

April Fools' Day or April Fool's Day

The first day of April is officially called April Fools' Day in the United States. The singular, April Fool's Day, is also accepted as a variant spelling. Actual usage seems to support this non-preference, with both spellings being used about the same frequency.

There are multiple fools in the world for which April Fools' Day is their holiday. Following this same logic would also explain why the holiday is sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day because there are many, many fools and this is their day. But like Father's Day, April Fool's Day can be a holiday directed at individuals.

Lake Berryessa News Proposes April be declared April Fools' Month.

Because there are so many, many fools and their stories out there, they should be given the honor of a full month of publicity.

Why You Can Trust The Lake Berryessa News, Especially on April 1!

In This Post-Truth World We Stand Firmly Behind our Truthiness

If you follow national or local politics, or if you've been involved in our twenty year battle to protect and rebuild the Lake Berryessa community, you know that some people find the truth too confining. Some of these types of folks were instrumental in creating "The Big Lie" about Lake Berryessa which helped bring about the present situation out here.

The Oxford Dictionary announced several years ago that "post-truth" was its 2016 word of the year. The word is "an adjective defined as 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.' "

The word has been around for a few decades or so, but there has been a spike in usage since the period before the 2016 American presidential election. That sounds about right.

Feelings, identifications, anxieties and fantasies, that's what actuated the electorate. Not arguments. Not facts.

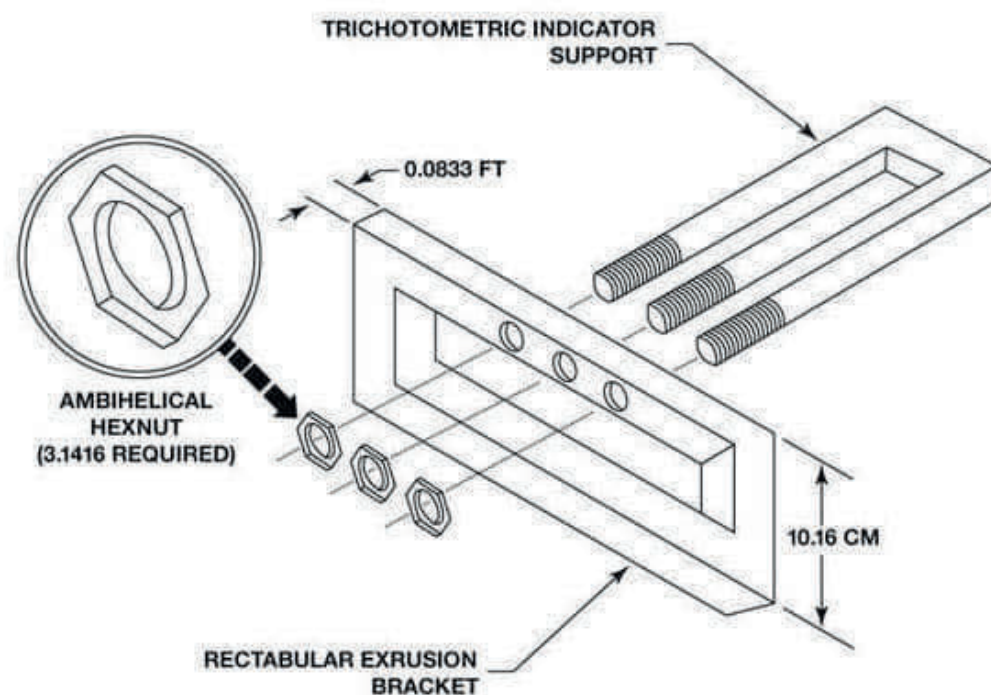
Post-Truth links nicely as an extension of the word Truthiness. Truthiness is a quality characterizing a "truth" that a person making an argument or assertion claims to know intuitively "from the gut" or because it "feels right" without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual examination, or facts. Truthiness refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

Scoop Nisker was a longtime fixture on San Francisco radio station KFOG during hippie times and after. He became well known for the catchphrase, "If you don't like the news... go out and make some of your own,"

Today his catchphrase would probably have to be "If you don't like the news... go out and make up some of your own."

"It's hard to win an argument with a smart person, but it's damn near impossible to win an argument with a stupid person." Bill Murray

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April 1, 2021 - America's Favorite Holiday

Remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News April 1 Special Edition it must be true?

