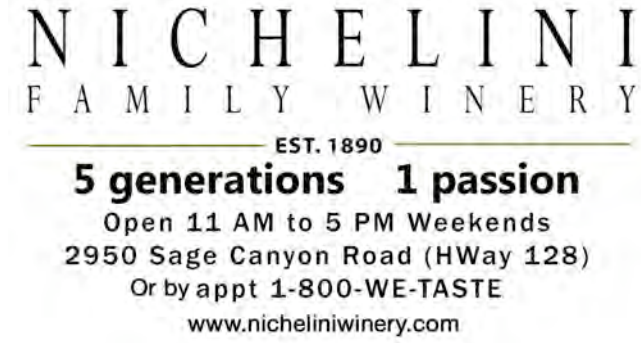
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The Wildflower Show will display over 200 freshly gathered Napa County wildflower specimens. This is sure to be an interesting year, with pioneer plants emerging after the fire in addition to later blooming wildflowers we haven't seen in prior years' shows.

Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa. For more information, go to www.napavalleycnp.org. Admission to Park is free during the sale and show.

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**Baby Names That Have Tanked In Popularity
(and the likely reasons Americans rejected them).**

Baby name trends tend to evolve gradually over time. But there are some names that experience precipitous drops in popularity or just completely fall off the map. Often, big news events can cause a name to rise in popularity. But, as these examples show, associations with controversy and disaster can also cause a name’s popularity to tank.

Katrina

Katrina is one of the most well-known examples of a baby name that plummeted in popularity following a major news event. After Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005, the name achieved a certain level of infamy. According to the Social Security Administration, 1,327 baby girls in the U.S. were named Katrina in 2005, and it was the 246th most popular name for girls. In 2006, only 853 Katrinas were born, and the name dropped down to 379th most popular. The last year it appeared on the top 1000 names list was 2012, when it ranked at 941st. In 2016, only 190 baby girls were named Katrina.

Caitlyn

When the Social Security Administration released its baby name data for 2016, one notable finding concerned the name Caitlyn. The year after Caitlyn Jenner came out as transgender, the four names that decreased in popularity the most were variations on the same name: Caitlin, Caitlyn, Katelynn and Kaitlynn. The name Caitlyn’s ranking fell from 598th to 1,060th. Caitlin dropped from 609th place to 1,151st, Katelynn fell from 652nd to 1,054th.

Isis

The name of Egyptian goddess Isis first appeared in Social Security Administration data in 1960, when five baby girls were given that name. A superhero show from the mid-1970s called “Isis” gave the name a bump in popularity. Isis again rose in popularity throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, peaking in 2005, when it was ranked the 522nd most popular name for girls in the U.S. with 561 babies named Isis born that year. But as the terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) gained notoriety, the name’s popularity took a dive. In 2014, it had dropped from number 575 to number 704 in the rankings. By 2015, it had completely fallen off the top 1000 list. Only 53 baby girls were named Isis in 2016.

Adolf

For obvious reasons, you aren’t likely to meet anyone named Adolf these days. The name Adolf appears in the Social Security Administration’s earliest public data from the year 1880. In 1880, six baby boys were named Adolf. It peaked at 673 babies in 1917 before dwindling in subsequent decades.) From 1984 to 1989, Adolf did not appear in the data. Somewhat surprisingly, however, the name didn’t truly fall off the list for good until after 1990, when five newborn boys were named Adolf. A white supremacist family did make headlines in the new millennium after naming their son Adolf Hitler Campbell.

Ellen

The name Ellen didn’t completely tank per se, but it saw a sharper decline in popularity after comedian and actress Ellen DeGeneres (and her sitcom character with the same first name) came out as lesbian. Between 1991 and 1996, the name Ellen dipped from the 209th most popular name for baby girls to the 245th most popular name. After DeGeneres came out and the famous “Puppy Episode” of “Ellen” aired in April 1997, the name saw a larger decline. In 1997, it dropped to number 346 and then down to 426 in 1998. The name Ellen bottomed out at number 742 in 2012, but in recent years, it’s gotten a little more love — perhaps in part thanks to DeGeneres’ return to prominence and beloved daytime talk show.



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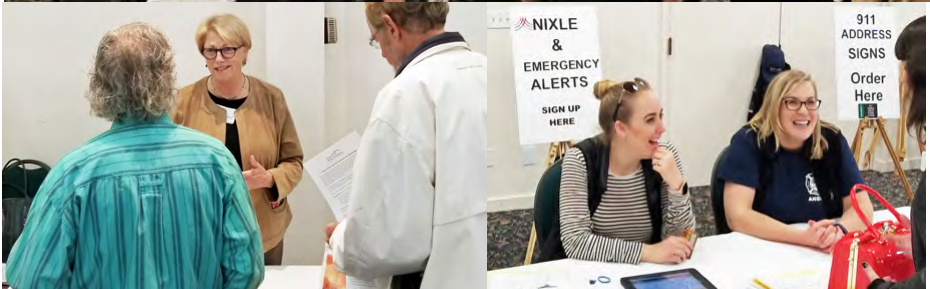
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Angwin Fire Safe Council Meeting (See Next Page.)





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Napa County Grape Crop Valued At \$736 million

The value of the 2017 Napa County grape harvest was \$736 million, an increase of \$53 million or 7.6 percent increase over 2016. Strong demand for Napa Valley grapes—cabernet in particular- helped the value of Napa County’s grape harvest to rise 7.6 percent in 2017, from \$683 million in 2016 to \$736 million. The average price per ton for Napa County grapes rose 11 percent to \$5,204 per ton, the highest in the state.

At the same time, in part due to a streak of hot weather in September, the total number of tons of all grapes harvested in Napa County dipped.

California Department of Agriculture officials released a preliminary 2017 grape crop report which noted that Napa County is very healthy and profitable and enjoys good demand. The agricultural region is well positioned in the premium wine market. It’s a trend that growers are planting more cabernet. Some of the other varieties are suffering from that.

Experts said that they did not think the October fires impacted the numbers because most of the crop had been picked. The challenges to the industry are regulatory pressures, land values, and labor costs that continue to rise dramatically.

Cabernet sauvignon grapes continue to hold the top spot in Napa Valley, with a 4.2 percent increase from last year’s cab crush.

The average price paid for valley chardonnay in 2017 was up slightly, while tonnage dropped. Tonnage also dropped for sauvignon blanc. Local merlot production was also down.

Sonoma and Marin counties grape harvests received the second highest return of \$2,803 per ton, up 8.2 percent from 2016. Statewide, the 2017 crush was up less than half of a percent from the 2016 crush of 4,217,154 tons.



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March 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You’ve often said you’d like a word with whoever is responsible for all the bs, leaving you conflicted when you’re promoted to manager of all the bs.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): 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.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your old solution isn’t going to work on your new problem. Try drinking twice as much of it.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): It’s a terrible time to travel, start a new romance, or take initiative in business matters, which is odd, zodiac-wise, as it’s usually the other way around.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You’ll be pleasantly surprised by how many of your life’s problems can be temporarily solved by just not paying attention.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Do not doubt for one second that love is real. However, your cutesy, saccharine idea of love is about as far from reality as it is possible to imagine.

Leo (7/23-8/22): It may be true that sometimes you feel like a motherless child a long way from home, but for accuracy’s sake, you should just be feeling like a self-pitying jerk.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You’ll never be able to express your love for others, so take what comfort you can in your ability to express a need for more stuffed potato skins.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Buck up: You still have a lot of life ahead of you, even if the good part was over years ago.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will fall into a pattern of self-destructive behavior this week when you discover how much fun that sort of thing is.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The powers-that-be will get back to you on that pesky legal matter with the news that they’re sorry, but you can’t be officially recognized as the first blind person to drive across North America if you put out your eyes just before crossing the finish line.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Some say the world will end in ice, some fire. However, the end of your personal world will be most notable for banal remarks on the humidity.



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Teacher Says, "Parents are the problem."

The teachers are not the problem! Parents are the problem! They are not teaching their children manners, respect or even a general knowledge of how to get along with others. The children come to school in shoes that cost more than the teacher's entire outfit, but have no pencil or paper. Who provides them? The teachers often provide them out of their own pockets

When you look at schools that are “failing”, look at the parents and students. Do parents come to parent nights? Do they talk with the teachers regularly? Do they make sure their children are prepared by having the necessary supplies? Do they make sure their children do their homework?

Do they have working telephone numbers? Do the students take notes in class? Do they do their homework? Do the students listen in class or are they the sources of class disruptions?

When you look at these factors, you will see that it is not schools that are failing but the parents. Teachers cannot do their jobs and the parents' job. Until parents step up and do their job, nothing is going to get better!

Crab Feed (February 24, 2018)

The annual crab feed was a success and great fun (as usual)! Thanks to the Lake Berryessa community who came by to pledge their support and to the great volunteers who helped make it happen. Go to the link below to check out the photo album and see yourself and friends in the crazy crab hats.

Crab Feed 2018 Photo Album

www.lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa-senior-center/crab-feed-2018-photo-album.html

**Lake Level as of 2/28/18**

The lake has remained essentially at 431 feet - 9 feet below Glory Hole - since January 25. With .12 inches of rain recorded at Monticello Dam on February 26, the rainfall total is now at 7.59 inches. More to come by this weekend and beyond.

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the lake was at 440.36 feet - .36 feet above Glory Hole - and slowly dropping from its high of 443.59 feet on 2/21/17. Rainfall was at 47.1 inches.

If the lake level is above 430 feet, most people consider the lake "full" (only 2.2% low), providing thousands of surface acres to play on and miles and miles of beaches to relax on.

Election Division Hosts Voters Choice Act Workshops

The Napa County Election Division in cooperation with its community partners is hosting six Voter's Choice Act workshops throughout Napa County. Eligible citizens and registered voters will learn about new voting opportunities coming to Napa County for the June 5, 2018 Primary Election.

Changes include all voters receiving a vote by mail ballot; official ballot drop boxes located in population centers and multi-day vote centers in each municipality and Angwin. "The Voter's Choice Act will make it easier for voters to exercise their precious right to vote," said John Tuteur, Napa County Registrar of Voters. "We are offering more ways and more days for voters to cast their ballot."

Workshops will be on the following dates and times:

Monday March 5, 2018 5:30 p.m. - Napa County Library, 580 Coombs St, Napa

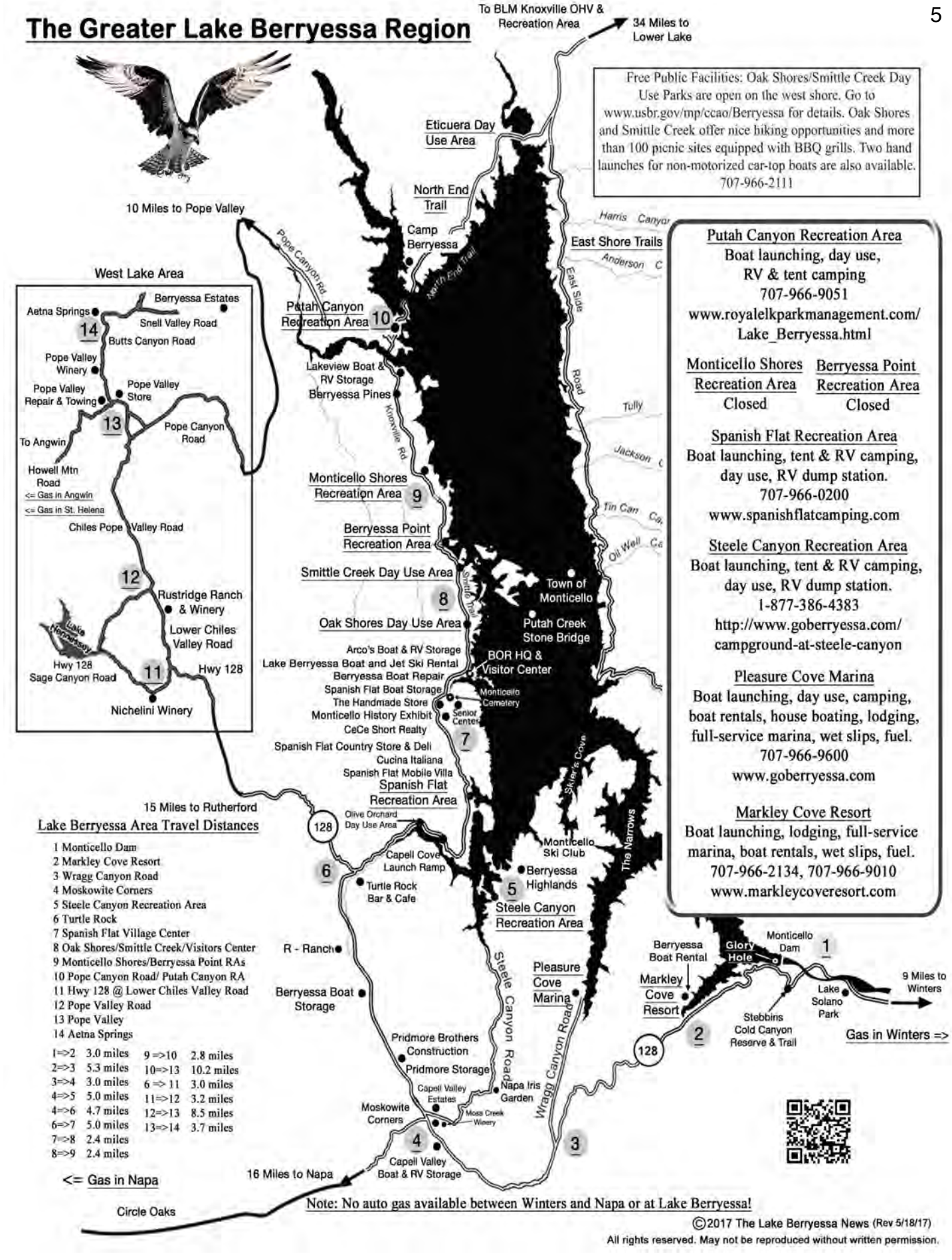
Wednesday March 7, 2018 5:30 p.m. - American Canyon Library, 300 Crawford Way, American Canyon

Wednesday March 21, 2018 6:00 p.m. Yountville Community Center 6516 Washington St, Yountville

Tuesday March 27, 2018 5:30 p.m. Calistoga Community Center 1307 Washington St, Calistoga

Thursday March 29, 2018 5:30 p.m. Saint Helena Library 1492 Library Lane Saint Helena

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Berryessa Highlands Reaches a FireSafe Milestone: 200 Days of CAL Fire Delta Crew Defensible Space Work Since 2011

The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council would like to thank all that have contributed to protecting our neighborhood. After 7 seasons and 200 crew days, we have now worked around every edge, corner, street and cul-de-sac. While there will always be more work to do, what has been done has created a safe and beautiful forest community for all of us to enjoy!

Stephen Gort of Circle Oaks and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation helped guide us and get us off to a great start.

The Circle Oaks FSC and John Hallman with the Berryessa Estates FSC were fantastic role models for us, showing our community that in time, great things can be accomplished.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors recognized this need and provided just enough funding each year to get plenty done!

Each member of the BHFSC has contributed over the years keeping this team going strong. Thank you Susan, Jim, Jerry, Larry, Marc, Evan, Debbie, Don, Carl, Cynthia, and the late Wendy Wallin.

The CAL Fire Chiefs and Captains that did the paperwork and found ways and funding to support the work and make it happen!

The CAL Fire firefighters who worked overtime the first few years to help supervise crews and get the projects off to a safe start.

Napa County Roads, BOR, and NBRID have all been fantastic partners supporting the work however and whenever they could.

Berryessa Highlands Residents, for putting up with the work, temporary brush piles, and burn pile smoke, and better yet for learning from the crew work and doing bulk brush removal on their own properties. Every single resident in the neighborhood has contributed to this effort!

The Delta Crew CAL Fire Captains, for going to work every day with a bunch of inmates, which can sometimes be less than pleasant, but every day their results are priceless.

And of course thanks to the CAL Fire Delta Crews, for doing whatever work we find for them, no mater how steep, slippery, wet, hot, cold, or covered in poison oak it may be. These guys are "inmates", but bigger than that they are guys that want a chance to do right and help communities.

Thank you all from the bottom of our 1000 Berryessa Highlands hearts!



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Easter Sunday Falls on April Fool's Day This Year: A Spirit of Renewal Combined With A Sense of Humor Bodes Well For The Future of Lake Berryessa!

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"Post-truth" and "fake news" have been etched, perhaps indelibly, on the public's consciousness in the present political administration; each of them having been named phrases of the year by different dictionaries.

are resolved before making an announcement.

layout will definitely draw golfers seeking a unique challenge.

to beat other competitors such as Hogwarts.

Silverado Country Club Proposes Floating Golf Course at Monticello Shores Recreation Area

The Ragatz RFII mentioned the possibility of creating a 9-hole golf course somewhere at the lake as a future amenity. Since Monticello Shores is the largest property available for bid, it will probably be the location for that course.

The University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) Wins Prestigious International Award For Recreation Innovation

One of the most elite educational institutions of which you have never heard was thrown into the international spotlight on April 1, 2018 when it was acknowledged for it cutting edge research and design of new recreational products - not your ho-hum zip lines or lures to trick dumb fish.

Light BULB Quantum Computing Department Initiates USB Wine Delivery

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The ULB Genetic Engineering Department has successfully grown "superworms" which are 6' long and approximately 2' in diameter to enhance vermicomposting of green waste.

Malaysia proposes jail for up to 10 years, fines for 'fake news'. The government said the public should be more responsible in sharing news and information.

Fake news 2.0: personalized, optimized, and even harder to stop. Artificial intelligence will turn articles into "turdicles".

"Truthiness" refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true. Unfortunately, the difference can be difficult, if not impossible, for some to distinguish. How about you?

No Update From Napa County: No News From the Bureau of Reclamation

The Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) is still scheduled for completion during April. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is still scheduled for release in May.

Is There a Suintex Marina in Lake Berryessa's Future?

The ongoing process, first reported in the Lake Berryesss News in mid-2016 of Suintex taking over Pleasure Cove, although acknowledged publicly by Reclamation, is apparently still not complete. Private sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that Suintex is actually in the process of buying several California marinas and is waiting until all the issues

Access to the floating greens will be by pedestrian bridge or shuttle boat. This



2 **The Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall**
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The Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall is also looking forward to a revitalization as a community resource. Please join to support the Lake Berryessa community during this time of positive change at the lake.

As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join, the more active things there'll be to do. Community Supporter members of any age are welcome.

Membership dues are just \$25 a year. The Center is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. They have regular monthly dinners and events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the annual Crab Feed, summer BBQs, bingo, and various fundraisers - and in 2018 they'll be installing a pool table and adding a horseshoe tournament.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center Community Hall is an amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd and is available at a very reasonable rent for special occasions. Call for details: 966-0206. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

When you join you will be put on the Center's email list to receive regular announcements of activities and services.

Please send your check for \$25 made out to the Berryessa Senior Citizens and mail it to:

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www.lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa-senior-center/

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Senior Center Co-Founder and Lake Berryessa Adventurer,
Betty Pedersen, Has Left the House.

by Peter Kilkus

Communities evolve because people who care make things happen. Betty Pedersen is one of those special people. When she and her close friend, Ruth Stiteri, took walks they would talk about what their Lake Berryessa community needed. In 1983 they realized that a Senior Center would be an important resource for many local residents, especially since everything around the lake closes down in winter, so they decided to start one.



By the time the Center opened, Betty was already a veteran lake adventurer. She and her husband, Robert, started coming to the lake in 1957 after the dam was built. They and their two boys were avid boaters who spent days water-skiing up and down the lake. In 1966 they bought a lot in the Berryessa Highlands, built the basic house by 1968. It was their summer place until they moved here permanently in 1982.

Betty said that when you bought a lot back then, it was just a spot on a plan. You didn't know exactly what you'd get. It took 10 years to get the Highlands going - 2 years just to do the grading! She fondly remembers the excitement of riding in jeeps on dirt trails so the realtor could show you sites.

They camped out on their land when the family came to the lake. Their place originally had no electricity. After a day of strenuous water fun they used kerosene lanterns for light and barbecued their supper. Other couples bought land at the same time and they would often get together to party all weekend. (Sound familiar?) Betty said they had a really great time! (Note to non-seniors: Just because you're younger than we are doesn't mean you can party any more hearty!)

I sat with Betty at several Crab feeds over the years. When I posted the photos of the latest crab feed, I wondered why Betty had missed it.

Betty's son Ed wrote to me. "My mother, Elizabeth Pedersen, would have loved this. The crab feed was one of her favorite get-togethers at Lake Berryessa. She has passed on this last October, but I'm sure she was there in spirit. Thanks for sharing the pictures.

She died suddenly after being found with cancer right after her 99th birthday. Bittersweet, as she was dead set on getting to 100. The Center was always part of her life and we would have brought her this time for sure. Please let everyone know to keep her in their hearts."

Maybe there should be a contest to see what new word can be used to replace "senior" in describing us. At one Board meeting I mentioned that I just don't feel like a "senior" and Betty jumped right in with "Neither do I!"



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2018 is here. Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2018 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

You don't need to be a business owner or non-profit. We welcome Community Supporter members. Please return your 2018 dues of \$25 as soon as possible. Send your check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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The Napa Valley Guidebook is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page:
www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

Thanks for your support!



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Tulip Popping Up In Middle Of March Must Think It Some Kind Of Hotshot

Report: Friend's Apartment Not Nice Enough To Be Asking People To Take Off Shoes

Proud Billionaire Helps Young Son Open First Offshore Bank Account

Beer Aisle Scanned For Something Arrogant Friend Won't Mock

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The Lion of Lake Berryessa:

Former Napa County Supervisor Harold Moskowitz dies at age 91

by Peter Kilkus

Harold Moskowitz was a great person who helped build the original resorts at Lake Berryessa. As a County Supervisor he accomplished too much to list. At 91 years old he truly was of "The Greatest Generation", a life long Napa Valley rancher, WWII veteran, County Supervisor, Volunteer Firefighter, loving husband and family patriarch who served his community throughout his life.

Harold Moskowitz came of age in a Napa County where he could drive cattle from the family ranch to Yountville. His life story includes being in the U.S. Navy, having businesses at Moskowitz Corner, being a volunteer firefighter, establishing a Berryessa ambulance service in the wake of the Zodiac killings, owning and flying several planes and building a Capell Valley airstrip.

One friend wrote of him, "For me, Harold was perhaps the last living link to the farming community that existed in the Berryessa Valley, long before the federal government ran the families out in the '50s when the lake was filling up."

Harold was probably 18 when I first met him. Even then, he was a straight shooter, right from the shoulder. I know he loved that country as much as I did. He was a rough-and-tumble guy then, and those traits served him well during his life and political career. You might not like what he said, but few had the courage to say it like he did. He exemplified the essence of the farmers in those long-ago days; it was a rough and hardscrabble existence, but folks hung on there because the area was just so beautiful and bountiful."

A friend from St. Helena wrote to me about Harold, "In some respects, at least to me, Harold Moskowitz could rightly be called "The Lion of the Lake" given his devotion. I really enjoyed being around Harold as both of us served and interacted as elected officials in Napa County during the 1980s."

His son, George Moskowitz, called him an entrepreneur, a businessman, a developer, an investor, a farmer, a rancher. Harold's father, also George Moskowitz, secured a county contract to establish Steele Park Resort on family ranch land along the newly formed lake's shore.

I last saw Harold at a Supervisors meeting a few months ago in August, 2017, where he spoke eloquently in support of our plan to have the County take over management of the lake resorts. He was eager to speak about a topic near-and-dear to his heart – Lake Berryessa.

I walked him out to his car. He was moving slowly with his walker and we talked about the lake and his dedication to its past and future. He told me he would do anything he could to help revitalize the lake.

2018 may be the year we all finally make that happen - in honor of Harold Moskowitz.



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Sybil Beeson

Long-time Lake Berryessa resident, Sybil Beeson, passed away on Monday, March 26th at age 93. Her husband, Arthur Beeson, preceded her in death in 1993. They built their home in the Berryessa Pines and established many friends among their neighbors.

They were both members of the Berryessa Senior Center and served in the capacity of officers over the years. Sybil was a regular at Monday afternoon Bingo.

She was born on October 24, 1924 in Capron, Illinois and came to California during World War II. She worked in the shipyards in Richmond as a "Rosie the Riveter". There she met her future husband whom she married on March 25, 1944. They had 2 children, daughter Charlis (Beeson) Salazar and son Curtis Beeson. She had 7 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren as well as 10 great grandchildren.

Raymond "Ray" Pridmore

Raymond "Ray" Pridmore, 73, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018, unexpectedly at his home in Lake Berryessa. He was born on July 7, 1944 in Napa, California, to Charles and Stella Pridmore.

Ray was a very caring man, who valued family and friends above all. Many of us knew Ray, along with his wife, Rockie, as our mail carriers for many years until they both retired last year to relax and enjoy travelling in their RV.

Ray was a dedicated son, brother, husband, father, uncle, papa, and friend to many. He was an avid 49ers fan, and was passionate about hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Ray was happiest when sharing time with family and friends.

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April 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Love means different things to different people, but you'll have a hard time finding someone to whom it means "a profound degree of affection."

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You may have great quantities of bravado, élan, and puissance, but there's no way to be sure until you find out what those words mean.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You've decided to pull one last big job and then retire, although it is unclear exactly how this will work for a trombone instructor.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): You never thought you'd get tired of the endless parade of deep-fried food that is your life, and sure enough, it hasn't happened yet.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people's deep-seated anxieties and crippling fears.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You have to stop worrying about what everyone else says, especially nonsense like "You should dress better," "Nice people don't do that," and "Put down the gun and release the hostages."

Leo (7/23-8/22): Travel and adventure are in your future this week as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay one step ahead of the law

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Sometimes the exact right thing falls right out of the sky and hits you between the eyes, which will be the case next week after the bowling ball plant upwind from you explodes.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll worry about your mental health when your dog suddenly begins speaking to you in a commanding voice, but all it seems to want is food, water, and the occasional walk.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember: If you give in to the impulses to do whatever you want with your life, you'll become one of those happy, satisfied people you resent so much.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It's true that just one more cookie won't hurt, as the volcanic activity that will soon render all your earthly concerns irrelevant has been building up for months now.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Everything will go just fine next week except for the part with the truckload of carpet tacks, which doesn't really come when you'd think the part with the truckload of carpet tacks would.

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I was contacted by Cassandra Herrman a few weeks ago. Cassandra told me she had not been to Lake Berryessa in 20 years - since her father, Bob Herrman, was killed in a tragic biplane crash off the shore of Rancho Monticello on Saturday, March 14, 1998. She wished to have a quiet remembrance here at the lake on the anniversary of his death. It struck me that seeking adventure and exceptional life experiences also entails acceptance of risk. Sometimes adventurous people like Harold Moskowitz and Betty Pederson, profiled in this issue, live to be more than 90 years old. And sometimes they don't! But even those who don't seem to have enjoyed every minute of what they had because of the sense of adventure that defined their lives. I don't recall the accident that killed Bob Herrman. But 20 years later his daughter caused me to relive it. And it obviously brought to mind the tragic crash of an ICON A5 on Monday, May 8, 2017 - a plane I had just flown the previous Friday - in which two people were also killed. The pilot of the ICON A5 was a legendary pilot and aircraft designer - John Karkow. Their stories are connected by Lake Berryessa and history.

Robert Herrman (1937-1998) Custom Biplane Adventure

Stories from his childhood reveal unmistakable hints of an early obsession with planes and trains. As a kid, he used to sneak away at every chance to a local airport, built a makeshift helicopter in an attempt to (unsuccessfully) launch himself off the family garage, started a stock car racing club.

Bob's legitimate flying career began when he was selected as a pilot for the Marine Corps VMA 331 Squadron flying A4's on the Aircraft Carrier Forrestal. On June 7, 1965, Bob joined TWA as a commercial pilot and in a small way the airline would never be the same.

Although we can neither confirm nor deny the incident in which Bob had the cockpit crew don Burger King hats and post a "For Sale: 1-800-Call Carl" sign in the 1011 window (as a snub to then corporate raider Carl Icahn), his distinguished record and unquestionable dedication to TWA saved him from this and other alleged antics.

