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### Don't tickle a tick, drown it with soap, or BBQ it with a match – it will just barf on you (or in you)!

By Peter Kilkus

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

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

Veterinarians and other medical experts report that removing a tick from your cat or dog is easy if you just follow these simple steps:

To remove an attached tick, use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or special tick removal instruments. These special devices allow one to remove the tick without squeezing the tick body. This is important as you do not want to crush the tick and force harmful bacteria to leave the tick and enter your pet's bloodstream.

Grab the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. Do not grasp the tick by the body.

Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick as you are pulling.

Using methods such as applying petroleum jelly, a hot match, or alcohol will NOT cause the tick to 'back out.' In fact, these irritants may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound.

After removing the tick, place it in a jar of alcohol to kill it. Ticks are NOT killed by flushing them down the toilet.

Clean the bite wound with a disinfectant. If you want to, apply a small amount of a triple antibiotic ointment.

Wash your hands thoroughly.

Please do not use your fingers to remove or dispose of the tick. We do not want you in contact with a potentially disease-carrying tick. Do NOT squash the tick with your fingers. The contents of the tick

can transmit disease.

Once an embedded tick is manually removed, it is not uncommon for a welt and skin reaction to occur. A little hydrocortisone spray will help alleviate the irritation, but it may take a week or more for healing to take place.

In some cases, the tick bite may permanently scar leaving a hairless area. This skin irritation is due to a reaction to tick saliva. Do not be worried about the tick head staying in; it rarely happens.

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Three old ladies were discussing the trials and tribulations of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in with, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, ladies, I'm glad I don't have that problem, knock on wood."

Then she rapped her knuckles on the table and said, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

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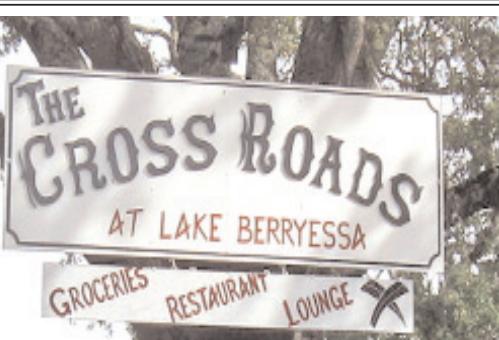
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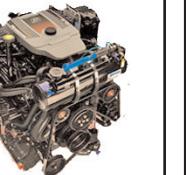
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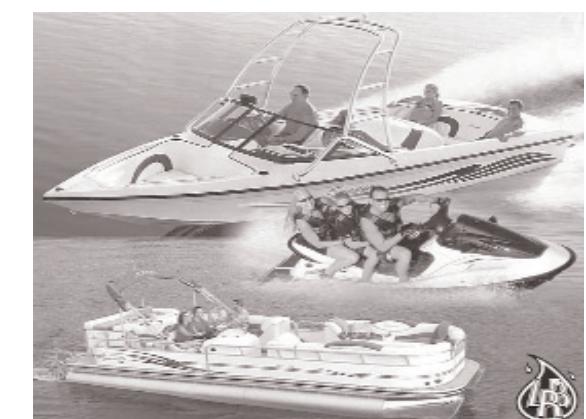
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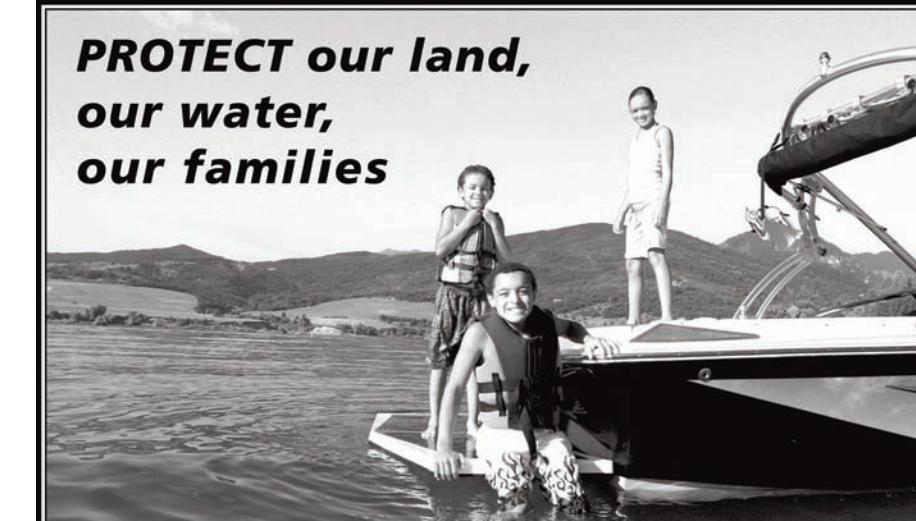
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## "Smartyphone" Techie Fun Stuff

During the last five years both cellphone and internet service have improved dramatically at Lake Berryessa. Gone are the days when email service crashed every few minutes while trying to use PacBell landlines to the Berryessa Highlands.

Although PacBell never did (nor ever will) replace their old copper cables to Napa, cellphone service providers like AT&T, as well as internet service providers like PNC Valley Internet, have replaced the need for landlines and satellite internet service.

As I mentioned in my front page article, I now have an HTC Inspire "smartyphone" as a tech-adverse friend calls it. A toy of many diversions, a necessity for almost nothing. But it does have a cute feature - a code reader. Using the camera and the AT&T Code Scanner application I can now read any bar code on any object. I can also read QR codes.

A QR code (short for Quick Response) is a specific matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code), readable by dedicated QR barcode readers and camera phones. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be text, URL or other data.

Common in Japan, where it was created by Toyota subsidiary Denso-Wave in 1994, the QR code is one of the most popular types of two-dimensional barcodes. QR is the abbreviation for Quick Response, as the creator intended the code to allow its contents to be decoded at high speed.

Although initially used for tracking parts in vehicle manufacturing, QR codes are now used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications aimed at mobile phone users (termed mobile tagging).

QR codes can be used to display text to the user, to add a vCard contact to the user's device, to open a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) or to compose an email or text message. Users can also generate and print their own QR codes for others to scan and use by visiting one of several free QR

code generating sites.