The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Is Back! Special: The Secret History of the University of Lake Berryessa

Napa County In, Reclamation Out!

The Napa County Request for Proposal (RFP) process appears to be proceeding smoothly. Although, per policy, the County has released no public information regarding the bids which have been submitted, optimism remains strong.

Per the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) between Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation: "the United States and Napa County have agreed that entering into a Managing Partner Agreement may provide better opportunities for public recreational enjoyment." and "the parties hereto mutually agree to enter into a Management Agreement for the administration, operation, maintenance and development of public recreation facilities, protection of natural and cultural resources, and provision of public health and safety at these areas."

The MPA clearly places the major responsibility for the success of this process on Napa County. Napa County has clearly accepted this responsibility, dedicating staff and resources, and is aggressively moving forward to guarantee success. The County process brings internal consistency, dedication to a goal, and clear lines of authority. And most of all, the County and its staff actually want to succeed!

What could possibly go wrong?

In my opinion, the Bureau of Reclamation could go wrong.

The biggest concern I have, based on 20 years of experience, is that the Bureau of

Reclamation, especially its local management, will attempt to exert external control on this County-led project. The MPA was created specifically to remove the Bureau of Reclamation from managing the resorts.

The BOR, which has a limited budget and staff, is still responsible for managing the other government recreational facilities and four of the existing resorts: Oak Shores, Smittle Creek, Capell Launch Ramp, Eticuera, Putah Canyon RecArea, Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, and Berryessa Point RecArea (closed). That should keep them busy.

The County is the lead agency with access to the host of the professional resort management resources of the Napa Valley. The Bureau of Reclamation has little experience in this field and no local staff resources that can match the County's depth of available support through Visit Napa Valley, for example.

The BOR is acting in an advisory role for the MPA process. Although the County is required to submit specific MPA-defined requests to the BOR "for its review and approval, Reclamation shall not unreasonably delay or withhold such approval."

Napa County In, Reclamation Out!

The Secret History of a History of Secrets

I've been fortunate to have been allowed to document some of the activities of the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) over the last few years. ULB is a secretive institution of advanced research. Its history mirrors that of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) with which it has been associated since its founding.

The creation of DARPA was authorized by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958,

the same year Monticello Dam was completed and Lake Berryessa began to fill. DARPA's purpose is creating and executing research and development projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science.

The University of Lake Berryessa is an important member of this stealth innovation ecosystem and is often referred to as "Area 52" in classified government documents.

A consortium was formed early on between the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) to be designated DABURPA (with apologies to Chicago's DABEARS superfans.)

The ULB campus encompasses several stories of underground classrooms, research laboratories, and engineering development test sites below the surface of Lake Berryessa's Big Island. The Below the University of Lake Berryessa facilities, often referred to as the BULB by staff, itself has a very secret area, designated the "Light BULB", where the most advanced research is performed.

Clandestine construction of the top secret ULB facilities began at the same time as Monticello Dam - using the dam's need for building materials to hide the large amount of construction debris produced and delivered to the dam site. The remainder was used to construct Goat Island

Since that time very little information about ULB's activities have been made public. Previous confidential benefactors have included Albert Einstein, David Blaine, Steve Jobs, and recently Elon Musk, the Technoking of Tesla.

The Lake Berryessa News is grateful to the ULB staff, especially Chancellor I. Kamin Furst, for the access it has provided. Out of a sense of irony or subtle absurdity, most of the information released to the Lake Berryessa News has coincided with the April 1st holiday every year.

2021 is the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the University of Lake Berryessa. In keeping with the university's eclectic sense of satirical humor, this year's anniversary has no particular significance. To honor that significance, the University is dedicating this year to fantasy artist and engineeronaut M.C. Escher.

I can explain it for you, but I can't understand it for you!



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2 **A Little Bit O' Philosophy**
Helps the Satire Go Down...
by Peter Kilkus

This is my favorite issue of the year because it allows me to exprss some of my opinions without being too offensive. Sometimes satire is so close to reality that the joke simply escapes the uneducated and ignorant. And satire usually escapes the profoundly stupid. How can someone understand a joke about the moronic beliefs of QAnon when they are already pickled in the jar of those fantasies and have no skill in critical thinking?

