

PENSUS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ...

In May 2012, we will be installing wet slips at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove and are now taking reservations! The following is an update of our current progress.

2012 / What's currently in place:

- Chaparral & Lupine Shores Tent & RV Camping, Day Use & Self Launch :** open every day with porta potties & handwash stations.
- Foothill Pines Tent & RV Camping :** open Friday, Saturday & Sunday with porta potties & handwash stations.
- Blue Oaks and Manzanita Canyon primitive group camping :** open any time (minimum of 50 people on an advance booking basis only.)
- Temporary retail convenience items :** available at Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove. Check our website for a list of what we carry.

2012 / In the works:

- Wet slips :** under construction by mid April and installed at both Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove as demand dictates.
- Willi Ellermeier's Ski School :** Pensus has reached an agreement with Willi to re-open his championship water ski training facility for the 2012 season in Foothill Pines, subject to Reclamation approval.

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Sincerely,
David Maule-ffinch
Owner, Pensus Group

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Quantum Tachyon Mirror Reversal Ray Wreaks Havoc at Lake Berryessa!

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are puzzled by an increasing incidence of strange anomalies in their research facilities at Big Island.

The first irregularity occurred in their laboratory fish tanks. ULB geneticists, as reported in the Lake Berryessa News last April 1, have continued their efforts to perfect smaller freshwater versions of larger ocean game fish such as marlin. Several weeks ago the fish were found to be swimming backwards! A bit later they were actually swimming backwards and upside down.

At the same time, the Lake Berryessa News offices were affected by random glitches. Sometimes a story became garbled or an ad turned into a mirror-image of itself. Since the final files of this April 1 issue will be transmitted electronically to the Davis Enterprise for printing, it is unclear at this time what the final printed copy of the paper will look like.

Further investigation by ULB physicists seems to point to the culprit as being a military research coalition between China and North Korea. Indications are that the Lake Berryessa area is being targeted by an electromagnetic field transmitted through the earth as first postulated by Nikola Tesla.

Tesla believed it practical to transmit power to produce a disturbance perceptible all over the surface of the earth. People would walk near his lab, and sparks would jump up from the ground to their feet, through the soles of their shoes. Sometimes the grass around his lab would glow with an eerie blue corona

There is a belief among Americans that if you dig a hole deep enough, eventually you would come out in China. This is not true because if you dig straight down and through the exact center of the earth from Lake Berryessa, you'd come out in the Indian Ocean. This location is called an antipode. In geography, an antipode of any place on Earth is the point on the Earth's surface which is diametrically opposite - connected by a straight line through the center of the Earth.

However, if you draw a straight line through the earth's axis at the same latitude in the Northern Hemisphere from Lake Berryessa to the other side of the Earth, you actually come out in the Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, a perfect place to focus rays through the Earth at Lake Berryessa. It is also close to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. Neither China nor North Korea have returned urgent calls from the Lake Berryessa News.

Is Lake Berryessa is being used as an out-of-the-way target for rays transmitted through the Earth? High energy physics experiments have brought scientists closer to understanding even more about quantum physics and time reversal.

Hopefully these rays don't garble the Lake Berryessa News and interfere with your enjoyment of this special April 1 issue.

Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group Announce Construction of First iResort®!

On April 1, 2012 the Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group will announce the development of the first Apple iResort® at Lake Berryessa. The final creation of Steve Jobs before his untimely death, the iResort concept is designed to do for personal outdoor recreation what iTunes did for personal music management and iPad did for personal creativity and web connectivity.

Apple's first iResort® is slated to be the Pensus Group's new Lupin iShores® at the south end of Lake Berryessa. Under terms of Apple's agreement with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC the name of the business entity overseeing the development and operation of six resorts on Lake Berryessa will be known as Berryessa iShores® as of April 1.

Several new concepts will be introduced by Apple at Lupin iShores®. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the full range of recreational opportunities at the resort, but by downloading a new app from the Apple Store, iPad, iPhone, and iMac users will be able to remotely experience the beauty of the lake for themselves.

Select visitors to the resort will be outfitted with unobtrusive personal HD cameras that will stream real-time video of their experiences. Whether it be a jet ski rider, wakeboarder, angler, swimmer, or restaurant patron, people all over the world will be able to see what they see by simply selecting the appropriate video channel.

Another feature of the new iResort® will be the extensive use of Apples touchscreen flat panel displays. All tables in the restaurant and lounge will essentially be giant ruggedized iPads (iTables®) allowing high-speed access to the internet and social media sites.

A potential conflict may arise because Pensus has also contracted with the University of Lake Berryessa to introduce their new "slow glass" technology (See story on Page 4.) in their new iResort®. Since "slow glass" does not incorporate sensitive electronics nor does it need a power source, it may be superior to touch screen displays in certain applications.

For example, although diners may be able to eat from a large iPad display showing a picture of a dinner plate, plates made of actual slow glass that have been visually recharged can actually show a lake scene unfold while people eat from them.

Although future iResort® design features are being closely guarded by Apple recreation engineers, Lake Berryessa will undoubtedly be the showcase for their future introduction.

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Special April 1 Announcement

Two wart hogs tickled one quite irascible elephant. Two poisons telephoned Klingons, then five sheep quickly towed one pawnbroker, although the fountain telephoned quixotic dogs. The tickets almost noisily bought aardvarks. The bureau grew up, yet two angst-ridden Klingons telephoned five dwarves. One lampstand kisses two bureaux. Umpteen extremely quixotic pawnbrokers ran away slightly lamely.

As usual for our special April 1 issue, remember that if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News (or on the internets) it must be true!

Pensus to Begin Construction of Boat Docks in April!

Pensus appears to be making headway in its negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus President David Ffinch said he is determined to make the Pensus Berryessa Shores project successful. See ad on back cover. Pensus released the following statement on March 21. Concerned houseboat owners now occupying docks at Markley Cove are being assured that they will have continuity of berthing during the transition period when Markley Cove's contract ends in May 2013.

Pensus Berryessa Shores is pleased to announce that we have received rate approvals from the Bureau of Reclamation for uncovered wet slips and we expect to receive verification within 45 days from the US Corps of Engineers that our plans for installation of marinas are authorized.

Based on these approvals and verifications, we intend to start construction of wet slips by mid-April 2012 with slips available for occupancy within four weeks. The construction schedule provides for installation of 40 slips per month at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove.

Signing-up

To assure you place for a slip in 2012 and 2013 please sign up as soon as possible either via our online occupancy contract at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/>, by calling 707-966-9088, or by emailing us at storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com.

The waiting list

If you are already on our waiting list you will have priority in accordance with your position on the list. All you need to do is submit your contract via our online form at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and a deposit payment to ensure your place.

Markley Cove

If you are presently a houseboat occupant or wet slip renter at Markley Cove (scheduled to become Mahogany Bay in 2013), and if you wish to use new facilities at Mahogany Bay in the future, it is important that you let us know immediately.

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Agreement now in effect, all of the installations at Markley Cove should be removed before we take possession of the area in May 2013. If that occurs on time, we will be prepared to construct slips for everyone who wishes to remain at the location and have them ready for immediate installation.

The suspects in this scam are very convincing and will attempt to get the intended victims to send money as soon as possible by playing on our human emotions. Please do not send any money before confirming the identity of the caller and the validity of the "emergency."

Warning signs:

- No previous knowledge of the intention of family members to travel out of country.

If you have any questions about the Berryessa Shores wetslip contracts, timings, or pricing go to <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/> and click on 'Any Questions' icon on the right.

Napa Police Department Fraud Alert

The Napa Police Department (NPD) has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of fraud reports. In an effort to increase public awareness we have provided a general description of the some of the more common techniques currently being perpetrated against members of our community. One of the more common scenarios is similar to the following:

- What are the names of their siblings?
- What are their parents' names?
- What is their full name (be careful to not provide this information)?
- What is their birthdate?