QR codes storing addresses and Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) may appear in magazines, on signs, buses, business cards, or almost any object about which users might need information.

Users with a camera phone equipped with the correct reader application can scan the image of the QR code to display text, contact information, connect to a wireless network, or open a web page in the phone's browser. This act of linking from physical world objects is termed hardlinking or object hyperlinking.

To show the outside world that Lake Berryessa has kept up with the modern world of insipid (mostly) social networking and relatively useless applications of high tech software, I have created QR codes for the Lake Berryessa News and a few other advertisers and web sites. (See bottom of this page and map on Pg. 6)

I scanned a bottle of my favorite wine at Cucina Italiana last week and found out what the best price offer was as well as 20 other places I could buy it at what price! Of course I'll still only buy that wine from my friends at Cucina.

This app is fun for awhile - sort of like the first time you use Photoshop and put your kid's head on top of the body of each member the whole school soccer team. Not sure how valuable it is to any normal person, but if you have a smartyphone try it out.

You can actually put a lot of text into the code. See if you can decode the one below.



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## Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhana Series Begins!

By Lynn Jenkins

Pope Valley Ropers and Riders (PVRR) sponsors three gymkhanas every summer. The PVRR is a non-profit club (501C3), and although we have plenty of horse-related events, these gymkhanas are so much fun and are open to a large range of riders, starting from toddlers in lead line.

Besides the fun of competing in them, they are so much fun to watch – especially for the kids. Of course audience attendance is free and the bleachers are under a HUGE tree so it is very comfortable.

It is a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Starts at 9 AM and usually goes to about 3 PM. Our local vet, Sally Kimsey, heads the group that grills and sells hamburgers and hotdogs, really good! It's a fun day. You can stay all day or just drop by.

It really is a wonderful group with regulars who attend every year and, of course, new people. Just so much fun to watch (and eat). Hope to see you there!

### Pope Valley Ropers & Riders



PVRR Arena  
2280 Barnett Road  
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Sign up starts at 8:00 a.m.  
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For information please contact Bob Lee

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## Event Calendar

May 16 - Monday: Capell Valley Community Center/Garden Stakeholders Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Capell Firehouse. All those interested in helping or if you just want to know more are encouraged to attend. Please attend and step-up to help us make this happen for our community.

May 21 - Saturday: 2nd Annual Blood Drive honoring Elijah Leung, 12-4:30 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station. Call Sherry Dahlquist 966-9471 to make an appt.

May 21 - Saturday: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Berryessa Senior Center, 8:30 A.M. - 11 A.M. with an after-breakfast horseshoe tournament. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729

May 22 - Sunday: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhana Series begins. Sign-ups at 8 AM. Mary Burton at 707 965-2476 or Marge Hill 707 965-2225. Flier on Pg. 2.

May 27 - May 30: Memorial Day Weekend! See you at the lake.

May 29 - Sunday: Monticello History Celebration, Spanish Flat Village Center. Afternoon Open House 2 PM. Come see the new finds from Monticello. Raffle Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit and more. Sale of next years looking back calendar.

Also a reminder to old timers and familyies from Monticello. Pot luck picnic at the cemetery starts at 11 AM. Bring your chair, drinks, and a favorite dish...any questions call 707-287-3708 or email Carol at Pumpkinridge@ymail.com

June 5 - Sunday: World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa. Markley Cove Resort, 9:30 AM - 1 PM.

June 18 - Saturday: Casino Night & Free Pasta Dinner & Big Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 5:30 P.M. - 10 P.M. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729

## May Birthdays

William Hughes      22nd Ron Cox

James Lucas      23rd Jim Edmundson

5th Marlyn LaRosa      25th Jerry Rehmke

10th Ken Becker      29th Rosemarie Wilson

11th Lisa Nelson      30th Linda Tschida

15th Mary White

## Dam Level Update as of Monday, 5/9/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **33.36** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **5.23** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
4/18/11	435.24	0.23	80	54	0.00
4/19/11	435.23	0.11	64	52	0.00
4/20/11	435.21	0.14	74	50	0.00
4/21/11	435.24	0.12	65	44	0.16
4/22/11	435.24	0.11	70	43	0.00
4/23/11	435.24	0.13	68	43	0.00
4/24/11	435.23	0.11	64	46	0.01
4/25/11	435.22	0.17	72	52	0.00
4/26/11	435.19	0.11	68	39	0.00
4/27/11	435.20	0.16	69	39	0.00
4/28/11	435.17	0.12	75	43	0.00
4/29/11	435.12	0.21	71	39	0.00
4/30/11	435.07	0.27	66	40	0.00
5/1/11	435.06	0.27	73	39	0.00
5/2/11	435.06	0.18	82	39	0.00
5/3/11	434.99	0.28	83	43	0.00
5/4/11	434.95	0.21	78	44	0.00
5/5/11	434.93	0.29	89	46	0.00
5/6/11	434.87	0.27	94	48	0.00
5/7/11	434.82	0.30	84	47	0.00
5/8/11	434.77	0.23	74	51	0.00

Below is the daily outflow in Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) from Lake Berryessa in 2010. The maximum summer daily outflow was 701 CFS or 1,400 Acre-Feet (AF) per day. Each foot of lake level drop at the 435' level is equal to 18,000 AF. This equates to a 1' drop every 12 days during summer.



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### Fishing With Sid

Went fishing at Lake Berryessa this past Saturday (5/07) expecting nice calm water and warm weather. Instead it was very windy and the main part of the lake was all white caps! John, Albert and I left from Lupine Shores (Steele Park) and we were as excited as kids going into a toy store. John told me he had not caught a fish in eight years and my mission was to change that.

My game plan was to start by the Ranch House and end up at the Vineyards. Of course that meant cutting through all the white caps. Sitting in the front was not easy with all the waves and bouncing. We went into a cove where there was some shelter from the wind with no success. I was looking for spawning fish but was not able to see any.