St. Stupid's Day and the
Dumbing Down of America

Although April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools Day, the date has also become a holy day for some churches such as the Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco. Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade.

St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.)

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public, as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

Are Some People Just Ignorant
or Actually Stupid (Combo Anyone)?

What level of a mental black hole in the brain does it take to consciously slather gorilla glue over your hair and plaster it permanently to your scalp? Science has at least one subject to study.

The intrinsic difference between ignorance and stupidity is that ignorance simply implies lack of awareness about something while stupidity denotes the inability of a person to be aware of something.

The dictionary says “ignorance” is “lack of knowledge or information,” while “stupidity” is “behavior that shows a lack of good sense or judgment” or “the quality of being stupid or unintelligent.” Ignorant means lacking knowledge. Stupid means lacking brainpower.

Strictly speaking, ignorance, or being ignorant, isn't an insult; it's simply a lack of understanding. Stupid means

lacking in mental capacity. An ignorant person can usually seek additional knowledge to become less ignorant, but, as the saying goes, you can't fix stupid.

“Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege.”

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."-Anonymous

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."-Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kids now speak this language..."Oh, and I'm like, so happy to like, be here! And he's like, really cute". Teachers have coined the phrase "Like Latin" to describe this language.

The biggest cause of trouble in the world today is: the stupid people are so sure about things, and the intelligent folks are so full of doubts. -- Bertrand Russell

As you may imagine I get a lot of strange comments on my Facebook page and in emails. One of the saddest from 2010 still haunts me. It was discussing a recent drowning at Oak Shores. I never found out who this was, or if it were a prank, but it is illustrative, even if intended satirically:

amcyngirl said on March 21, 2010

It's unfortunate that this ever happened! Lake Barryessa has taken so many peoples lives! Regardless of the nature of the accidents,

people are always dying there. The news paper does not have all the facts as well as the cause, so in my oppinion, the paper adds "being under the infulance" in attempt of blaming the cause of the accident on that reason. "Dont want to scare people form going there".

What I think the reason is for all the casualties at Lake Barryessa is the simple fact that the lake is angrily haunted and very hungry. I am aware of the existing town that was flooded and the cemetary which remains under water. There seems to be angry energy distroying many happy peoples lives in retaliation.

I forbid my children to go there and avoid the area completely. As beautiful as it appears, it is very hungry, waiting for an oppertunity to take another life...and more! Why doesn'e the Register do a census or stitistic on the casualties at that lake instead! Save a life!



Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals
Introduces New UBER Service

Taking a cue from how Uber and Lyft have expanded, Marty Rodden, always an innovator in recreation services, will institute his Boat-Uber service on April 1. 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.

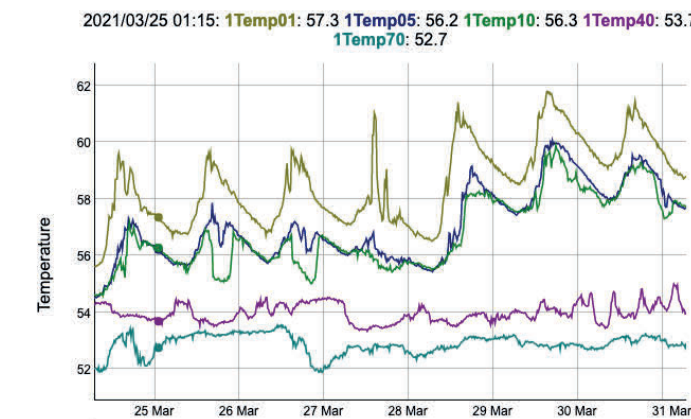
The boats will only be available for 1 - 2 hours at a time at premium prices, but this simplifies the rental process for those willing to save precious recreation minutes.

UBer also has an agreement with the new resort concession restaurants to provide drone food delivery services 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!”

Lake Level and Temperature as of April 1st

The lake level continues to drop slowly - 3 inches in one week. The lake is now at 417.1 feet, 22.9 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall has reached 9.2 inches at Monticello Dam and 8.7 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season- the lowest rainfall by this time of year in 24 years. Surface temperature has climbed back into the 60s..