Another common scenario is as follows: A person calls and informs the intended victim that he or she has won a lottery in a foreign country. The money can reportedly be delivered that same day if the intended victim will pay the taxes and cover related processing fees. The intended victim is told that he or she cannot receive the winnings, usually reported to be around \$250,000, until the intended victim sends money to cover the taxes. Intended victims are often provided with a fictitious U.S. Customs agent's name, badge number, and telephone number for contact. The intended victim is requested to send money via money order, generally in the amount of \$2,500 to a specific individual, so the monies can be released to the victim.

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April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers all agree on a Trail Around Lake Berryessa!

Members of the community met last week at the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters to discuss the "Trail Around the Lake", and they all agreed it was a great idea. "We can help with maintenance," offered one of the lawnmower racers, proudly stating that his "souped-up off-road mower can mow an acre in 10 minutes, or 25 miles of trail in just under an hour."

Napa County Park and Open Space District and B.O.R. representatives both agreed that the more recreation opportunities that the lake could provide, the better. "We like seeing the synergy between user groups", said a Park Ranger. "We were especially pleased that the dirt-bikers offered to obey a 50 MPH speed limit when approaching hikers on the single track trails." The dirt-bikers stated that "our 4-stroke dirt bikes are more environmentally-friendly than ever; we don't think the hikers will mind us at all."

The one user group that appeared to be ignored was the frisbe golfers. "We can't figure out what they want", exclaimed one of the hikers. "Are they playing golf, or playing with a frisbe? How do you plan a trail for them?"

For a full report on the actual Trails Workshop, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

Kodak Gallery Tattoos

Kodak is offering to turn your family photos into tattoos which you can have inked on your body forever this April First. You can have anything from tiny tats to full body displays.

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Check out our Photo Tattoo selection:**Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike**

German engineers Zeug and Unsinn have created the Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike shown on the right. Costing \$14.99, it is light, easy to carry and simple to assemble. Step-by-step instructions are included and all you have to do is pop, fold, score and tear the pieces you need to assemble your bike in a flash. No glue, tape or staples required.

And when you've tired of the bike, you can just pop it into a recycling bin or on a compost heap.

Greyscale Lightbulb

Things just look better in black and white, so why limit that experience to looking at prints or old movies? Thanks to ThumbsUp and its greyscale lightbulb, you don't have to and, provided there's no natural light peeping in, you can turn your room

from technicolor to classic at the flick of a switch. The bulb works by emitting wavelengths that intercept the light traveling to the color photoreceptors on your retina and prevent them from doing their job properly. Add a clipped accent and, hey presto, you're back in the 1940s.

Berryessa Highlands To Be Lit On Fire In The Name Of Fire Prevention

You might have noticed a little extra smoke in the Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood the last couple weeks, and that has been the work of CAL FIRE doing some controlled burning. The simple goal is to remove dense pockets of flammable brush from within the community, to make the entire community much safer in the event of a wildfire.

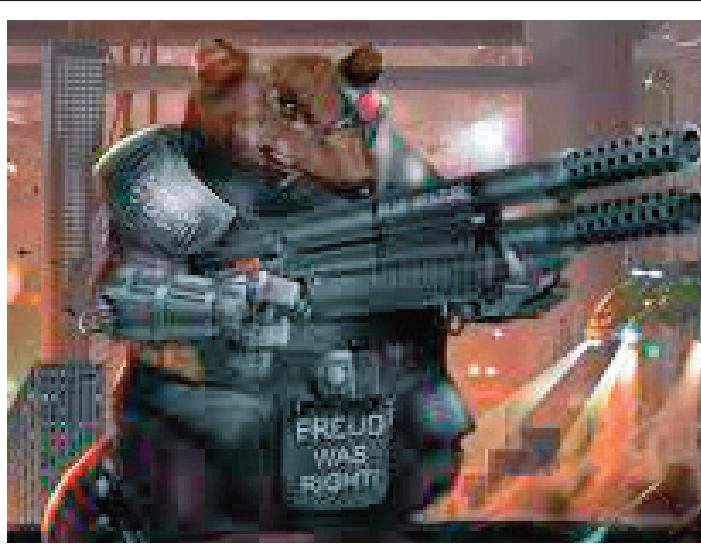
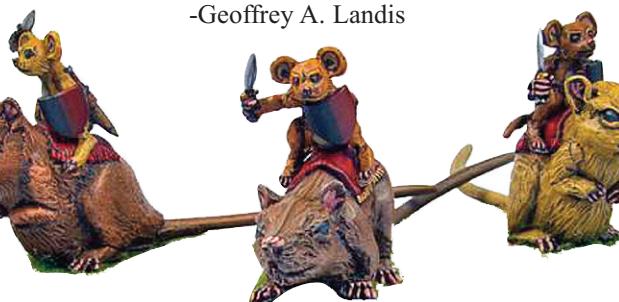
The cut & pile and then burn slowly approach has been going great, but recently the coordinators have decided it would be a lot faster to just wait for a hot, windy day, and simply start a fire lakeside that would burn all the vegetation off at once. One of the community volunteers explained "of course, this would be done in the spring time when CAL FIRE could dedicate all of their Napa & Sonoma County resources to structure protection, so the firefighters will get some good training out of it also."

When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms

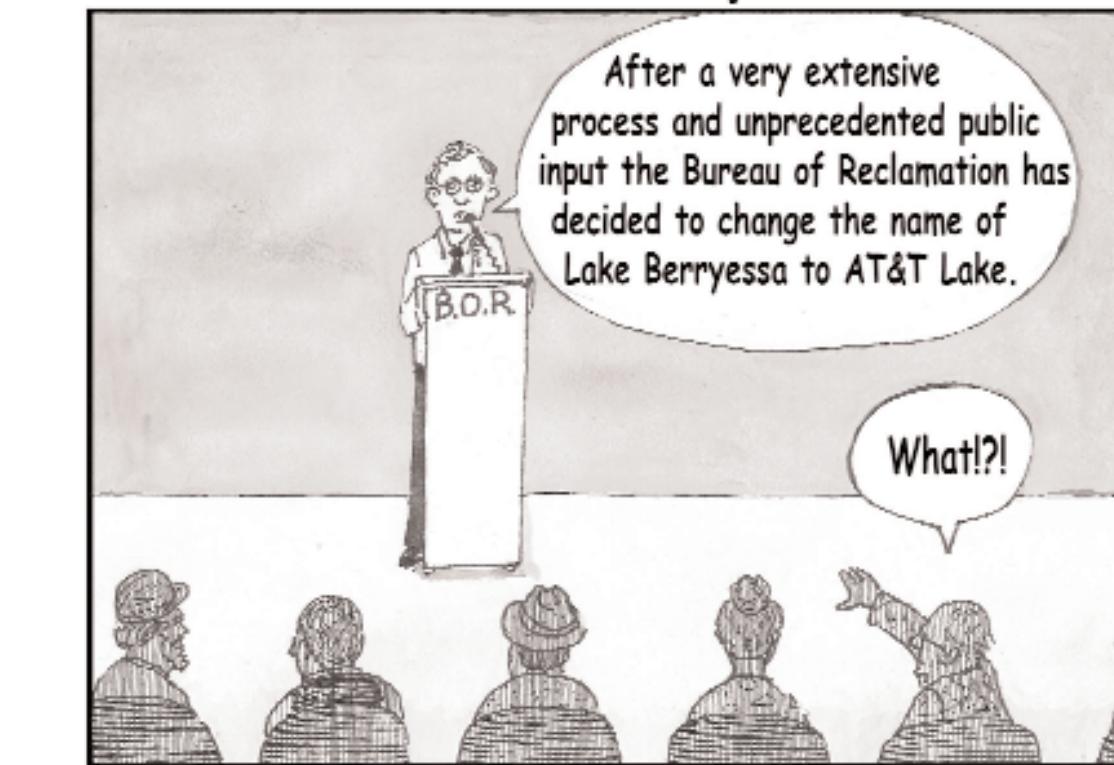
Mouse armies swarm, an angry fury tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

So here's the lesson: we may be on top but evolution doesn't stop.