I decided to troll towards the Vineyards. The second cove was behind the Ranch house and pretty calm. We could see at least ten feet down - but no fish. Continuing on to the Vineyards I didn't stop till we got there. It took about four times longer than normal, but we finally reached the first barbed wire fence and then trolled slowly to the second one with no success.

I told them we should change to brass and glass and use senco worms and our luck changed. John's first fish spit out the bait just as it got within reach of the boat, but we were so excited to finally hit fish that he didn't feel that bad. His line was old and he lost a few setups because it snapped. My recommendation is to put new line on at the beginning of the season so you won't be disappointed when you hit that big one.

John changed to a weightless senco with a wide gap hook and landed a nice size bass that weighed almost three pounds (see photo). Next fish was caught by Albert using almost the same method.

It was a rough day because of the whitecaps. I feel that if the water would have been calmer we would have had a limit for everyone. The fish were there, it was just hard to keep the boat in place for any period of time. The water temperature was ideal from 61 to 65 degrees so the only factor working against us all day was the wind. Hopefully the weather will be better next weekend 'til then...good fishing!!! [www.fishingconnection.net](http://www.fishingconnection.net)

If you have any questions please email me at best-guide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333



### Supposed Actual Phrases Found on Resumes...

"I have burnt Word Perfect 6.0 computer and spreadsheet programs."  
 "Am a perfectionist and rarely if ever forget details."  
 "Received a plaque for Salesperson of the Year."  
 "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."  
 "Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."  
 "Failed bar exam with relatively high grades."  
 "It's best for employers that I not work with people."  
 "Let's meet, so you can 'oooh' and 'aah' over my experience."  
 "Marital status: single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. No commitments."  
 "I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse."  
 "I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant."  
 "Personal interests: donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far."  
 "Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store."  
 "Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping'. I have never quit a job."  
 "The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers."  
 "Finished eighth in my class of ten."  
 "References: none. I've left a path of destruction behind me."

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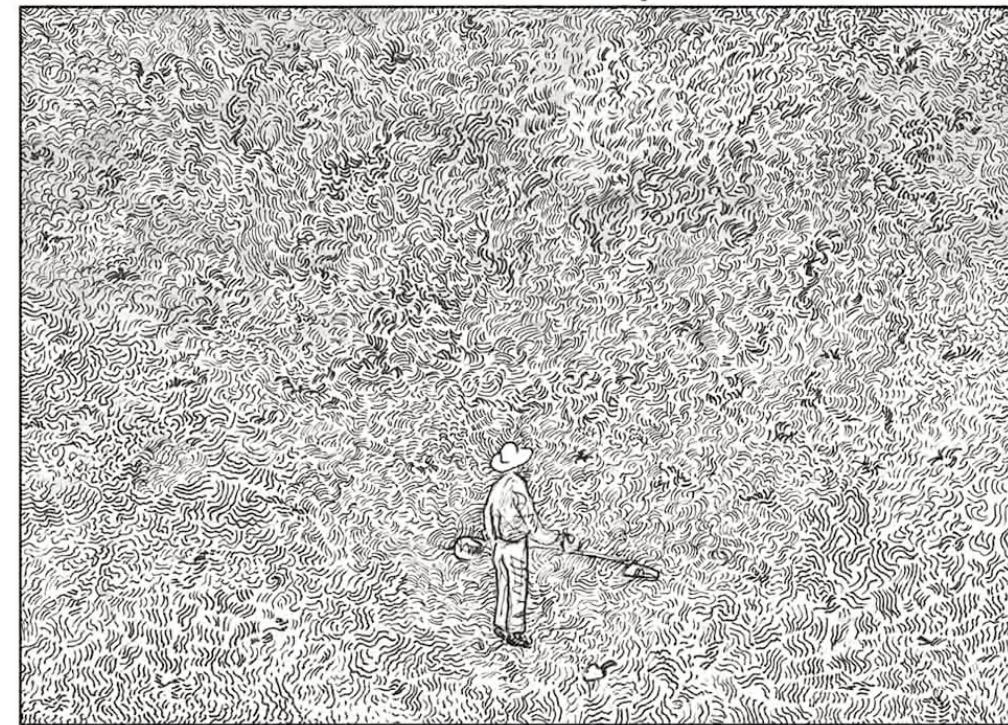
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## NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Bill's homage to a wet rainy season. If you have property, you know the feeling!

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A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

When I die, I'm leaving my body to science fiction.

If you can't live without me, why aren't you dead yet?

Silence is golden but duct tape is silver.

He's turned his life around. He used to be depressed and miserable.  
Now he's miserable and depressed.

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

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## A WILD STORY of Easter in the Berryessa Highlands

(Continued from previous issue)

### Easter is missing

That first year, they had many funny and some not so funny experiences with Easter. One happened one rainy afternoon when she was about seven months old. Ruth was in the kitchen preparing lunch when she realized that she hadn't seen Easter for some time. They no longer kept her confined and she often roamed the neighborhood and hillsides with Babe. Since she had never seen rain before, Ruth was concerned that it might frighten or confuse her.

First Ruth checked under the front porch where Easter liked to nap, but she wasn't there. She asked Charlie if he'd seen Easter. He answered. "Not since this morning. She was with Babe out front."

Her uneasiness persisted, so she called a couple of neighbors, but they hadn't seen her, either.

Charlie and Ruth both hiked up and down the street calling her name. Several neighbors offered to help, one in a pick-up, the rest on foot. For the next hour and a half they covered the hillsides.

As time passed and there was no sign of her, they became convinced that the inevitable had happened -- Easter had joined the wild deer population. While they knew this day would come, they were heartsick. Would she never lie on the couch with her head nestled in Ruth's lap again?

When she hiked down the hill to the mailbox, would she not tag along behind Babe and Molly? Would she never stand in the kitchen door waiting for a treat, head raised, and nose sniffing at the steaming pots on the stove?

By the time they called off the search and returned home, Ruth felt like she had been to a funeral. She kicked off her mud caked shoes at the backdoor. "I'm going upstairs to rest," she told Charlie. She didn't want him to see her cry.

When she stepped through the doorway into her bedroom, there lay Easter and Babe in the middle of the bed, enjoying a long afternoon nap!