On August 3rd, 1997, he retired as Captain of the



Lockheed 1011, after a 32 year career and six million miles in the air.

It's difficult to choose which was a more colorful highlight of Bob's life: his in-flight wedding to Kaye in the Eagle (guests listened to the ceremony from the Vianssa winery) and reception on the Napa Valley Wine Train or his retirement celebration 4 years later.

Organized by Kaye, his gift was a cross-country train trip thrown as an ongoing surprise party. Starting in Chicago and ending in Victoria, B.C., Bob's friends and family secretly boarded the train or popped up in disguise along the way as waiters, outlaws, a homeless person and a mugger.

Not one to take "retirement" literally, Bob's post TWA career included welding Southwestern metal sculptures, and the meticulous restoration of a vintage railcar which he planned to inaugurate on a group trip through Mexico. In addition to these many pursuits, the relocation of the Eagle to the Nut Tree Airport allowed Bob to fly more frequently and form many new friendships. Bob's final flight was on March 14, 1998 in his beloved Eagle with longtime friend Mike Bullock. When looking back over the course of his life, he will be remembered for his unique sense of humor, his devotion to family and friends, and most of all, his passion for life itself.

Jon Karkow (1962-2017) ICON Aircraft: High Tech Adventure

The crash of an ICON A5 at Lake Berryessa on May 8, 2017, killing two people, Jon Karkow and Cargi Sever, was also a personal shock to me since the A5 that went down was the one I had just flown the previous Friday.

The pilot of the crashed aircraft, Jon Karkow, was a superstar of aeronautical research and development and had spent 21 years in

aircraft development at Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites and over that time rightfully earned the reputation as the most accomplished aeronautical engineer and project engineer in the history of Scaled.

He led more than 20 aircraft programs and five complete airplanes including the record-breaking, around-the-world Virgin GlobalFlyer that won him a 2006 Aeronautics Laureate Award from Aviation Week & Space Technology.

Most recently, he served as the Technical Program Manager for Richard Branson's commercial space program SpaceShipTwo. He was an active pilot and experimental test pilot with instrument, multi-engine, seaplane, helicopter, and glider ratings.

Jon dedicated the last ten years of his career to ICON and the A5. His unwavering goal was to build a production aircraft that embodied the essence of his love and passion for flying and adventure.

Jon led the ground-breaking safety innovation around the A5's Spin Resistant Airframe design, which made the A5 the first conventional production aircraft in history to meet the FAA Part 23 spin-resistance standard - a monumental aeronautical achievement that was nominated for the Collier Trophy in 2016.

He was a truly brilliant engineer, passionate aviator, tireless worker, and loyal friend. The A5 represented his vision for the joy of flying in its purest form - it was his final gift to aviation.



Lake Berryessa has risen 1.8 feet during the last week to 433.6 feet - 6.4 feet below Glory Hole due to the week's rainfall of 1.98 inches.

The rainfall total is now at 13.14 inches. It is highly unlikely that the level will reach Glory Hole this year since the weather is starting to warm up and there is no rain in the forecast. BUT this is a very good level for this time of year, even though the lake didn't go over Glory Hole.

Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals Introduces New Buber Service

Taking a cue from how Uber and Lyft have expanded, Marty Rodden, always an innovator in recreation services, will institute his Boat-Uber on April 1, 2018. He will have a roving fleet of wakeboard boats and jet skis out on Lake Berryessa on weekends which can be called to shore using a simple cell phone app. The boats will only be available for 1 - 2 hours at a time at premium prices, but this simplifies the rental process for those willing to save precious recreation minutes.

Buber also has an agreement with the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli to provide drone food delivery services (see pg.3) to the quiet spots along the west shore for customers to combine no-hassle boating and shoreline picnicking. Their customer service motto is, "It's simply a matter of money!"

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A county report says oak woodlands cover 167,000 acres – about 33 percent – of the county. The Atlas, Tubbs and Nuns wildfires last October burned about 30,000 acres of oak woodlands. Newspapers have reported that millions of trees burned.

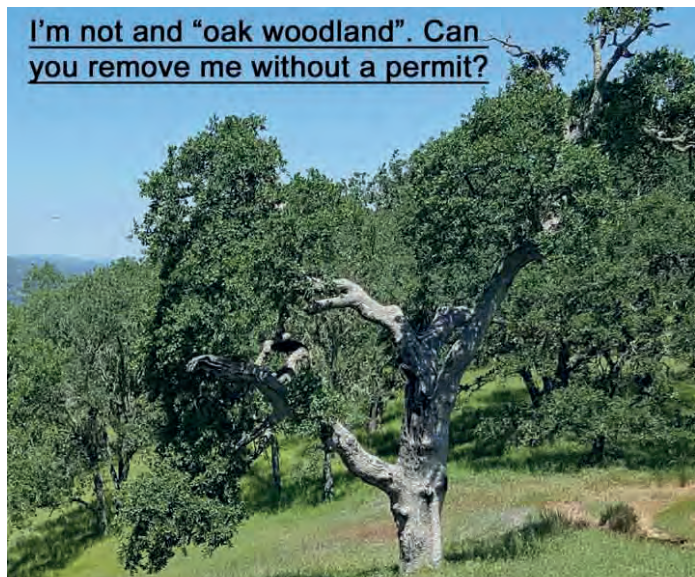
This may be a silly question, but if limiting the removal of trees to only 795 acres a year and oak woodlands are so critical to the water, soil, and human survival in Napa County, why have the Measure C proponents not clamored for an emergency task force to address the major disaster facing Napa from the loss of 30,000 acres in one week? That's 38 years worth of trees destroyed at the 795 acre per year limit of Measure C! Armageddon in Napa Valley!

Protecting the so-called oak woodlands around Lake Berryessa is unnecessary since the area (and Napa County itself) is already one of the most protected in the state. Lake Berryessa is factually the cleanest lake in northern California.

Another consideration supporting a No on C vote is that the proponents of the Zombie Tax (Measure Z), defeated by the voters in 2016, are lurking in the wings observing the outcome of this election. If Measure C wins it gives them hope that they could try for another parcel tax vote in the


future to fund the Napa Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) to the tune of many millions of dollars. The RPOSD has proven itself to be of marginal benefit to Napa County and basically no benefit to the Lake Berryessa region.

Any future funding considerations should be aimed at the revitalization of Lake Berryessa. We are very close to a better future for the lake.



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When you join you will be put on the Center's email list to receive regular announcements of activities and services.

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Fishing With Kids (Continued from Page 6)

Some fish species make better targets for young kids than others do. For example, largemouth bass are often sage inspectors of lures, and it can take all of the finesse an experienced adult can muster to entice them to bite.

Bluegill and their relatives can often be caught throughout the day, and they tend to congregate in distinct areas. Once you find one, you can probably find more in the same spot.

Catfish often take more patience to catch than bluegill, but they also give your child a chance to drag up a reasonably big fish. Also, children may be amused by some of the more unusual baits used to catch catfish, such as hot dogs and grapes.

Bait selection is a controversial topic among adult anglers, but when fishing with children, it's best to keep things simple. Your basic choices include worms, crickets and bread. Worms are the quintessential fish bait, and they work very well for most species you're likely to target with your kids including panfish and catfish, as well as more ambitious quarry, such as bass and trout.

In some places, particularly those with dense populations of bluegill, catfish or carp, you can often catch fish with nothing more than a bit of bread. Squish the bread up into a small ball and just stick it on the hook as though it were a cricket or worm. Bread doesn't last very long in the water, but because it isn't "gross," many kids will enjoy learning to bait their own hook with bread when necessary.

When you introduce your children to fishing, it is important to consider the totality of the event, including understanding the importance of conservation and empathy. For example, while it is perfectly acceptable to catch some fish for the dinner table every once in a while, recreational anglers should practice catch-and-release fishing.

Additionally, as most experienced anglers are already aware, litter is a big problem around many lakes and rivers. Many popular fishing locations are lousy with old lures, bait cups and bundles of line, all of which threaten wildlife and ruin the aesthetics of these otherwise-gorgeous locations.

Point out examples of litter to your youngsters and discuss its impact on the local environment. Impress upon them the importance of proper trash disposal and consider bringing along a small trash bag to collect some of the debris strewn about.

Above all else, make sure that your child's first fishing experience is fun. You'll need to remain patient and flexible to do so, but the rewards will justify your efforts. After all, fishing is fun – you just need to show them that it is.

Don't worry if your 6-year-old is more interested in feeding the ducks than catching fish. She's still hanging out with mom or dad by the lake, a valuable experience.

Just like you, they'll remember the sights and sounds of their first fishing trip, as long as you help provide the smiles.

Onion Headlines

Experts Warn Beef Could Act As Gateway Meat To Human Flesh

Nation's Baby Boomers Hold Press Conference To Announce They All Have Diseases Now

Report: Mothers Not Paying Attention To 80% Of Cool Things Nation's Boys Do

Researchers Say That First Warning Sign Of Alcoholism Generally Driving Over Curb, Plowing Through Fire Hydrant, And Crashing Into Aquarium

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Trump Boys Beg Father To Nominate G.I. Joe Action Figure Cobra Commander For VA Secretary

Warden Figures Week In Solitary Ought To Teach Inmate Not To Be Schizophrenic

Local History Museum Really Digging Deep To Fill 2 15-By-20-Foot Rooms

Child At That Awkward Age Where No One Cares What He Thinks And He's Constantly In The Way

Golden Retriever Mauls 5 In Huge Victory For Pitbull Apologists

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Report: Slamming Boss Against Wall, Shouting 'Cash! I Need More Cash!' Still Leading Tactic For Securing Raise

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Notes from the Napa County Sheriff What is suspicious activity?

"Am I witnessing a crime?" Most of us have found ourselves wondering this at some point or another. However, because we're not really sure, we tend to ignore what we have just seen and, hoping it wasn't so, we continue about our business.

People aren't suspicious, behavior is! Always consider the context for what you are witnessing and remember there may be a simple explanation for activity that at first glance appears suspicious. Here are behaviors that may be associated with criminal activity:

-Someone walking down the street looking into multiple vehicles and/or trying door handles to see if the doors will open.

-Someone taking a package from someone else's property (keep in mind that sometimes neighbors leave or pick up packages for other neighbors).

-A person who is not your neighbor walking about your neighbor's home and looking into windows, or trying to gain access by forcing open a window or door.

-A person knocking on your door and asking to speak with someone who does not live there and who may also go to other homes knocking on doors. This is a tactic used by people with the intent to burglarize to see if people are home. (Keep in mind that people may mistakenly go to the wrong home.)

-Someone claiming to represent a utility company who is either not wearing a uniform, does not produce identification upon request, or does not have a company logo vehicle.

-Someone using binoculars or other devices to peer into your or your neighbors' homes.

-At night, a person sitting inside a vehicle that you do not recognize with the lights off for extended period of time.

-A pushy salesperson not producing identification upon your request or asking to come into your home.

-A vehicle you do not recognize that is circling multiple times around the neighborhood.

Remember, if you think that a crime may be occurring, or that the safety of you or your neighbors may be at risk, don't hesitate to call 911. You shouldn't worry about using up police time. Calls to 911 will be prioritized based on availability of law enforcement. Your call could be the one that lets us put a stop to the break-ins or a crime streak in your neighborhood. We are happy to check things out!

Taking Children on Their First Lake Berryessa Fishing Trip By Ben Team

Few memories last as long as those surrounding your first fishing trip (family's first RV trip maybe?). You probably still remember the sights, sounds and smiles of the occasion vividly, and you probably look back on the outing fondly. Now, so many years later, it is time to introduce your children to angling.

You certainly don't have to do anything fancy to introduce children to the sport, but it helps to have a good game plan in place. After all, you may be introducing your children to a lifelong hobby, and you want to get started on the right foot.

Anglers often enjoy using the most complicated and nuanced tackle and presentations possible or advanced technology like fishfinders in pursuit of their quarry, but this is obviously not a good idea for youngsters. When fishing with kids, simplicity is the name of the game. This means that it is best to use cane poles or spinning and spincasting reels instead of bait-casting gear or other complicated systems.

You should probably start young children out by fishing with a bobber and live bait, instead of lures, which is more likely to become snagged on the bottom, and will take some skill to cast and retrieve properly. Additionally, kids will often appreciate being able to see their float bounce and bob around in the water, rather than trying to use a submersible lure, which requires them to feel and interpret the location of the bait.

To fish this way, you'll need a pole strung with lightweight (4- to 8-pound-test will suffice) fishing line. To this, you'll need to attach a float or bobber, with a small hook (#8 to #12) tied to the end of the line. Live bait of your choice can then be threaded on the hook. Sometimes, you may need to attach a bit of split shot to the line between the bobber and the hook, to keep the bait from floating up in the water.

Remember that your youngster may not be comfortable wielding a standard fishing rod, so consider using down-sized gear. This will make it easier for them to cast and retrieve their lure, as well as land any fish they manage to hook.

When you are heading out to fish with the kids, try to select a place that will suit them best. Typically, this means a place with a long, open stretch of bank or a roomy dock; if you have access to a boat, you have more flexibility, but you still want to select a location that will work best for the kids.

Remember that children have short attention spans and fishing is an activity that requires patience. The best way to keep them focused on the task at hand is to catch fish; kids won't enjoy staring at a float for very long unless they are getting nibbles. Accordingly, you should target easy-to-catch species and try to fish in locations that are full of them. Finally, don't forget that children will need easy access to a bathroom, and they'll probably want drinks and snacks during the outing. (Continued on Pg..7)

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May 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your life will soon cross the line from comedy to tragedy, sending an entirely different group of people into gales of laughter.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You'll slowly start to see the value of improving communication in all your relationships, if only to better understand what the frantic firemen are trying to tell you.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll finally learn you can't run away from your problems, but you haven't given up on escaping by donning a clever disguise and hiding in a crowded restaurant.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Mars rising in your sign usually indicates increased conflict in life, but in this case it means the orbital plane of Earth has shifted and we are all about to die.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): It turns out you're the reason your sign is associated with daring, free-spirited people who like to borrow whole seasons of shows on DVD and not give them back.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll provide much-needed insight and deep wisdom when you loudly proclaim that those politicians are just a bunch of crooks in front of the whole bar.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Expect little change from last week, aside from the marauding badgers growing rudimentary thumbs and learning to use chipped flint tools.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your crude and primitive sense of humor will offend lots of people, but just wait until they get a look at your crude and primitive sense of justice.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The Virgin Mary will appear in a dream and tell you to go forth in the world to help the poor and needy, causing you to wake up screaming in a cold sweat.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You're good at thinking on your feet, which means next week's encounter with the bear trap will leave you somewhat dull-witted in addition to everything else.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll learn the value of patience, compassion, and tolerance next week and be rather disappointed that it's actually so low.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You used to think you were pretty dark on the inside, but a run-in with a pavement saw will prove there's plenty of purple, green, and translucent bits in you too.




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Pity the nation...

by Lawrence Ferlinghetti (2007)

Pity the nation whose people are sheep,
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Pity the nation whose leaders are liars,
whose sages are silenced,
and whose bigots haunt the airwaves.

Pity the nation that raises not its voice,
except to praise conquerors and
acclaim the bully as hero
and aims to rule the world
with force and by torture.

Pity the nation that knows no other
language but its own
and no other culture but its own.

Pity the nation whose breath is money
and sleeps the sleep of the too well fed.

Pity the nation — oh, pity the people who allow
their rights to erode and
their freedoms to be washed away.

My country, tears of thee, sweet land of liberty.

Ode to Politics

Since when is a frank admission of vice considered a virtue? (v1)

Why should there be some sort of virtue always attributed to a frank admission of vice? (v2)

Oscar Wilde

4 **2018 Recreation Season Begins at Lake Berryessa**

Starting April 1, 2018, Park Rangers will staff the Dufer Point Visitor Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Stop-in with your questions about visiting the lake, volunteering with our new birding program, or upcoming events.

The north end of Oak Shores Day Use Area will re-open for day use on April 1. Oak Shores opens daily at 7:30 a.m. throughout the year and is free of charge. Both child and adult-sized life jackets are available for the public to borrow, free of charge, from Oak Shores Day Use Area.

Closing hours will gradually increase as follows:

April 1- May 4: 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 p.m. weekends.
May 5- September 30: 8 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

Capell Cove Boat Launch will be open from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Beginning May 1, 2018, Oak Shores Day Use Area offers six large group shade shelters at Acorn Beach, Foxtail Flat and Coyote Beach. Group shelters can be reserved for groups of up to 50 for \$25, per shelter per day, at <http://www.recreation.gov>. For more information, or to organize a larger event, please contact the Lake Berryessa Park Ranger Office at 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

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For those boating this year, familiarize yourself with the California Boater Card program. As of January 2018, boaters 20 years of age and under are required to possess a valid vessel operator card. Boaters may apply for the \$10 card from the California Division of Boating and Waterways at: <http://californiaboardercard.com/appllynow/>.

All Coast Guard and State of California rules for navigation and boat operation apply and are strictly enforced by the Napa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on preparing for a successful day on the water, read the Division of Boating and Waterways ABCs of California Boating which can be found at https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28711.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that up to 70 percent of adult and adolescent water recreation deaths are alcohol related. Sun exposure and heat compound to intensify alcohol's effect on balance, coordination and judgement, so please use caution. For more details: <https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecrationalafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>.

Campfires are only permitted within campfire rings in established campgrounds. Personal charcoal barbecue grills are not allowed anywhere at Lake Berryessa. Those wishing to barbecue with charcoal must use the grills provided in established campgrounds and Day Use Areas. For more information on safely using campfires and barbecues this year, please visit: <http://www.preventwildfireca.org>.

Reclamation is looking for motivated individuals to join our team of employees and volunteers who keep Lake Berryessa running throughout the year. Look for our job and volunteer announcements throughout the year at www.usajobs.gov and www.volunteer.gov.

30 Years Ago in the Lake Berryessa News
by Bill White (1988)

If it ain't true, it oughta be...

I remember my father (William C. White retired park ranger from the Berryessa boat patrol) telling the story several times about boaters on Lake Berryessa saying that when the lake levels are low you can still see the old church steeple protruding from the lake water. One fisherman even said that he had tied his boat off to the old steeple and fished away the afternoon.

Well let's straighten this out once and for all. There is no Church under Lake Berryessa. There was no Church in Monticello. Regardless, everything over six inches high was knocked down and burned before the valley was flooded. It is just a tall tale...Folklore of the area.

Why, I remember back in 1969 I was scuba diving in the area of the Monticello Dam and saw catfish the size of Volkswagens in that deep dark water.

It's true!

Recently I met a tourist fisherman at a local tavern and told him of seeing those big catfish which I swore to him weighed at least 150 lbs. The tourist then told me that he too was a scuba diver and that just that day he had been at the old church steeple diving down into the old town of Monticello.

The tourist said he had actually swum into the old general store there and was amazed at how everything was still in place after all these years. He said it was just as if the townsfolk had just walked away from it leaving all in place. He noted that even a kerosene lamp was sitting on a table in the store and after three decades the lamp was still burning!

After regaining my composure, I told him that if he would turn off that kerosene lamp I would cut 245 lbs. off the catfish I saw. He said he would.

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"I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability." Oscar Wilde

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The Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall Needs Your Vote!
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Who's a Senior. What's a Senior?
By Peter Kilkus

One of my favorite sayings is: You don't stop playing because you get old, you get old because you stop playing!

While insurance adjusters, health care planners, and social security analysts note with trepidation our lengthening life expectancy, and leisure industries scramble to cater to bored retirees, many of us realize that there is still important, but different, work for "elders" to do.

What is old age for? Anthropological studies conclude that old age is humanity's greatest invention! On a deeper level old age invented us. It propelled the development of culture, language, and society. A million years ago on the plains of Africa, the first grandmother helped her daughter and grandchildren survive. The deliberate enlistment of grandparents into the work of rearing the young stands as a defining characteristic of human beings.

An African proverb says, "The death of an old person is like the loss of a library". Our growing number of elders represents an unprecedented windfall to society. Older adults have always made important contributions to the young of their families and communities.

For those of you who remember the trauma of turning 30 during the "don't trust anyone over 30" days of the 60s, the turning 60 birthday in the 21st century may feel even worse. But almost no one I know says they feel like a "senior" even though they may be well over 60. I've asked younger people to join the Center and they've said, "I can't (translated as "I don't want to") because I'm not a "senior". "Senior" has gotten a bad reputation as "old and decrepit" in too many people's minds.

Maybe there should be a contest to see what new word can be used to replace "senior". At one Center Board meeting years ago I mentioned that I just don't feel like a "senior" and Betty Pedersen, who was 83 at the time, an adventurer and co-founder of the Center 34 years ago, jumped right in with "Neither do I!"

"Older Adult" is currently the most politically correct term. Maybe we should say "Super Adult" instead of "Senior Citizen"?

So how can we translate philosophy into action at Lake Berryessa? By joining the Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall - no matter what your age.

The Center is committed to providing older adults, families and children with a friendly, supportive environment for social interaction, recreational activities, educational opportunities, community involvement, and access to public services. And it is the only full-service meeting and event facility in eastern Napa County.

May 2018 was Older Americans Month and the theme, "Engage at Every Age", emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities. Older people are actively participating in life far longer and with robust energy.

The Center is embarking on a Membership Drive and several fundraising activities to revitalize our local community. We lost ten years - almost a whole generation - of family recreation at Lake Berryessa. We lost our school and most businesses. The thriving resorts have devolved into basic dirt camping facilities. The Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall can be a core element in the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa community. But we need your help.

Membership Drive

It doesn't matter whether you live in St. Helena or Santa Clara, Berryessa Highlands or Belmont, Napa or Novato - people came from all around the Bay Area, Sacramento and beyond to enjoy Lake Berryessa. Your membership is your vote for the Center's success.

Please join the Lake Berryessa Senior Center to support the Lake Berryessa community during this time of positive change at the lake. There is no age requirement to become a community support member. Families and children are welcome.

Send your contact information and a check for \$25 per person (children are free) made out to Berryessa Senior Citizens and mail it to:

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Fundraising

The Center has been losing money for several years and we wish to stop that trend with an aggressive fund raising program. We want our "Operations and Maintenance" fund to increase its income and assets dramatically by the end of 2018. Again, we will need your help and participation to do this.


Matching Fund Grant

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Let's get this rolling. Please send your donation - large or small - with a check made out to Berryessa Senior Citizens, Inc. (Please specify whether this is check for membership dues or for the matching donation challenge.) and mail it to:

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My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."
She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA.

He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

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Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go On Vacation

I just got back from a diving trip to Mexico. Unfortunately I brought back six extra pounds with me! If you wish to see the sad state of human health, spend some time people-watching in an airport. It was shocking to see how many fat people there are lumbering through the hallways. At least 60% of the people are seriously fat or obese. I wasn't sure how some of them fit into their airplane seats.

Don't let that stop you from going on a well-deserved vacation, but simply be aware of your health when you choose to have another margarita (and maybe hike down the beach first). Metabolic Syndrome and BMI are two medical ways you can evaluate your own personal situation.

Metabolic syndrome is a serious health condition that affects adults and places them at higher risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke and diseases related to fatty buildups in artery walls. The underlying causes of metabolic syndrome include overweight and obesity, physical inactivity, genetic factors and getting older. In recent years this syndrome has become much more common in the United States. About 34 percent of adult Americans are estimated to have it. Risk of developing metabolic syndrome increases as we age.

The Body Mass Index (BMI) is a quick, easy and efficient screening tool to identify weight problems in adults. While BMI is a strong indicator of body fat percentage, it can vary for age, race and sex. It is important to note that the BMI should only be utilized as a screening tool and is not in and of itself, diagnostic. For example, older people tend to have more body fat than those who are younger, and women tend to have more body fat than men.

Overall, learning your BMI is a great starting point for a discussion of your health goals with your physician. Body Mass Index calculates a person's fat level by using a complex mathematical formula based on an individual's height and weight. The chart below, created with information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, highlights BMI scores and their correlating weight status.

Below 18.5 BMI - Underweight

18.5 – 24.9 BMI - Normal

25.0 – 29.9 BMI - Overweight

30.0 & up BMI - Obese

Results for a man 6' 2" tall: 190 pounds –

24.4 BMI - Normal

200 pounds – 25.7 BMI - Overweight

210 pounds – 27.0 BMI - Overweight

220 pounds – 28.2 BMI - Overweight

230 pounds – 29.5 BMI - Overweight

240 pounds – 30.8 BMI - Obese

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Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible. Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water.

Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally "hemotoxic" which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours. The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

Effects depend on the amount of venom injected. Approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

Spring is the period of greatest activity. Emerging from winter hibernation, they are hungry and looking for mates, as this is also the breeding season. During this time they will eat prodigiously, look for females to court, and will battle competing males. During these times of stress, and when trying to eat and when in their opaque stage several days before they are ready to shed, they are most likely to act in an aggressive manner when disturbed.

It is mistakenly believed that rattlers are active only during the heat of the day. Not only do they rest during the heat of the day, sheltered from the sun, they are adept hunters in the dark, their heat pits and sense of smell guiding them to prey.

Rattlers cannot move fast enough to overtake a person who wants to get out of its way. The only danger is that the person falls or trips in getting away, thus disturbing another snake, or falls towards the rattler rather than away.

King Snake

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An MIT linguistics professor was lecturing his class the other day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative."

A voice from the back of the room said, "Yeah, right
*****"

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver — I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

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6 **Rattlesnakes: Friend or Enemy – or just a primal fear?**

By Peter Kilkus
(Annual Rattlesnake Safety Reprint)

Above the Berryessa Highlands we’ve regularly had close encounters with rattlesnakes in spring and summer. We had an adventure getting one out of our kitchen a couple of years ago. One just slithered between our friends on our shooting range last weekend. There’s nothing quite like walking down a trail and coming upon a coiled rattlesnake looking you in the eye – the cold flash of adrenaline you feel.

I once chased a 3-footer off our road and it did something I’ve never seen. When I threw a rock at it, it gave a loud (kind of scary) rattle, then jumped into the lower branches of some tightly packed bushes and zipped away without touching the ground as far as I could follow it.

Rattlers have good vision to at least 15 feet away under moderate illumination. The eyes are set so far to the sides of the head that they have only a limited field of binocular (stereo) vision. This may result in their moving their head from side to side as they try to get a good picture of something. Rattlers are too slow to outrun or dodge even the slowest of their enemies, thus the need for good long-range vision.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

A friend sent me a photo of a king snake eating a rattlesnake on the deck of neighbor’s house in Wragg Canyon. The king snake was tightly coiled around the rattler and half the rattlesnake was already inside the king snake.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are “dry,” meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical

treatment.

Do’s and don’ts in snake country:

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.

When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand - use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, abandoned buckets and tires.

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out



stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

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Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.

Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake.

This usually happens when a snake assumes

an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached too closely.

A rattlesnake is a heavy-bodied, blunt-

tailed snake with one or more rattles on the tail. It has a triangular-shaped head, much broader at the back than at the front, and a distinct “neck” region. The rattlesnake also has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which is a heat-sensing pit. The eyes are hooded with elliptical pupils.

Additional identifying characteristics include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles, which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

Encouraging and protecting natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes, and racers will reduce the rattlesnake population in the immediate area. And, kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten.

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2018 Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program

The Solano Resource Conservation District boater outreach interns have officially started! They have hired three interns for this summer. Mathew and Chris will be rotating through Markley, Steele, and Capell. And, Asha will join them on needed weekends, but spends most of her time in Rio Vista.

Last weekend, interns conducted 35 boater surveys and 12 boaters installed oil absorbents on the spot! Interns made their way to all the concessions bolting down the blue dispensers and refilling them with oil absorbents. Bilgee made his first appearance at Oak Shores, starting the season with a few day use surveys. Nearly 100 people were educated this past weekend - it was a successful training at the lake.

Asha Pluton is a recent graduate from the University of California Davis with a degree in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology. "In the future, I hope to become a Park Ranger so that I can continue to protect the environment and help develop a community that cares about its natural resources."

Chris Ronco is going into his final year at UC Berkeley majoring in Environmental Economics & Policy and Geography. He has lived near Lake Berryessa his entire life and has always been fascinated by its beauty and its importance as a drinking water source for Solano County.