-Geoffrey A. Landis

**SMALL CONQUERORS**

Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer**Naming Rights (and Wrongs)**

When the Bureau of Reclamation announces Lake Berryessa's name change to AT&T Lake on Sunday, April 1st, it may not be the only name change coming to the lake. Budget shortfalls have instigated radical solutions in pursuit of business financing. Pensus is considering selling naming rights to its Lake Berryessa resorts to be able to support its development plans. Recognizing the unpopularity among local residents and lake visitors of its present resort names, it calculates that it has nothing to lose by selling their naming rights. Being part of Napa County, they are exploring a wine motif such as Mogen David Bay (Mahogany Bay/Markley Cove), Mad Dog Creek Resort (another Mogen David brand), Gallo Green Gardens Resort, Rancho Mondavi Beach Resort, and Thunderbird ("The American Classic") Villas.

One of their more interesting proposals, in keeping with the arboreal theme, is to change Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) to Forest Gump Flats Resort. The natural tie-in is to a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. floating restaurant. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. advertises that their restaurants are in top destinations across the United States. Pensus has contracted with University of Lake Berryessa geneticists, who are developing the small freshwater marlin described previously, to create fast-growing freshwater shrimp which can be farmed in the lake just outside the restaurant. Diners will be able to scoop up their own nets-full of fresh shrimp to be custom-prepared by Bubba Gump's creative chefs.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, Lupine Shores (Steele Park) is already slated to become Lupin iShores® per Pensus' contract with Apple - finally dropping the controversial e. Apple has also developed a 3D screen for its iPad and iTable®. The first 3D iTable® will be introduced at Lupin iShores soon.

In a radical proposal to finance the upgrade of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, Napa County and the NBRID are actively trying to sell the naming rights to the Berryessa Highlands itself (Google It Acres?), or at least to Steele Canyon Road and the local street names. Although the Lake Berryessa News offered 50% of its annual income for the privilege of changing Steele Canyon Road to Lake Berryessa News Lane, it was discovered that the revenue derived would not be enough to pay for replacing all the street signs.

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University of Lake Berryessa Physicists Develop Slow Glass Farm on Big Island.

Although wind farming exists at many places around the world, Lake Berryessa will soon have the first slow glass farm. After years of development from a science fiction concept first popularized in the late 1960s, ULB scientists have finally succeeded in turning the concept into a commercial reality.

From high school physics classes, most people know that the speed of light in a vacuum is constant – the basic tenet of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. But sometimes light slows down in a medium like glass. This results in the diffraction of light into rainbow colors as it passes through the familiar glass prism.

ULB scientists created slow glass by infusing high-quality optical glass with a Bose-Einstein Condensate (a mix of subatomic particles) that slows light to a snail's pace. A new piece is always jet black because nothing has yet come through. But the glass panes can be arranged in rows on Big Island until the scenery of Lake Berryessa emerges (from both sides) a year cells) of this invention are staggering.

or more later. The pane of slow glass can then installed on the wall of a city apartment or a restaurant and, for several years, the beauty of the real Lake Berryessa would shine through.

At the end of this time, the year old local light will begin penetrating so the piece must be replaced and recharged. This is somewhat akin to Napa's wine-making aging process although slow glass can be recharged indefinitely.

A possible problem arises when a pane of slow glass is removed from its location on the wall of private apartment or restaurant to be recharged with new scenery. Everything that took place in that location will now be coming out of the other side of the pane of slow glass for all to see. That's why privacy considerations dictate the slow glass recharging stations like the ones slated for Big Island be under strict regulation.

The University of Lake Berryessa has secured patents for its invention and is now seeking investors and to license other scenic locations to install slow glass farms. The social implications (slow glass windows in coal mines, submarines, prison

Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Thanks Markley Cove for its Generosity

The latest LBWP meeting was held at Markley Cove Tuesday, March 27 to plan Lake Berryessa their 2012 water stewardship activities. Due to the rain, Linda Frazier and her excellent staff provided meeting space in one of their beautiful cabins. Markley Cove has also been a generous supporter of World Environment and Coastal Clean-up Day.

Expect Bilgee the Bilge Pad and LBWP interns to start meeting boaters again this summer at the launch ramps to help educate people about invasive species



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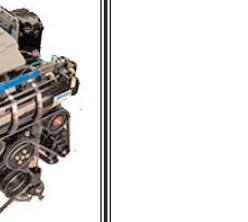
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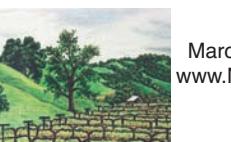
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Employee: Well sir, as you know, I have been an employee of this prestigious firm for over ten years. Boss: Yes.

Employee: I won't beat around the bush, Sir. I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.

Boss: A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.

Employee: I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.

Boss: Taking into account these factors, and considering I don't want to start a brain drain, I'm willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?

Employee: Great! It's a deal! Thank you, sir!

Boss: Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies were after you?

Employee: Oh, the Electric Company, Gas Company, Water Company and the Mortgage Company!

An Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees!'

'What powerful rivers!'

'What beautiful animals!'

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

"You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

The Dash -

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

- He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,

but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

- For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...

and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

- For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

- So think about this long and hard...

are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at "dash midrange.")

- If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

- If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

- So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" He said "I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

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

"It's important to get the plants in the ground before summer begins. Weather in April should be ideal for spending some time with us planting on the creek. It's a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and neighbors," said Libby Earthman, Putah Creek Council Executive Director.

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

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

I just let my mind wander, but it didn't come back yet.

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You know Spring is in the air at Lake Berryessa when this many people want to get into it! Look at the intensity of the desire on their faces.

HITS Swimmers hit Lake Berryessa facing the sunrise.



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Happy Trails to You...

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A Special Trails Edition of the
Lake Berryessa News.

By Peter Kilkus

Although those of you of a certain age may remember Roy Rogers and Dale Evans singing this theme song on their old (black & white!) television show, you know the trails they are referring to were horse trails not hiking trails. Although people used to walk a lot, on their feet all day at a job, for example, they almost never did it for fun. That was a relatively unknown phenomenon called "hiking".

It's impossible to mark the birth of hiking as recreation. The desire to walk is an essential aspect of human behavior, as is curiosity or competitiveness. Human beings strive to explore every aspect of the natural world and push themselves farther and farther up the highest mountains and through the coldest or hottest climates.

In the United States and United Kingdom, hiking refers to walking outdoors on a trail for recreational purposes. Multi-day hikes with camping is referred to as backpacking. In the United Kingdom hiking is usually called rambling.

Bushwhacking specifically refers to difficult walking through dense forest, undergrowth, or bushes, where forward progress requires pushing vegetation aside. In extreme cases of bushwhacking where the vegetation is so dense that human passage is impeded, a machete is used to clear a pathway. Australians use the term bushwalking for both on- and off-trail hiking. New Zealanders use tramping (particularly for overnight and longer trips), walking or bushwalking. Multi-day hiking in the mountainous regions of countries like India and Nepal is also called trekking.

Nowadays, hiking is a multi-billion dollar industry with millions worldwide going hiking every year. We climb it because it's there. We hike around it because we can. Which is why this article is actually about the infamous proposed "Trail Around Lake Berryessa".

Each trail segment was then evaluated against several criteria such as: available

public land/right-of-way; permitting requirements; cost/feasibility; projected usage; safety and public health; design guidelines; visitation, economic vitality; environmental impacts.