As relieved as she was, she was tempted to lift a couple of tails and do what

countless other frantic moms have done in similar situations.

### Growing up and getting social

Although Easter allowed Charlie and Ruth to pet and hug her at will, she was never that affectionate with anyone else, not even family members or neighbors she saw often. Easter would shy away, often retreating to her sanctuary under the front porch.

That changed one day when a friend drove up the driveway, and Babe rushed to greet her. "Hi, old girl," the friend said, ruffling the hair on Babe's shaggy head. Easter stood watching from under a nearby fruitless mulberry tree. The friend couldn't resist an attempt to pet her, too, and reached out her hand. Easter sniffed. As she caught Babe's scent, she stepped closer and closer until finally a shy nose and an eager hand met.

They then knew that when family or friends wanted to pet Easter, they had to pet Babe first. Once Babe's scent was on their hand, Easter would usually allow them to pet her.

When Easter was two years old, a handsome buck came into the yard one morning. Although there were other does present, he had eyes only for her. He took a few steps toward her. She moved gracefully away, then paused and glanced back over her shoulder, big brown eyes staring into his. He was obviously intrigued. This courting went on for several days.

### The romance and motherhood

Although she began spending more and more time away from home, she always returned at night to curl up beside Babe on the rug. Then for three days and nights she remained away from home. Ruth was certain she had delivered and was tending to her baby. Somewhere across the street and over the side of the hill, where Ruth had often seen her go, she had prepared a hidden burrow.

Was this it, then? Would she ever come home again? If she did, would she bring her baby? How would Babe, who was the closest living being to Easter, react to what might lie ahead?

Then one morning she once again stood on the deck outside the sliding glass door. Charlie opened the slider, and she strolled in like always. She

was no longer with child. Ruth and Charlie quickly looked outside, but there was no fawn in sight. Easter sniffed the air for food aromas and then walked to the kitchen door for her expected treat. Ruth gave her a slice of bread. When she had eaten, she stretched out on the floor beside Babe, and Babe rose and licked the stickers from her coat. Both acted as if nothing unusual had happened.

For a few hours Easter rested, ate, and wandered around the yard with Babe. Then she disappeared over the side of the hill -- her routine for the next several days.

One afternoon, Charlie called, "Ruth, come quick!" Ruth stepped out onto the porch in time to see Easter sailing up the driveway with a tiny spotted replica in tow. They were ecstatic! However, they were wrong if they thought they had another little Easter to hug and pet. This little creature was of the wild. She could be admired, but from a distance. She never came into the house or even onto the porch.

### The new routine

Surprisingly Easter continued to spend time with her foster family. She would leave her baby back in the bur-

row, and for several hours it would be like old times -- she and Babe sharing lunch, each other, napping together. Then she would disappear.

As the weeks passed, Easter brought her baby along more and more, leaving it outside in the yard while she came inside to visit. This seemed very brave of this tiny fawn, so they named her Spunky.

The following spring Easter again gave birth, this time to twins. She was following Nature's design of an initial birth of a single fawn, with subsequent births of usually twins. Now when she strolled into the yard she was followed by Spunky and the twins.

They named them both Lizzie since they couldn't tell them apart. However, they later changed their names to Leonard when twin knots, the beginning of antlers, appeared on their heads. Again they could look but not touch. And the same routine Easter had adopted with Spunky, she followed with the twins as well.

Then suddenly one of the Leonards stopped coming. We never found out what happened to him, but undoubtedly some tragedy was involved.

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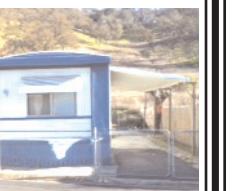
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Taurus (April 20-May 20): The so-called Tenth Crusade will end almost as soon as it begins next week when armies of religious warriors have no trouble whatsoever conquering and subjugating you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You have evidently failed to learn the lessons of history, as you will attempt to find the Northwest Passage, unite Britain and Ireland, and get your family to stop exchanging Christmas gifts.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Only one major thing will happen to you this week. After that, however, it won't really be possible for anything ever to happen to you again.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll be bitten by a vampire and become one of the Immortal Sanguinary Children of the Night just when the whole fad is about over.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Though you are aware that Hawaii has the best unemployment benefits among the 50 states, you will be surprised and shocked to discover that Mississippi has the fewest dentists.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You refuse to buy into society's petty, narrow-minded definitions of good and evil, or at least that's what you tell people when they notice you're a lousy tipper.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): When all's said and done, you've loved and been loved in return, and no one can take that away from you. However, they can make sure you don't get paid for it.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): During May, Sagittarius should strive to avoid 16-ounce sirloin steaks cooked medium-rare, marinated in herb butter and served with side orders of sauteed mushrooms and baked potato with sour cream. Also, avoid apple pie with ice cream.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): No matter how hard you try to follow the advice given in your horoscope, you will fail. Try to avoid breathing anyway.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Smooth-talking hucksters are out to fool you. Distrust messages or predictions which are vague and general enough to apply to anyone, such as those found in fortune cookies.

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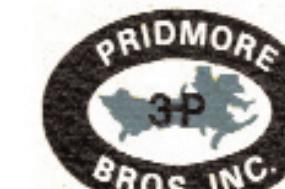
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### Mussel Man on a Mission

An interview with aquatic biologist Ken Davis by Laurie Banks

It was easy to find aquatic biologist Ken Davis. He was standing on a launch ramp at Lake Berryessa. His bright yellow shirt with black writing made him look like a giant bumble bee. He was throwing a five-foot net into the water and slowly drawing it back. It looked like he was trying to catch minnows, but the writing on the back on his shirt "Zebra Mussel Survey" told the real story.

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**Banks:** You seem to be trying to net fish, but I'm guessing you're looking for mussels.

Davis: I'm actually catching samples of plankton. That's algae and other microorganisms that live in the lake. By looking at it under a special microscope I can see if there are microscopic mussel larvae called "veligers."