Lake Berryessa - Temperature



Onion Headlines

‘No Way To Prevent This,’ Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens
State GOP Members of 33 Different States Support Bills Making It Illegal To Vote As Anything Other Than a Republican Or To Register With Any Party Other Than Republicans.

New Special Effects Technology Able To Age Young Actress Into Elderly 30-Year-Old

Head Shop Owner Starting To Think No One Will Ever Buy \$6,000 Glass Bong That Looks Like Genie From ‘Aladdin’

Ted Cruz Decries Voting Rights Bill As Shameless Power Grab By American People To Control Country

Wildebeest Mother Blasts ‘Our Planet’ Producer Who Just Stood By While Jackal Ate Her Daughter

‘Can You Trust Anything You See?’ Says Jack Dorsey, Shapeshifting Into Cat During Congressional Testimony On Misinformation

Parliamentarian Cuts Minimum Wage From Stimulus Due To Obscure Rule Requiring Poor Citizens To Needlessly Suffer

Doctors Reassure Tiger Woods That You Don’t Have To Be In Good Physical Condition To Play Golf

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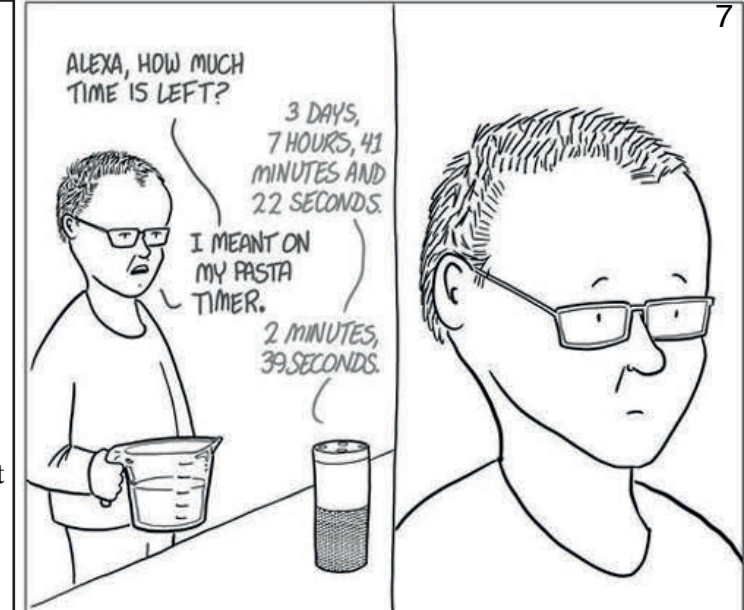
Parents Can’t Tell If Pandemic Inhibited Toddler’s Social Skills Or If He’s Just Taking After Dad

Widow Just Wishes Husband Could Hear All The Rote Pleasantries Funeral Goers Have To Say About Him

Christopher Nolan Still No Closer To Understanding End Of ‘Tenet’ After Watching Dozens Of YouTube Explainer Videos

Britain Decides to Stop Enforcing Use of a “British Accent”, Allowing Citizens to Return to a Normal, Accent-less Life For The First Time in 700 Years

Local Bigfoot explains why his species are always blurry and shaky when caught on camera.



Explaining to a child that we’re mortal and that death is inescapable is probably, for me, the hardest part of being a party clown.