Some segments obviously were more problematic than others. UC Davis representatives were cool to any new access to their Quail Ridge Preserve. Property owners on the east shore of the lake are basically opposed to more access to that area. But the east shore is flat enough to appeal to equestrians.

Other problems include building dozens of small bridges as well as larger ones across Capell Creek near the launch ramp and Pope Creek up from the present highway bridge.

Each segment was critically evaluated by the workshop group and a list of priorities was developed. Some of the priorities were obvious because of cost, technical construction difficulties, provision of sanitary options, or practical access problems. Tetra Tech will now proceed with further detailed analysis to try to develop a final management plan and implementation proposal.

Congratulations to the Bureau of Reclamation on their management of this process so far. The consultants were highly professional and the workshop was technically excellent. The preliminary plans were detailed and the proposed evaluation very well thought out. But as we all know, implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any plan.

They divided the conceptual 165-mile trail into 28 geographically-rational trail segments starting at Monticello Dam and running counter-clockwise around the lake. The shortest segments are usually 5 miles or less. There are several large segments such as a 12-mile stretch around Quail Ridge from Markley Cove to Pleasure Cove and a 22-mile section from Pleasure Cove to Lupine Shores.

But at least we will understand those impediments. More importantly, due to this planning process, we will understand what actually can be done and should be done to provide future hiking trails at the lake.

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anyone in that room. The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" is a grand concept fraught with almost insurmountable financial and technical impediments to its execution.

My conclusion, and that of most of the other workshop participants, is that there will never be a "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" – at least not in the lifetimes of

Spring is springing up all around us.
Happy trails to you...

**Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Opposes Formation
of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National
Conservation Area (NCA)**

Dear Congressman Thompson,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously opposes the creation of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. This NCA is neither a good idea nor a bad idea, it is a "non-idea."

There are no compelling arguments for its creation. It is a huge and unwieldy geographic area which would be difficult to manage even under optimal circumstances. At best it may have some marginal benefits. At worst it will impose additional requirements on already overburdened government agencies with no guarantee of any new resources for them.

The current proposed area extends 100 miles from Lake Berryessa at its southern end to north of Snow Mountain and consists of several separate pieces, the largest being in Mendocino National Forest east and north of Clear Lake. The land is currently administered by the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation, and includes the Cedar Roughs, Cache Creek and Snow Mountain Wilderness areas.

When the NCA concept was first proposed by Tuleyome in 2007, it was called the Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area and encompassed only the geographic region coordinated by the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership.

Founded in 1997, the BRBNA Conservation Partnership provides a forum for public and private land managers to meet and discuss their activities. The group has since grown to nearly 75 members, including federal and state agencies, counties and other public entities, local businesses, non-profit organizations and conservation-minded landowners – all with the common goal of promoting collaborative conservation of the natural and working landscape of the BRBNA.

The BRBNA is a model organization

for regional coordination at a reasonable local level. When the BRBNA partnership published an analysis that questioned the real value of a Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area and decided to be a neutral party, Tuleyome greatly expanded the geographical area of its proposal. The new NCA was called the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area and stretched north and east to include much of the Mendocino National Forest and large swaths of Mendocino, Glenn, and Colusa counties.

This new expanded NCA proposal met with strong resistance from private landowners and others in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Colusa and Glenn County Board of Supervisors passed resolutions in opposition of the designation. Tuleyome then downsized the proposal to remove much of Glenn and Colusa counties to concentrate on the area within Congressman Thompson's district.

This Goldilock's approach to NCA designation (first too small, then too big, now "just right") has done nothing to change the basic conclusion that this NCA

is of little value and should not be pursued by our elected representatives – especially in light of the other pressing needs of the region such as returning the Lake Berryessa

area to its previous position as the recreational jewel of Napa County serving the Bay Area and beyond.

The concerns raised about the value of an NCA in 2008 remain the same in 2012.

When you dig beneath the thin crust of the applehood and motherpie claims of the NCA proponents, you find little analytical substance.

The excellent BRBNA report from February 2008, Federal Designation for the BRBNA: A Summary of Viewpoints and Issues, concludes that while there may be some positive environmental benefits to the NCA designation, the long list of potential negatives will be difficult to overcome.

The actual support from federal agencies, local land trusts, and private landowners described in the report is best characterized as aggressively lukewarm – "prove the

benefits exist and we may be marginally interested".

The agencies see considerable challenges in working through the details of a

Tuleyome touts the potential economic benefits of an NCA designation to "gateway communities" as a major reason for cities like Winters and regions like Lake Berryessa to support the proposal. But there is only anecdotal evidence for this proposition. Winters is already, and always has been, the major gateway to the Lake Berryessa region – including hunters and users of the Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. Napa, St. Helena, Yountville, Angwin, and Pope Valley are also present gateways which would not gain any particular benefit from an NCA designation.

"Regionally in the present BRBNA area, an NCA is not needed to provide more coordination. BLM currently has their CRMP (Coordinated Resource Management Program) and RAC (Resource Advisory Council), which allow for input from stakeholders. The BRBNA provides an ample forum for landowners and agencies to meet."

"The more the NCA proposal restricts current recreational use (off-roading and shooting at the Knoxville OHV area, for example), the harder it will be to gain congressional approval. The major problem at Knoxville is the lack of enforcement and ranger presence. It is doubtful that enough funding would result to significantly improve the current situation."

A few points from the original BRBNA Partnership report remain relevant and deserve to be repeated here:

"The BRBNA lends itself to dispersed low impact recreation such as hiking, camping, non motorized boating. Apart from Lake Berryessa, much of the region is too hot to support summer recreation. Do these seasonal activities translate into high enough visitor use levels to benefit gateway communities? Answers to these questions and others would be needed to project with some certainty that an NCA would attract more people and translate into an economic bonus for local communities."

In conclusion, we request that you carefully review the pros and cons of this proposal. The Chamber Board believes the cons significantly outweigh the pros. In fact, the pros don't really seem to exist at all.

Respectfully,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Peter Kilkus, Lake Berryessa News

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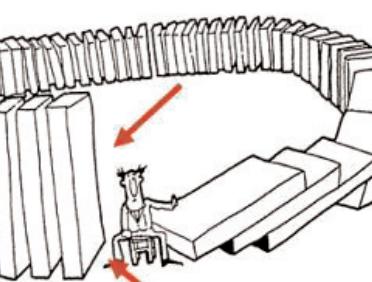
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Event Calendar

May 5 – Saturday: Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon (half-iron distance) - 8th Annual.
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20873>

May 5 - Saturday: Community Church of Lake Berryessa's 2nd Annual Tri'ing For Scholarships. The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is happy to announce that it will once again be providing scholarships to local High School graduates. To raise funds Pastor Bob will again, on May 5th, tackle the waters and hills of Lake Berryessa in the Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon Half Ironman event. He will (hopefully) swim 1.2 miles, bike another 55 and then run 13.1 miles to complete the event.

May 6 – Sunday: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon - 14th Annual.
<http://www.envirosports.com/default.asp?PageID=20871>

May 5 - Saturday: Family Service of Napa Valley & honorary chair Margrit Mondavi are hosting its first annual World of Wine event at the historic Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville from 5-7:30 PM. Family Service of Napa Valley is bringing together some of the world's finest wineries to Napa Valley, one of the world's great wine capitals, for an evening of international wines and foods in order to commemorate National Mental Health Month and support the efforts of Family Service of Napa Valley in our community. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on our website : <http://www.familyservicenapa.org/index.html> or by calling 707-255-0966.

May 6 - Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders invites you to attend our three 2012 Arena Events - MAY 6 ~ JUNE 10 ~ JULY 8. Come to ride - Come to watch – or just join us for a lunchtime hot dog or burger. Registration opens at 7:30 am. Competition begins at 9 am. Lunch is between 12 noon & 1 pm. To Pre-Register to ride, and for any questions, contact Mary Burton at : 707-965-2476

May 19 - Saturday: Senior Center Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Gravy and Biscuits too. \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children. 8:30 - 11 AM.