**Banks:** What problems do mussels cause?

Davis: Because they have no natural predators in North American waters they can grow prolifically. Water agencies are concerned because they can plug and damage equipment such as pipes, pumps and trash racks. Boat owners need to be concerned because mussels clog cooling systems causing motors damage. Mussels also cause problems for the fish because they filter water and eat all the plankton. This upsets the base of the food web. Plankton is the food for small fish. If they can't survive, the big fish won't either.

**Banks:** Why are these mussels in some lakes and not others?

Davis: To survive mussels require a significant amount of calcium to produce the shells, copious amounts of plankton to eat, the right temperature range and a high pH. Lake Berryessa has the conditions that could support a significant infestation.

**Banks:** Do you think they are in Lake Berryessa?

Davis: No, I think I would have found evidence. For example, the low water conditions prior to this year allowed me to inspect much of the existing structure in the lake including the docks at the old marina before they were removed. They would have mussels on them if we had an infestation prior to 2007. The majority of my collection efforts are concentrated at launch ramps and docks where I've been getting plankton samples for the last three years. This also allows me to talk about mussels with boaters, anglers and marina staff. I'm amazed at how many people read my shirt and stop to ask questions about the mussels. That's a big part of the education program.

**Banks:** Who else is involved in this program with you?

I work closely with the Bureau of Reclamation staff and regional biologists. The Solano County Water Agency funds my program. Later this month, I'll be training new Bureau of Reclamation rangers, volunteers, and marina staff. I'll also be working with the bilge mat volunteers in May.

**Banks:** What can boat owners and anglers do to help?



Davis: Boat owners need to be sure to thoroughly clean their boats. Information about cleaning boats is on my website [www.creekman.com](http://www.creekman.com). Anglers should clean off mud and aquatic plants from their boots and equipment then sun dry everything that's wet. All of the aquatic invaders including mussels, mudsnails and didymo ("rock snot" algae) have a microscopic phase in their life cycle. Just because you can't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. Remember what mussels look like and report anything you find that's unusual to Fish and Game. With everyone's help, hopefully we can keep these invasive mussels out of this beautiful lake.

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### Baby sitters

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The months passed and another spring approached. Again Easter produced a set of twins. But for some reason they couldn't understand at the time, she did not follow the routine she had adopted with Spunky and the Leonards.

One afternoon, Ruth looked up to see Easter standing at the slider. Ruth opened it and in she strolled. Ruth was both stunned and delighted when this time the new babies followed their mother right into the house!

She led her little ones into the dining room and bedded them down in a corner behind a dining room chair. They peeked out from between the rungs. They were adorable!

Ruth turned to congratulate the new mother just in time to see her leaving through the open slider. Leaving? Leaving! Then it hit her. Easter was leaving her babies for them to baby-sit! They were flabbergasted.

The fawns remained motionless in the corner behind the chair. After several hours, Easter finally returned, and the twins rushed to either side butting their little heads into her stomach to encourage the milk to flow, right there in the middle of the dining room.

Relieved to see Easter, Ruth didn't mind the babies were being fed on her wall to wall carpet. But relief proved only temporary. After she had nursed her youngsters, Easter nudged them back into "their" corner, and before Ruth could stop her, slipped out through the slider and was gone.

Now Ruth really began to worry, "What if this was some new routine she had adopted: we care for them and she drop by occasionally to nurse them?" Well, Ruth wasn't going to agree to that. So in the back of her mind a plan began to form.

It wasn't until nine thirty the next morning that Easter showed up again. The babies popped out from behind the chair. Again they nursed there in the dining room. As they finished, Ruth casually rolled the vacuum cleaner from the closet and stuck the plug into an outlet. Easter hated the racket the vacuum made and always retreated to the deck or under the porch, so her hopes were high as she switched it on.

Not wanting to frighten the babies any more than she had to, she started vacuuming at the opposite end of the living room, and kept her back to them, humming as she worked. After a few minutes she peeked over her shoulder to see how her uninvited guests were reacting. The dining room was empty!

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Ruth quickly closed the slider, feeling quite superior that she'd outfoxed the fawn

and Easter. When she finished vacuuming -- the carpet needed several passes to get all of the bits of leaves, twigs, and dirt that the twins had deposited -- she rolled the vacuum back into the closet. She glanced around. It was good to have her house back in control again.

With babysitting responsibilities behind, Ruth felt free to go into town to shop. She hurried upstairs to the bedroom, kicked off her shoes, and started toward the closet, only to gasp. The twins cuddled together in a corner, right where their mother had stashed them before sneaking off for the day!

The story of Easter draws to a close

More seasons came and went, and the story of Easter drew to a close. She had been absent for a while. Babe whimpered out front by the opening under the front porch. Charlie crawled through the opening on his knees looking for Easter. Once inside, the flashlight beam swung back and forth. Then it stopped, followed by a moan. Then, "It's Easter, Ruth." He sounded odd. "Well, is she all right?" she asked. After a long pause, he answered, "No."

It took a great deal of effort to pull her lifeless body from under the porch. And what an emotional scene it was -- the fawns crying, Spunky cowering in the background, and poor Babe circling, circling her dear companion, touching her with her nose, pushing at her as if to encourage her to get up.

"Babe, stay away from Easter! Go on, get away." But as obedient as Babe has always been, this time she refused to do as ordered. Charlie had to pull her into the house.

Then they dug a grave nearby and laid their dear Easter to rest. A year and a half later, Spunky, the first borne, and the remaining twin from the third year still came often. And when the bucks and the other does with their fawns would arrive, Babe would sit alone on the front porch, watching. Ruth and Charlie believed she still missed Easter and waited for her companion to return.

They took a risk that Easter Sunday morning when they opened their hearts to a tiny motherless fawn. But, oh, what joy that risk had brought! Though they hurt now, and would for many weeks, the experience -- the indescribable wonder of it was their priceless reward.