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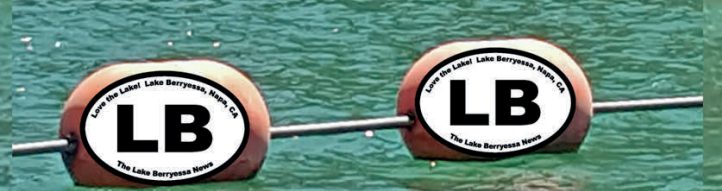
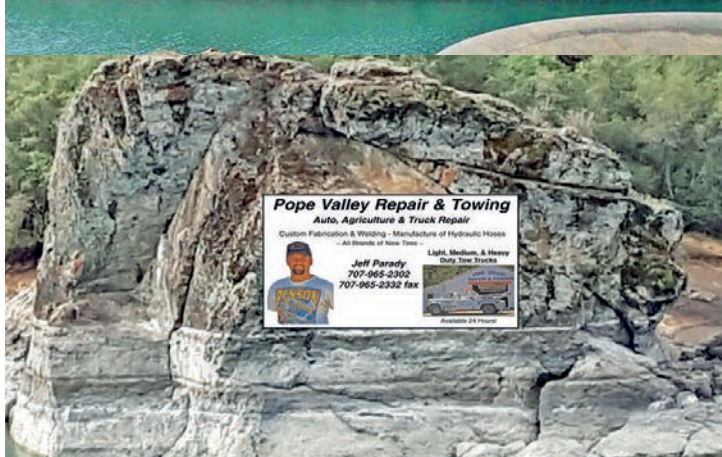
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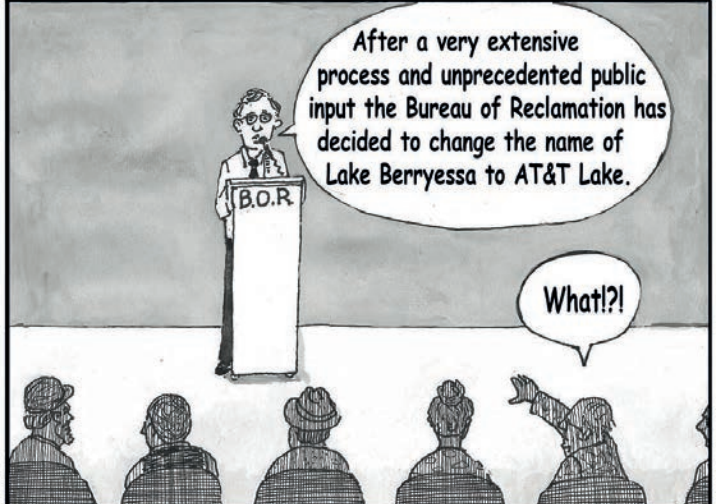
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Bureau of Reclamation Promotes New Advertising Opportunity

Due to budget shortfalls and the corporate trend to “advertise everywhere” the BOR will sell advertising space on iconic structures at Lake Berryessa including Monticello Dam, Glory Hole, Jumping Rock and others. To avoid any criticism they will use environmentally-acceptable paints. Examples below.



NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



April 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Don't worry if you don't understand the complex, yet seemingly effortless, unfolding of the universe. You're just stupid.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Ultimately there will be nothing your friends can do for you, putting you in a position requiring more competent friends.

Aries (3/21-4/19): This week will bring you a healthy, fulfilling romance in the workplace. That will motivate you to get a real job.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): No one will be able to figure out your enigmatic last words, and the fact that you'll live in silence for three more years after uttering them makes that somehow cooler.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): Travel and adventure are in your future as your captors continue crossing state lines to stay a step ahead of the law.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You've always said that if you were king, you'd make college free, but there won't be time between your coronation, the palace coup, and the beheading.

Leo (7/23-8/22): 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.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enough about you. This week, Virgo will be unable to shake the feeling that you never listen to her.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll discover a great new diet that lets you eat whatever you want while ballooning up to 450 sexy, sexy pounds.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will find yourself lost in a strange new world in which the hairless, vaguely simian natives seem to be trying to communicate with you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any worse, the stars confirm that you are correct and it is pretty much as bad as possible.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Everyone thinks you're making a hilarious reference, undermining your efforts to warn everyone that the alien manifesto is a cookbook.



Gorilla Glue Expands Brain Protection

Gorilla Glue Girl opened a new marketing channel for Gorilla Glue. Not only do you get the smooth shine you wanted, but water rolls off it like “off a duck's back”. And you never have to worry again about bumping your head if you are distracted and walk into a wall. A special "Brain Dead" option increases overall safety bounciness for the chronically stupid. A single application protects your head like a football linebacker's helmet!



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The University of Lake Berryessa Wins International Award For Recreation Innovation

One of the most elite educational institutions of which you've never heard was thrown into the international spotlight on April 1, 20121 when it was acknowledged for it's cutting edge research and design of new recreational products - not your ho-hum zip lines or lures to trick dumb fish.