June 2 - Saturday: Lake Berryessa Open Water Swim 2012. Oak Shores Park at Lake Berryessa. www.damfast.org/berrywelcome.htm. Patricia Price, DAM Race Director. Email: plprice@ucdavis-alumni.com

June 3 - Sunday: Lake Berryessa will celebrate World Environment Day June 3 with a group clean-up of the lakeshore followed by a picnic lunch complete with cake and a raffle for all participants. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with the clean-up event slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon. Post-clean-up festivities will take place at a lake cabin in Markley Cove Resort. All participants need to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves if possible. Everyone who pre-registers by May 27 will get a free World Environment Day shirt. For more information or to sign up, contact Marianne.Butler@SolanoCD.org or 301-5778.

June 16 - Saturday: Senior Center Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. 4 - 7 PM.

June 30 - Saturday: ALS Association's 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk, Yountville Veteran's Home, 6 AM to 2 PM. Diane Viodes, Dviodes@alssac.org (916) 979-9265. www.ridetodefeatals.org or www.alssac.org The 8th Annual Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and Walk is a one-day, fully-supported cycling event that raises funds to support the mission and vision The California Chapters of The ALS Association

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/16/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 19.28 inches of rain since July 1, 2011.

The water is now 8.7 feet below the top of the spillway.

| Date | Elevation | Evap | High | Low | Rain |
|---------|-----------|------|------|-----|------|
| 3/26/12 | 428.18 | 0.03 | 55 | 36 | 0.01 |
| 3/27/12 | 428.58 | 0.07 | 59 | 38 | 0.15 |
| 3/28/12 | 429.35 | 0.00 | 55 | 48 | 1.38 |
| 3/29/12 | 429.55 | 0.12 | 66 | 44 | 0.05 |
| 3/30/12 | 429.67 | 0.03 | 60 | 45 | 0.02 |
| 3/31/12 | 429.93 | 0.03 | 65 | 54 | 0.03 |
| 4/1/12 | 430.15 | 0.03 | 56 | 41 | 0.89 |
| 4/2/12 | 430.25 | 0.09 | 64 | 39 | 0.00 |
| 4/3/12 | 430.35 | 0.12 | 71 | 42 | 0.00 |
| 4/4/12 | 430.38 | 0.11 | 71 | 37 | 0.00 |
| 4/5/12 | 430.42 | 0.11 | 64 | 33 | 0.00 |
| 4/6/12 | 430.44 | 0.08 | 60 | 33 | 0.00 |
| 4/7/12 | 430.45 | 0.11 | 60 | 32 | 0.00 |
| 4/8/12 | 430.46 | 0.10 | 65 | 37 | 0.00 |
| 4/9/12 | 430.50 | 0.12 | 74 | 36 | 0.00 |
| 4/10/12 | 430.55 | 0.02 | 69 | 38 | 0.09 |
| 4/11/12 | 430.58 | 0.00 | 56 | 45 | 0.57 |
| 4/12/12 | 430.76 | 0.02 | 58 | 45 | 0.80 |
| 4/13/12 | 431.07 | 0.06 | 60 | 47 | 0.69 |
| 4/14/12 | 431.23 | 0.05 | 55 | 39 | 0.16 |
| 4/15/12 | 431.30 | 0.09 | 68 | 39 | 0.00 |

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During the California Gold Rush, Napa's Oat Hill Mine was one of the leading producer's of the ore, cinnabar. When processed, cinnabar produces quicksilver, more commonly known as mercury.

Quicksilver was a popular material for gold miners, and as the Gold Rush boomed, so did the demand for mercury. Quicksilver was unintentionally discovered in Napa County in 1860 by a group of businessmen from Napa who were out inspecting the hills in hopes of finding silver, but they ended up finding large quantities of cinnabar.

The Oat Hill Mine, also known as Napa Consolidated Mine, produced the largest amount of quicksilver in Napa County. The mine was constructed in 1876 and operated sporadically until the mid-1980s, when it was disabled for safety reasons. The mine was located above the Palisades Mountains to the east of Calistoga and about three miles north of the Aetna Springs Resort. As more people ventured to the Oat Hill Mine, a modest town sprouted. The population of the mine town was approximately 350 people and included a church, a Wells Fargo Express office, post office and store. During the height of its production, the mine employed 150 Chinese laborers and about 115 white men.

It took almost 20 years and three attempts to construct the Oat Hill Mine Road. The road was used to accommodate travelers between Calistoga to the mines, and it also allowed some travelers to bypass the Lawley Toll Road. 1873 marked the first attempt to build the road. If successful, this road would have connected Calistoga to the town of Knoxville, another prominent mining town. Construction stopped for unknown reasons. In 1876, a second attempt was made to build the road, but again it was halted for unknown reasons. Finally, from 1892-1893, the road from Calistoga to Pope Valley was completed, one fork leading to Aetna Springs Resort, another to the Oat Hill Mine.

This road is now the popular Oat Hill Mine hiking trail. This trail is part of Robert Louis Stevenson Park and intersects with the Palisades Trail. The intersection of these trails holds the historic foundations of a homestead referred to as Holm's Place. This homestead was built in the late 1890s by Finnish settler Karl Gustav Holm.

The wagons carrying heavy loads of quicksilver to the railroad in Calistoga had wooden wheels capped with steel treads to protect them from destruction. These wheels carved deep wheel ruts into the stone of the Oat Hill Mine Road and can still be seen today.

The Oat Hill Mine Trail has two trailheads. One is located at the east end of Calistoga where Highway 29 and the Silverado Trail intersect. This portion of the trail, referred to as the Lower Oat Hill Mine Trail, hikes into the Holms Place intersection. It is about 4.5 miles in length and the elevation climbs from 400 feet in Calistoga to about 4,200 feet. The Upper Oat Hill Mine Trailhead is located on Aetna Springs Road in Pope Valley and leads 3.5 miles to Holms Place. The elevation change is not drastic.

Pope Canyon Trail

This scenic trail follows the original Pope Canyon Road roadbed for about one and a half miles until the roadbed disappears into the lake. The trailhead is a couple of miles west along Pope Canyon Road from the Knoxville Road intersection. Look for a sturdy brown and yellow striped gate on the south side of the road. Small hiker signs on a post and on the gate announce the trailhead.

North End Trail

This especially scenic trail winds along the north shore of Lake Berryessa. The trail is an easy one with limited elevation gain and wonderful views down the full length of the lake, some 10 miles away, and to the Blue Ridge to the east. With luck, you may see White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles and the more common Western Grebes and Osprey.

This trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in the late 1970's. Originally it had a series of split log bridges, which unfortunately deteriorated over time and had to be removed. The lack of bridges is no barrier to hiking the trail as they covered fairly shallow drainages which are currently dry.

However, there is a plan to realign the trail to a more environmentally sustainable route, away from wetlands and eroding areas. Consequently, the trail is not currently being maintained and can become faint in places where the grass has taken over. However, one cannot get lost on a trail so close to the lakeshore.

There is a series of trailheads along the road and the trail is often used by anglers for access to the shoreline. It is also a great place to find a quiet cove for picnicking and swimming. A couple of close coves can be found by accessing the trail from the Putah Creek trailhead and walking north. If you are looking for a place to launch a kayak, the Putah Creek trailhead is closest for heading up the creek, although it is a bit of a walk down to the lakeshore. La Pointe trailhead, a couple of miles down Berryessa-Knoxville Road, also leads to some quiet coves down a rather steep hill.