Mathew Jian graduated from UC Davis with a Bachelor's degree in Hydrology, and recently completed his Master's degree in Environmental Systems from UC Merced. He enjoys educating boaters at Lake Berryessa on water quality and environmentally-sound boating practices.

(See intern's photo on the right.)



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June 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Due to your optimism, your death next week with come as a big surprise; however, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): While it’s true your future holds a possibility of love and a chance of financial success, it also holds an absolute certainty of angry Russian kidnappers.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You’re certainly no George Orwell, although you shouldn’t have to be to recognize the sort of thing that’s going on at work.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: You’re a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but it also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Everyone has their price, but since yours is so much lower than anyone else’s, you have saved a lot of people from finding out what theirs is.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Next Sunday morning will find you lying in an ice-filled bathtub with both your kidneys missing, but you won’t be embarrassed, as the organ thieves will have taken your heart and lungs, too.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You’ll suffer from a continuing inability to enjoy anything but the company of friends and family, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the knowledge that you have lived a life of dignity.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: This is a time of great uncertainty for you, but that doesn’t mean the odds of drawing to an inside straight will improve at all.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it’s unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Sometimes it’s good to just sit back and watch the universe unfolding. But other times, such as next Tuesday, it’s good to stop baby carriages from rolling in front of buses.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You will take the first hellish step down a dark path from which there can be no return when you agree to get updates on Carnival Cruise specials and discounts.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): This is a great time for romance in the workplace, if you’re the sort of idiot who thinks that’s even close to a good idea.



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Intoxicaton : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Rintarnation : Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Giraffiti : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high

Sarchasm : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Karmageddon : It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Reclamation announces summer 2018 park events and interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa

All activities will be held rain or shine and are free. Some programs have group-size limitations and require registration. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, dress in weather-appropriate clothing, and bring water and sunscreen. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 707-966-2111, ext. 113, for information or to register for park events and the educational programs.

Dufer Point Visitor Center Now through September 30: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays noon to 3 p.m. Ask park rangers questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Free brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam! Memorial Day through Labor Day: Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

Ever wonder who created Lake Berryessa? How much water it holds? What was here before the lake? Where the water goes? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a park ranger at the Monticello Dam every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Subject to ranger availability.

World Environment Day Sunday, June 3. Registration at 9:30 am, Group Clean Up from 10 am - 12 pm.

Meet near Markley Cove Resort, 3 miles west of Monticello Dam Join the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership for a fun lakeshore clean up event. Volunteers help clean up trash and debris along trails and shorelines at the south end of the lake during this annual event.

This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while spending the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor setting! Please wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves, a hat, refillable water bottle, and sunscreen. Don't miss out on the free lunch. Contact Marianne.Bulter@Solanorcd.org or (707) 678-1655, ext. 114.

C.A.S.T. For Kids Saturday, June 23, 8 am to 2 pm Oak Shores Day Use Area Lake Berryessa employees, in partnership with the C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation, will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event for children with disabilities and disadvantaged children on June 23.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Berryessa's Oak Shores Day Use Area. Each child will receive a fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt, and other prizes and spend the morning fishing with local anglers and volunteers. A free lunch will be served to participants, parents and volunteers in the afternoon.

Pre-registration is required for this event.



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Free Fishing Days Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 8 a.m. Twin Oaks, Oak Shores Day Use Area On summer holiday weekends, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows everyone to fish free of charge.

If you ever wanted to learn to fish, this is the perfect time to borrow a pole and join a Park Ranger at Oak Shores Day Use Area for some tips. All fishing equipment will be provided to participants during the program. Please contact a Park Ranger Hugo Martinez at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, with any questions or visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/free-fishing-days> for more information on Free Fishing Days.

Evening Hiking Series Friday, June 22, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 10, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 7, 5 to 7 p.m. North End Trail, Berryessa Knoxville Road.

Are hot summer days curtailing your time outdoors? Join a park ranger for a guided hike along Lake Berryessa's new North End Trail during cooler, evening

temperatures. Possible hike topics will vary throughout the summer and may include geology, wildflowers, and local birds.

This program will meet on the north side of the Putah Creek Bridge, 7.5 miles north on Knoxville Road from Dufer Point Visitor Center, 5520 Knoxville Road, in Napa. Please contact Park Ranger Jennifer Onufer at 707-966-2111, ext. 112, for directions on joining this program.

Paddle with a Park Ranger! Friday, July 27, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 24, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area.

Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during park ranger-led Friday night paddling tours. These two-hour trips explore various locations along the western shore of the lake and are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak or canoe.

Participants should bring their boat, life jackets, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water, and a meal/snack. Kayaks and life jackets may be available for participants to use if requested in advance.

A headlamp and sound device are required to participate in our night paddles. Be on the water and ready to paddle at the advertised time. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. To make any inquiries regarding the program, please email Park Ranger Todd Eggert at reggert@usbr.gov or call 707-966-2111, ext. 113.

Don't Tickle a Tick, Drown It with Soap, or BBO It With a Match – It Will Just Barf on You!

Tick season is here and it's one of the fun things about living in the country with a dog. There are many stories in folklore about how to remove ticks. One version I received in an email recently, claims that if you apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball, cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds, the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

Although this particular e-mail began circulating in May, 2006, the advice it attempts to impart is far older. According to Snopes.com, this is a very old old wives tale. Other long-lived suggestions include touching a lit match or hot needle to the tick's rear or tickling its underside. However, those who know about tick removal warn against these home remedies. They don't always work and even if they do seemingly work, they may also make matters worse by stimulating the creatures to release additional saliva or regurgitate their gut contents into the host increasing the chances of infection.

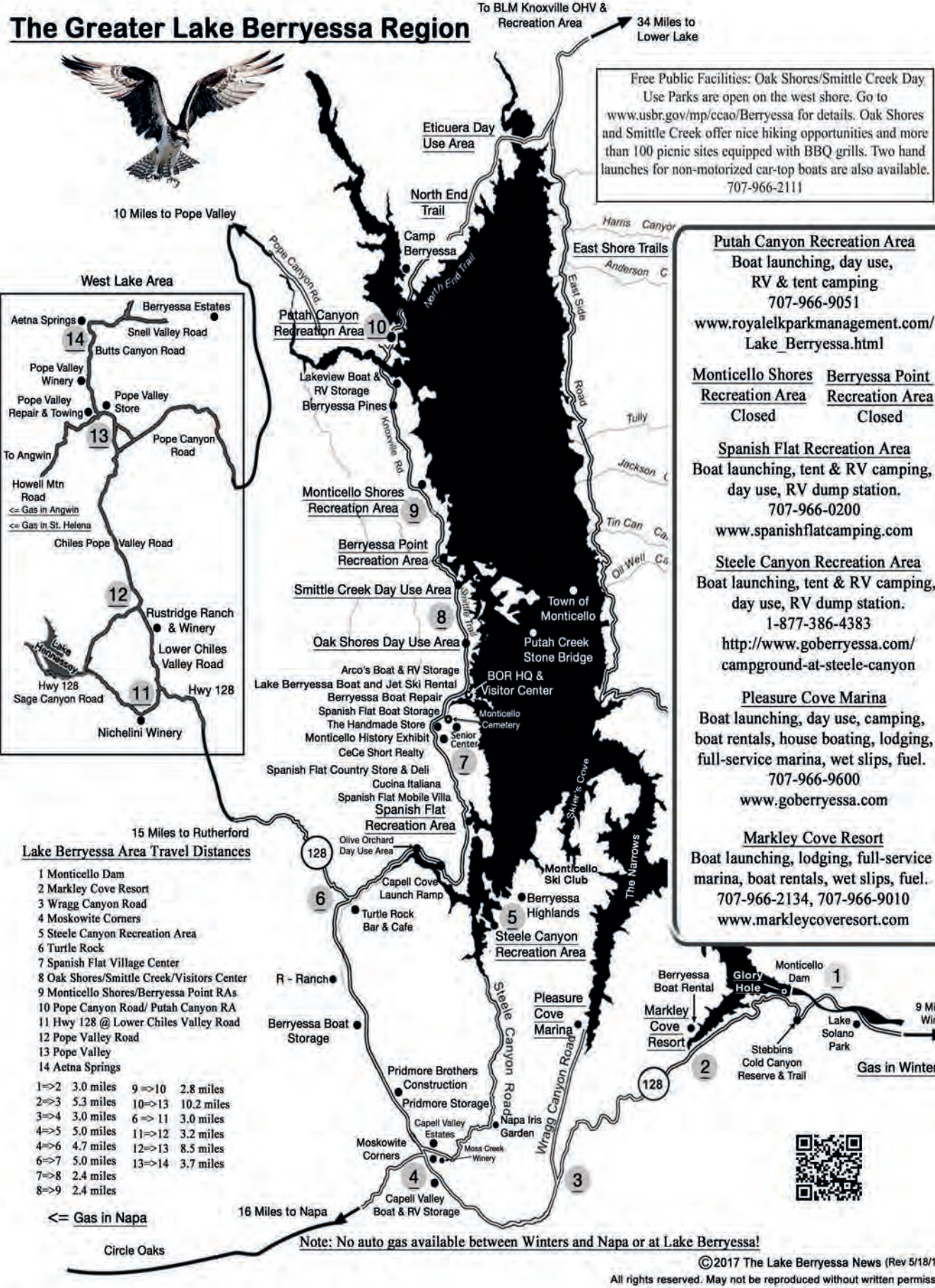
Vets and other medical experts report that removing a tick from your cat or dog is easy if you just follow these simple steps. To remove an attached tick, use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or special tick removal instruments. These special devices allow one to remove the tick without squeezing the tick body. This is important as you do not want to crush the tick and force harmful bacteria to leave the tick and enter your pet's bloodstream.

Grab the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. Do not grasp the tick by the body. Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick as you are pulling. Using methods such as applying petroleum jelly, a hot match, or alcohol will NOT cause the tick to 'back out.' In fact, these irritants may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound.

After removing the tick, place it in a jar of alcohol to kill it. Clean the bite wound with a disinfectant. If you want to, apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment. Wash your hands thoroughly. Please do not use your fingers to remove or dispose of the tick. We do not want you in contact with a potentially disease-carrying tick.

Do NOT squash the tick with your fingers. The contents of the tick can transmit disease. Once an embedded tick is manually removed, it is not uncommon for a welt and skin reaction to occur. A little hydrocortisone spray will help alleviate the irritation, but it may take a week or more for healing to take place. In some cases, the tick bite may permanently scar leaving a hairless area. This skin irritation is due to a reaction to tick saliva.

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Revitalizing Lake Berryessa - Idling Towards Home

Last week I went out on a patio boat with friends. All went well until we were halfway to the dam from the Steele Canyon Recreation Area. Suddenly our boat engine revved up and lost thrust.

The boat would only move forward at idle speed - about 2 miles per hour. Nothing we could do would solve the problem. So we turned around and idled for an hour back to the main lake.

We had a great time picnicking and swimming. Friends from the Highlands came over and tied their boat up to ours for a couple of hours of fun with their kids. But we finally had to start for home - at 2 mph!

It took 2 hours to idle from Skiers Cove to the entrance of the Steele Canyon/Spanish Flat cove. Then the wind kicked up and we were down to less than 1 mph. One hour later we finally reached the Steele Canyon launch ramp. Probably the slowest recorded tour of the lake.

I was struck by the similarity between our boat trip and the present process of revitalizing Lake Berryessa. The excitement of watching Napa County begin the process in early 2017. The ray of hope when the county received nine responses to its RFII..

Then the doldrums of Napa County negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, followed by the engine failure somewhere in the process.

At a December 13, 2017 meeting both Lake Berryessa supervisors, Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon, spoke positively about the potential outcomes.

Supervisor Pedroza said, "We've made great progress in working with the Bureau of Reclamation that will renew the vibrancy and allow sensible development

Protection, Preservation, or Private Profit?

Another article about "protection" of rural lands at Lake Berryessa has been published. The lands being "protected" are really just a windfall profit to a landowner who could never have conceivably developed that land. A state grant is paying the owner \$330,000. The owner still owns the land - he's just prohibited from "developing" it.

Even a prominent environmental group, the Greenbelt Alliance, agrees that: "Webber Ranch is in a remote area away from well-traveled roads along the massive federal reservoir. The Greenbelt Alliance rates this part of the county at low risk for development."

The Land Trust of Napa County and the State of California claim to have "preserved" another 722 acres along east Lake Berryessa, bringing the total amount of "protected" land there to more than 6,700 acres.

Napa County zoning regulations prohibit land being subdivided into less than 160 acre parcels so the total 6,700 acres referred to here would only support forty-one legal parcels.

This recent 722 acres of the Weber Ranch could only have supported four 180 acre parcels or four homes if anyone could actually "develop" the land. Most of this land is in areas that would be extremely difficult to allow construction.

The state funding came from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, which uses state cap-and-trade money for projects deemed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve farmland and support the state's food security. None of this applies in any practical way to this purchase.

The Land Trust claims the owner gave up a lot of value since he sold the easement for

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A Cool "Cooling Center"

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall was open Saturday June 23, from 10 am - 8 pm as a "cooling center" for those who wanted/needed to get out of the heat & have inadequate or no cooling in their home. Water, popcorn, games, library, cards, hopefully movies, & pool table were available. A cool sanctuary for all in need or just a place to hang out! 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road - just around the corner from the Spanish Flat Village Center.

Grandparents Day BBO & Senior Health Fair - Saturday, July 21

The next big event at the Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall will be a family day. Kids, bring your grandparents. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren. Those in-between parent-types are welcome too. See what you can do to control that old grandparent-grandchild dynamic! Friends, family, food, games to enjoy. Senior health and social services information will also be available.

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Historical Review: Two Years Ago - A Rosy Scenario Future

Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation Consider Working Together to Rebuild Lake Berryessa

By Evan Kilkus (July 2016)

For those that are new to Lake Berryessa, at first glance it is hard to know anything is missing. There are two fully functional resorts with marinas, and three other resorts where you can take the family camping and boating. And of course, the lake itself is open and as beautiful as ever. But, when visitors get hungry, dirty, or tired, upon closer look one can see that the services for the public at Lake Berryessa are limited. Very limited.

Lake Berryessa is the 3rd biggest lake in California, and of the top 3 big lakes, it is the warmest and arguably the best for swimming and boating. There used to be 7 restaurants accessible by boat, 7 resorts with over 200 cabins or motel rooms, hundreds of campsites with water, power, not to mention gas docks, paved roads, green grass.

What happened? Many of you reading the Lake Berryessa News know the whole story. For those picking this paper up for the first time, simply put, in 2005 the Bureau of Reclamation had a changed vision for the lake. They wanted to tear everything out and rebuild it to supposedly create more access and amenities for the public. Now, 10 years and 3 failed attempts later, the BOR is raising the white flag and admitting their solutions won't work.

The BOR hosted another Community Forum meeting on June 22, 2016 with a brand new player at the table, and a brand new phrase repeated over and over. Napa County has joined the discussion, and a "Managing Partnership Agreement" (MPA) was the talk of the night.

"In many cases the better option is to partner with a local agency," stated BOR Deputy Regional Director Pablo Arroyave. "There's a lot of flexibility in the managing partner framework that we don't have at the BOR". Key contract terms including contract lengths, design plans, and financial models can be different when offered to resort operators through an MPA.

According to Molly Rattigan, Principal Management Analyst for Napa County, another substantial difference is the MPA allows Napa County to use brokerage firms to seek out resort operators and attract them to Lake Berryessa. The BOR is strictly limited to how it can interact with potential contract bidders.

"We got approval from the Napa County Board of Supervisors to enter into preliminary negotiations with the BOR", stated Rattigan. "We are going to start as soon as we can this summer. We are entering into this with the hope that this will work... we are cautiously optimistic and hopeful." Rattigan did bring up that "cost and liability is a concern," but there are several tax opportunities they are evaluating.

Arroyave stated that the Commissioner of Reclamation met with Napa County in April, 2016 and the discussions have been going well since. "It is possible to have a draft agreement by this fall (2016)", stated Arroyave. (July, 2018 reality - sigh!)

Onion Headlines

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5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.

8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

11) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

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Say it's a beautiful day at the lake. Say you're a long-time fishing guide at the lake. Say a nice young couple hired you to take them out fishing. Say they had a fun day and caught some fish. Say the couple thanked you for the trip, paid your fee in cash along with a nice tip. Say you drove them back to your house with their fish in the live well of your boat to take some photos before putting the fish on ice in a cooler.

But when you pulled into your driveway a black SUV shot in right behind you, blocking your way out. Suddenly you were being interrogated by a local Fish and Wildlife Warden. Your fee and tip are confiscated. (They were marked bills.) You learn that the nice young couple are really undercover Fish & Wildlife agents! You get two tickets - one for not having your state fishing guide license, the other for transporting live fish from the launch ramp to your house.

Was this a new episode of CSI: Lake Berryessa? Was this fishing guide an evil genius behind a fish smuggling ring laying waste to the Lake Berryessa bass fishery? Or was it actually an egregious, and expensive, overreach by a state agency - a total waste of government time and money? Lake Berryessa residents are familiar with the last question since we've lived it at the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation for the last 18 years.

And why was this guide targeted? The Warden drives by the guide's house almost every day - sometimes on his way in the evening to check returning boaters' fishing licenses at the nearby Recreation Area launch ramp. He has access to fishing guide licenses. If he checked that this guide had not renewed his license, he could simply knock on his door to remind him to do so.

Why all this drama? Why this guide, not all the other fishing guides on the lake?

And under what bureaucratic policy and budgetary guidelines would a Fish & Wildlife manager give two undercover agents a paid vacation on beautiful Lake Berryessa, as well as pay two additional wardens to sting

someone who forgot to renew his fishing guide license?

And, ethically, how do two people lie about their motivation for that many hours? This was not a dangerous undercover operation against drug dealers or terrorists.

Previously fishing guides did not need a permit from the Bureau of Reclamation to operate on Lake Berryessa. The guide had tried to get a permit many years ago when Janet Rogers was Park Manager.

His check was returned saying he did not need a permit.

Some fishing guides who operated as sub-concessionaires at the resorts at that time, under contract to the resort owners, did pay a fee to the resort. Part of that fee went to Reclamation under the resort's concession contract. The guides themselves did not pay the BOR.

Since the new contracts with Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove prohibited sub-concessioners, there has been no requirement for fishing guides to have a permit from the BOR - just from the state.

This may change soon since Reclamation has just introduced a new policy regarding Guides and Outfitters. Although the new policy has only been implemented for boat rental businesses operating outside the recreation areas - one permit issued so far - it clearly applies to all fishing guides, and arguably to RV rental companies and

1. Examples of uses that may be applied for using FORM 7-2540 (this form). The following uses of Reclamation's lands, facilities, and waterbodies are commonly requested by using this use authorization application. This list is intended to provide examples of such uses and should not be considered as all inclusive:

- Commercial filming and photography;
- Commercial guiding and outfitting;
- Commercial or organized sporting events;
- Agricultural uses;
- Organized recreational activities, public gatherings, & other special events;
- Removal of, or exploration for, sand, gravel, and other mineral materials;
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other types of equipment rental companies whose customers use a Lake Berryessa Recreation Area.

The permit request form is: Use Authorization Application 7-2540 (02-2016), which includes Commercial Guiding & Outfitting as a use requiring this permit. The State of California's definition is appropriate:

"Guide" means any person who is engaged in the business of packing or guiding, or, for compensation, assists another person in taking or attempting to take any bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, or reptile.

"Guide" also includes any person who, for profit, transports other persons, their equipment, or both to or from hunting or fishing areas.

Reclamation officials did not respond to a Lake Berryessa News request for an implementation date for the new policy.

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United States of America: Born On The Fourth of July

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(Erma Bombeck)

Liberty means responsibility which is why most men dread it. (George Bernard Shaw)

What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom "to" and freedom "from." (Marilyn vos Savant)

We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it. (William Faulkner)

America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality. (Adlai Stevenson)

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)

We need an America with the wisdom of experience. But we must not let America grow old in spirit. (Hubert H. Humphrey)

My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy! (Thomas Jefferson)

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July 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Although the secrets of heaven and earth are denied to you, the secret of pancakes turns out to be the use of sour cream.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): They say it's never to late to do something meaningful with your life, which is a nice idea, but you actually have about nine days.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Kindly strangers will do you a favor this week by removing your blindfold, taking away the stick, and explaining exactly what is meant by the word "pinata."

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): You will finally meet the man of your dreams, which sounds like good news until you remember some of your dreams.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): It's simply not true that most people think you're an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will soon come into a great deal of money, resulting in your arrest and immediate dismissal from your job as a bank teller.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You've seen the evidence and spoken to eyewitnesses, but you still think that Bernese mountain dog puppies are just too cute to be real.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The stars say that you will have a decent week, but will forget to buy milk on Wednesday and will wear the wrong shoes for the weather Friday. Seriously, there are around 200 billion stars in the Milky Way alone, and some of them can be pretty specific.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll finally discover what you were born to do when you turn out to be the only person at Gorilla Taco who fits in the combination gorilla/taco suit.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You've always wondered if you'd ever be in a situation where the wisdom contained in the lyrics of Hank Williams Jr. songs didn't apply, and for you, the answer is "not yet."

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll learn a painful lesson about accepting dares while drunk, but at least the residents of Niagara Falls will have something to talk about for a while.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You always thought ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone.

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Independence Day: Napalachia's Lake Berryessa

Karla Holland-Scholer

My husband Bill and I coined the phrase Napalachia to describe the area where we live in Napa County. I was born in West Virginia, and the word Appalachia for me brings to mind images of majestic mountains, apple trees, old-time music and craftsmanship in pottery, glass blowing and woodworking. I also think of a simpler way of life in which people were more connected to the land in a personal and intimate way. ...

Living in areas without natural beauty or a unique sense of place can be impoverishing. Many gated wealthy communities with all their groomed landscaping can be so lacking in real wealth. My husband and I love this area so when we think of Napa County (and Lake Berryessa) as having similarities to Appalachia we say, "We should all be so lucky!"

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Should Lake Berryessa Declare Its Independence?

How about a Town of Lake Berryessa with the Spanish Flat Village Center as its capital? What about getting our own zip code?

4 This story is reminiscent of a 2007 story of how public funds have been used to enrich private landowners - the land-locked Berryessa Vista property at Lake Berryessa across from the Capell Launch Ramp.

The primary market for landlocked properties, such as Berryessa Vista, is adjacent landowners who want more open space, or who package the land with an access easement across their existing property and then sell the land for development.

And then there are people who will buy anything on the speculation that some day it might become developable. The owners of the Berryessa Vista properties prior to the Land Trust action were in this latter category.

There were three private properties, plus BOR and BLM lands adjacent to Berryessa Vista. Sometimes people do have legal access over federal lands, but not in this case.

Three Napa physician-investors donated two-thirds of the land to the Land Trust in 2003. The Land Trust then purchased the rest of the property for \$113,000. The Land Trust bought out the third party at what was the then "appraised fair market value".

The Napa Regional Park and Open Space District bought the land from the Land Trust for about what they had invested in the property, which was about 1/3 of the supposed "appraised fair market value".

There's an unseemly feel of something unethical, if not illegal, about this shell game transfer of public funds to private

property owners using Napa County public money funneled through a non-profit land trust that then uses the money to "protect" other land many miles away.

To cap off this episode, nothing has been done with the property to allow public use for more than ten years. The following plan was developed by the Regional Park and Open Space District a decade ago and never implemented.

Berryessa Vista Wilderness Park Improvements

Repair and develop connecting loop trails and primitive camping site with related facilities. The development of a camping facility would provide a public camping opportunity in a wilderness park facility very different from existing camping facilities in the Lake Berryessa area.

This property is now only accessible to the public by boat. The park is "appropriate" for hiking (Editor's Note - people can swim), horseback riding (Editor's Note - horses can swim), mountain bicycling (Editor's Note - bicycles can't swim.), native wildlife viewing, plant observation, bird watching, star gazing, hike-in camping and other related recreational activities. Gates are needed to control damage and erosion caused by off-road vehicles.

Install boundary and trail signs and gates by December 2009.

Work with partners to plan and complete connecting trails by December 2010.

Complete plans and entitlements for a camp site by the spring of 2011.

Complete primitive camp during summer of 2011.



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Boater Outreach at Lake Berryessa Starting to Heat Up!

by Chris Ronco, Boater Outreach Intern - Solano Resource Conservation District

The Solano RCD boater outreach interns have been up at the lake spreading environmentally friendly boating practices and helping keep the water clean by educating recreators. So far, interns have educated nearly 600 people on matters such as how to correctly dispose of used bilge pads and what the penalties are for spilling oil into the lake.

Of all the surveys given so far, a quarter of them have been given to Solano county residents who rely on the lake as a drinking water source. Twenty-six percent of boaters have installed bilge pads on the spot, helping ensure that their boats will not contaminate the lake through oil leaks from boat motors. Interns are excited to get those numbers even higher. In fact, their goal is to surpass 700 boater surveys by August. If you cross their path this summer, please engage with them for just a few minutes and get your free boater kit for the 2018 season.



On Saturday, June 23, Bilgee made his grand debut at Markley Cove. Boaters were extremely excited to learn about bilge pads from a bilge pad itself! It was the hottest Saturday so far this year, but the breeze made it quite manageable. 77 boater surveys were completed at Markley Cove and Capell Cove. Oak Shores was surprisingly quite empty on Sunday. Nonetheless, we still managed to get 13 recreator surveys.

Lake Level as of 6/27/18

The lake level is now at 430.6 feet - 9.4 feet below Glory Hole. It is dropping at its normal summer rate of 6 inches per week or 2 feet per month. Evaporation is at the normal hot weather rate of .25 inches per day or 1.75 inches per week. Water temperature is 80 degrees at the surface.

Red Flag Warnings vs Campfire Cooking

On Red Flag Days, not only will open fires/campfires not be permitted, but additionally, charcoal or other open cooking fires will now also be discouraged. Basically, the only flame allowed on a Red Flag day is a propane BBQ.

The problem is that there is no actual law nor way to enforce this common-sense requirement. It is a request. Campers may not know about it in advance and would have no way to prepare their food if they only bring a charcoal or charcoal bbq.

Not every hot day is a Red Flag day. It often takes a combination of heat and wind. The official press release is copied below.

Reclamation advises the public of use of ash-producing fires during Red Flag Warnings at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation advises the public of the risk of using charcoal and other ash producing fuels in recreation areas during Red Flag Warning weather conditions.