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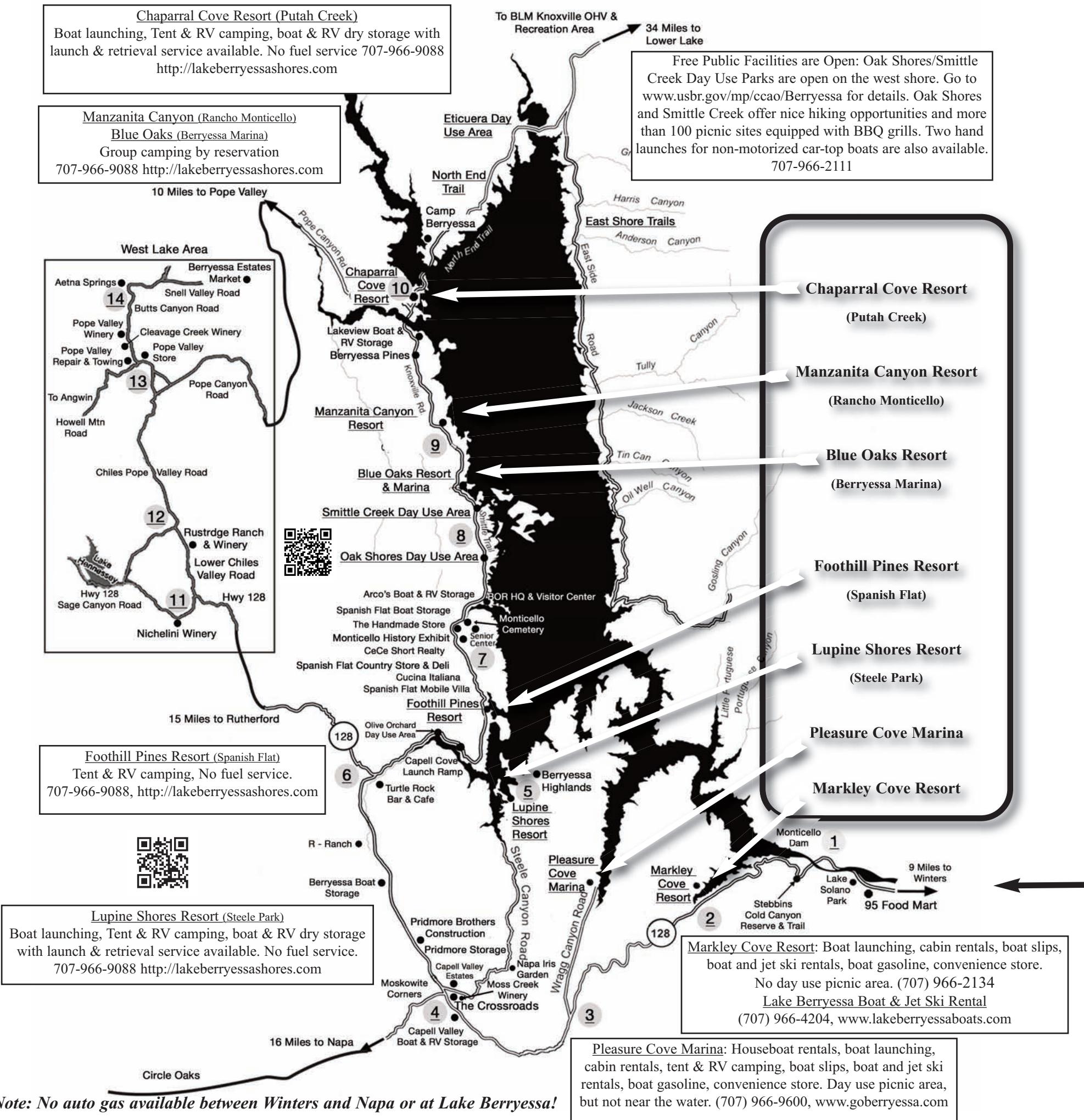
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### Berryessa Fishing Memories Never Die!

by George Parrish

Every kid should have a chance to go fishing with their dad or mom. When they are successful they will remember the first time forever.

I grew up on a river farm. The French Broad river. It runs out of the Fontana dam in North Carolina down through Douglas Dam that adjoins are land to the Tennessee river above Knoxville Tennessee. We had no purchased fishing poles, only cane poles, long lines with fifty hooks and nets. I sold fish for fifteen cents per pound to workers who worked building the dam.

In 1943 I was drafted on my 18th birthday for WWII, discharged at Treasure Island in 1946. I chose not to be a farmer. Worked for the Navy in Guam and Alameda for my first jobs. I inquired about places to fish. I tried Moss Landing, Timber Cove, Fort Ross, mountain streams. Then someone told me about catfish and black bass in Putah Creek at Big Rock above where the Lake Berryessa dam is now located. I camped there at Mr. Martin's for a dollar each night with my family and took my small boy fishing for his first time. I had no pole for him so I made a throw line with sinker and hook and night crawler for bait. His first fish was a great fish - I still haven't caught a bass that large yet.

After the dam was built I started fishing the docks, the north side of the lake for bass, trolling for trout and catfish in flat areas along the north shore. I have owned several boats here over the years; however, the boat that I loved and used for the last few years I can't get into any more. It's an old 16 foot aluminum boat that I built in a wooden floor so I wouldn't fall in.

I purchased it for \$100 from Marty of Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental who's now at Markey Cove. Two old 40-horse Johnson rental motors were gifts from the guys at Spanish Flat Marina. I used these old motors and boat for several years with my bimba top and 2 umbrellas.

The Spanish Flat Marina guys had a board with pictures of all types of fish that my fishing buddies

caught over the years. They called it George's board. I used the board to make a memorial for the wife of one of my fishing buddies who passed on.

One fishing trip I will never forget was at Timber Cove near Fort Ross, the Old Russian Fort. I took my oldest son and a friend of his fishing in a thirteen-man navy surplus rubber raft using oars!

The man who operated the business put the boats out beyond the waves with a lift. We were fishing for ling cod, and I had a plastic tub to protect the rubber raft from being punctured from the fish spines. But unfortunately I didn't think about other ways to puncture a hole in the boat. The neighbor boy hooked a star fish and couldn't get it off of his hook so he laid the star fish in the gunnels and POW he hit it with the sharp gaff. You guessed it - no emergency patches available! He panicked about what to do. I told him to put his finger in the hole and I rowed in as fast as I could. We were lucky the raft had three compartments.