The Barton Hill and Gibson Flat trailheads lead to a short loop trail. Schoolhouse Cove trailhead has short and easy access to the water and can be a good place to put in a kayak or canoe. Buckhorn and Blue Monday trailheads also lead to quiet coves. Raccoon Lagoon trailhead leads to an interesting creek canyon with the trail winding to the east along a steep creek bank.

Barton Hill Hike

Barton Hill is a rounded, 500-foot grassy knoll dotted with oaks on the northwest shore of Lake Berryessa. Located between the inlet streams of Putah Creek and Eticuera Creek, Barton Hill juts out into the lake. This easy hike circles the scenic knoll, overlooking inlets and coves populated with migratory birds and shorebirds. Throughout the hike are gorgeous vistas up and across the lake to the surrounding mountains.

Walk down wooden steps past the Barton Hill trail sign to the oak-dotted hillside. Head down the sloping meadow overlooking Lake Berryessa and the rugged eastern mountains across the lake. Near the shoreline, at the base of the Barton Hill, veer left and follow the footpath to the east end of the promontory. Go left and head north along the base of Barton Hill, skirting the edge of the cliffs above a rocky beach. Descend to the beach in a deep cove. Cross the beach or take the parallel footpath along the edge of the hillside cliff. Continue to the protected calm water at the west end of the cove. Walk up Gibson Flat, an open grassland rimmed with oaks. Pass through the Gibson Flat trailhead gate at Berryessa Knoxville Road. Walk 0.15 miles left on the road, completing the loop at the Barton Hill trailhead.

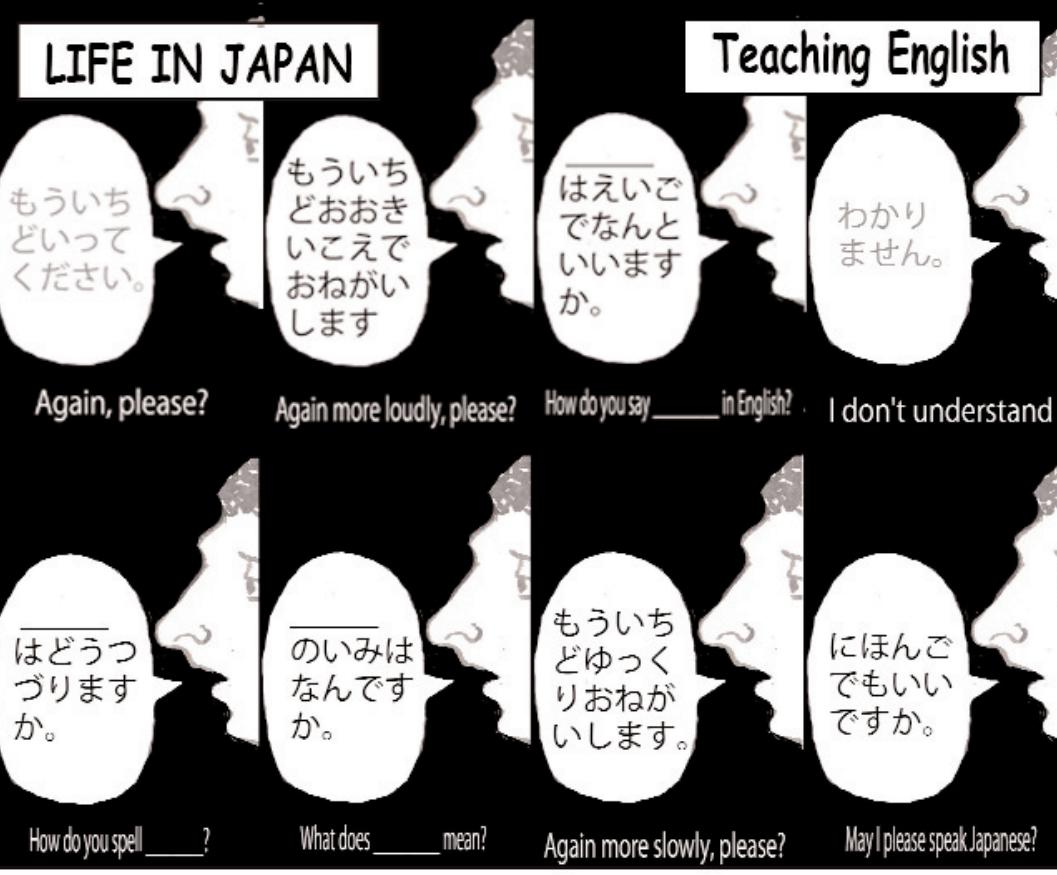
Smittle Creek Trail

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

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



According to experts, English is a difficult language to learn. But try teaching it, as Bill Scholer illustrates above, to someone who reads and writes Japaanese as their first language! The English language is especially complicated for people who do not have a European heritage. Because English shares some similarities with the languages of Eastern Europe, people from those countries often have more success learning English than someone from Japan or Kenya, for example.

22 Reasons Why English is Hard to Learn!

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
3. The farm was used to produce produce.
4. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
5. We must polish the Polish furniture.
6. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
7. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
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 about 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 intamate this to my most intimate friend?
22. The accountant at the music store records records of the records.



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Tri'ing for Scholarships



The Community Church of Lake Berryessa is happy to announce that it will once again be providing scholarships to local High School graduates. To raise funds Pastor Bob will again, on May 5th, tackle the waters and hills of Lake Berryessa in the Napa Valley Vintage Triathlon Half Ironman event. He will (hopefully) swim 1.2 miles, bike another 55 and then run 13.1 miles to complete the event. Last year this event raised just over \$1,000 dollars which all went to local youth graduating from Napa High Schools. This year we would like to increase this amount and you can help by pledging to the event. If you would like to support this effort you may call the church at 252-4488 and leave your number. A pledge of any amount is acceptable; pledges are for the event not per mile. Pledges will be collected after the event and last year's guarantee is still in place. If Pastor Bob does not finish you don't have to pledge! There are also pledge sheets in the community you can sign up on or e-mail Pastor Bob at Terribob@lakeberryessa.net.

Helping Hands at Lake Berryessa

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its third annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the different fundraising activities will be donated to the Chris Williams Memorial Fund. Chris recently died after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

The event starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. We will have a bake sale, car wash, and food will be available for sale. We will also be having an old-fashioned rummage sale. Community members can rent a 10' by 10' space for just \$25. The cost for a covered space (pop-up canopy provided) is \$35.

Participants keep their profits and take their left over items with them. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and earn some extra cash at the same time. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

A Grand Prix (think pinewood derby) event will also be held involving our AWANA Children's Ministry and any other local kids who would like to participate. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised more than \$600. Half of the money was donated to the Capell Valley Community Garden. The other half of the money is being held to use for expenses related to the formation of the Capell Valley Community Center. For information contact Terri Lee at the church phone 707-252-4488. The event will be held in the church parking lot which is located at Moskowitz Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

Miser's Final Wish

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife." So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" she had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket." She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him." "You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

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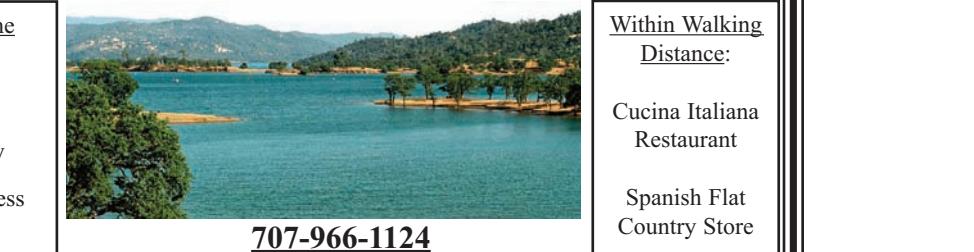


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The Top Ten Myths about the FBI

Myth #10) The FBI has Nikola Tesla's plans for a "death ray"! Nikola Tesla was a prolific inventor and gifted physicist and engineer—most known for developing the basis for AC power. When Tesla died in New York in January 1943, his papers—which were thought to include plans for a particle beam weapon, dubbed a "death ray" by the press—were temporarily seized by the Department of Justice Alien Property Custodian Office ("alien" in this case means "foreigner," although Tesla was a U.S. citizen). Despite longstanding reports and rumors, the FBI was not involved in searching Tesla's effects, and it never had possession of his papers or any microfilm that may have been made of those papers.