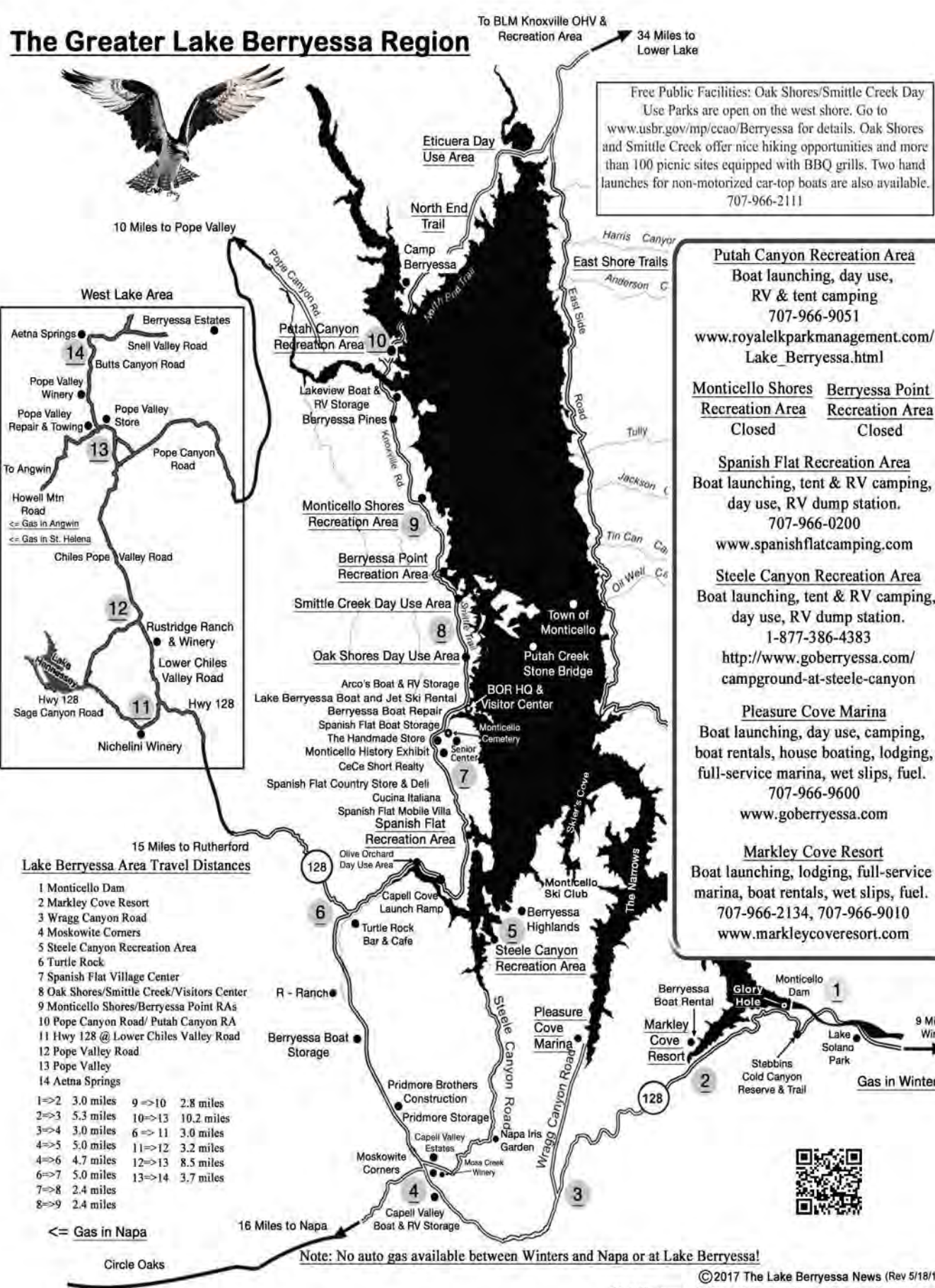
The status of forecasted Red Flag warning conditions for the San Francisco area including Lake Berryessa can be viewed at: www.weather.gov/mtr/ which will note any issued Red Flag warning days in Napa County.

A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events which may result in extreme fire behavior that will occur within 24 hours. A Red Flag Warning is the highest alert and may be issued at any time weather conditions become dangerous.

During Red Flag Warning conditions, cooking fires using charcoal briquettes and wood campfires create embers that can easily be blown into dry vegetation igniting fast burning wildfires. Reclamation requests visitors to bring propane cook stoves to cook their food during their stay.

Park Rangers or Campground Hosts, and posted signs, will inform visitors of Red Flag Warning conditions upon entrance to recreation areas.

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Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to 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

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Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

1 Monticello Dam	2 Markley Cove Resort	3 Wragge Canyon Road	4 Moskowite Corners	5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	6 Turtle Rock	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	5=>6 4.7 miles	6=>7 5.0 miles	7=>8 2.4 miles	8=>9 2.4 miles	9=>10 2.8 miles	10=>11 10.2 miles	11=>12 3.2 miles	12=>13 8.5 miles	13=>14 3.7 miles	

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

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Lake Level as of 8/2/18

The lake level is at 427.6 feet - 12.4 feet below Glory Hole. The lake continues to drop at about 6 inches per week including evaporation. Evaporation due to the hot weather this week averaged .31 inches per day, 2.2 inches for the week, or 30% of the total drop.

Water temperature is 82 degrees at the surface to 5 feet deep. Total season rainfall was 14.9 inches - below average. Rainfall for the last 5 years was 47.55 in. last year; 24.57 in. - 2016; 19.56 in. - 2015; 13.69 in. - 2014; 20.65 in. - 2013.

Job interviewer: "And where would you see yourself in five years' time Mr. Jeffries?" Me: "Personally I believe my biggest weakness is in listening."

Father: "Son, you were adopted."

Son: "What?! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!"

Father: "We are your biological parents. Now pack up, the new ones will pick you up in 20 minutes."

Even if you know you're doing everything wrong, you still know you can at least serve as a bad example.

Tomato is a fruit, right? Does that make ketchup a smoothie?

Little Eddy and his mom were digging for fishing bait in the garden.

Uncovering a many-legged creature, Eddy proudly dangled it before his mom. "No, honey, it won't do for bait," she said. "It's not an earthworm." "It's not?" Eddy asked, his eyes wide. "What planet is it from?"



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A Little Volunteer Fire Department Humor in the Face of Our Local Tragedy

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The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily-controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"



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August, 2018



Beating A Dead Horse With A Stick OR Beating A Horse With A Dead Stick? BOR Betrays Berryessa AGAIN!

by Peter Kilkus

It's been a long time since the original promise by the Bureau of Reclamation of a "seamless transition" at Lake Berryessa followed by many years of total chaos leading to the destruction of a local community and economy you see here now.

After the Pensus fiasco of 2010, Reclamation officials appeared to finally understand the serious damage they had done to our community. They scrambled from August, 2013 to January, 2014 to prepare various detailed plans for five concession areas. In July, 2015 Reclamation released its latest Concession Bid Prospectus. In February, 2016 Reclamation announced that no acceptable bids were received - a major disaster for the Lake Berryessa community.

There was a period after that last failed bid process during which Reclamation appeared to feel enough "guilt" to agree to work towards a Managing Partner Agreement with Napa County to allow the County to take over management of the resorts and create its own bid package and subsequent concession contracts.

Original Schedule

November 2017: RFII Submittals Due

January, 2018: MPA Authorization

February, 2018: RFP Release

April, 2018: RFP Due

Spring/Summer 2018: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

Modified Schedule (February, 2018)

April, 2018: MPA Authorization

May, 2018: RFP Release

Modified Schedule (July, 2018)

None

Modified Schedule (August, 2018)

None

Napa County kept its word! It funded a detailed study showing that Lake Berryessa is a recreational gem that should provide significant financial incentive for resort companies to bid on running the lake resorts. At a December 13, 2017 meeting both Lake Berryessa supervisors, Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon, spoke positively about the potential outcomes. Supervisor Pedroza said, "We've made great progress in working with the Bureau of Reclamation that will renew the vibrancy and allow sensible development at the lake."

In January 2018, Reclamation also said that it is dedicated to coming to a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the County that allows the County to manage the concessions. An MPA would allow Napa County to manage concession contracts with terms that were previously not available through Reclamation, leading to the revitalization of the whole region.

But then something happened. As I reported in last month's issue of the Lake Berryessa News, "Both Napa County and Reclamation professed to be continuing the process with the positive intent to have Napa County take over management of all or some of the recreation areas. One hang-up seems to be the typical bureaucratic "off like a herd of turtles" syndrome. The other is the federal government approving 50 year terms for new concession contracts rather than the 30 year terms proposed by the Department of the Interior."

Napa County is well managed with a dedicated professional staff. They have done their due diligence and all indications are that various departments are prepared to move forward with the bid process and concession management plans.

But where is the Bureau of Reclamation? Well, it appears - NOWHERE. We've lost another month due to bureaucratic bungling on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation. Apparently no one in that bureaucracy is willing to stand up and make a decision about the 50 year contract term. This is a betrayal of magnificent proportions!

Is the Bureau of Reclamation a dead horse no longer functioning, or is the influence of Napa County just a dead stick when encountering bureaucratic inertia? Maybe it's time to go with an "old school" stick - a passionate letter-writing campaign. We need to let government officials know that we really, really care. It's time to speak up again, as we have in the past. Sample below:

Dear ----

I am very concerned that the Bureau of Reclamation is once again ignoring the needs of the Lake Berryessa community. They were supposed to complete a Managing Partner Agreement with Napa County several months ago to allow the county to take over management of the lake's recreation areas, including a new bid prospectus and concession contracts.

Why has Reclamation unilaterally delayed this important process? Why has Reclamation not followed through with the critically important approval of fifty years contract terms - which all research has shown to be necessary to attract competent recreation companies to invest in new facilities?

Please require that the Bureau of Reclamation follow through on this important issue.

Sincerely,

(Addresses listed on Page2.)

Major Disaster in the Berryessa Highlands!!!!

The Steele Fire destroyed homes and dreams after flames broke out suddenly around 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28, 2018.

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Steele Fire - 8/1/18 Situation Update from the Berryessa

Highlands Fire Safe Council
by Evan Kilkus, Volunteer Project Coordinator
Greetings neighbors. I spoke with CAL FIRE and several neighbors yesterday and would like describe the general situation so we can all continue to move forward and support those that need it. Seven homes at the top of Headlands Drive burned, and one on Woodhaven Court. Total acreage burned is at 135. Crews have a large dozer and/or hand line around the entire perimeter, and are continuing to monitor for and extinguish any hot spots that remain.

There is no longer any active burning fire. Several engine crews will be patrolling for at least another couple days, then at least one truck will remain for several more days as a spotter. For several more days CAL FIRE Spanish Flat will send a crew out daily in the mid-afternoon to check for any activity. I spoke with several people and our neighbors, Ross, Jack, Mike, Cody, Darla, Oscar, Jen, Roy, and a few others who absolutely saved homes on Arroyo Grande, Woodhaven, and beyond - and helped save lives by getting residents' attention for evacuation.

They held off the flames and saved houses in the first minutes of the fire. Additionally Capell Valley Volunteer Firefighters Sandy, Matt, Bob, and the rest of the Volunteer FD gang no doubt saved a half dozen houses on Woodhaven Ct. And the first on scene CAL FIRE Engine out of Spanish Flat was right there with them, as close to the fire as they could get, deflecting the fire away from Woodhaven. They, plus all the other resources on land and in the air, are the reasons so much of our neighborhood is still here. Can't thank them enough.

Please do not ask me "how did it start". CAL FIRE is investigating and will release a cause when it is fully determined. In the meantime, we do know it started near the end of Arroyo Grande, near a house, and let's leave it at that for now (and bottle up any frustration/anger).

Please respect the owners of the burned properties and do not walk on or around their burned homes. Besides the fact that it's not safe, it's still their place. Also, while I understand the curiosity, try to avoid being a "fire tourist", and please don't all drive around in these impacted areas if you don't have to.

For the next week, month, and for that matter until rainy season, all neighbors should be very alert for smoke or fire in this burn

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area. Especially on hot and windy days. If you see anything more than a tiny tiny puff of smoke, feel free to calmly call 911 to let them know something is burning in the fire area.

We may need to call them back out in future weeks if we see any tree stumps or similar re-ignition. CAL FIRE would rather come out here to hose down a hot tree trunk than fight a reignited wildfire. There are several more things to talk about, including lessons learned, and things we can all do in the future, but let's leave this as a simple update. Thanks to every one of you for helping with people's pets, evacuating respectfully, donating, offering support, or just for being great neighbors!

A Sense of Community
Hi neighbors,

I moved to the Berryessa Highlands about 1 1/2 years ago to help my Mom, and vice versa (we helped each other). She has lived in this community for more than 20 years. Since moving up here, this community has seen two major fires and personal losses because of them.

In all my years I have never experienced such a overwhelming sense of community and neighborly love than I have seen and felt since living here. This community is full of such great loving people it literally brings tears to my eyes.

From road condition reports or spotting smoke, you guys are always there for one another. It took my mother's passing (see below) for me to realize why she loved it here so very much. She didn't want to be anywhere else.

So thank you neighbors from the bottom of my heart for, well just being you. I am so glad, and feel so very lucky to be a part of this wonderful community.

Love you all, Julie Spencer

Another Tragedy in the Berryessa Highlands

Virginia "Gini" Rose (Borcherding) Savage died unexpectedly on Saturday morning, July 21, 2018. She was 73 years old. In 1988, she moved to Lake Berryessa, which Gini affectionately referred to as 'God's Country'. Gini retired in 2017 and enjoyed spending time with friends and her Berryessa Highlands neighbors.



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What can YOU do to help PROTECT Lake Berryessa?
by Asha Pluton

We are approaching the middle of the 2018 summer season and our clean boating and recreating programs are in full stride. We have educated 1,600 boaters and recreators about clean water habits. We are excited to report that over 100 bilge pillows have been installed to help protect the lake from motor oil. We have also conducted over 400 surveys giving out 2018 boater kits to all participants.

There are many ways that we can all work to protect the lake. Lake visitors can do their part by using recycling and trash receptacles, picking up debris found on the land, refraining from using our lake as a restroom, and using environmentally friendly sunscreens. Join us for Coastal Cleanup Day which is slated for Sept 15 at 9am at three different cleanup locations around the lake.

Boaters can help keep the lake clean by installing oil absorbents on the spot. While our survey provides boaters with helpful information on clean and safe boating, the bilge pillow is the central part of the program. Boaters are less likely to install bilge pillows once they leave our interns at the docks or marinas, and these boats may contribute to oil being leaked into the lake.

We want to encourage all boaters to take a few moments to install an oil absorbent and keep the lake oil-free. Interns will be giving out shirts, flags, and canteens to motivate boaters. If you would like to get your prize today, please look for interns on the weekends through Labor Day.



One day a college professor of Psychology was greeting his new college class. He stood up in front of the class and said, "Would everyone who thinks he or she is stupid please stand up?"

After a minute or so of silence, a young man stood up. "Well, good morning. So, you actually think you're a moron?" the professor asked.

The kid replied, "No sir, I just didn't want to see you standing there all by yourself."

Onion Headlines

Man Feeling Pressure To Give Mom Grandchildren While She Still Around To Raise Them

NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL Team Owners Vote To Unionize

'Who Sent You Here,' Whispers Woman To Big Tray Of Cheese Danishes Confronting Her In Break Room

Nation Figured Everything Would Run On Some Kind Of Cubes Of Blue Energy By Now

Embittered Raisin Won't Shut Up About How It Could Have Been Wine

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Black Man At Walgreens Impressed By How Attentively Employees Tailing Him

End Of An Era: Kellogg's Is Shutting Down Eggo After Its CEO Had A Freaky Dream About Waffles

Report: Therapist Just Saying That To Make You Feel Better

Half Of Morning Run Spent Trying To Change Song On Phone

Gerber: Feeding Formula To Baby Helps Infant Bond With Parent Corporation

Woodpecker Having Difficulty Remembering Tree Where He Got The Really Good Bugs That One Time

Experts Warn Transitioning Too Quickly From Work To Vacation Could Cause Decompression Sickness

Picky Refugee Just Expects To Be Reunited With Exact Same Family As Before

New Report Finds Fastest-Rising Cause Of Death In U.S. Is Losing Chess Match To Grim Reaper

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Hot water and antimicrobial soaps don't get your hands any cleaner

It doesn't matter what temperature water you use to wash your hands: all that matters is that you wash them, according to a study in the Journal of Food Protection. Understanding what gets our hands the cleanest matters, because not washing our hands is one way that germs—from those that cause colds to those that cause life threatening infections—spread.

To figure out how water temperature affects hand sanitation, the researchers contaminated participants' hands with harmless bacteria and then made them wash at 100, 80, and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The researchers thought that 60 degrees was the coolest temperature that would be comfortable. The FDA, according to the study's authors, requires that food service preparers (like restaurants) provide access to a sink capable of providing water that reaches at least 100 degrees. And historical surveys have found that most people are told to wash their hands in the warmest water they can tolerate. In general, people associate warmer water temperatures with cleaner hands. The study, however, didn't find this to be true. Water temperature had no effect.

The authors also found that anti-bacterial soaps didn't really work either. Hands washed with regular soap were about as clean as those scrubbed down with the antimicrobial stuff, a finding that isn't novel. In fact, last year the FDA banned 19 additives that are put into soap to make them antimicrobial. Consumers may think antibacterial washes are more effective at preventing the spread of germs, but we have no scientific evidence that they are any better than plain soap and water. In fact, some data suggests that antibacterial ingredients may do more harm than good over the long-term.

Studies have suggested that consumer antimicrobial agents like triclosan, which was originally designed for use in hospital surgical wards, not only fails to get our hands cleaner, but can also hasten the progress of antibacterial resistance, kill marine life, and cause human health problems. It's worth noting that Gojo's products tend to be free of anti-microbial ingredients, and while the FDA ban doesn't address hand sanitizers, Purell (which is essentially gelled alcohol) doesn't use any of the chemicals implicated in the ban.

So what actually makes your hands cleaner? It's all about time commitment. Each of the 20 subjects were actually tested four times—each using a different duration of soap lathering (5, 10, 20, and 40 seconds). "That was just the time people were lathering with the soap—it doesn't include rinse time—and we saw a statistically significant difference between 5 seconds and 20 seconds," says study author Donald Schaffner, a food risk analysis researcher at Rutgers University. "We did not see a difference between 10 and 20 seconds and 20 and 40 seconds.

In other words, five seconds of lathering up the soap isn't long enough to get your hands clean. Ten seconds is the magic number. The Centers for Disease Control recommends hand washing for about 20 seconds, roughly as long as it takes to sing the lyrics to "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". But since that time is supposed to include both lathering and rinsing, it easily gets us into the range that Schaffner found in his study.

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It's the Dog Days of Summer! Tips to keep your pets safe.

by Lieutenant Eric Swift, Napa County Sheriff's Office

Neighbors, Many of you are likely enjoying these long summer days outside with your pets. Although this can be a fun time of the year for your furry friends, it's also important to remember that higher temperatures mean higher risks for pets.

To keep your pets safe, follow these precautions from experts at the ASPCA:

1. Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors.
2. Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse.
3. Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle.
4. Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats.
5. Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.
6. Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog. The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat.
7. When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pet's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
8. Remember that food and drink commonly found at barbeques can be poisonous to pets. Hope your pets are having a furry good summer!

Visible House Numbers Are Important

When you have lived at the same address for a number of years, you rarely pay any attention to your house numbers (address). For Deputies, Police Officers, EMS, and Fire that may be responding to your house in the event of an emergency, your house numbers are what they are looking for.

Make it a point, to LOOK at your numbers to see if: 1. All of the numbers are still there; 2. They are Large enough to be seen easily from the street; 3. Any landscape vegetation has grown over them limiting their visibility

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Attending one or all of the meetings to provide Public Comment is not the only way to participate in this process. In fact, if you have more to share (beyond three minutes) you can participate in the extensive community outreach efforts in the coming months (August – September). One can provide their input by becoming a Community Contributor.

See https://www.countyofnapa.org/2416/Get-Involved-in-Strategic-Planning#Get_Involved

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Pisces (2/19-3/20): You, your couch, and your TV will be whisked away to a remote island by a wealthy sportsman who has waited all his life to hunt the Least Dangerous Game.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Once again, you'll be saved from boredom by the fact that matches are often given away for free in establishments that sell alcohol.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Truth be told, you haven't been a very good father, but it's not your fault that the mothers of your children haven't informed you of their existence.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll receive a recorded message from your future self in which you appear extremely insistent that an unspecified person be thanked for a waffle recipe.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): A journey of self-improvement ends almost before it starts when you find out there's a kind of waffle stuffed with cheese and booze.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your coworkers seem to be hinting that they wouldn't mind if you got rid of that beard, but you've been married to her for almost 10 years now.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Pluto rising in your sign this week indicates vast trouble ahead, as you really shouldn't be able to see it with the naked eye like that.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Turns out that while dogs can't actually smell fear, they're really good at smelling who likes to carry bacon around in their pockets.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The FBI will have to ask you some tough questions next week, such as whether true love really exists and what happens after we die.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You're not the kind of person who lets social conventions dictate how you live your life, but it would be nice if you could pull that off without being such a jerk.





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Suscol Intertribal Council invites the community to come celebrate the lives and complexity of the regions First people! Tribes from this area as well as drums and dancers from many different tribes of North American will share tradition and culture.

Everyone is welcome to the beautiful grounds at Yountville Veterans' Home to watch or participate in songs, drum and dance, and to enjoy the incredible beauty and joy of Native American culture. This 25th annual Pow-wow celebrates traditional Native Americans. This is a family friendly event. Come for a few hours or throughout the weekend!

Pow-Wows, Gatherings sometimes referred to as Big Times traditionally were set up as seasonal celebrations, harvest gatherings to visit amongst families, to trade and for young folks to meet marriageable partners from other tribal clans. Initially in post-colonial period it was a time to come together to see who had survived the "Indian Campaigns" or in distant past the winters. Currently it is much the same.

It is a time to share with all people the beauty and richness of Native American culture! There will be food and Native American crafts for sale. The master of ceremonies will offer explanations of celebration throughout the weekend. For information please contact 707-256-3561, e-mail: suscol@suscol.net

Lake Level as of 8/2/18

The lake level is at 427.6 feet - 12.4 feet below Glory Hole. The lake continues to drop at about 6 inches per week including evaporation. Evaporation due to the hot weather this week averaged .31 inches per day, 2.2 inches for the week, or 30% of the total drop.

Water temperature is 82 degrees at the surface to 5 feet deep. Total season rainfall was 14.9 inches - below average. Rainfall for the last 5 years was 47.55 in. last year; 24.57 in. - 2016; 19.56 in. - 2015; 13.69 in. - 2014; 20.65 in. - 2013.

Job interviewer: "And where would you see yourself in five years' time Mr. Jeffries?" Me: "Personally I believe my biggest weakness is in listening."

Father: "Son, you were adopted."

Son: "What?! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!"

Father: "We are your biological parents. Now pack up, the new ones will pick you up in 20 minutes."

Even if you know you're doing everything wrong, you still know you can at least serve as a bad example.

Tomato is a fruit, right? Does that make ketchup a smoothie?

Little Eddy and his mom were digging for fishing bait in the garden.

Uncovering a many-legged creature, Eddy proudly dangled it before his mom. "No, honey, it won't do for bait," she said. "It's not an earthworm." "It's not?" Eddy asked, his eyes wide. "What planet is it from?"



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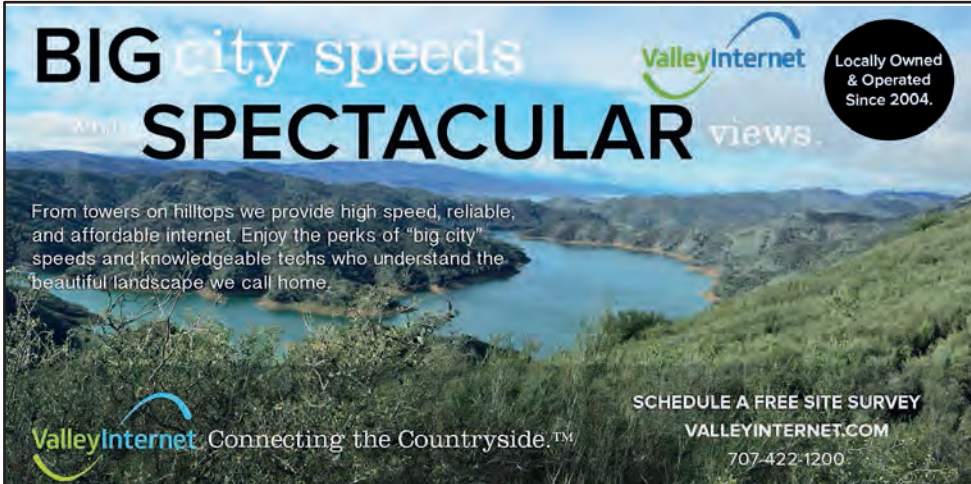
A Little Volunteer Fire Department Humor in the Face of Our Local Tragedy

A fire started on some grasslands near a farm. The county fire department was called to put out the fire. The fire was more than the county fire department could handle. Someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called. Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily-controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"



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Beating A Dead Horse With A Stick OR Beating A Horse With A Dead Stick? BOR Betrays Berryessa AGAIN!

by Peter Kilkus

It's been a long time since the original promise by the Bureau of Reclamation of a "seamless transition" at Lake Berryessa followed by many years of total chaos leading to the destruction of a local community and economy you see here now.

After the Pensus fiasco of 2010, Reclamation officials appeared to finally understand the serious damage they had done to our community. They scrambled from August, 2013 to January, 2014 to prepare various detailed plans for five concession areas. In July, 2015 Reclamation released its latest Concession Bid Prospectus. In February, 2016 Reclamation announced that no acceptable bids were received - a major disaster for the Lake Berryessa community.

There was a period after that last failed bid process during which Reclamation appeared to feel enough "guilt" to agree to work towards a Managing Partner Agreement with Napa County to allow the County to take over management of the resorts and create its own bid package and subsequent concession contracts.

Original Schedule

November 2017: RFII Submittals Due

January, 2018: MPA Authorization

February, 2018: RFP Release

April, 2018: RFP Due

Spring/Summer 2018: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

Modified Schedule (February, 2018)

April, 2018: MPA Authorization

May, 2018: RFP Release

Modified Schedule (July, 2018)

None

Modified Schedule (August, 2018)

None

Napa County kept its word! It funded a detailed study showing that Lake Berryessa is a recreational gem that should provide significant financial incentive for resort companies to bid on running the lake resorts. At a December 13, 2017 meeting both Lake Berryessa supervisors, Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon, spoke positively about the potential outcomes. Supervisor Pedroza said, "We've made great progress in working with the Bureau of Reclamation that will renew the vibrancy and allow sensible development at the lake."

In January 2018, Reclamation also said that it is dedicated to coming to a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the County that allows the County to manage the concessions. An MPA would allow Napa County to manage concession contracts with terms that were previously not available through Reclamation, leading to the revitalization of the whole region.

But then something happened. As I reported in last month's issue of the Lake Berryessa News, "Both Napa County and Reclamation professed to be continuing the process with the positive intent to have Napa County take over management of all or some of the recreation areas. One hang-up seems to be the typical bureaucratic "off like a herd of turtles" syndrome. The other is the federal government approving 50 year terms for new concession contracts rather than the 30 year terms proposed by the Department of the Interior."

Napa County is well managed with a dedicated professional staff. They have done their due diligence and all indications are that various departments are prepared to move forward with the bid process and concession management plans.

But where is the Bureau of Reclamation? Well, it appears - NOWHERE. We've lost another month due to bureaucratic bungling on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation. Apparently no one in that bureaucracy is willing to stand up and make a decision about the 50 year contract term. This is a betrayal of magnificent proportions!

Is the Bureau of Reclamation a dead horse no longer functioning, or is the influence of Napa County just a dead stick when encountering bureaucratic inertia? Maybe it's time to go with an "old school" stick - a passionate letter-writing campaign. We need to let government officials know that we really, really care. It's time to speak up again, as we have in the past. Sample below:

Dear ----

I am very concerned that the Bureau of Reclamation is once again ignoring the needs of the Lake Berryessa community. They were supposed to complete a Managing Partner Agreement with Napa County several months ago to allow the county to take over management of the lake's recreation areas, including a new bid prospectus and concession contracts.

Why has Reclamation unilaterally delayed this important process? Why has Reclamation not followed through with the critically important approval of fifty years contract terms - which all research has shown to be necessary to attract competent recreation companies to invest in new facilities?

Please require that the Bureau of Reclamation follow through on this important issue.

Sincerely,

(Addresses listed on Page2.)

Major Disaster in the Berryessa Highlands!!!!

The Steele Fire destroyed homes and dreams after flames broke out suddenly around 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28, 2018.

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Napa County Frustrated by Bureau of Reclamation Stalling Tactics at Lake Berryessa as Talks on Resort Redevelopment "Continue"

As reported in the Napa Register and the Lake Berryessa News, there has been no progress in the last few months regarding the completion of a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) between Reclamation and Napa County for County management of the lake Recreation Areas (resorts).

Although the County is trying to put a positive spin on bad news, the latest Register article quotes County officials, and even Congressman Thompson, as remaining positive about the outcome. But note that the newly created deadline is "the end of the year". The original date for an MPA was January 2018 with the selection of new resort concessionaires to occur during this summer. The MPA date was then moved to April 2018 - now there is no proposed completion date.

"I think it's in the interest of all parties to reach some decision by the end of the year," said Deputy County Executive Officer Molly Rattigan. "I don't see this going beyond this year," Supervisor Pedroza said. "We've been at it for quite some time. I'm interested in having this end in a very positive outcome."