Over the years ULB has allowed the Lake Berryessa News access to review and publish its research. The following projects were first reported by the Lake Berryessa News and indicate the broad range of innovation which allowed ULB (known to many as simply Area 52) to beat other competitors such as Hogwarts. These reports are all available on the Lake Berryessa News website:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/university-of-lake-berryess/ULBprojects/

ULB Recreation Project Awards

- Alligator Adventures in Lake Berryessa
- Bird Goes Over the Glory Hole Without A Barrel
- Floating Golf Course
- Floating Indian Casino
- Glory Hole: Awesome, Frightening, But Dangerous?
- Glory Hole: Black Hole, Wormhole - Or Both?
- Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef
- Lake Berryessa Indoor Ski Hill
- iResorts® at the Lake
- Meat Grapes & Steak Potatoes
- Miniature Game Fishing
- Becoming REALLY Green for the Environment
- Raise the Dam, Raise the Hole, Cork the Hole?
- Slower Than the Speed of Light - Slow Glass
- Tesla's Quantum Tachyon Mirror
- Triploid Trout - Big & Smart
- USB Wine Delivery Is Here
- Vermigen: Composting with BIG Worms
- Weather Radar & Fish Finder
- Ziplining Berryessa Peak

ULB, Elon Musk, Tesla Future Thinking on Steroids

When the Techno-King of Tesla starts talking, the Quantum-Nerds of Berryessa start listening. Napa County has not yet released the names of the bidders on the Lake Berryessa resorts so it is unknown whether Musk is a financial backer in any of the bids. But now that Musk has become a prime benefactor of ULB, there

An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

How can human civilization survive with so many of its members professing bizarre beliefs like those of QAnon, Scientology, Astrology, Flat Earth. UFOs, Proud Boys, Evangelicals, Intelligent Design, Aliens Among Us? At what percentage of the population that becomes stupid or crazy or crazy-stupid will civilization simply collapse?

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following:

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments.

ULB has been a partner in the development of some unique projects as listed above, but they have also been involved in some radical technologies such as:

Plant-eating robots: The Energy Autonomous Tactical Robot program creates robots that feed off plants just as animals do.

Sensor plants: To control the physiology of plants in order to detect chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

But that's the past. What's the future?

SolarCity is a Tesla company (now part of Tesla Energy) dedicated to lowering the cost of solar energy to the normal consumer. Local solar installations are already replacing PG&E power around California. What if a wave of cheap solar farms and solar roofs could sweep across the Lake Berryessa region and all of Napa County? Could Musk, with the support of ULB, make Lake Berryessa a test project to take on the task of eliminating power-caused fires in our area?

Although the Boring Company may sound like a few parties you've been to, it is very real and a tribute to the very dry humor of Elon Musk. It constructs safe, fast-to-dig, and low-cost transportation tunnels.

One of the problems with remote rural recreation areas such as Lake Berryessa is how to get there and back without causing heavy traffic. New roads are prohibitively expensive. But what about a series of Boring Company high speed tunnels below ground and under water to create a network among the new resorts and a regional transportation system with no impact on surface traffic?

OpenAI is an artificial intelligence research laboratory founded by Elon Musk which seeks to build a machine with human intelligence while prioritizing transparency and safety. Tesla also has a division that is developing electric boats using Tesla automotive drive train and batteries. Can you imagine a fleet of Tesla electric boats controlled by OpenAI software with Tesla Energy solar panels providing the power? You would not have to go to pick up your rental boats, they would come to you and go back to the rental agency on their own - with no gas required!



4 Bureau of Reclamation Announces Management Training Programs

The organization that knows how to not get something done announces a management training program for special employees in how to handle complex projects and unruly crowds while delaying actions into the future.

Push on a Rope (Team Building Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from local community groups.

Small groups will tie a rope to an object on a table and all push on the rope to see how far and fast they can move the object. Local example: Create a Lake Berryessa Community Forum. "The Bureau of Reclamation announces the Lake Berryessa Community Forum Coordinating Team." The Community Forum is comprised of representatives from eleven stakeholder groups and is designed to promote public input regarding recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa."

Paper Bag Punch (Individual Exercise)

Designed to give insight into deflecting criticism from individual community members. Staff members are covered with custom-designed large paper bag and directed to punch their way out.

Local example: Entice a local community member or community group (see "Push On A Rope exercise described above) to assist in developing a strategy for the creation of a special program to establish guidelines for future strategic planning sessions which encourage local participation in information-gathering activities which further the goals of a strategic plan, yet to be scheduled, to develop positive alternatives for future action.