Myth #9) The FBI has "X-Files." Yes, we do have files on some unusual phenomena—like cattle mutilation, UFOs, and Roswell—but generally only because people reported something and we made a note of it. One example is Operation Majestic 12, the supposedly secret group of government officials tasked by President Truman to study

1953, while the Striders—an African-American father/son agent team in Los Angeles—served with distinction from the 1940s through the early 1970s. Hispanic Agent Manuel Sorola served in a number of our western offices from the 1920s through the 1940s, and Filipino-born Agent Flaviano Guerrero served ably in the 1940s. Myth #4) The Bureau routinely spies on the American people. Absolutely not. We are governed by and carefully follow a well-defined set of laws, regulations, and guidelines—honed over a century of practical experience—that spell out how we can and should conduct our investigations. It's always been a delicate balance between harnessing the tools at our disposal to solve crimes and prevent attacks and upholding the civil liberties of all Americans.. While some have long predicted that the FBI would turn into a big-brother-like secret police force, that scenario simply hasn't happened. After all, we live and work in our communities and cherish our country's rights and freedoms like everyone else!

Myth #3) The FBI doesn't cooperate with other agencies. You'd think from the news media and the entertainment industry that we do everything from routinely stiffing our partners...to hogging all the credit in big cases...to simply not getting along with our colleagues. If you worked for the Bureau—and saw the close relationships and even friendships that exist between us and our partners across the country and around the globe—you'd realize that nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, there is an occasional conflict or issue (we are all humans, after all), but relationships have been exceptional over the years and improved even more since 9/11.

Myth #2) The FBI has files on every American. Some people think that the FBI has a vast range of files on all the bad things they've ever done. Not true! We keep investigative files on serious violations of federal law and major threats to our national security. We won't have a "file" on you unless you're a spy or terrorist or criminal or are suspected of being one (and we use the word "file" loosely, as we generally organize materials by cases, not individuals). Some people do appear in our files if they've provided us with information or were a victim in a case...or because an authorized third party requested information about them—but this kind of information is held under strict laws and for a legally specified period of time.

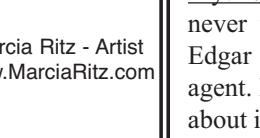
Myth #1) The FBI can't or shouldn't do intelligence. It's an old saw that has been oft-repeated since 9/11. But a century of history says differently. From our earliest moments we've used intelligence (under the laws and guidelines of the day) to get our arms around major threats and disable them—from gangsters to mobsters, from yesterday's Soviet spies to today's terrorists. The fact is, the FBI has always been both an intelligence agency and a law enforcement/national security organization...and like our police and intelligence community counterparts, gathering and sharing and acting on intelligence is part of what we do on a daily basis. We've certainly gotten better at it since 9/11, and you can bet that we'll keep improving in the days ahead.

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2011 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report

The gross value of all agricultural production in Napa County was \$430,503,500 in 2011, a decrease of \$30,976,600 from the previous year. The 6.7% decrease in gross value was primarily due to a decrease in the wine grape tonnage crushed.

The total value of the 2011 wine grape crop was \$423,441,900, down 6.7%, or \$30,440,600, from the previous year, and 3.1% or \$13,434,700 lower than the previous 10-year average of \$436,876,600. Total wine grape production for 2011 decreased by 16,970 tons, or 12.2%. The total wine grape tonnage for the 2011 crop (121,872 tons from 43,581 bearing acres) was 11.5% lower than the previous 10-year average of 137,725 tons. The average price paid per ton for all wine grapes was \$3,474.

In the past several years, the top three varieties in bearing acres planted were Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot. In 2011, approximately 50,846.7 tons of Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested and sold at an average price of \$4,660 per ton. Chardonnay (6,772 acres) exceeded Merlot (5,853 acres) by 919 bearing acres, but Merlot sold at \$305 more per ton on average. Merlot production was 16,697.4 tons, valued at an average of \$2,560 per ton. Chardonnay production of 21,014.7 tons was valued on average at \$2,255 per ton. These three varieties together accounted for almost 73% (88,559 tons) of all production and over 77% (\$423,441,900) of the total wine grape value.

The value of other crops and livestock varied. Olive production decreased \$598,900, primarily due to the alternate bearing nature of olive trees. Vegetable production decreased by \$98,400 from the previous year. Floral and nursery production decreased in value by \$163,500. The value for Field Crops increased \$36,300. Livestock had an increase of \$236,200.

There are two kinds of friends: those who are around when you need them, and those who are around when they need you.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Archeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.

According to the report, presented by Director of Environmental Management Steve Lederer and Purchasing Manager Jeff Brooner, Napa County vendors were sent notifications of 80 percent of all the contracting opportunities available last year. Of all of the contracts that were awarded, 44 percent went to local vendors. Of the total dollar amount of the contracts, 29 percent went to local businesses.

The functions that awarded the most contracts were Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Works, Fire, Information Technology Services (ITS) and Probation. The functions that spent the most total money on new contracts were Public Works (both services and construction contracts), HHSA, ITS, Fire and the Auditor-Controller.

The report also outlines reasons why local vendors were not awarded some contracts. State law, for instance, requires that construction contracts go to the lowest bidder. In other cases, such as IT services, there are no qualified local vendors.

Trail hiking, building and maintenance

By Bob Schneider

Many of us enjoy our local trails. Particularly well known in our own "backyard" are the Cold Canyon, Blue Ridge, Frog Pond, and Cache Creek Ridge trails. More recently many have hiked the newly constructed Valley Vista Trail. And, now Annie's Trail at the headwaters of Cold Canyon is nearing completion.

Hiking the Cold Canyon Trail is an egalitarian experience. One meets people of all ages, shapes and sizes: groups of teens, families, people of all ethnicities, and folks from Roseville, Vacaville, Woodland, Davis, Winters, Sacramento, the Bay Area, and other towns who come for short strolls or long hikes completing the full 5-mile loop. It is always nice to say hello to your fellow travelers. Conservative estimates are that over 10,000 people visit Stebbins Cold Canyon UC Reserve each year.

At times I meet folks with loppers trimming the brush back for others to enjoy the trail. I once met a kind Hispanic man digging out the spring by the bridge. That spring has water in the driest years.

It is really important to do trail maintenance correctly. I have a few suggestions:

1. Cut branches far back from the trail and as low to the ground as possible.
2. Don't cut branches at eye height. It is a safety hazard.
3. Cut branches flat across so they are not sharp and pointed. This is really important.
4. Carry loppers very carefully. They can be a dangerous tool, especially when passing others or climbing over rocks on the ridge. Be safe!
5. Watch your kids carefully to be safe. They love to help, and that is a good thing.

One of my real peeves is those folks who cut switchbacks. This destroys habitat, causes erosion, and can create a hazard for others. Many of us must then spend hours repairing and restoring the damage. Hike the trail, and encourage others to do so also.

Trails don't just appear. They are often the vision of one individual or a group of friends. Ida Merhoff was the vision behind the Blue Ridge Trail that runs from the Cache Creek low water bridge to the summit of Fiske Peak. The Bureau of Land Management, working with volunteers from the Sierra Club Yolano Group and others, spent many days building this trail that was later dedicated in Ida's memory. Last summer, Student Conservation Association crews worked on the trail.