Rep. Mike Thompson, sent an Aug. 7 letter to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke urging that the Bureau of Reclamation reach a deal with Napa County. He wrote that the Bureau appeared "unwilling or unable" to bring concessions to the lake's shore under Napa County management. "I'm sending this letter hoping that you'll be able to exercise leadership on this pressing issue," Thompson wrote.

Thompson released a statement on the latest progress: "Like people across our community, I am frustrated at the long delays in this process and have been doing everything I can to support the county and bring the Bureau of Reclamation to the table for a fair discussion," he said. "I recently

spoke with the Bureau's commissioner and I'm glad to see that discussions regarding the details of an agreement will continue."

In an email to the Lake Berryessa News after a request for his assistance, Thompson wrote, "I AGREE 1000% with you. I had a conversation last Thursday with BOR Commissioner. I will do all I can for Lake Berryessa and Napa County and will keep you informed."

When contacted by the Napa Valley Register, the Bureau of Reclamation released a statement by email.

"While the process has taken longer than anticipated, Reclamation continues to engage with county officials and is fully committed in this process," the statement said. "Details will be shared when available."

Although the County may be trying to impose a new "soft deadline" on Reclamation, which would result in an additional year lost at the lake, Reclamation is not known historically for its responsiveness to any type of outside interference by any form of authority - ethical, political, or rational.

The culpability of the Bureau of Reclamation in this ongoing disaster is clear. But rather than allowing new resorts to be created and help fund public operations at the lake - which was proposed by the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Planning Task Force (LBVSPT) 15 years ago and rejected - Reclamation instead proposes creating user fees on all the previously free public recreation sites at the lake. (See Page 4.)

The proposed fee for day use at Oak Shores Day Use Park and Smittle Creek Park will be \$5 per vehicle (\$50 annual fee). Capell "Free" Boat Launch will become \$10 per launch (\$100 annual fee). At Oak Shores shade shelters will be \$25 per shelter.

With the possibility of new resorts actually funding public recreation so that the now free locations remain free in the future, this fee proposal is unfair and unconscionable.

Why is Big Island Lagoon Closed to the Boating Public. But Not Willi's Cove?

The final 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) simply stated that "certain areas of the lake are reserved for non-motorized water craft and trolling engines."

The areas so designated were not actually described in the ROD, but were simply drawn on a map of the lake - Big Island Lagoon and the area near Steele Park known as Willi's Cove.

The creation of these "exclusive use" non-motorized zones was basically a stealth move by Recreation to buy off various environmental exclusionist groups to get them to support the plan to eliminate the existing resorts.

The BOR, with no supporting data, closed the Big Island Lagoon to boaters who wished to spend some quiet time in this popular protected area off the main body of the lake. The Big Island Lagoon has been open only to non-motorized craft since 2006.

What is odd is that Reclamation never implemented this "non-motorized zone" ROD designation at Willi's Cove. Why not?

The justification for this action was silly then and has been proven by observation over the following years to be completely false.

This restriction should be eliminated because years of data show that almost no one now uses that "exclusive use" space except a few random kayakers per year. The Big Island Lagoon should be open to all of the boating public as a 5 MPH or "No Wake" zone as it was previously designated.

Stuck In The Middle With You Song by Stealers Wheel (1972)

Well, I don't know why I came here tonight

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2 Capsized Jet Ski Assistance On The Lake... Just Doing What Any Boater Would/Should Do

by Evan Kilkus

So a couple of weeks ago I'm out on Lake Berryessa on a patio boat ride with my family. On our way back to the dock, about a mile off to my side, I see an upside down PWC with people swimming near it. I keep headed in the direction of the marina, at a normal patio boat speed (slow 10 MPH pace), and after a couple minutes I notice they are still upside down and swimming. So I figured it couldn't hurt to divert over to them and see if, for some reason, they needed a hand.

After another couple minutes we calmly pulled up next to their still-capsized PWC. We see two adults and one young child, a child who is starting to get a little unhappy to say the least. Since they had been swimming for so long I could tell they were not making progress, so I calmly said hello. I told them I have had that (a capsized PWC) happen to me many times, and asked, "Would you like a hand?" They said YES, so I turned my boat off, put on my life jacket, and calmly jumped in the water to help.

It turned out this was their first time visiting Lake Berryessa, and maybe their

first time on a PWC. They appeared to have no idea how to flip the PWC back upright. I showed them how to reach up and grab the intake grate, asked them to stay back a bit, and I flipped it back upright. The child right away smiled and climbed back up on the ski.

I stayed floating near the back corner of the ski to help keep it stabilized. I could feel there was a bit of water in the ski, but it didn't feel too full of water, so I told them to climb on up. There was a bit of a language barrier so the passenger ended up climbing on first, then the driver, and as they tried to switch positions they tipped over again.

But I was there to keep the mood positive, laugh, and help hold the ski upright, and the kid was able to hold the handle bars and after a moment of fear on his face, he went back to a calm smile. At that point I realized I should also make sure I knew - and they knew - where they were going so that when they got on, they would return to land right way.

I found out that they were going to Spanish Flat, and they knew where to go. They were going to go straight that way when they got back on the ski.

Then I clarified who was the driver, had that person get on first, and put the lanyard

on the engine cut-off switch. I then held the craft stable so the passenger could board. They all got on, started up the PWC, and off they went with a smile and wave.

I hollered "have fun", got back on my boat, watched them make it back to their camp site. And that was that... another lovely Sunday adventure at beautiful Lake Berryessa.

Lessons to be learned for all beginner PWC operators, or owners letting beginners take your PWC for a ride...

1 - Understand how to use your PWC in all common situations, and make sure your friends understand too,

2 - Always ride with another PWC, or stay in sight of the beach so people can help you,

3 - Always wear a properly fitting life jacket and remain calm.

Lessons for all of us boaters... hey, we're all out there together. Stay alert, not just for hazards and people that may cause harm to you, but always be ready to lend a hand to ANYONE out on the lake.

Even if I didn't feel comfortable jumping in the water and helping them solve their problem, at the very least I could have helped the kid and gentlemen onto our patio boat so they would at least be safe.

Another moral of the story... teach your kids to be comfortable around the water, and ready to help their fellow man. The attached picture below is of me on a boat in the SF Bay over 15 years ago. Thanks to both my fantastic parents for raising me on the lakes, rivers, and oceans!



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Napa County Receives Improved Fire ISO Rating - New Rating Effective November 1, 2018

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) has completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided to the unincorporated community served by the Napa County Fire Department. The analysis, known as the Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey, has resulted in a community rating of "04/4x" for Napa County. The rating scale is from 1-10 with a "1" being the best rating a jurisdiction can receive. Napa County's previous rating was a "06" or a "09 depending on geographical area.

The PPC plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most major insurers use PPC information as part of their decision making when determining how to write coverage and set premiums for commercial and residential insurance.

The PPC analysis considers three main factors: proximity to a fire station, deployment of fire resources, and water availability.

Napa County recently constructed two volunteer fire stations within the communities of Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates, which contributed to lower rating. Both communities were previously rated as a "09," and considered unprotected.

"The Board of Supervisors' commitment to public safety and the fire protection of the rural areas of the County directly attribute to the overall improvement of the ISO rating.

Because of these efforts, the residents in the Lake Berryessa area now have the same classification of the residents on the valley floor," said Napa County Fire Chief Barry Biermann.

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The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

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Overhydration Presents A Real Health Hazard

How do doctors know that overhydration kills athletes? They watched runners almost die after drinking 100 cups of water during a marathon because they were scared of becoming “dehydrated.” Overzealous obedience to hydration advice has uncovered a dark underbelly to superior hydration practices: overhydration. Then, what about the need for eight glasses of water per day? There is no evidence to support this.

Turns out, the neuroendocrine thirst circuit dates back 700 million years and is found in most animals, including bugs and worms. Thirst activates the same conscious area of the brain that tells us we’re hungry or have to pee. To say we need to stay “ahead of thirst” (or die) is like saying we need to pee every hour to stay ahead of imminent bladder explosion (or die). The molecular and neural circuits that govern fluid intake (and micturition) in real-time are absolutely exquisite. It’s remarkable to think that animals survive without water bottles and urine charts—they drink when they are thirsty, and we should too.

A high school football player from Georgia drank “two gallons of water and two gallons of Gatorade” after football practice to prevent muscle cramps and then died. Thus, over the last four years, two high school football players have died during August football practice from overhydrating - a medical condition known as exercise-associated hyponatremia.

Hyponatremia is caused by drinking too much water or sports drinks, which dilutes blood salt levels below the normal range. Any sudden drop in blood salt levels, from drinking more than the body can excrete, can cause all cells in the body to swell. Brain swelling from hyponatremia can cause headaches and vomiting, while muscle cell swelling can trigger whole-body muscle cramping. What is most frightening, however, is that these symptoms mimic those of dehydration. They are often treated by medical staff with more fluids.

So how much fluid should football players – and all other humans for that matter – drink? If you ask fluid balance experts who perform basic science research on the brain or kidney, or clinicians who specialize in fluid balance disorders, researchers who perform brain scans on dehydrated and overhydrated humans, or even worm investigators, they all agree that water balance is tightly regulated and that all land mammals need to drink when thirsty.

Drinking when you are thirsty is not “too late,” because the thirst mechanism is hardwired into the nervous system to protect against scarcity. Thirst represents the highly individualized signal which protects the balance between water and salt regardless of size, activity or ambient temperature and is encoded in most invertebrate and all vertebrate DNA. Babies are born with this innate behavioral drive.

Today, many people buy water in plastic bottles rather than drinking from the tap or a fountain. But people may not know that the federal government requires more rigorous safety monitoring of municipal tap water than it does of bottled water.

Bottled water costs more than gasoline! Bottled water was once marketed as natural spring water, but today it is mostly filtered municipal tap water. at about \$1.50 per single-serve container, a gallon of bottled water would cost almost \$9.50 - 2,000 times more expensive than tap water and four times as expensive as gasoline!

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Safest level of alcohol consumption is none, worldwide study shows

To minimize health risks, the optimal amount of alcohol someone should consume is none. That’s the simple, surprising conclusion of a massive study, co-authored by 512 researchers from 243 institutions, published Thursday in the prestigious journal the Lancet.

The researchers built a database of more than a thousand alcohol studies and data sources, as well as death and disability records from 195 countries and territories between 1990 and 2016. The goal was to estimate how alcohol affects the risk of 23 health problems. The number that jumped out, in the end, was zero. Anything more than that was associated with health risks.

The report states that what has been underappreciated, what’s surprising, is that no amount of drinking is good for you, People should no longer think that a drink or two a day is good for you. What’s best for you is to not drink at all.

The report found that 2.8 million people across the globe died in 2016 of alcohol-related causes, which is about the same proportionally as the 2.0 million who died in 1990. For people ages 15 to 49, alcohol is the leading risk factor for experiencing a negative health outcome.

This is a sobering report for the roughly 2 billion human beings who drink alcohol. The report challenges the controversial hypothesis that moderate drinking provides a clear health benefit. That notion took hold in the 1990s after news reports on the “French paradox”: The French have relatively low rates of heart disease despite a fatty diet. Some researchers pointed to red wine consumption among the French as potentially protective.

But the new study, while noting the lower risks of heart disease from moderate drinking, as well as a dip in the diabetes rate in women, found that many other health risks offset and overwhelm the health benefits. That includes the risk of breast cancer, larynx cancer, stroke, cirrhosis, tuberculosis, interpersonal violence, self-harm and transportation accidents.

“Current and emerging scientific evidence does not suggest that there are overall health benefits from moderate drinking,” said Robert Brewer, who directs the alcohol program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was not involved in the new research. He pointed out that alcohol studies have long been dogged by “confounders” — factors that create a misleading impression of cause and effect.


The U.S. dietary guidelines define low-risk drinking as one drink a day for women and two a day for men (and none for people under 21 or pregnant).

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Pisces (2/19-3/20): The stars don’t believe they actually have to say this, but just because you find a recipe that makes pancakes for 1,500 people doesn’t mean you actually have to make that many.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You are about to embark on a great journey across an infinite ocean of possibilities, unless of course the more cynical theories about the afterlife are correct.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): It turns out there are actually plenty of problems you can’t solve with a smile, a sincere heartfelt talk, or a large piece of lumber.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You may not be an expert on which snakes are poisonous and which aren’t, but damn it, you know a cuddly one when you see it.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You’ll learn a valuable lesson about sharing this week, proving the effectiveness of hiring a top-rated sharing instructor.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A shocking revelation will shake you to the core of your being this week, which is odd, because it’s merely the fact that the Doobie Brothers aren’t actual brothers.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Although roughly 70 percent of the earth’s surface is covered by water, that still doesn’t explain why you have to be rescued from drowning all the time.

Libra (9/23-10/22): This would be a bad week to leave your mansion, seeing as how you’ve betrayed about half of the people of Wisconsin.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): When all’s said and done, it’s our experiences that make us who we are. However, that doesn’t explain why you’re assistant manager of the produce department.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): There are some kinds of pain that never go away, but after all these years you’d think they’d come up with a way to get that lobster to let go of your nose.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your fear of change means that spending the next few centuries in a block of ice will be extremely soothing, at least until the New Reformed Xalfraxian Alliance.



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3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

4 Reclamation Proposes New Fee Program To Improve Recreation Facilities at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to charge and retain fees for day use and boat launch at Capell Cove Boat Launch, Oak Shores and Smittle Creek Day Use Areas located at Lake Berryessa. The proposed fees would be used to improve local facilities, provide increased visitor services and protect natural resources. Special recreation event authorization fees and shade shelter reservations fees are also proposed.

The proposed fee for day use is \$5 per vehicle (\$50 annual fee); boat launch is \$10 per launch (\$100 annual fee); and \$25 per shade shelter. All interagency Senior and Access Passes will be accepted for day use and discounted boat launching (50% discount).

An analysis of the nearby Federal and state recreation offerings with similar amenities shows that the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area. Funds from fees will be used for the continued operation, maintenance, and improvements of the reservoir area recreation amenities and related programs.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, or FLREA, authorizes federal agencies and bureaus to participate in a fee collection and retention program, issue special recreation use permits and participate in the nationwide parks pass initiative known as the Federal Interagency Pass Program.

A Federal Register Notice announcing the proposed fees was published this week and can be viewed here:

www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/07/25/2018-15909/notice-of-proposed-new-fee-site-lake-berryessa-napa-california-federal-lands-recreation-enhancement.

The Bureau of Reclamation will hold three public meetings to gather feedback on Lake Berryessa's proposed new fee program. Reclamation is seeking input on how to use collected funds. Public meetings have been scheduled for the following dates and locations.

September 4, 5:30-7:30 pm PDT - Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd.

September 6, 5:30-7:30 pm PDT - Winters Public Meeting Room/Winters Fire Department, 700 Main St., Winters, CA

September 11, 5:30-7:30 pm PDT, Elks Lodge
2840 Soscol Ave., Napa, CA 94558

In addition to the public meetings, comments from the public can be submitted until January 21, 2019. Written comments on the proposed new fee site can be submitted to Margaret Bailey, Park Manager, Lake Berryessa Field Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa, CA 94558 or emailed to mabaily@usbr.gov.

From The Book: Lakes of California, 1972

NESTLED in a low and hidden valley between two spurs of the Coast Range in Napa County is Lake Berryessa. It is a picturesque and relatively new man made lake with some unusual properties.

With water temperatures ranging from around 70 degrees at the surface to 40 degrees at the bottom, the lake houses a variety of both warm and cold water fish. Trout, black bass, catfish, kokanee salmon, steelhead, blue gill and crappie-all are available for year round fishing. Created by a dam built by the Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Berrvessa draws millions of visitors each year-mainly from nearby metropolitan centers. It has more miles of shore line-168-than Lake Tahoe and is one of the largest man-made lakes in California.

Berryessa was once a valley so rich and idyllic that the nomadic Pomo Indians could live a life of ease off the game and natural vegetation there. In later days, fanners fought gun battles to protect their holdings and claim jumpers were a constant threat. The original luckless landowners were Jose Jesus, and Sisto Berryessa, who obtained a 36,000-acre grant from the Mexican government in 1843.

The brothers built a 90-foot long adobe hacienda and settled down to the good life of raising cattle and breeding fine horses which they would race at the drop of a sombrero. But their luck was bad more often than it was good, and gradually they sold their acreage to the arriving Americanos to pay off their gambling and other debts.

The last piece of land owned by Sisto Berryessa and his wife was sold at sheriff's auction in 1860 to settle a \$1,653 judgment. Sisto lived out his life in a rude

1958: Lake Beryessa Fills (Facing South)



cabin near what is now a lakeside resort. Long mule teams hauled ore wagons through Berryessa Valley from a rich quicksilver mine developed in 1861 at Knoxville, above the north end of the valley.

In 1866 three developers bought up much of the old Berryessa land and cut it up into small farms. By 1867 the fertile valley was well settled and its mild winters and hot summers produced wheat and other crops with astonishing speed and abundance. But if raising grain and produce was easy, moving it to market was something else.

There were two main roads out: one down the narrow Putah Creek canyon to Winters in the Sacramento Valley; the other over the mountains into Napa. The Sacramento Valley was often flooded in winter and the Napa road was a tortuous two-day haul by mule team.

And life could be violent, even in those pleasant surroundings. One Thomas Lofton killed a settler in a land dispute in 1860 and made good his escape after facing down the sheriff and his posse. A rancher named John See shot and killed s claim jumper that same year, only to be gunned down in the dusty main street of Monticello in 1872 - the climax of an old feud with another rancher.

As early as 1906 proposals were being made to throw a dam across Putah Creek and create a vast reservoir in the valley bounded by the volcanic ridges of the Coast Range. But it wasn't until postwar years in the late 1940's that the project made serious headway - over the vehement opposition of landowners and Napa County officials.

After a 1951 bond issue to build a local dam upstream failed to pass, the Bureau of Reclamation - with a \$47 million appropriation - launched its Monticello Dam project. Landowners were bought out, trees and fences were cleared, the old town of Monticello was razed and the dam construction began in earnest in 1954.

The dam was completed three years later and unusually heavy rains helped fill the reservoir well ahead of schedule. Although the lake was built primarily for irrigation and domestic water supply, the recreation potential soon became apparent. The Bureau entered into an agreement with Napa County for the development of recreation facilities by private enterprise.

Lake Level as of 8/29/18

The lake level is now at 425.8 - 14.2 feet below Glory Hole. The lake dropped 5 inches this week including evaporation which averages .27 inches per day, 1.9 inches for the week, or 32% of the total drop. Water temperature is 78 degrees at the surface, 76 degrees at 5 feet deep, 65 degrees at 40 feet, and 53 degrees at 70 feet deep.

Suntex Now Runs Pleasure Cove Marina and Steele Canyon Recreation Area

According to the Bureau of Reclamation today (August 27, 2018), "Suntex (www.suntex.com) purchased the facilities formerly owned by Forever Resorts, commonly referred to as Pleasure Cove. Suntex is continuing to operate these facilities per the existing contract."

"This Concession Contract No. 10-LC-20-0113, shall be effective as of the 21st day of June, 2010 until its expiration on December 31, 2040. By mutual agreement, Reclamation and the Concession Contractor will have the option of adding one consecutive 10-year term until December 31, 2050."

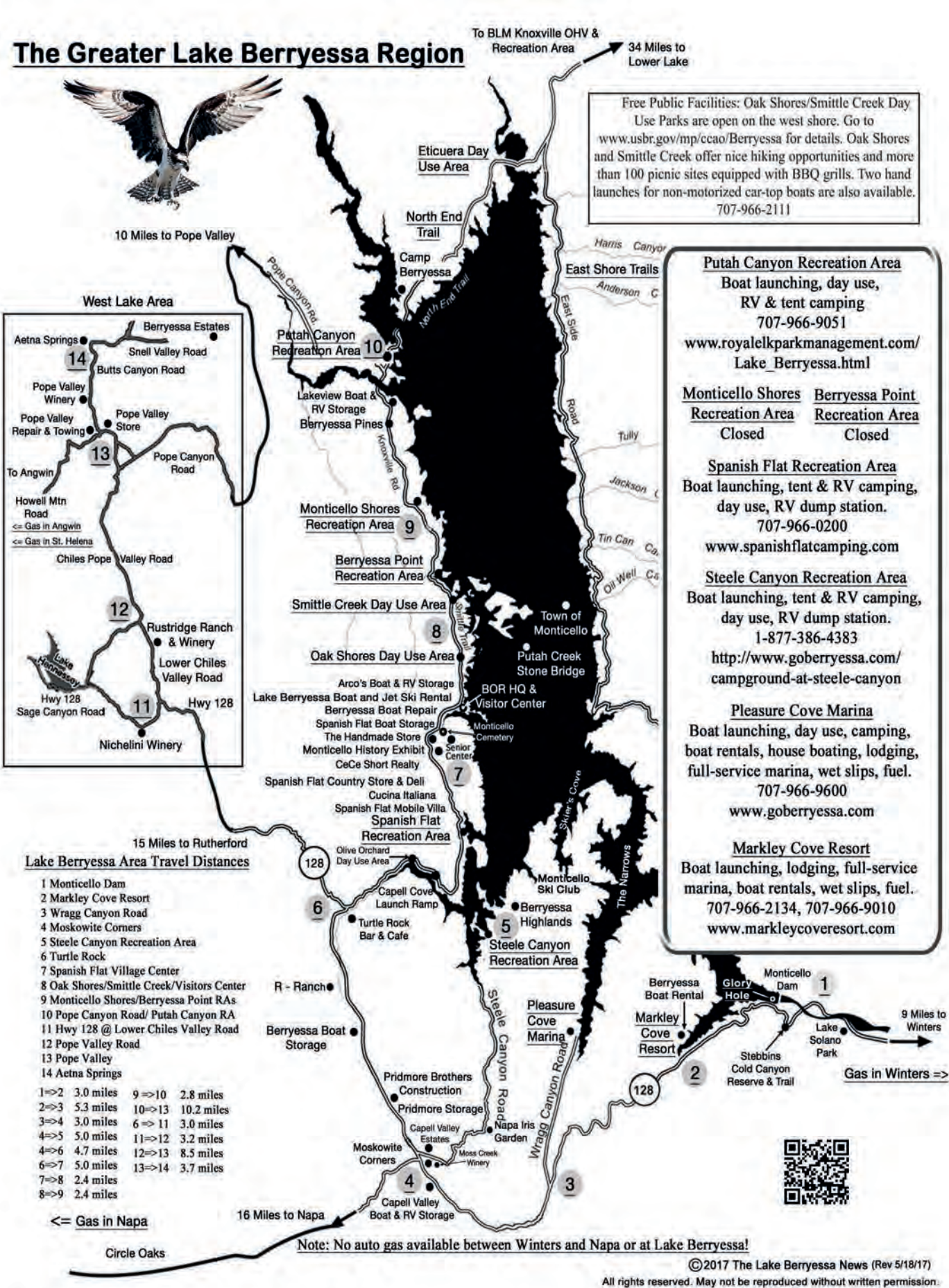
Press Release: Headquartered in Dallas, Texas Suntex the premier owner and operator of best-in-class marina properties, announced the acquisition of Pleasure Cove Marina, located on Lake Berryessa in Napa, California.

The facilities at Pleasure Cove Marina include boat slips, a convenience store, fuel dock and boat, PWC, kayak and canoe rentals. In addition, the property includes four- and eight-person cabins and 140 camp and RV sites providing overnight accommodations for those wanting to experience the fun of Lake Berryessa while staying ashore.

"We are very pleased to continue our expansion in California," said Quinn Heidenreich, director of investments at Suntex Marinas. "Pleasure Cove Marina is a very popular vacation destination located on pristine Lake Berryessa.

By investing in the facility and staff, we look forward to enhancing the overall customer experience offered to visitors of the Napa Valley region."

The Suntex portfolio of 48 marinas are located in California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia. For more information on Suntex Marina Investors LLC, visit www.suntex.com. For details about Pleasure Cove Marina visit: www.goberryessa.com/



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Congressman Thompson Tours Lake Berryessa with Interior Department Officials: Discusses Managing Partner Agreement With Napa County

Rep. Mike Thompson announced that he met with Department of Interior and Bureau of Reclamation officials on Monday, September 10, to tour Lake Berryessa and discuss the progress of negotiations on the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) to operate recreation areas at the lake with Napa County. Thompson released the following statement at the conclusion of that tour.

"I just finished touring Lake Berryessa with top officials from the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation and was heartened by productive discussions with them about negotiations regarding the MPA and related lease agreements.

Finalizing this agreement is critical to the recreational and economic vitality of our region and I was glad to see the positive response from federal officials as they toured the lake and saw it first-hand. I look forward to an outcome that boosts our entire district, following upcoming meetings between the Bureau and the county."

Department of the Interior (DOI) officials were Todd Williams, Deputy Secretary (DOI), and Austin Ewell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water & Science (DOI). Also touring the lake with Congressman Thompson were Drew Lessard, Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office and Margaret Bailey, Lake Berryessa Park Manager, Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Ewell had been asked by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to meet with Congressman Thompson on their trip out west to inspect Whiskeytown Lake after the CARR Fire in Shasta County. The meeting was a response to Congressman Thompson's August 7th letter to Secretary Zinke printed here.

According to Thompson's staff, the meeting went well and Thompson was able to answer questions that Secretary Zinke and his team had about Napa County's negotiations with the Bureau of

Reclamation. Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer, had briefed Congressman Thompson on the relevant County issues prior to the tour.

Although Williams and Ewell are not in the Bureau of Reclamation chain of command, hopefully they are high enough within the Department of the Interior structure to have some influence on Secretary Zinke to take action to support the Lake Berryessa Managing Partner Agreement and the critical requirement to allow the County to negotiate 50 year contracts with potential new concessionaires.

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I tried to reach you on the personal cell number you gave me at the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission meeting, but was unable to leave a message. I'm sending this letter hoping that you'll be able to exercise leadership on this pressing issue.

For the past eighteen years, the Bureau of Reclamation has failed to operate Lake Berryessa in a way that promotes both high quality recreation, and long-term sustainable management. I have spent years trying to support the Bureau's efforts to bring the resorts back online, and restore Lake Berryessa's economic viability. Unfortunately, your folks have been unreliable partners in that endeavor.

Now, in the eleventh hour, they appear either unwilling or unable to bring concessions to the Lake's shore under the management of Napa County. This failure by the Bureau is bad for recreation, business and taxpayers. Their actions and lack thereof are hurting my constituents, fellow Californians and our national treasury. Please take a moment to review this matter and call me as soon as is convenient. This is no way to run things. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Thompson

October 8, 2017: Atlas Fire 1-Year Later October 8, 2018: The Fires Never Stop

The October 2017 Northern California wildfires, also known as the Northern California firestorm, were a series of 250 wildfires that started burning across the state of California beginning in early October.

Seventeen separate wildfires were reported at that time. These fires included the Tubbs Fire (which grew to become the most destructive wildfire in the history of California), the Atlas Fire, Nuns Fire, and others.

Shortly after the fires ignited on October 8 and 9, they rapidly grew to become extensive, full-scale incidents spanning from 1,000 acres to well over 20,000 acres, each within a single day.

By October 14, the fires had burned more than 210,000 acres while forcing 90,000 people to evacuate from their homes.

The Northern California fires killed at least 44 people and hospitalized at least 185, making the week of October 8, 2017, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history.

And then came 2018.

The 2018 California wildfires were a series of wildfires that burned across the state. A total of 6,568 fires had burned an area of 1,502,293 acres as of September 25. The fires caused more than \$3.336 billion in damages, including \$1.78

billion in fire suppression costs.

Through the end of August 2018, Cal Fire alone spent \$432 million on operations. The Mendocino Complex Fire burned more than 459,000 acres, becoming the largest complex fire in the state's history, with the complex's Ranch Fire surpassing the Thomas Fire to become California's single-largest modern wildfire. On August 4, 2018, a national disaster was declared in Northern California, due to the massive wildfires burning there.

Lake Berryessa residents were spared any local tragedies until July.