I think Lake Berryessa is the best fishing in the world for families with kids. All you need to do is learn each day where the fish are, look for the shad minnows. Learn what time the fish feed - at night when the moon is bright. How deep they are. When using a boat, what speed to troll. Fish around brush in the water if you can find some, make a habitat if you can. I fished on the docks where I kept my boat at Spanish Flat.

Several years ago I was fishing on that dock and Fish and Game planted trophy trout in the lake. Some got to 6 to 8 pounds. A little boy came down to ask me if I had a hook. I gave him one and when he came back later he asked for a sinker and minnow. I gave him a sinker and I picked the largest minnow I could find. I thought that will keep him busy. In about 20 minutes came a scream, "Mister do you have a net?" He had the largest trout I ever seen in this lake. His father took him for a picture and a memory he will never forget. I still have never caught one that big.

Another time I was visiting with the guys at the marina gas dock and they were throwing dead minnows to the otters. They were hanging on to a fish until he finally got it. Mike Keen and I took some pictures at Spanish Flat of these animals. They were in the creek when the dam was built. I worked ten summers at the Bureau of Reclamation and volunteered five winters since I retired. Each summer I joined the group of employees and local people to support the kids fishing day. This summer if you can find the time - do that... If you are a fisherman - support them. Give them a memory!

nows to the large bass, carp and Sacramento pike under the dock. A lady came down with her son and saw the big fish and said, "I wish my son could catch one of those." I got a pole out of the store, put a piece of bread on it and handed the pole to the small boy and told him where to drop the bait.

Pow, a very large Sacramento pike grabbed that bread and jumped about 4 feet into the air and Mike Keen had the net and caught that fish in the net, in the air! That was one excited young man who went home with a picture and unforgettable memories.

My son Jon grew up here at Lake Berryessa and we did lots of fishing together before he went away to college. One trip and picture we will always remember. We were fishing for crappie on the gas dock at Berryessa Marina and using pink crappie jigs. He wasn't doing too well and came over where I was fishing to ask me where he should throw his lure. I suggested an area in front of a patio boat. About 10 minutes later he yelled, "Bring the net."

I took the net and looked in the water and thought I saw a large carp so I let him have some fun and play the fish. Finally, when he tired the fish out we were both surprised he had such a large bass on a crappie jig. We took the fish up to the store and the owner, Dave, took a picture of Jon holding the fish and crappie jig and displayed the picture over the store door for years.

When the Bureau closed the Berryessa Marina Dave gave Jon the picture. It hangs on my wall - Jon has a memory forever.

Jon and I joined some wonderful fishing derbies with the employees at Spanish Flat Resort - mostly for catfish. We are hoping to have another fishing derby this summer with folks who moved away.

But when you are fishing at Lake Berryessa, be careful of hanging your fish in the water. The creek otters have stolen my fish many times - even while I was fishing. One time at Rancho Monticello I pulled my stringer of crappie up with an otter holding on to a fish until he finally got it. Mike Keen and I took some pictures at Spanish Flat of these animals. They were in the creek when the dam was built. I worked ten summers at the Bureau of Reclamation and volunteered five winters since I retired. Each summer I joined the group of employees and local people to support the kids fishing day. This summer if you can find the time - do that... If you are a fisherman - support them. Give them a memory!

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### Memorial Weekend 2011 at Lake Berryessa: Remembering the Past, Anticipating the Future

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there were seven resorts at Lake Berryessa. Each resort was essentially a mom & pop-type small family business. As with all small businesses, some were managed better than others.

The result is that there is only one of the original seven resorts left, still a small family business - Markley Cove - owned by John and Linda Frazier. But for now readers should understand that Markley Cove Resort IS STILL Markley Cove Resort! Markley Cove Resort IS OPEN - it was never closed. Markley Cove IS NOT Mahogany Bay. Markley Cove IS NOT a Pensus Resort. It is the last of its generation.

The Bureau of Reclamation only got a 3% franchise fee from the concessions - about \$375,000 per year.

The reason that the resorts were modestly profitable was due to the mobile home owners who were paying month rent. This rental revenue amounted to 30-40% of the gross revenue of some of the resorts. And this revenue had no cost of sales - it was almost pure profit!

The resorts profited from the mobile homes, who paid rent all year round, rain or shine, and helped subsidize the facilities for the day users. That was why mobile homes were encouraged at the resorts decades ago when the original concession owners realized they could not run a profitable enterprise without them.

A vibrant family recreational culture developed based on this balance of long-term and short-term use. Unfortunately the government decided that American

citizens should not be allowed to use federal land on a long-term basis (now no more than 14 consecutive days in a one-month period) for personal benefit - unless you are a major corporation, that is - of course.

Their plans are quite striking, but they will have to reach out to the Bay Area and Sacramento to rebuild and dramatically increase their customer base. And create partnerships with Napa Valley resorts and wineries. A few billboards have already popped up, but it will take considerable effort to bring visitors back in the numbers needed to be profitable without the revenue from the original mobile homes.

As of Memorial Day weekend, Chaparral Cove Resort (Putah Creek) and Lupine Shores Resort (Steele Park) are open with boat launching, tent & RV camping, boat & RV dry storage with launch & retrieval service available, and new concrete picnic tables and BBQ/fire rings. (See photo at right and on Pg. 3.)

Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) is open for RV and tent camping but has no launch ramp. Blue Oaks (Berryessa Marina) and Manzanita Canyon (Rancho Monticello) are open for group camping of 50 or more on a reservation basis.

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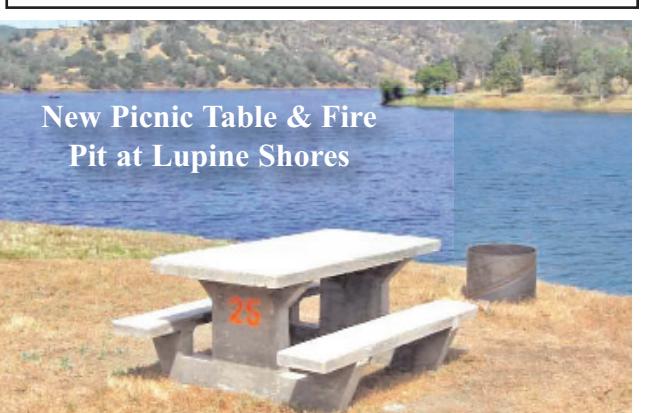
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**Memorial Day, 2011**  
**Monticello Memories**

By Peter Kilkus

On Sunday, May 29th, Carol Fitzpatrick, the founder and continuously firing spark plug of the Monticello History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center, has organized another community event memorializing the old Town of Monticello.