Sincerity Seminar (Senior Staff)

Designed to give upper level managers insight into deflecting criticism from local Boards and Commissions

Members will practice speaking before simulated Board of Supervisors meetings. This intensive seminar will focus on the importance of feigned politeness and respect, the ability to string together several misleading assurances of future results, and the importance of a simulated self-deprecating tone while admitting past errors in judgment. Includes a review of successful video exchanges.

Local examples: Presentations by Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Mike "Seamless Transition" Finnegan before several meetings of the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

Cows With VR Goggles Increase Milk Production

Virtual Reality headsets are expected to help cows relax by offering them sun-filled summer views of green pastures. The VR goggles have been specially made to help them relax in order to produce more milk. In order to develop the simulation, researchers considered what contributed to a positive emotional state for cows. They looked at examples of dairy farms around the world and concluded that a calm atmosphere resulted in more milk production.



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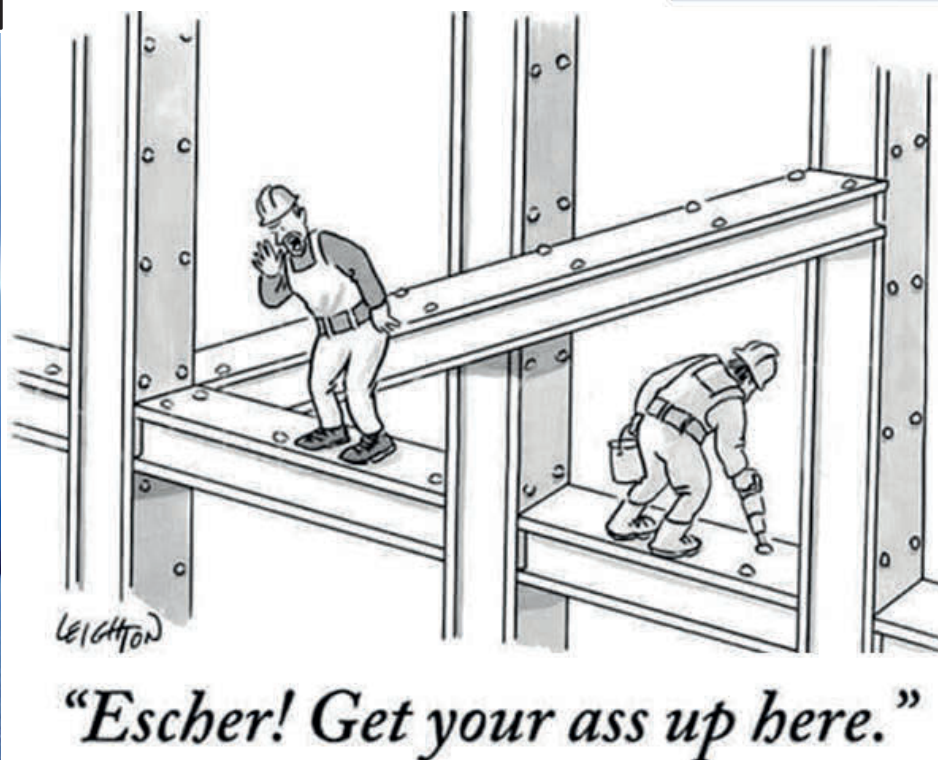
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Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills.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

Putah Canyon Recreation Area
Boat launching, day use, RV & tent camping
707-966-9051
www.royalelklparksmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html

Monticello Shores Recreation Area Closed
Berryessa Point Recreation Area Closed

Spanish Flat Recreation Area
Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.
707-966-0200
www.spanishflatcamping.com

Steele Canyon Recreation Area
Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.
1-877-386-4383
<http://www.goberryessa.com/campground-at-steele-canyon>

Pleasure Cove Marina
Boat launching, day use, camping, boat rentals, house boating, lodging, full-service marina, wet slips, fuel.
707-966-9600
www.goberryessa.com

Markley Cove Resort
Boat launching, lodging, full-service marina, boat rentals, wet slips, fuel.
707-966-2134, 707-966-9010
www.markleycoveresort.com

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

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