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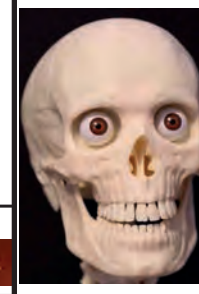
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Rather, we had all been suffering from an almost PTSD-type of foreboding as fires burned around us, especially the approach of the County Fire, which ultimately burned through 90,288 acres. The fire started in Guinda due to an improperly installed electric livestock fence unit and burned inexorably south to Hwy 128 at Monticello Dam.

The fire burned over the top of Berryessa Peak and for the first time in the history of Lake Berryessa the fire burned all the way down to the east side shoreline. Smoke from the fires filled the Lake Berryessa for weeks and added to the general unease. Beautiful sunsets did not make up for the smell of smoke and the inability to see from one end of the lake to the other.

There was much concern that the County Fire could jump the Narrows and head towards the Berryessa Highlands. Fortunately, this did not happen, and a week of conscious and subconscious fear abated. But then came July 28, 2018 and a major disaster in the Berryessa Highlands!

The Steele Fire destroyed homes and dreams after flames broke out suddenly around 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28, 2018. And despite many years of tree and brush clearing by the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council aimed at preventing a fire like the County Fire from burning towards the Highlands, this fire started right inside the community on Arroyo Grande.

The fire swept uphill in dry conditions and had burned several houses at the top of the ridge on Headlands Drive in less than an hour. Seven homes at the top of Headlands Drive burned, and one on Woodhaven Court. Total acreage burned was 135.

Neighbors helping neighbors absolutely saved homes on Arroyo Grande, Woodhaven, and beyond - and helped save lives by getting residents' attention for evacuation. They held off the flames and saved houses in the first minutes of the fire.

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Firefighters no doubt saved a half dozen houses on Woodhaven Ct. And the first on scene CAL FIRE Engine out of Spanish Flat was right there with them, as close to the fire as they could get, deflecting the fire away from Woodhaven.

They, plus all the other resources on land and in the air, are the reasons so much of the Highlands neighborhood is still here.

The first rains of the 2018-2019 season have fallen - 0.75 inches on Tuesday, October 2. Lake Berryessa air is finally clear again. But as with the fires of 2017, those of 2018 will not soon be forgotten.

State Turdometrics Regulations
Negatively Impact Rural Napa
County Residents
by Peter Kilkus

In 2009 new rules regulating on-site wastewater treatment systems - also known as septic tanks - were being proposed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). If the state approved the new rules, some speculated the cost could run into the thousands of dollars. This was a hugely incorrect underestimate. Now in 2019 the cost of a new standard septic system will run at least \$20,000 - and an "engineered" system will run at least \$45,000.

The issue of septic tanks' impact on the environment popped up after certain conditions developed in Santa Monica Bay in Southern California causing concern among wealthy landowners there. This prompted the SWRCB to develop new regulations to prevent that kind of thing from happening again, despite the fact that the conditions in Santa Monica were nothing like the rest of California.

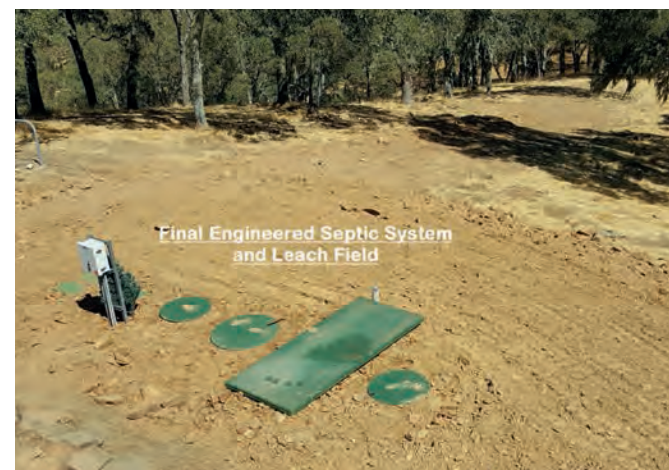
In 2009 Supervisor Diane Dillon called the proposed regulations onerous because they propose a one size fits all solution. Dillon said. "They want to apply the same regulations to areas that don't have a dirty water problem. We do not have dirty water problems." The Napa County Board of Supervisors in 2009 took a unanimous position opposing the

proposed regulations for a host of reasons. In a letter to the S W R C B , supervisors declared the regulations to be a "solution in search of a problem."

Fast-forward to 2019. The rules were passed, everyone suffers, with no compelling environmental benefits. And the difference between needing to install an engineered system rather than a standard system? A few inches of dirt in the drip (leach) field!



The rules require that the leach field have normal dirt down to three feet deep. If the soil becomes rocky, i.e., rocks mixed with dirt, an engineered system is required. In the rural areas of Napa County, especially in the hills around Lake Berryessa, it is difficult to find areas where the soil does



not become rocky before a three foot depth is reached.

In a recent septic system installation on sixty acres of land three miles from Lake Berryessa, a standard septic system (no electricity or special pumping systems needed) that had been operating well for more than 25 years, had to be replaced with a \$45,000 engineered system because the available leach field sites only had normal dirt down to less than three feet. The rules did not allow for installing a much larger leach field to compensate for the lack of soil depth.

If the dirt had been a few inches deeper a standard system could have been installed for \$20,000. That's a \$25,000 cost difference for about 6 inches of soil depth!

Supervisor Dillon complained about the "one size fits all" approach in 2009, and now in 2019 it's a costly reality. And I challenge anyone to find a knowledgeable engineer, installation company, or county inspector who does not consider the present septic system rules in many rural cases anything but bureaucratic overkill - about \$45,000 worth!

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Struggling Recycling Companies Urge Napa Consumers
To Clean Up Their Acts

The recycling industry, both locally in Napa County and across California, is struggling mightily to process and sell recycled materials in the wake of changes in China's import policies and the U.S.-China trade war that has resulted in tariffs being imposed on both countries.

You may know that China has plans to take over the world, but you may not know that their own manufacturing technology and recycling processes now mean that they no longer accept the dirty recyclables from the United States.

China was growing so fast that they were buying U.S. recyclables with high levels of contamination. China actually was a dumping ground for recyclables no one else would take. For a long time, the U.S. sold much of its recycled materials to China for reprocessing.

But starting last year, Chinese officials adopted a greener policy aimed at cleaning up their nation's environment, and that included reducing the amount of recycled paper, cardboard, plastics and metals from American sources.

Instead of taking bales with 10 percent contaminants China is now accepting only those with .05 percent contamination. It's nearly impossible to meet that requirement.

Every time a Napa County resident dumps garbage or liquids or the wrong material in a blue recycling bin, like styrofoam or plastic bags that can't be recycled, it contaminates a bale of recycled material at a processing facility. See story on Page 6.

That contamination can bring down the value of bales, making them less profitable or impossible to sell to buyers who turn the recycled waste into something new.

The biggest issue is the plastic film and flexible plastic packaging. Things like shrink wrap, plastic grocery bags, food packaging, and other soft plastics can easily get mixed into paper recycling while going through machinery and conveyor belts. Recyclers can't use soft plastics for anything, and ultimately it ends up in landfills.

Sometimes, the problem for recyclers is consumers dumping items into blue bins that should never be there in the first place, such as garbage when the trash bin is full. The more time recycling companies take to pull out contaminants, the costlier their operations become.

One day Napa Recycling and Waste Service technicians pulled a 2,400-pound "hairball" consisting of electrical "cords, garden hoses and stretchy plastic" from their equipment.

In 1995, Napa recycling operation was diverting 27 percent of all waste from going into a landfill. Nowadays, that rate is up to 69 percent.

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6 Things That Don't Belong In Your Napa County Recycling Bin

The recycling industry, both locally in Napa Valley and across California, is struggling mightily to process and sell recycled materials in the wake of changes in China's import policies and the U.S.-China trade war that has resulted in tariffs being imposed on both countries.

Recycled materials are economic commodities, just like pork bellies and microchips, and their value rises and falls. When oil prices are low, it's cheaper to make plastics from virgin materials (i.e., petroleum products). Buyers for recycled materials aren't evenly distributed across the country, and their demand changes with other market forces. In part because of these pressures, Waste Management — the country's largest waste hauler — shuttered 20 recycling facilities in 2014 and 2015.

Recycling officials for Napa, American Canyon, and Upvalley communities gathered at Napa Recycling and Waste Services in American Canyon to send a common message to consumers: Clean up your recycling bins. On average each person in the U.S. throws away about 4.5 pounds of waste per day, a number that has remained constant since 1990. If you contaminate your recycling, it becomes waste again.

So as a reminder, here are things you should keep out of your recycling bin.

Hardcover Books: While paperback books can go into your blue recycling can, hardcover books don't make the cut. The hardcover is not made of recyclable materials, but you can detach the pages from the cover and recycle the paper pages with your other mixed papers and toss the cover in the trash. You can also consider donating books in good condition to your local library.

Take-out containers: While they may be comprised of sturdy, reusable cardboard or plastic No. 1 (the same as soda bottles), Chinese food containers, pizza boxes, and other hot food packages cannot be recycled because of the food and grease that remain, breeding bacteria and contaminating other recyclables.

Plastic toys: Many children's playthings are primarily plastic, but also contain other elements — such as metal or plastic resin — which makes them nearly impossible to recycle. Even those that are 100 percent plastic can have parts and shapes that might jam machinery.

Mirrors: Mirrors are nearly impossible to recycle because they have a reflective coating painted on the back of the glass so you can see your reflection. Hand with care if you are superstitious.

Gift wrap, bows and ribbons: Bows are made of a plastic-paper composite that cannot be recycled. Keep and reuse them or give them up altogether. Wrapping paper can be recycled, but only if it does not have any glitter, flocking or other embellishments on it.

Glass plates, bakeware and cups: Heat-resistant glassware cannot be recycled because of the process used to create it. Since the glass has been heat-treated to make it oven-, microwave- and dishwasher-safe, it will not melt with ordinary glass during recycling.

Single-use plastic bags: Plastic bags are hard to come by in Napa County, but it turns out plastic bags can be recycled, but there is a catch: they require a different process from other plastic recyclables. So, rather than tossing plastic bags, wraps, films or bubble wrap into your home recycling bin, find a local drop-off location. Many grocery and retail stores have boxes near the front of the store where you can stuff those bags and keep them out of landfills.

Food Wrappers: Like takeout boxes, any wrappers, even paper and plastic, that have touched food cannot be recycled even if they appear clean. However, you can recycle

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plastic to-go boxes if they've been washed out.

Clothes: Clothing in good condition should be donated to a local charity, thrift shop or consignment store.

Light bulbs: The United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends recycling fluorescent bulbs and other bulbs that contain mercury, and all other household hazardous wastes, rather than disposing of them in regular household trash. However, that doesn't mean recycle light bulbs in your blue bin. You can take your light bulbs to Home Depot or Ace Hardware for disposal. For a list of locations, <http://naparecycling.com/fluorescent-lamp-recycling/>

Photographs: Due to chemical coatings used in the photo developing process, most older photographs cannot be processed for recycling. Check with your local historical society to see if any of your older photos might be worth preserving. Otherwise, send them to the trash.


Napkins: There are multiple reasons why you should not toss napkins, paper towels, tissues and similar items into your recycle bin. First, these paper products are typically created from paper that has been through the recycling process several times and is no longer usable. In addition, they often contain substances that could ruin other recyclables, such as grease and food.

Clothes hangers: Whether they're made of wire or plastic, many recycling centers will not accept clothes hangers because they can jam the machinery. If you have too many hangers, most dry cleaners will gladly accept the wire version. Check with your favorite thrift store to see if they will accept your plastic hangers.

Ceramics and pottery: While ceramics can be recycled to make driveway underlayment and gravel pathways, you shouldn't put them in your household recycling bin. The general recycling plants in your hometown aren't equipped to breakdown this material, so you'll have to look for a specialized recycle center. Consider using online resources such as RecycleNation to find a recycling agency near you at recyclenation.com.

Sandwich bags: Just like with single-use plastic grocery bags, your standard zippered sandwich bag isn't recycled by general recycling facilities. The thin, film- like plastic can jam recycling equipment. Consider switching to reusable hard plastic containers as an alternative.


Styrofoam: What are you supposed to do with all those packing peanuts? While Styrofoam doesn't go in your home recycling bin, there are agencies in Napa County that will take some Styrofoam products.



2018 has been a good year for the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and Community Hall. Our membership has grown, our event attendance numbers have grown, and our donations have grown significantly. Thanks to all those who helped support the revitalization of this great community resource .

Our next event will be a "Crockpot Potluck" (say that quickly 10 times!) on Saturday, October 20 at 5:30 P.M. at our amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. Free, as usual. Families with children welcome!

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October 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your shock will be mixed with a sense of indignation and embarrassment when a gritty band of cattle rustlers steals your spouse.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your continuing hair loss leaves you with what some may call a bald spot. Only you will know that it is in truth a solar panel.

Aries (3/21-4/19): A wonderful romantic experience looms ahead for Cancer, which makes it suck that you're an Aries.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You will be shaken to your very core when you are strapped to a four-horsepower hardware-store paint shaker.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): A visit to a lightbulb plant leads to adventure. Stock up on tweezers, needle-nose pliers, and other implements that may useful in removing glass shards from your skin.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Annoyance is added to insult this week when veteran actor Gene Hackman wakes you out of a sound sleep to tell you he disapproves of the way you've been living lately.

Leo (7/23-8/22): An innocent prank at the laboratory where you work will result in the world's population being cut by a third.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You need just one more pathetic gesture to make your life the worst ever lived by a sane human being. Buy an expensive, hour-long recording of engine sounds, listen to it over and over late at night.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You hardly even matter any more. Libra will be soon be cancelled without further notice.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): This week, everything will become just as clear as it is unclear. Because when a blind man holds the key to life's acorn tree, purple monkey dishwasher.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your sign is like the antithesis of the millennial mindset. It is your cosmic duty to fight a losing cultural battle for at least the next twenty years.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The change in seasons represents a great time to calm down and rest assured that Trump's new military space force will keep aliens from abducting you.



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“Although the spray version of the vaccine is not available this year, the flu shot is still the safest and most effective way to avoid getting the flu,” said Dr. Karen Relucio, Napa County Public Health Officer. “In addition to protecting yourself from getting sick, the vaccine can prevent you from spreading the flu to your loved ones and other people who are more likely to have severe illness.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend everyone over six months of age get a flu vaccine. Those at higher risk for complications of the flu, including seniors over 65 years, pregnant women, children under five years and people with certain chronic medical conditions, are especially encouraged to get vaccinated. In addition to getting vaccinated, simple steps to help stop the spread of the flu:

> Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 30 seconds.

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How a “Standard” Septic System Works

1. Wastewater, a polite term for sewage, from toilets, baths and sinks flows into a single septic tank. Gravity allows sewage to flow from house to tank.

2. A septic tank holds the wastewater allowing solids to settle as sludge. Lighter liquids like oil float to the top as scum. Wastewater remains in the middle. Baffles at the inlet and outlet allow only the separated wastewater to flow out to a leach field (drain field). Buildup of scum and sludge are removed every 2-5 years.

3. A distribution box channels wastewater into perforated pipes. A drain field takes the wastewater and allows it to leach into the ground where bacteria decompose the remaining elements of the cleaner waste water. Disease-causing organisms, organic matter and most nutrients are removed. The clarified wastewater is distributed into the earth.

Standard system control pictured below.



How an “Engineered” Septic System Works

1. An engineered system includes a treatment unit, one or two processing tanks, and a control panel with a programmable dosing timer..

2. The effluent percolates down through a textile media, where aerobic bacterial treatment occurs. A percentage of the treated effluent is re-circulated for dilution and additional treatment, and the remaining treated effluent is discharged by pumps under pressure for dispersal to a drip field.

3. A drip field takes the wastewater and allows it to leach into the ground for bacterial decomposition.

Engineered system control pictured below.



Monticello Dam: Tear it down and build it bigger!

Another Episode in the Series:

History That Almost Happened

By Peter Kilkus

The rumor of raising Monticello Dam has been around for decades. In my special report on Lake Berryessa history, Is Lake Berryessa Headed for Another Ten-Year Drought or a Thousand-Year Flood?, I asked, “Where did this rumor start and why does it pop up every now and again?” According to David Okita, general manager of the Solano County Water Agency at the time, CalFed, a collaboration among 25 state and federal agencies, did a “brainstorming” survey many years go of every potential future water project in northern California.

Although raising Monticello Dam made the original list of possible projects, after practical criteria such as cost, safety, flooding adjacent property, were applied to screen the list down to real opportunities, raising the dam was dropped from the list. It has never been discussed seriously since then. It is NOT in any plan, never will be.

But there is another potential source to this rumor, and it was a much more ambitious project than just raising the dam.

According to “The Solano Water Story” published by the Solano Irrigation District, banner headlines in California's newspapers in September, 1963 announced Governor Edmund G. Brown's startling new state water plan in which Berryessa would have a major role.

The \$3.7 billion plan included 35 dams, 70 miles of tunnels, 10 pumping plants, and 15 powerplants. The time-table called for start-up in 1976 and completion about 2020.

According to the plan, the still-young, 304-foot high Monticello Dam would be removed, rather than letting it remain as an underwater barrier. It would be replaced with a 650-foot high earth and rockfill dam a mile downstream from the concrete arch dam. The new reservoir would be three times larger than Lake Berryessa, with 10 times its capacity or 16 million acre-feet (compared with Shasta's 4.5 million acre-feet).

The enlarged lake would extend into Pope Valley almost as far as Aetna Springs in Napa County and into Capell Valley, taking nearly 18,000 acres of agricultural and grazing land out of production.

Estimated cost of the Greater Berryessa Project, as it was called, was put at \$360 million by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR). The timetable for this part of the project indicated a start-up in about 1990.

In essence, the idea was to integrate the Greater Berryessa Project with the \$280 million Clear Lake Diversion Project. The latter included three dams on the Middle Fork of the Eel River, with tunnels to the Main Eel River, Russian River, and Clear Lake to Putah Creek, then through two more dams and Lake Berryessa to the Sacramento River.

From Clear Lake, the water would be diverted by a two-mile tunnel to Soda Creek in the Upper Putah Creek basin, developing 400 feet of powerhead that would be harnessed with the construction of two dams on Soda Creek.

According to the DWR, discharges from the power facilities would be released into an enlarged Lake Berryessa capable of meeting the export demands of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and those of the Solano Project.

Even the Bureau of Reclamation, which had never been accused of thinking small, was impressed by the scope of Governor Brown's plan, describing the overall project as "staggering but physically possible and since the Greater Berryessa Project would not be built for at least another 30 years, the present Monticello Dam by that time will have served its useful life."

Brown's master plan for the state's water problems never caught on with the public or the legislature. His grand plans are collecting dust at the DWR.

Q. What would you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher? A. Lots of blood tests!

Q. Why did Dracula's mother give him cough medicine? A. Because he was having a coffin fit.

Q. Why wasn't there any food left after the monster party?' A Cos everyone was a goblin.

Q Why did the vampire's lunch give him heartburn?

A. It was a stake sandwich

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Lake Level as of 10/3/18

The lake level is now at 424.0 feet, 16 feet below Glory Hole. The lake dropped 4 inches this week.

The first rain of the season came on October 2 with .51 inches at Monticello Dam and .75 inches in the Berryessa Highlands.

This early rainfall will hopefully end the 2018 fire season. Last year the first rain did not come until 10/20/17 - too late to stop the tragic fires.

About Ten Years Ago (2019 is close enough) in the Lake Berryessa News: The Future of Lake Berryessa Begins

On September 30th, 2009 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.

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.

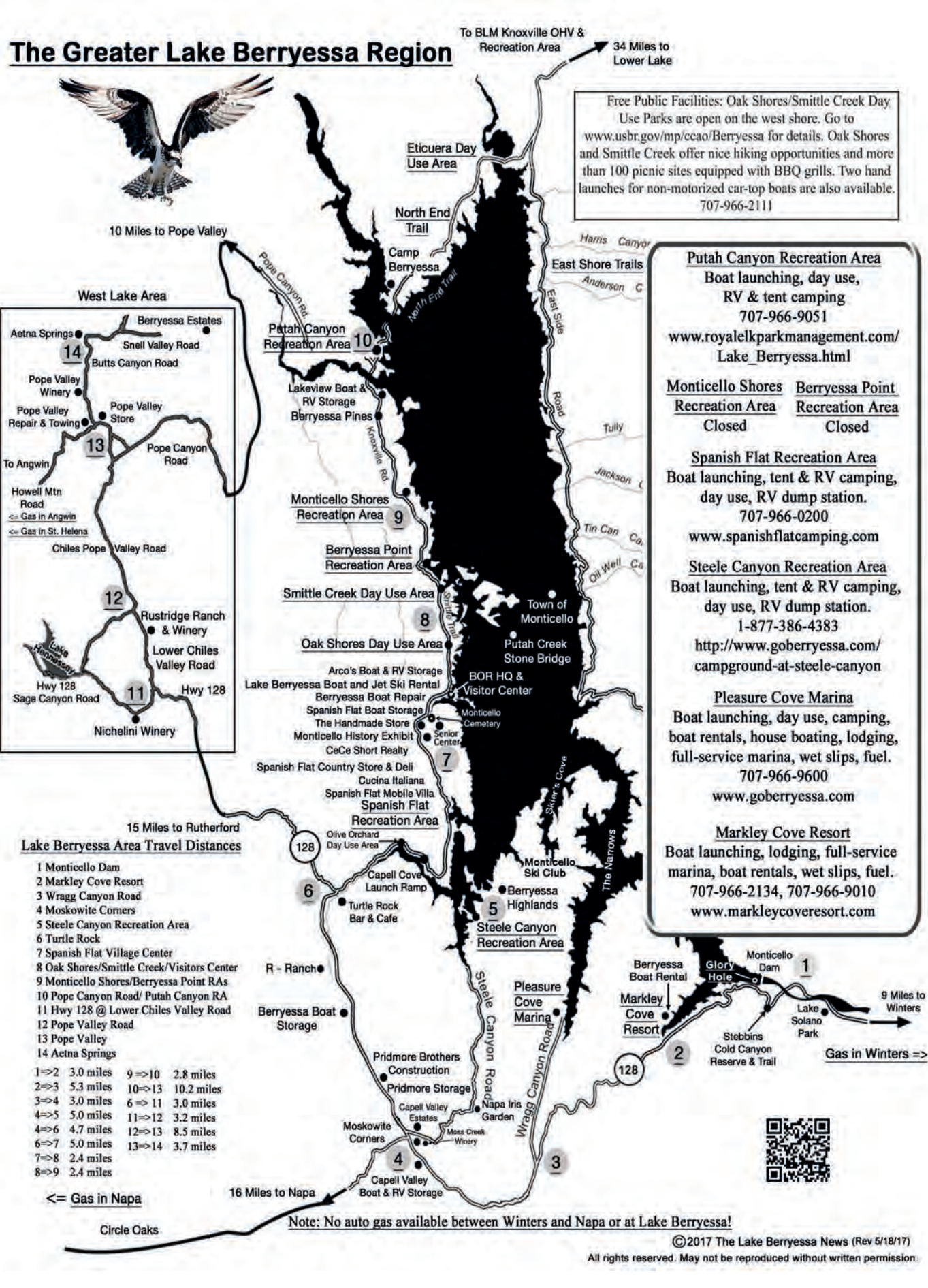
The burden on Steele Park raised concerns in the Bureau of Reclamation and elsewhere that no new operator would bid to take over the popular lakeside resort. Lucero said the bureau hopes to award resort contracts by March, 2010.

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

Q: Why did the monster knit herself three socks? A: Because she grew another foot!

Q: What is big, yellow and prickly, has three eyes and eats rocks? A: A big, yellow, prickly three eyed rock eater!

Q: What did the grandfather monster say to his grandson when they hadn't seen each other for quite awhile? A: You gruesome!



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9:35 a.m., or soon thereafter as reasonably practicable, a public hearing will be conducted to consider increasing rates for solid waste collection and disposal services in Garbage Zone Two of Napa County.

The fees initiated or revised by the fee resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide the service for which the fee is levied.

The public hearing will be held at 9:35 a.m. on November 13, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Suite 305, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

A copy of the proposed fees and data regarding the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service, including General Fund revenues, is available for review on November 2, 2018 (ten days prior to the hearing) at the office of the Clerk of the Board, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, California, 94559.

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Another Bureau of Reclamation Time Warp Moment!
The "2020-something..." Lake Berryessa Revitalization Schedule

Think Positive!

by Peter Kilkus

After more than two years of painfully slow progress, the Board of Supervisors has yet to finalize a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation has a 20-year history of delays and bureaucratic bungling that led to the present situation at the lake. The first phase of this debacle began with a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on November 7, 2000.

That was 18 years ago, Rocky Horror fans! It's astounding; time is fleeting; madness takes its toll. But listen closely, not for very much longer, I've got to keep control. Let's do the time-warp again.

That was also when I first met newly-elected Supervisor Diane Dillon at a small meeting at Pleasure Cove Resort to discuss the future of Lake Berryessa. Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future. (Think Positive.)

In a previous story I calculated that the lake community had lost TEN years of progress. Now add another year to that for no progress in 2018. The new proposed plan starts slowly in 2019 with the first redeveloped resorts, Steele Canyon and Monticello Shores, to open in 2022.

These are the two resorts that county research showed are generating the most interest from the private sector. Disappointingly, the schedule stretches past 2025. A "2020-something" schedule! Is that a real time? Almost fifteen years of family recreation lost!

To put it the perspective, the average life expectancy of a male is roughly 80 years. As someone who has been involved in this BOR nightmare for 20 years, 5 more

years at my age is the statistical end.

I'm not a fan of 5 year and longer plans, nor those that show results in late "2020-something". Someone who is 35 has about 50 years to get things done so it's easier to be positive about the future.

Don't ask me to wear a happy face t-shirt to BOR meetings. (Think Positive.) But I will continue to work positively for the revitalization of Lake Berryessa because I wish to support my community. And I do still hope to enjoy the benefits myself.

At a recent meeting the Board of Supervisors unanimously voiced their support for the County taking over management of the Lake Berryessa recreation areas, commonly referred to as "the resorts". "This isn't about doing it for net revenues," Supervisor Diane Dillon said. "This is about doing it for net benefits for the greater community."

Supervisors seemed optimistic that an agreement will be reached, possibly by early next year. Ironically, only a year ago the schedule showed that a bid process leading to contract negotiations with new concessionaires were to be completed by summer 2018. (Think Positive.)

About five years ago Reclamation seemed to understand the serious damage they'd done to the local Lake Berryessa community. They promised to make it right, and for awhile followed through with some positive actions.

But even then I was reminded of one of my favorite quotes from Polish poet Stanislaw Lec,

"Is it progress if a cannibal uses a fork?"

The Bureau of Reclamation is what I characterize as an "OK, but..." bureaucracy - one adept at feigning concern but always seeming to find a reason to move the goal posts farther out.

The latest example is from Drew Lessard of the Bureau of Reclamation who addressed the Board during public comments. He expressed optimism that Reclamation and the county will come to agreement, "but...the last thing we want is to enter into a managing partner agreement and not have success". Write your own favorite cliché here... "the pot calling the kettle black" comes to mind. (Think Positive.)

Apparently now Reclamation wants new information, a new economic analysis, and a proposed new schedule from Napa County - all of which was actually done more than a year ago. Is a "2030-something" schedule the next Reclamation "ok, but..." moment?

A recent letter to the Lake Berryessa News from Senator Diane Feinstein did indicate that she had been told by the "local Reclamation office", wherever that is, "that the agency emphasizes that it still intends to work with the County to pursue an agreement and is seeking to do so by the end of 2018." Two more months!?

How long does it take before a flickering candle finally goes out? When does saying "OK, but..." actually mean "OK, butt..."? When can the Lake Berryessa community finally stop being the butt of the long running bureaucratic joke that is the Bureau of Reclamation?

Download a PDF copy of the full plan at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/county-berryessa-plan.pdf

Latest Proposed Schedule for Lake Berryessa Resort Development

- > Award Concessions - Steele Canyon & Monticello Shores (Phase 1: 2019)
- > Initial Occupancy - Steele Canyon & Monticello Shores: 2022
- > Markley Cove & Pleasure Cove Join MPA (Phase 2: 2019-2021)
- > Award Concession - Spanish Flat (Phase 3: 2022 - 2024)
- > Initial Occupancy - Spanish Flat: 2025 - 2027
- > Award Concessions - Berryessa Point & Putah Creek (Phase 4: 2025-2027)
- > Initial Occupancy - Berryessa Point & Putah Creek: 2028 - 2030

Steele Canyon, now managed under temporary agreement with Suntex (Pleasure Cove Resort), will operate during 2019 under temporary agreement.