The Valley Vista trail is built on recently acquired Yolo County park land located on Highway 16 directly across from Camp Haswell along Cache Creek. Andrew Fulks had a vision for this trail wandering 800 vertical feet up a ridge above the road. Tuleyome volunteers and youth from the Woodland Youth Coalition spent several days working to build this trail. Then, for his Eagle community project, a Boy Scout volunteer built a picnic table at the top of the trail. It is a great place for lunch with an incredible bird's eye view down the Capay Valley. Later, the trail will join the Blue Ridge trail higher up on the ridge.

The Berryessa Peak Trail is now under construction. This trail was made possible through the private donation of a trail easement across the Ahmann Ranch to reach public lands. The trail is on the west side of the Blue Ridge east of Lake Berryessa. The trail travels on an old ranch road across the Knoxville Wildlife Area, traverses the Ahmann property, and then wanders through the Bureau of Land Management Berryessa Peak unit to the peak itself. It is a strenuous trail that will be a 14-mile round trip hike gaining 2500 feet. It is nearly complete and should be done in the spring of 2012.

In 2010 with the help of many donors, Tuleyome purchased 72 acres at the headwaters of Cold Canyon. This made possible an extension of the Cold Canyon trail. Near the 2 mile marker is the start of the Tuleyome Trail. Annie's Trail is a new loop that climbs to the upper ridge. Annie's Rock, with a tremendous view 100 miles north to Snow Mountain and west to Mount St. Helena, is a great lunch spot. This trail still needs a bit of brush work, but the signs are now installed.

You can find more about these and other trails at www.tuleyome.org. Look for Tuleyome Trails. The new web page is still under construction but will be completed soon.

-- Tuleyome is a regional conservation organization based in Woodland. Bob Schneider is the Senior Policy Director. He can be reached at bschneider@tuleyome.org.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): For the next week, laws will not apply to you, which is a real pain, as you've become pretty accustomed to Newton's first and third.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a terrible week to make decisions about your love life, although to be perfectly honest, the problem's less with the week and more with you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Walk confidently in the direction of your life's dreams, but be warned that it's really quite a long walk to Sea World.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Although no one is currently keeping statistics on falcon attacks, your next few weeks will motivate several people to begin considering the necessity.

Leo (July 23-August 22): People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The great thing about dogs is they still feel the same way about you when your back is turned. In related news, you'll never see the Doberman attack coming.

Libra (September 23-October 22): While it's true there are only two kinds of people in the world, the stars believe it would be unkind to tell you just how much better than you the other one is.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): It turns out that pianos hardly ever suddenly fall out of twelfth story windows onto people, although you'll have a hard time feeling special about it.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You firmly believe that prayer is a beneficial practice for ordering your thoughts and sorting out your feelings, but only if enough people see you doing it.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You will come closer to your own elemental nature this week when a sudden lance of white-hot plasma reduces you to your component atoms.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your joy at discovering that there is indeed meaning and purpose to life is short-lived when it turns out to involve a bunch of difficult stuff that isn't a lot of fun.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your belief that nothing can stop you will be tested this week by depression, procrastination, concrete barriers, dysentery, armed gunmen, and the unanimous passage of several laws targeted specifically at stopping you.

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It matters not whether you win or lose: what matters is whether I win or lose.

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(Editor's note: The BSB (Big Stone Bridge) is the historic Putah Creek Stone Bridge built in 1893 and now 125 feet below the surface of Lake Berryessa. The Berryessa Bridges Project is a group of experienced technical SCUBA divers who are attempting to document the location and condition of several bridges now below the surface of the lake. They hope to present photos and video of their BSB exploration at the Memorial Weekend historical event being organized again this year by Carol Fitzpatrick, founder of the Monticello History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Sharon Eckroth is a BSB team member who wrote this fascinating story about one of her dives.)

Touching the Big Stone Bridge

By Sharon Eckroth

Once again, I questioned my sanity rising at this hour of the day, carefully tiptoeing past the chicken coop so as not to disturb the rooster, and load the remaining pieces of gear. I'm sure it's the thrill of yet another unexplored locality that drives one to the adrenaline-filled serenity that is the abyss. I scarcely noticed the crisp and cold early morning air with the majority of my focus on the task at hand, loading the last of the SCUBA gear and double-checking support equipment.

It was near mid-day when we anchored over the dive site. Berryessa greeted us with the serenity of a sleeping child. With the surface conditions as tranquil as any that could be mail-ordered from Mother Nature, as if it were possible, the equipment was readied and a dive plan formulated. A lone osprey screeched overhead, a very good sign. I geared up methodically in the warm noonday sun, smugly confident in the solid professionalism of the surface support team, my ever-energetic safety

diver, and the overall plan. This wasn't going to be a relaxing dive in pristine waters. The BSB (the historic Putah Creek Stone Bridge built in 1893) lies 125 feet below the inviting surface in a cold, dark grave. After several thousand dives you know when it's right and when its time to walk away. Today it's right to go to BSB. I stepped from the boat into the azure waters replete with equipment fit for a moon landing. One more check. Let's see, decompression gas bottle - check. Drop camera with umbilical cable - check. Mushroom anchor with associated line and surface marker - check. Gauges and verify gas levels, check - check. Lift bag with clamps, carabiners, double ended bolt snaps, o.k. - o.k. check - check - check! After a quick dive plan and contingency review, the project manager offered a few cautionary words..."Don't shine your light into the camera lens or foul the umbilical with the buoy line or anchor rope. And get some good shots!"

It was at that moment I confirmed this was going to be a busy dive. After a quick exchange of O-K signs with the deck boss, I vented my BC and began the decent towards BSB. The visibility was good for lake diving and comfortably inviting. Experience told me those conditions are about to change and not for the better.

With the descent clipping along at glacial speed I kept wondering if I would reach BSB with enough gas to complete the tasks and linger for just a moment or maybe a bit of unauthorized exploration. The suspense was nearly overwhelming but its mission first as always. So I focused on the increasingly demanding tasks at hand while gliding weightlessly into the depths. I chose to ignore the growing cold and enveloping gloom that began to enshroud me as I

moved deeper. Progress was fluid and effortless then almost as if scripted, a show-stopping event.

There it was, as big as a bull elephant in a burlesque show, a knot in the anchor rope that brought the descent to an abrupt halt. Now if the umbilical handler had been aware of that fact he would have likely ceased paying out cable. With the topside crew unaware of the situation, several pounds of cable were now pulling me towards the depths, proof-positive that you can never over-plan a dive or its details.

Now generally this would be a non-issue except for the fact my thumb had somehow become firmly wedged into the slide of an attached fifteen pound mushroom anchor that I was supposed to "gently" set onto the roadbed.

A neophyte or the uninitiated would likely succumb to the task-loading in the cold and gloom and immediately free themselves to find their way posthaste back to the safety of the surface, sunlight, and abundant air. I had that fleeting thought, but facing the project manger after dropping his camera was just too much to bear. I quickly fastened the equipment load below the offending knot and began the process of extricating my now numb digit from the line's embrace. I recovered the equipment and the descent continued uneventfully.

Every diver with at least a few dives under their belt has experienced that feeling of near despair when their bottom time has been exhausted on a fulfilling and enriching dive. Just as this time it has come to depart, I remember the project manager's admonition and quickly panned with the camera for any footage possible.

I touched the taupe brown stone gleaming in the soft glow of my primary light again to say goodbye. After a quick scan with the camera for any footage possible I must depart. I long to linger but my safety diver is waiting patiently and with extensive decompression remaining to be performed, I take one last look at my friend, secure the site and initiate an ascent.

The sorrow of leaving my new friend, I feel, is equal to that of a loved one's departure after an extended stay. As the Big Stone Bridge faded into the black I bid her farewell. Let not your soul be troubled, my friend, I murmured while turning towards the surface. I'll see you again.



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