Reclamation will seek temporary concessionaire (3-5 years) for Spanish Flat; possibly others (Putah Creek?).

Spanish Flat is now managed under temporary agreement with the BOR by Spanish Flat Partners - a group of local residents who organized to support the west shore Spanish Flat business and residential communities. Putah Creek is now managed by Royal Elk Park Management under temporary agreement with Reclamation.

The First Thanksgiving in 1621 - Myth and Legend

Few people realize that the Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving the next year, or any year thereafter, though some of their descendants later made a "Forefather's Day" that usually occurred on December 21 or 22. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several Presidents for the instatement of Thanksgiving as a national holiday, but her lobbying was unsuccessful until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday with his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November. This was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941), who changed it from Abraham Lincoln's designation as the *last* Thursday in November (which could occasionally end up being the fifth Thursday and hence too close to Christmas for businesses). But the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving began at some unknown date between September 21 and November 9, most likely in very early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by Lincoln to somewhat correlate with the anchoring of the *Mayflower* at Cape Cod, which occurred on November 21, 1620 (by our modern Gregorian calendar--it was November 11 to the Pilgrims who used the Julian calendar).

There are only two contemporary accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving: First is Edward Winslow's account, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621.

Our corn [i.e. wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

The second description was written about twenty years after the fact by William Bradford in his History *Of Plymouth Plantation*. Bradford's History was rediscovered in 1854 after having been taken by British looters during the Revolutionary War. Its discovery prompted a greater American interest in the history of the Pilgrims, which eventually led to Lincoln's decision to make Thanksgiving a holiday. It is also in this account that the Thanksgiving turkey tradition is founded.

They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty. For as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercising in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty here to their friends in England, which were not feigned but true reports.

Foods Available to the Pilgrims for their 1621 Thanksgiving

The following is a fairly complete list of the foods available to the Pilgrims during the three-day Thanksgiving harvest celebration. As can be seen in the above two quotations, the only foods specifically mentioned by the Pilgrims are: "corn" (wheat, by the Pilgrims usage of the word), Indian corn, barley, peas (if any where spared), "fowl" (Bradford says "waterfowl"), five deer, fish (namely bass and cod), and wild turkey.

FISH: cod, bass, herring, shad, bluefish, and lots of eel.

SEAFOOD: clams, lobsters, mussels, and very small quantities of oysters

BIRDS: wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, and other miscellaneous waterfowl; they were also known to have occasionally eaten eagles (which "tasted like mutton" according to Winslow in 1623.)

OTHER MEAT: venison (deer), *possibly* some salt pork or chicken.

GRAIN: wheat flour, Indian corn and corn meal; barley (mainly for beer-making).

FRUITS: raspberries, strawberries, grapes, plums, cherries, blueberries, gooseberries (these would have been dried, as none would have been in season).

VEGETABLES: small quantity of peas, squashes (including pumpkins), beans

NUTS: walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, hickory nuts, ground nuts

HERBS and SEASONINGS: onions, leeks, strawberry leaves, currants, sorrel, yarrow, carvel, brooklime, liverwort, watercress, and flax; from England they brought seeds and probably planted radishes, lettuce, carrots, onions, and cabbage. Olive oil in small quantities may have been brought over, though the Pilgrims had to sell most of their oil and butter before sailing, in order to stay on budget.

OTHER: maple syrup, honey; small quantities of butter, Holland cheese; and eggs.

Some perhaps startling omissions from the authentic Thanksgiving menu

Ham. (The Pilgrims most likely did not have pigs with them).

Sweet Potatoes-Potatoes-Yams. (These had not yet been introduced to New England).

Corn on the cob. (Indian corn was only good for making cornmeal, not eating on the cob).

Popcorn. (Contrary to popular folklore, popcorn was not introduced at the 1621 Thanksgiving. Indian corn could only be half-popped, and this wouldn't have tasted very good.)

Cranberry sauce. (Cranberries were available, but sugar was not.)

Pumpkin Pie: (They probably made a pumpkin pudding of sorts, sweetened by honey or syrup, which would be like the filling of a pumpkin pie, but there would be no crust or whipped topping.)

Thanksgiving used to be America's national chow-down feast - the one occasion each year when gluttony becomes a patriotic duty. But now it seems there are three such days: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for? Their AGE!

Turkey Herding in the Berryessa Valley

Thanksgiving being so closely associated with turkeys, it reminded me of some turkey stories I've heard about historical Berryessa Valley turkey ranching. I discussed Berryessa Valley history with Carol Fitzpatrick and Clint Pridmore at the Berryessa Seniors Crab Feed several years ago (January, 2011). I digitally captured Carol's film of the Berryessa Valley and Town of Monticello from 1929. I've posted segments of it on my web site, www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/berryessa-valley-history/. Fascinating stuff.

There's a section showing turkey ranching with thousands of turkeys running around. Both Carol and Clint told me that decades ago the turkey ranchers used to drive their turkeys from Monticello to Winters, just like cattle - a big "turkey drive"! I'm a gullible sort and they both told me this story with a straight face. I've been stopped on western roads by cowboys herding cattle and Native Americans herding sheep across the road. But the concept of a herd of turkeys being wrangled to Winters still takes my breath away. I asked for comments from my readers. I actually got several responses which are reproduced below.

The turkeys from Pope Valley were driven to Rutherford...I guess to the railroad...Rutherford was where the wheat crop of Pope and Chiles valleys was taken by wagon to be shipped by rail...1880's...I was told when a herd of pigs was driven the pigs eyes would be sewed shut...makes some sense...pigs would be harder to herd than cats.....Bill Hardin, Pope Valley

I read your article about the turkey drive, and made me think about the days my Grandfather, Bruno Goetze, had a ranch in Wragg Canyon (which is Pleasure Cove now, and where I live) and herded his sheep with 2 good dogs on foot to the Dixon Auction. My dad, Ernie Goetze, said it took him 3 days to get there. So I'm saying its probably true. And I also heard of stories from another friend of mine, who lived in Vacaville, and her mother raised turkeys. They used to herd them from one ranch to another.

Lynn (Goetze) Graham

I was born and raised in Pope Valley and can testify that they did raise turkeys. Don't know about the actual turkey drive but was told that the special breed they raised, could weigh up to 65 lbs and had a wing span of 8 ft. Wouldn't think they could fly at that weight. I do know for a fact that you can drive turkeys.

Another little known fact is that I have known turkeys who were smarter than the individuals who drove them. Undocumented of course, but the comparison was made in Pope Valley.

Vernon Duvall

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Did You Know This About Leather Dresses? 7

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Quotes from Polish poet Stanislaw Lec

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Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he lucky?

You must first have a lot of patience to learn to have patience.

Thoughts, like fleas, jump from man to man, but they don't bite everybody.

The weakest link in a chain is the strongest because it can break it.

Even his ignorance is encyclopedic.

He had a clear conscience. Never used it.

Some like to understand what they believe in. Others like to believe in what they understand.

It's the priests who have demands, not the gods.

When reasons are weak, attitudes stiffen.

Never turn your back on reality. It surrounds you.

The only fool bigger than a person who knows it all is a person who argues with him.

You will always find some Eskimo ready to instruct the Congolese on how to cope with heat waves.

In order for you to be yourself, you have to be somebody first.

There were grammatical errors even in his silence.

Do We Need \$75,000 a Year to Be Happy?

People say money doesn't buy happiness. Except, according to a study from Princeton University, it sort of does — up to about \$75,000 a year. The lower a person's annual income falls below that benchmark, the unhappier he or she feels. But no matter how much more than \$75,000 people make, they don't report any greater degree of happiness.

The study points out that there are actually two types of happiness. There's your changeable, day-to-day mood: whether you're stressed or blue or feeling emotionally sound. Then there's the deeper satisfaction you feel about the way your life is going.

While having an income above the magic \$75,000 cutoff doesn't seem to have an impact on the former (emotional well-being), it definitely improves people's life satisfaction. In other words, the more people make above \$75,000, the more they feel their life is working out on the whole. But it doesn't make them any more jovial in the mornings.

The study authors found that most Americans — 85% — regardless of their annual income, felt happy each day. Almost 40% of respondents also reported feeling stressed (which is not mutually exclusive with happiness) and 24% had feelings of sadness. Most people were also satisfied with the way their life was going.

So, where does the \$75,000 come into play? Researchers found that lower income did not cause sadness itself but made people feel more ground down by the problems they already had. The study found, for example, that among divorced people, about 51% who made less than \$1,000 a month reported feeling sad or stressed the previous day, while only 24% of those earning more than \$3,000 a month reported similar feelings. Having money clearly takes the sting out of adversities.

Past research on money and happiness has also found that it's not absolute wealth that's linked with happiness, but relative wealth or status — that is, how much more money you have than your neighbors.

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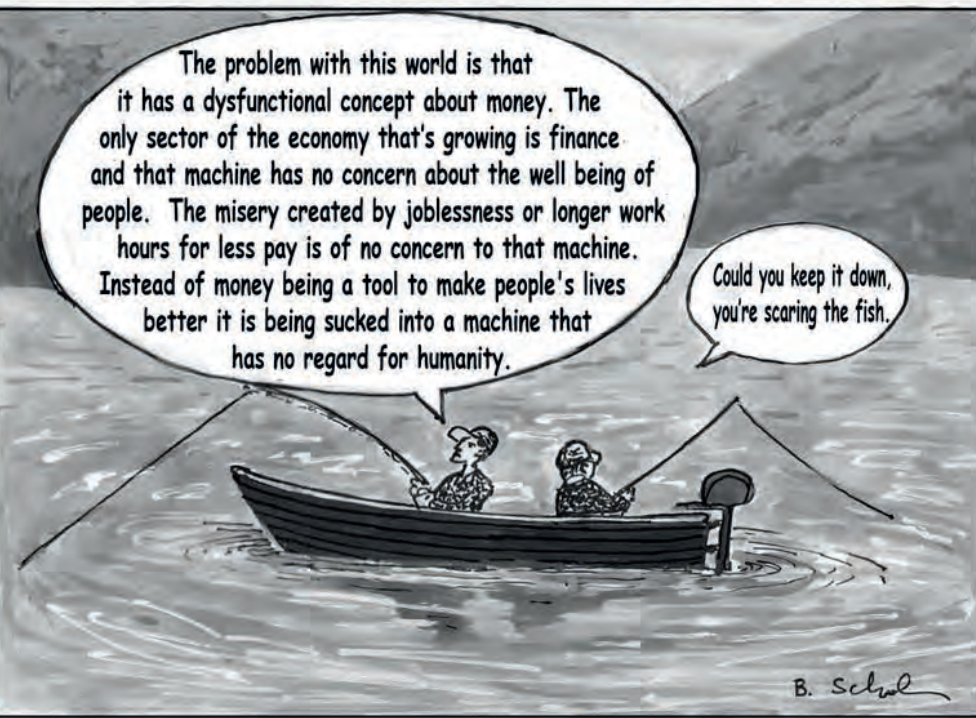
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Q. Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? A.The outside.	What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one? (Hint: starts with an s and ends with a g.)
Q. What are the feathers on a turkey's wings called? A. Turkey feathers.	Startling Starting Staring String Sting Sing Sin In I
Q. Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? A.Yes - a building can't jump at all.	
Q. How do you make a turkey float? A. You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey.	

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



The Scientific Basis for Astrology

by Peter Kilkus

There is none! Which makes it even more amusing to see the spate of stories that came out awhile ago about possible changes to the Signs of the Zodiac. But relax, you don't have to learn a new sign. The ancient zodiac is not affected by Earth's wobble. Has the zodiac really changed? Is your personality different? What about your soul mate's? And what about your future?

Some horoscope readers were shocked to hear that, after a life of assuming they were romantic, easygoing Libras, they actually were practical and intelligent Virgos! But it turns out that rumors that the zodiac is off by a month are largely much ado about nothing. That's a relief for believers because adjacent astrological signs are considered to carry opposite personality traits.

The Star Tribune of Minneapolis ran a short story about how the Earth's axis has shifted enough over the past few millennia to offset which zodiac constellations go with which months. The story went viral, creating a storm of confusion. There was even talk of the rearrangement creating a 13th sign in the sky called Ophiuchus, the serpent bearer.

Meanwhile, a lot of people have been confused about their identities. About one in four Americans believes in astrology, according to a 2009 poll by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Some people even have wondered whether this changes their compatibility with their spouses.

Then there's the issue of the 13th sign, wedged in the sky between Scorpio and Sagittarius. Modern astrologists are conscious that there are countless constellations in the sky and that various traditions use various stars. But Western astrology traditionally is based on 12 signs and that's not going to change.



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November 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You go down in history as the world's lousiest criminal when you attempt to escape from police into the pages of a great romance novel.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): A strange incident involving you, a parking meter, a banjo, and a pratfalling Sherpa guide will result in your being featured as a special case in the nation's medical textbooks.

Aries (3/21-4/19): A torch-bearing mob drives you from your village after you correctly pick all 15 games in this week's football pool.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Due to scheduling conflicts, Taurus will have no future this week.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The mystery of your parentage will be solved this week when General Motors recalls you and 20,000 of your brothers and sisters.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The twin specters of confusion and bankruptcy haunt your life when Wilford Brimley confronts you with a prenuptial contract you do not remember signing.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Confusion is in store for you this week when you wake from a deep sleep to find ex-heavyweight champ Sonny Liston tenderly massaging your feet.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Poor quality control and lack of attention to detail force Consumer Reports to rate Virgo 12th out of 12 star signs.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A drunken Father Time will appear at your doorstep this week, ask you how much time you think you have left, and laugh uproariously at your guess.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You need to come back to earth. Daydreaming and maxing your credit card won't make you happy.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Become a better parent. Purchase a coffee mug emblazoned with the phrase, "World's Greatest Parent.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Many of your problems indicate that you need to become more firmly grounded. Ask a friend to nail you to the floor.



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The Lake Berryessa News Has The Best Horoscopes!

We will always try to provide the best available, and possibly accurate if not true, horoscopes to our readers. A comparison of recent horoscopes in two publications for the same week are given below. You can see that they are very traditional and probably taken from the same book of rotating horoscope descriptions you've been reading for years.

But compare that to the Lake Berryessa News horoscopes printed here and you'll clearly note the difference in quality.

Publication #1: PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Keep your opinions to yourself regarding problems or decisions that don't directly involve you, even if it does affect a friend who won't fight back. You could make things worse.

Publication #2: PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You feel an expansive sense of freedom and liberation. It is a deeply spiritual time that can result in experiences of expanded awareness. Recreation and travel can also be activities that take advantage of these opportunities.

Here Is The Stunning Truth Behind The Mysterious Hole Inside Lake Berryessa!

In this era of "fake" news, false "facts", and alternative reality "presidents", it's gratifying to see that Lake Berryessa and its famed Glory Hole have received their fair share of international social media coverage.

There are several of these odd web sites out there, often originating in Asia. This story was obviously pieced together from public sources and written by someone for whom English is a second language. See the credits at the end of the article for some fun English usage and the purpose of the NEWSD web site.

This imaginative story has been circulating since July, 2018 and just popped up again this week.

<https://www.newsd.co/stunning-truth-behind-mysterious-hole-inside-lake-berryessa/>

Fourteen years ago the City Council of Lake Berryessa's sister city, Winters, unanimously passed a resolution criticizing the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed plans for Lake Berryessa. I'm reproducing it here in full because it was so accurately prescient in its concerns.

Ironically, our stated efforts to "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest." of Lake Berryessa received no support from Napa County, any Napa city, nor our own Congressman. And Reclamation clearly ignored the concerns of the City of Winters.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS CALIFORNIA IN REGARDS TO THE LAKE BERRYESSA RE-USE PLAN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation are currently pursuing a Re-Use Plan for Lake Berryessa which serves as a main attraction and economic center for the City of Winters; and

WHEREAS, the City relies on the activity in an around the Lake to provide jobs and tax revenues to help subsidize the local economy and City operations; and

WHEREAS, the critical link between Winters and Lake Berryessa has been in existence since the original construction of the Monticello Dam; and

WHEREAS, under the re-use proposals, significant changes may occur which will significantly change the use of the Lake and the positive fiscal impacts to the City of Winters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to express our concerns on the most important concerns and impacts to the Winters Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Winters that the City declares as follows:

Section 1. Closure of the southerly concession areas (Markley/Pleasure Cove's) (partially or fully), even for renovation for an extended period could pose a serious economic impact to lake serving businesses. The City receives a significant amount of our sales tax from boaters passing to and from Markley Cove.

Section 2. The projected re-use of the areas, including reduction of day boaters and motorized craft from the Cove's would provide for a considerable loss of local business to the Winters community. As described, the use of Berryessa would change to a greater houseboat and non-motorized use versus the current mix.

Section 3. The proposed uses for these areas would change from a mostly year-round to seasonal, thus reducing revenues to Winters for prolonged periods.

Section 4. Risk of single operator of an area the size of Lake Berryessa with the described multitude of uses. The selection of a single operator is inherently a significant risk because of the potential for failure.

Section 5. The lack of a phased approach by canceling all existing contracts within a two year period could create a catastrophic situation in the event that plans are not available for a transition of control and Lake management for users.

Section 6. Effects on citizens of Winters who extensively utilize Lake Berryessa.

Section 7. Under the current plan, it appears unlikely that the local operators could be as competitive as larger corporate operators in gaining the re-bid concession contracts. There is considerable uncertainty and probability that local operators could be required to remove existing facilities while a new operator installs new. This transition of deconstruction and construction could take many years.

Section 8. The City currently benefits in our traffic from the boat storage capabilities at Markley Cove. The current plan does not adequately define how this area might be re-used. If less storage is allowed, the City could experience a higher volume of boat transport traffic than currently experienced.

Section 9. Local employment - A number of Winters residents are currently employed by the local operators. The uncertainty of re-use and local employment is a concern.

Section 10. As proposed, the re-use plan appears to begin the exclusion of many of the current users of the Lake, for a more exclusive and restricted access for non-motorized users.

Section 11. The current interpretation of Public Law 93-975 by the Bureau's seems inherently unfair to the current concessionaires. As adopted, PL 93-975 specifically provided for fair compensation to the concessionaires for improvements made at the facility, in the event that another lease was issued. It appears that under the current plans, these concessionaires would receive no compensation for facilities or improvements, which seems unjust.

Section 12. It is the request of the City Council of the City of Winters that the Bureau of Reclamation reconsider the use of Option B as the preferred alternative which includes a combination of multiple concessionaires and a phased implementation/transition of use.

Section 13. It is recommended that the Bureau consider other options put forth by citizens such as "A+" which recommends that the Bureau undertake a vigorous clean-up program of existing residences and leases to bring into compliance existing rules, ordinances and laws.

Section 14. The City Council believes that Reclamation's DEIS Alternative "B" has not addressed the broad range of concerns of local communities like Winters. The Council therefore requests that the Bureau of Reclamation open a formal public comment period for the economic analysis of the plan as well as reopen the comment period on the DEIS itself because of the lack of economic data to support the DEIS as proposed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2004 by the following vote: AYES: Anderson, Fridae, Stone, Mayor Martinez NOES: None, ABSENT: Chapman

If you look at the map of Lake Berryessa on the right you'll notice a location on the east shore called Oil Well Canyon. I had always wondered what that meant until I attended a seminar a few years ago and saw photos of an oil well near where the Bureau of Reclamation headquarters building stands. The first "Oil Rush" began when some local businessman and a professional surveyor went prospecting for oil in Berryessa Valley in October, 1900. They returned with several full bottles that they said came from springs. A well should be drilled, one told the Napa Journal, to find the source somewhere in the sandstone and shale below.

Within days an "expert" from the Mt. Shasta Oil and Development Company said they were going to develop what suddenly became known as the "Berryessa Oil Lands." Soon after that the Monticello Oil Company was formed. Oil strikes were making news all over the country.

The value of this new form of gold was only beginning to be recognized. As a replacement for whale oil and tallow, "rock oil" or "coal oil," as it was once called, illuminated homes around the country in the form of kerosene. Gasoline was used as a cleaning solvent. Oil was converted to light whole buildings as well as city streets. But by far the most significant use of oil would prove to be as a fuel in a contraption called the "internal combustion engine."

When Henry Ford began making gasoline-powered vehicles, he started a demand that transformed the world. Ford's first automobile was completed and ready to go in 1896. The horseless carriage had become a rare but impressive sight on the streets in many American cities by 1902, and someone had already driven a motored vehicle through Napa. Prompted by the invention of the automobile, oil production in California had grown from 470,000 barrels in 1893 to 24,000,000 by 1903.

Now practically everyone with any cash in the bank made a beeline to Berryessa. President of the Miners' Petroleum Association said, "I consider the oil indications in Northern California superior to any that I have seen in any part of the world." People promised that there would be an oil rush in California that echoed the great gold rush 50 years earlier. Indications for oil were supposedly popping up on the Gosling ranch in Berryessa and in Wooden Valley. So much oil, of so fine a quality, so near the surface, so close to home!

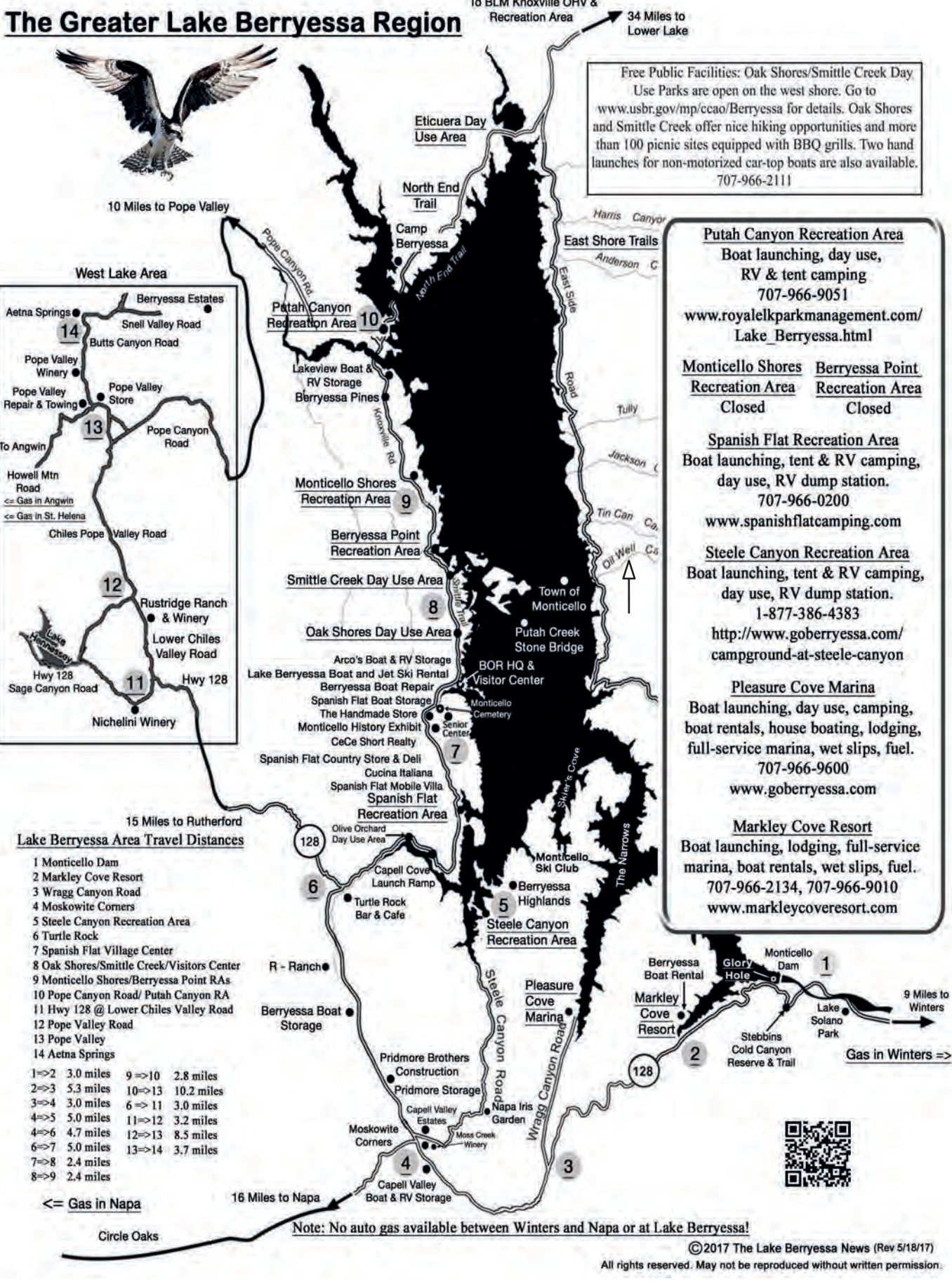
In mid-April, a man from Capell Valley struck oil after drilling down 125'. After that... silence. There were no more big stories in the local papers about oil strikes. There may have been oil there, but somehow most of it vanished before it could come to the surface. The drillers and drifters, surveyors and investors quietly packed up their things and went away. A lot of money had changed hands for nothing, much of it going in legal and professional fees to attorneys.

The second "Oil Rush" began due to persistence, better known as an obsession in this case. Berryessa had long been a frustration to the scores of investors who had hoped to find oil and gas there. When someone claimed to have found oil and coal on the McCormick ranch on Spring Mountain in St. Helena, a rush of speculation started again, and a hatch of new companies appeared. One businessman convinced some Hollywood stars to invest.

A moderate-sized company produced about 10 barrels of oil a day, "very high grade and clear as crystal," according to the speculator. But it wasn't enough and the hole was closed and the riggings were removed. Local Napa businessmen also bought into the dream. But when a geologist from Los Angeles came to inspect the site, the expert advised folks to pull out. All the other little oil companies that had popped up in Berryessa soon reeled in their cables, too, and disappeared.

Convinced that Berryessa would yield oil, one "wildcatter" sank what was at the time the deepest hole ever drilled in Northern California. At 3,710', his 25'-long, heavy steel drilling cable snapped off. The line he used to rescue the cable also broke, and he had to seal the hole with cement. He tried again with another well nearby, but this time it was he who busted. He found a Los Angeles firm that was willing to finish the job on contract, but then the stock market crashed and no one had the cash to sink into questionable oil well investments.

As before, the only people to profit from Berryessa's gas and oil reserves were the lawyers who drew up the contracts.



Real Christmas Memories of My First BB Gun

By Peter Kilkus

The most watched Christmas movie is not A Wonderful Life anymore. It hasn't been since 1983, the year of A Christmas Story—the now classic film about nine-year-old Ralphie Parker's thwarted desire for a forbidden Christmas present: an official Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-Shot Range Model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time. A sleeper of a movie, it forever changed the cozy, sentimental holiday-movie genre.

This movie is one of my favorites since it so directly reflects my own experience as a young boy fighting to get my first bb gun. My mother was against it and actually said I might shoot my eye out. But she never thought I'd learn how to shoot wooden matches out of it to land and burst into flame on my neighbor's shingle roof.

When we think of pre-1983 holiday movies, we think of plum puddings like Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol; the 1942 Irving Berlin musical Holiday Inn and its 1954 cousin, White Christmas; the rather dark 1946 Frank Capra drama starring James Stewart, It's a Wonderful Life; Miracle on 34th Street the following year.

So when A Christmas Story premiered, in 1983, we suddenly had a new kind of holiday movie, one that acknowledged - even relished - the "unbridled avarice," the commercialism, the disappointments, the hurt feelings, and all-around bad luck that, in reality, often define the merry season.

In other words, what real Christmas was like in real families. It brought a bracing blast of satire and realism, wrapped up in a hilarious, pitch-perfect tale of a middle-class family negotiating the perils of Christmas, through the eyes of a 9-year-old boy.

Though the movie did respectable box office, it disappeared in just a few weeks. But over the years its popularity grew, and 14 years after its release, it had become such a holiday staple that TNT began running it in a continuous loop at Christmastime.



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2018: The Year In Review Through Lake Berryessa News Headlines

January 2018: "Holes In History" at Lake Berryessa: Simple Incompetence, Fervent Ignorance, Malicious Arrogance

TEN YEARS of lost opportunities! A generation of children and families have missed some of the best experiences of their lives! It's time to start fulfilling expectations, not digging new holes. If all goes well, the present schedule shows an optimistic date of July, 2018 for concessionaire selection and negotiations.

February 2018: February 2017 >>>>>February 2018: What A Difference A Year Makes!

The County received nine responses to the Request for Information and Interest for the redevelopment of five resorts. Next Steps: April, 2018 - MPA Authorization; May, 2018-RFP Release. As of 2/8/18 the lake has stabilized at 431.1 feet - 8.9 feet below Glory Hole. No rain since January 26.

March 2018: No Drought Worries. Lake Berryessa Is Full! Summer 2018 Will Be Interesting In More Ways Than One.

Once again the Lake Berryessa community is holding its breath in a spirit of cautious optimism. The Managing Partner Agreement between Napa County and Reclamation is to be completed in April. Summer 2018 should see concessionaire selection and contract negotiations proceeding.

April 2018: Easter Sunday Falls on April Fool's Day: A Spirit of Renewal Combined With A Sense of Humor Bodes Well For Lake Berryessa!

No Update From Napa County. No News From the Bureau of Reclamation. The Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) is still scheduled for completion during April. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is still scheduled for release in May.

May 2018: No on Measure C! When Good Science Goes Bad...Or Doesn't Go Anywhere At All.

Despite applehood and mother pie statements about the environmental benefits of oak woodlands, this initiative is simply an anti-winery, anti-vineyard, anti-growth measure. It will have the unintended consequence of negatively affecting Lake Berryessa and other rural property owners.

June 2018: The Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall! Become A Member Show Your Vote of Confidence In The Future.

The Center is committed to providing older adults, families and children with a friendly, supportive environment for social interaction, recreational activities, educational opportunities, community involvement, and access to public services. And it is also a full-service meeting and event facility.

July 2018: Revitalizing Lake Berryessa - Idling Towards Home

First the excitement of watching Napa County begin the process in early 2017. Then the ray of hope when the county received nine responses to its RFII. Then the doldrums of Napa County negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, followed by the engine failure somewhere in the process.

August 2018: Beating A Dead Horse With A Stick OR Beating A Horse With A Dead Stick? BOR Betrays Berryessa AGAIN!

It's been a long time since the original promise of a "seamless transition" followed by years of total chaos leading to the destruction of our lake community. Is the Bureau of Reclamation a dead horse no longer functioning, or is the influence of Napa County just a dead stick when encountering bureaucratic inertia?

September 2018: Napa County Frustrated by Bureau of Reclamation Stalling Tactics as Talks on Resort Redevelopment "Continue"

There has been no progress regarding the completion of a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) between Reclamation and Napa County. The original date for an MPA was January 2018 with the selection of new resort concessionaires to occur during this summer. Now there is no proposed completion date.

October 2018: Congressman Thompson Tours Lake Berryessa with Interior Department Officials. Atlas Fire 1-Year Later.

Thompson and federal officials toured Lake Berryessa. The Steele Fire destroyed homes and dreams after flames broke out suddenly on Saturday, July 28. The fire swept uphill in dry conditions and had burned several houses at the top of the ridge on Headlands Drive in less than an hour.

November 2018: Another Bureau of Reclamation Time Warp Moment! The "2020-something..." Lake Berryessa Revitalization Schedule

"Is it progress if a cannibal uses a fork?" After more than two years of painfully slow progress, the Board of Supervisors has yet to finalize a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation has a 20-year history of delays and bureaucratic bungling that led to the present situation at the lake.

December, 2018: Bureau of Reclamation Produces Another Lost Year at Lake Berryessa

No Managing Partner Agreement. No Request For Proposals. One Year Interim Contract Extension For Dirt Camping. Reclamation response to Lake Berryessa crisis: hollow promises. Reclamation 2018 major accomplishment: money for new HQ roof & new boat!



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2018 Accomplishments

Concessions

One-year extension of Interim Concession Contracts at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat and Putah Canyon Concession Areas (11/13/18)

Transition and Renewal of Contract Agreement - Pleasure Cove Marina was purchased by Suntex Marinas. Reclamation is working with Suntex management to ensure proper future planning, contractual amendments, and contractual obligations.

Camping has remained highly desirable at the Lake Berryessa concession areas. Most weekends were 100% full except for those affected by the fire and smoke. Overall visitation at the lake was down in 2018 due to those conditions.

Visitation

2017- 650,000
2018- 450,000 (estimated)

Government Operations

The Lake Berryessa Field Office (LBFO) initiated a proposal to implement the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) which would allow Reclamation to charge entrance fees for previously free facilities.

Three public scoping meetings were held in Fall 2018. The scoping period remains open through January 21, 2019. The Regional Director will make the final implementation decision. If implemented, Lake Berryessa facilities will begin charging day use and boat launching fees at Oak Shores Day Use Area and Capell Boat Launch in spring 2019. As a recognized fee site, Reclamation will also be able to sell and honor a number of passes to federal public lands.

Facilities

Received an additional funding amount of \$400k to replace two of the 5 tile roofs at the administrative complex. The two roofs scheduled for

replacement are the administrative and maintenance buildings.

Pursued ongoing partnership with Tuleyome to complete construction of the North End Trail, and 7.5 miles of other hiking facilities at the lake.

Rangers

Rangers are acting as point of contact for updating the shade shelter rental information for Booz Allen Hamilton, the contractor maintaining the web site Recreation.gov. Recreation.gov is your gateway to explore America's outdoor and cultural destinations across the country.

People can purchase tours and tickets, search for camping and lodging, and reserve day-use facilities or purchase permits for limited use experiences. Developed a birding VIP program to monitor herons, eagles, and wood ducks. Four volunteers observed nine eaglets in five nests this season.

Greeted 906 travelers on State Route 128 at the Monticello Dam Program. Presented education programs at Oak Shores Day Use Area to more than 200 students.

Staffed information tables at Napa and Solano Ag Days for local elementary students. Contacted more than 600 students.

Participated in World Environment Day at Markley Cove with 96 volunteers and organized Coastal Cleanup Day with a record number of 106 volunteers.

Presented Waterways Education Programs to 625 elementary students at Lake Solano County Park.

Participated in the 2017 Winters Salmon Fest. Contacted 253 participants. Led free fishing days and a C.A.S.T. for Kids Event.

Led ranger-guided kayak programs for the public and UC Davis students.

Initiated ranger-guided hikes and bike programs on the North End Trail.

Attended Yolo Bypass Duck Days.

Spoke with 225 participants.

Attended job fairs at Pacific Union College.

Natural Resources

Acting Natural Resources staff is active while administration is filling the permanent position.

Working with staff at Mid-Pacific Region. Secured \$65,000 for new boat to conduct survey work/patrols in managing aquatic invasive species.

Attended prescribed fire workshop.

Coordinated with other staff on North End Trail improvements.

Met with Napa County Open Space District regarding Berryessa Vista Trail improvements.

Held multiple meetings with Fire Chief Aaron Latta regarding prescribed burns.

Fire Management

Reclamation employees dealt with relocations, detours, or smoke exposure from the Atlas, County, Steele, and Snell Fires in FY2018

Installed Oak Shores Day Use Area's first Fire Danger sign to help raise awareness of the risk for wildfire throughout the fire season.

Working with the Concession Managers, Reclamation ensured that no fires were permitted during Red Flag warning days. Thank you to them for keeping our lake safe.

It will be required for resorts to ban all fires on Red Flag days in 2019. To avoid starting fires with sparks, make sure trailer chains are secure and are not dragging!

Partnerships

Thank you to Napa County Sheriff's deputies for ongoing coverage and training provided to LBFO.

Thank you to CalFire for ongoing efforts in an ongoing fire season.

Thank you to Tuleyome for continuing to see our North End Trail project through to completion.

Historical Perspective

At the November 14, 2018 Community Forum Meeting, Reclamation was not willing to discuss the future schedule for negotiation completion and a final Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with Napa County.

They claim they are dedicated to a positive outcome but refuse to agree to a 55 year contract term - yet. What is really needed is for them to agree to a 55 year contract, release an RFP, and see who bids. Detailed contract negotiations can resolve any other minor issues. Without knowing who will bid, the present process is non-directional wheel spinning.

Reclamation suggests that the next Community Forum Meeting to potentially discuss the MPA process may be scheduled for January or February, 2019 - no guarantee.

Previous Revised RFII Schedule - January, 2018

September 26, 2017: RFII released.

October 2, 2017 : ~~Questions, Round 1~~, (Cancelled)

October 5, 2017: ~~Responses to Questions~~, (Cancelled)

October 6, 2017: ~~Registration - Site Visit 1~~ (Cancelled)

October 11, 2017: ~~Site Visit/Field Day 1~~ (Cancelled)

October 13, 2017: ~~Registration for Site Visit 2~~
(Rescheduled due to Atlas Fire)

October 18, 2017: ~~Site Visit/Field Day 2~~
(Rescheduled due to Atlas Fire)

October 24, 2017: ~~Questions, Round 2~~
(Rescheduled due to Atlas Fire)

November 1, 2017: ~~Responses, Round 2~~
(Rescheduled due to Atlas Fire)

November 20, 2017: ~~RFII Submittals Due~~
(Rescheduled due to Atlas Fire)

December 8, 2017: Registration for Site Visit

December 13, 2017: Site Visit/Field Day

December 20, 2017: Questions Due

January 10, 2018: Responses to Questions published

January 31, 2018: RFII Submittals Due

Tentative dates: MPA development and RFP process.

April, 2018: MPA Authorization

May, 2018: RFP Release

June, 2018: RFP Due

Summer/Fall 2018: Concessionaire Selection & Negotiations

Editor's Note: It is now December, 2018!

The History of Christmas Cards

The custom of sending Christmas cards was started in England in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, who had helped set-up the new Post Office and wondered how it could be used more by ordinary people.

Sir Henry had the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each, about 8 cents today!

The card had three panels. The outer two panels showed people caring for the poor and in the center panel was a family having a large Christmas dinner! Some people didn't like the card because it showed a child being given a glass of wine! About 1,000 or fewer were printed and sold. They are now very rare and cost thousands of dollars to buy!

Before 1840 only very rich people could afford to send anything in the mail. As printing methods improved, Christmas cards became much more popular and were produced in large numbers from about 1860. In 1870 the cost of sending Christmas cards, dropped to half a penny in England. This meant even more people were able to send cards.

Christmas Cards appeared in the United States of America in the late 1840s, but were very expensive and most people couldn't afford them. In 1875, Louis Prang, a printer who was originally from Germany, but who had also worked on early cards in England, started mass producing cards so more people could afford to buy them.

Mr. Prang's first cards featured flowers, plants, and children. In 1915, John C. Hall and two of his brothers created Hallmark Cards, which is still one of the biggest card makers today!



How Jesus Got His Name (Non-traditional version)

When the three kings came to visit newborn Jesus, one of them slipped on the straw and twisted his ankle.

"Jesus Christ!" he yelled in pain.

Mary looked questioningly at Joseph and said,

"That actually sounds a lot better than Chester, doesn't it?"

Onion Headlines

When Its Owner Suffered A Heart Attack, This Hero Dog Dialed A Wrong Number

Scientists Confirm: Nobody Knows What The Heck Cats Are Trying To Achieve

Scientists have determined the most secure password to be B760920909&2

Local Online Relationships Expert Has Presumably Never Seen A Woman In Real Life

After Visiting Rescue Horse Farm, Dale Earnhardt Jr. Inspired to Open Junkyard for Retired Race Cars

Plastic Surgery Recipient Not Surprised, Despite Appearing Otherwise

With Church Attendance in Decline So Too is Childhood Trauma

Phrase, "I'm Not Racist In Any Way, But..." Used Before Uttering Racist Statement For Ten Billionth Time In Human History

Local Man Who Has Never Successfully Done Anything Is Anxiously Waiting To Tell You How You're Doing It Wrong.

Man Claims To Have Had Normal Conversation With Kanye West

California Office of Labor Standards Mandates Employees Get 5 Minute Screaming Breaks For Every 2 Hours Worked

Loved Ones of Man Who Will Rather Die Than Start Jogging Misunderstand How Serious He Is

Meticulous Man Spends 90% Of Free Time Performing Manufacturer Recommended Maintenance On Possessions

Woman Amazed She Found Perfect Partner Just When She Was Getting Desperate Enough To Accept Anything

Woman's Children Officially Old Enough To Pony Up For Good Christmas Gift This Year

'Becoming A Mother Has Been The Most Thrilling Experience Of My Life,' Reports Woman Fleeing Hospital With Stolen Baby

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Lisa Loves Her Christmas Gift From Grandpa

"Thank you Grandpa for the violin you gave me last year for Christmas. I've never got such a brilliant gift!"

"Really?" asks the surprised Grandpa.

Lisa says, "Oh yeah - every time I start playing, mom gives me 2 dollars so I would stop!"

6 Lake Berryessa's Monticello Ski Club Wins Prize at the Annual Downtown Napa Christmas Parade

by Lucie Hock, MSC Treasurer

It all started back in August when Carol Dunn told us that she always wanted to be in the Napa Christmas Parade. We were all on the dock and we casually said, "let's do it this year". I don't think that any of us really believed that it would happen, but as the weeks went on we actually started to talk about it more and the more and we started to prepare.

Our participants were: Lonny Lopez, Michele Matson, Mike and Carol Dunn, Troy Grinbergs and Stacie Grinbergs, Frank and Lucie Hock and, of course, Gio Dunn, Kalyssa Grinbergs, Siena Dunn and Trevor Grinbergs.

And after one trial run decorating the boat in the court at our house one evening a few weeks before the parade, we were all in. Before we knew it, it was November 24th and time for the parade.

On the day of the parade, and after weeks of preparing, it took all of us four hours to prepare the boat with 10' lighted candy canes, fog and bubble machines and hundreds of LED lights. Speakers along the boat trailer and inside the back of the truck provide great Christmas music too.

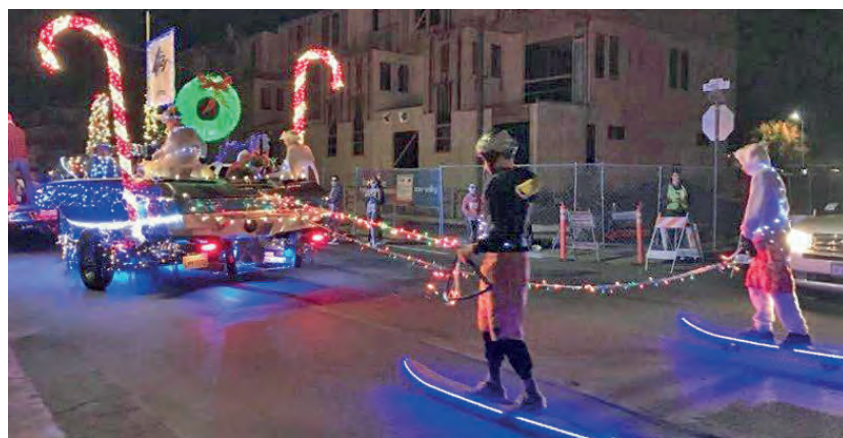
At first it seemed almost overwhelming, but the hard work was fun. And then we raised the Lake Berryessa MSC Flag! This new flag will fly at the ski dock in 2019.



Lonny was in charge of the generators, music and the fog and bubble machines. He did an amazing job. At one time, right in the middle of the parade we lost power. You could hear a thousand people saying, "AWWWWWWW". Lonny had the power back up and the music blasting and all the lights back on in less than a minute. The crowd cheered! You were really amazing Lonny. Thank You!

I have to give this special tribute to Troy Grinbergs. Troy worked endless hours on the huge lighted candy canes, the lighted wreath that hung between the candy canes. He provided out bubble and fog machines, amazing LED lights for underneath the boat, and the list goes on and on. "Everyone" worked really hard, but Troy was the star of this parade!

Trevor and Gio were our water skiers. Troy took wood skis, put some wheels on them, lighted them up with LEDs and they were ready to go. These guys were amazing. They held onto their lighted ski ropes and rode



these boards behind the boat all the way through the parade. The crowds absolutely loved it!

The crowds were so amazed by the boat and the skiers. We were told it was the first boat ever in the Napa Parade and this was their 55th year! People were screaming, hooting, whistling and applauding. It was amazing to be a part of this!

And here is the best part. Out of MORE THAN 50 PARADE FLOAT ENTRIES, we won FIRST PLACE and the \$500.00 PRIZE MONEY for the BEST LIGHTS IN THE WHOLE PARADE!!!! Yay!!!

To see the whole story with more great photos go to:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessas-monticello.html

And check out the MSC web site at:
www.monticelloskiclub.com



10 Tips From the Napa County Sheriff's Department For Using ATMs Safely

1. Always pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings. Don't select an ATM at the corner of a building — corners create a blind spot. Use an ATM located near the center of a building. Do your automated banking in a public, well-lighted location that is free of shrubbery and decorative partitions or dividers.
2. Maintain an awareness of your surroundings throughout the entire transaction. Be wary of people trying to help you with ATM transactions. Be aware of anyone sitting in a parked car nearby. When leaving an ATM, make sure you are not being followed. If you are, drive or walk immediately to a police or fire station, or to a crowded, well-lighted location or business. If you feel you are in danger, call 911!
3. Do not use an ATM that appears unusual looking or offers options with which you are not familiar or comfortable.
4. Do not allow people to look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN. Memorize your PIN; never write it on the back of your card. Do not re-enter your PIN if the ATM eats your card — contact a bank official.
5. Do not wear expensive jewelry or take other valuables to the ATM. This is an added incentive to the assailant.
6. Never count cash at the machine or in public. Wait until you are in your car or another secure place.
7. When using a drive-up ATM, keep your engine running, your doors locked and leave enough room to maneuver between your car and the one ahead of you in the drive-up line.
8. Maintain a supply of deposit envelopes at home or in your car. Prepare all transaction paperwork prior to your arrival at the ATM. This will minimize the amount of time spent at the machine.
9. Closely monitor your bank statements, as well as your balances, and immediately report any problems to your bank.
10. If you are involved in a confrontation with an assailant who demands your money, COMPLY.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

December 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): After months of soul-searching, you finally decide to write your memoir, but it winds up taking only three days.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Police will immediately rule you out as a suspect in the Case Of The Impressive, Well-Spoken, Sexy Bandit.

Aries (3/21-4/19): It's not the hammer of life that's going to beat you down this week, but the hammer of Gene Dubrowski, a local roofer.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): The blood of legends will soon run in your veins, thanks to your purchase of a home legendary-blood transfusion kit.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): They said they'd be right back after those important messages, but the messages weren't all that important and it's been almost 14 years.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your life takes a sudden aggressive and violent turn when you start asking yourself how General Patton would handle workplace conflicts.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The love of your life will leave you this week when you confuse John Candy and Chris Farley for the 200th time.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will be nominated for a Nobel Prize in the poultry sciences when years of effort finally prove your controversial "To Get To The Other Side" theory.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Your worldview is shaken when Anne Rice announces publicly that vampires are probably imaginary.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Several of your closest friends may bring up a number of your personal flaws this week, which will make some at your funeral slightly uncomfortable.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Years of bad blood between you and the colonel finally boil over, resulting in the bloodiest moonshine war your part of the suburbs has ever seen.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Wisdom says that God will not give you more than you can handle, but then again the Lord Almighty never got his Crocs caught in a revolving door.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): A genie will grant you a million dollars if you go an entire week without thinking of the word "hoopty."

Starbucks' Menus Are Getting Shorter And Shorter

"The sooner a guest finds their item, the happier they will be," said Gregg Rapp, a menu engineer. When it comes to coffee shop menus, less has become more. Those long lists of drinks, bean varieties, teas, non-caffeinated beverages, sizes and prices are shrinking, and Starbucks is leading the way.

The coffee chain known for offering everything that you could possibly want inside of a cup has tidied up its store menus. Upon entering any given Starbucks, you'll look above the barista to find a trimmed list of select drinks priced out at the Grande (medium) size and a corresponding calorie count. You might also find a few photos of seasonal beverages or an illustrative breakdown of a new offering.

According to a spokesperson for Starbucks, the move to focus only on core and select seasonal beverages was rolled out this past spring in an effort to "simplify the ordering experience for our customers."

However, it wasn't a complete spring clean. The chain still offers its usual size range (Tall, Grande, Venti) and every drink that used to be featured — but you'll only see the prices and offerings in the Starbucks app, which now accounts for 14 percent of store transactions.

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Christmas Calls To Action

For The Human Race

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. Amen.

The Eightfold Path of Buddhism

Right understanding: Understanding that the
Four Noble Truths: Suffering exists.
Suffering arises from attachment to desires.
Suffering ceases when attachment to desire
ceases.

Right thought: Determining and resolving to
practice the principles of mindfulness so we
behave ethically in this life.

Right speech: Avoiding slander, gossip,
lying, and all forms of untrue and abusive
speech.

Right conduct: Adhering to the idea of
nonviolence (ahimsa), as well as refraining
from any form of stealing or sexual
impropriety.

Right means of making a living: Not
slaughtering animals or working at jobs that
force you to violate others.

Right mental attitude or effort: Avoiding
negative thoughts and emotions, such as
anger and jealousy.

Right mindfulness: Having a clear sense of
one's mental state and bodily health and
feelings.

Right concentration: Using meditation to
reach the highest level of enlightenment.

The Golden Rule

The most familiar version of the Golden Rule
says, "Do unto others as you would have them
do unto you." The concept occurs in some form
in nearly every religion and ethical tradition. It
can also be explained from the perspectives of
psychology, philosophy, sociology, human
evolution, and economics.

One ethical tradition (outside of a formal
religion) which supports the Golden Rule is
Humanism.

Humanists try to embrace the moral principle
of the Golden Rule, also known as the ethic of
reciprocity, which means that people should
aim to treat each other as they would like to be
treated themselves - with tolerance,
consideration and compassion.

Humanism is a rational philosophy informed
by science, inspired by art, and motivated by
compassion. Affirming the dignity of each
human being, it supports the maximization of
individual liberty and opportunity consonant
with social and planetary responsibility. It
advocates the extension of participatory
democracy and the expansion of the open
society, standing for human rights and social
justice.

Free of supernaturalism, it recognizes human
beings as a part of nature and holds that values
- be they religious, ethical, social, or political -
have their source in human experience and
culture.

Humanism thus derives the goals of life from
human need and interest rather than from
theological or ideological abstractions, and
asserts that humanity must take responsibility
for its own destiny.

"...being a Humanist means trying to behave
decently without expectation of rewards or
punishment after you are dead." Kurt
Vonnegut

Why did the elf push his bed into the
fireplace?

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What do you call a reindeer that suddenly
forgets how to fly?

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Lake Level as of 11/29/18

With the recent rains, the lake has stabilized during the last week at 422.5 feet - 17.5 feet below Glory Hole. One month ago the lake was at 423.0 feet - 17 feet below Glory Hole - only a 6 inch drop in one month.

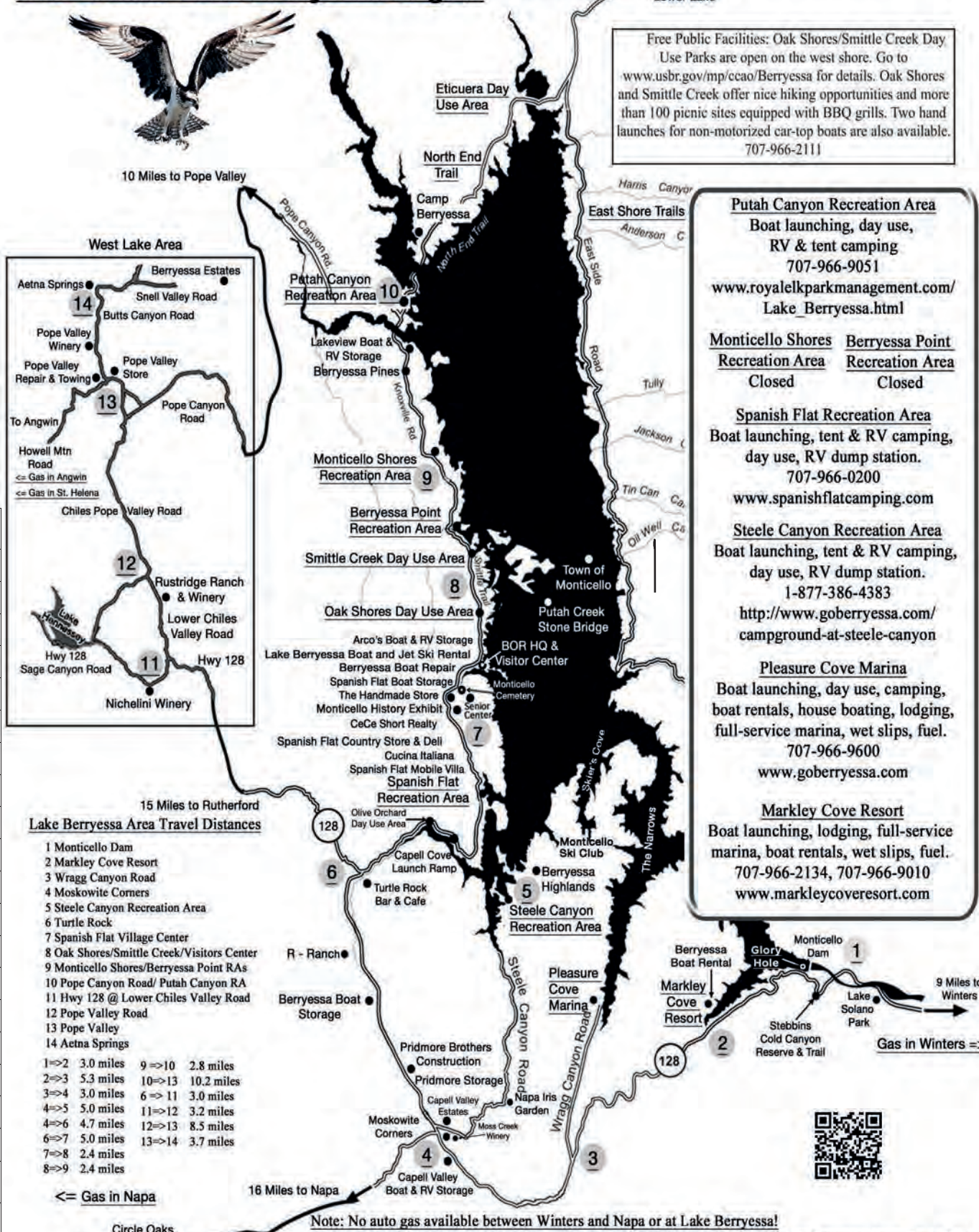
Last year at this time the lake was at 430.0 feet, 10 feet below Glory Hole. That was down from its high of 443.6 feet on 2/21/17 following the big rains of 47.6 inches that drove the lake to 3.6 feet ABOVE Glory Hole. This year the lake only reached 434.1 feet on 4/16/18, 5.9 feet below Glory Hole, on only 14.9 inches of rain.

It was a bit of a slow rain start this year, only .47 inches at Monticello Dam on 10/3/18 with no rain for almost a month after that until .8 inches on 11/22/18. Last year the first rain was .21 inches on 10/20/17 and had reached 3.4 inches on 11/29/17.

We've now reached 2.1 inches at Monticello Dam. Last year was a below average rainfall year. Forecasters are predicting a wetter than normal year for 2019.

Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/1 (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
97-98		10.77"	46.26"
98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
06-07	10/3/06 - .22"	5.36"	12.7"
07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"	25.32"
08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
09-10	9/14/09 - .24"	6.5"	26.41"
10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
12-13	10/22/12 - .73"	17.97"	20.65"
13-14	9/22/13 - .43"	1.88"	13.69"
14-15	9/19/14 - .11"	13.34"	19.56"
15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57"
16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	8.8"	47.55"
17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
18-19	10/3/18 - .48"		

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