She invites you to see the new finds from Monticello. The 300 pound bell from the old school will be on display, and more pictures. Also old timers and families from Monticello will have a pot luck picnic at the cemetery starting at 11 AM. Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit! The local 4-H Club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. You can play a "chicken poker game" too. What more can you want?

Of course, Murray Clark will be there to relate more of his stories. He's given me many amazing ones and I'll use them in the Lake Berryessa News from time to time. Here's a short one about Murray's dad before tractors were in use. Reminds me of the runaway horse scenes from the old cowboy movies when I was a kid. Also points out that it is a matter of luck that we are all still alive.

"He was in the south field with a team of horses hooked four abreast pulling a drag harrow. One of the horses rubbed his head against another of the team and got the lines caught on something. Dad stopped the team to untangle the reins. Something spooked them and away they went. Of course Dad was in front of them. He grabbed the chinstrap of the horses on either side of him and hung on.

He knew if he went under the harrow he was dead. He said he was ready to let go. The horses had drug and trampled him so bad he was ready to give up. Just then his brother, Clifford Clark, came galloping up on a saddle horse and got the team stopped."

Coincidentally, a special history exhibition opened Friday, May 20th: Memory Bank: A Discovery of Old Hands, Old Faces and the Way It Was: Fifteen amazing Old Timers from Pope Valley, Napa, American Canyon, Lake Berryessa, Rutherford,

Carneros, Yountville and Calistoga.

The exhibit, organized by Preservation Napa Valley, captures the valley's transformation as experienced by 14 locals who lived it. They deliver a perspective from the eyes of former farmers, teachers, fruit truck drivers, dairy men, naturalists, homemakers and hay-makers who are now in their 70s, 80s and 90s.

The Memory Bank exhibit is open until June 30, at 1400 First Street. Thursday – Saturday, 3-7 pm, Sundays 11-3pm.

The Monticello History Exhibit is open on weekends at the Spanish Flat Village Center or by appointment on weekdays. Check in at the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli or call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

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**Sunday's Gymkhana Was Cancelled**

Dr. Salley Kimsey cancelled the May 22nd Gynkhana (announcement on right) due to an outbreak of EHV-1 myeloencephalopathy in horses. The outbreak originated at a cutting horse show in Utah. The number of positive EHV-1 cases in California rose to 17 with the report of an additional confirmed case on May 22. A statement released by the California Department of Food and Agriculture indicated that 15 of the horses with confirmed cases competed at the NCHA show in Utah.

The positive confirmed cases are located in the following 11 counties: Amador(1), Glenn(2), Kern(2), Los Angeles(1), Marin(1), Napa(1), Placer (3), Plumas(1), Shasta(1), Stanislaus(3), Ventura(1).

Equine herpesvirus-1 is highly contagious and can cause a variety of ailments in horses, including rhinopneumonitis (a respiratory disease usually found in young horses), abortion in broodmares, and myeloencephalopathy (the neurologic form). The virus is not transmissible to humans.

The general recommendation is to limit horse movement at this time until more is known about the extent and severity of the outbreak.

The last reported case of equine herpes virus in California was in 2008.

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Congratulations to Berryessa Highlands resident and Vintage High School Senior Jonathan Rossi. He is the recipient of the Chase Stanley Memorial Scholarship named for our local Lake Berryessa hero who died in Afghanistan last summer.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**  
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**Day starts: 9:30 am**

**Group Lake Clean up: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Picnic lunch at Markley Cove Resort: 12:00 pm**

Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, bring work gloves and be ready to jump in the lake when you're done.  
Everyone who pre-registers by May 22 will get a free World Environment Day shirt:  
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**Event Calendar**

May 29 - Sunday: Monticello History Celebration, Spanish Flat Village Center. Afternoon Open House 2 PM. Come see the new finds from Monticello. Raffle Free ice cream cones for people touring the exhibit and more. Sale of next years looking back calendar.

The 300 pound bell from the school will be on display and more pictures. The local 4-H club will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. Come support your local youth. We will also be having a chicken poker game. Buy a card for 5 dollars and if you're the lucky one to have the chicken do her dot on your card you win the loot...and a dime toss, a raffle, and more.

Also a reminder to old timers and families from Monticello. Pot luck picnic at the cemetery starts at 11 AM. Bring your chair, drinks, and a favorite dish...any questions call 707-287-3708 or email Carol at Pumpkinridge@ymail.com

June 5 – Sunday: World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa. Markley Cove Resort. The event begins 9:30am. The group clean up begins at 10:00am and will go until 12:00pm. A picnic lunch for participants will follow at Markley Cove Resort overlooking the lake. (See flier on Pg. 2)

June 13 - Monday: Winters Chamber of Commerce will be having their June Mixer at Canyon Creek Resorts from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite the Lake Berryessa Chamber members and the people of the lake area to this mixer.

June 16 - Thursday: Fly Fishing Putah Creek (CreekSpeak), 7 PM, Winters Public Library, 708 Railroad Ave. Join expert fisherman and Putah Creek guide, Jordan Romney, for a look into the secret underwater world of Putah Creek's trout. These fish can grow to salmon-sized proportions in Putah Creek, but they're not easy to catch. All CreekSpeak talks are free and open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested, but not required, from people who are not active members of Putah Creek Council.

June 18 - Saturday: Casino Night & Free Pasta Dinner & Big Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 5:30 P.M. - 10 P.M. 707-966-0206, 925-699-3729

**Ongoing Events:**

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

2011 Berryessa History Calendar Now Available. Printed by the Berryessa Senior Center with great historical photos. Available at the Monticello History Exhibit and the Country Store. Proceeds support the Senior Center.

**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 5/16/11**

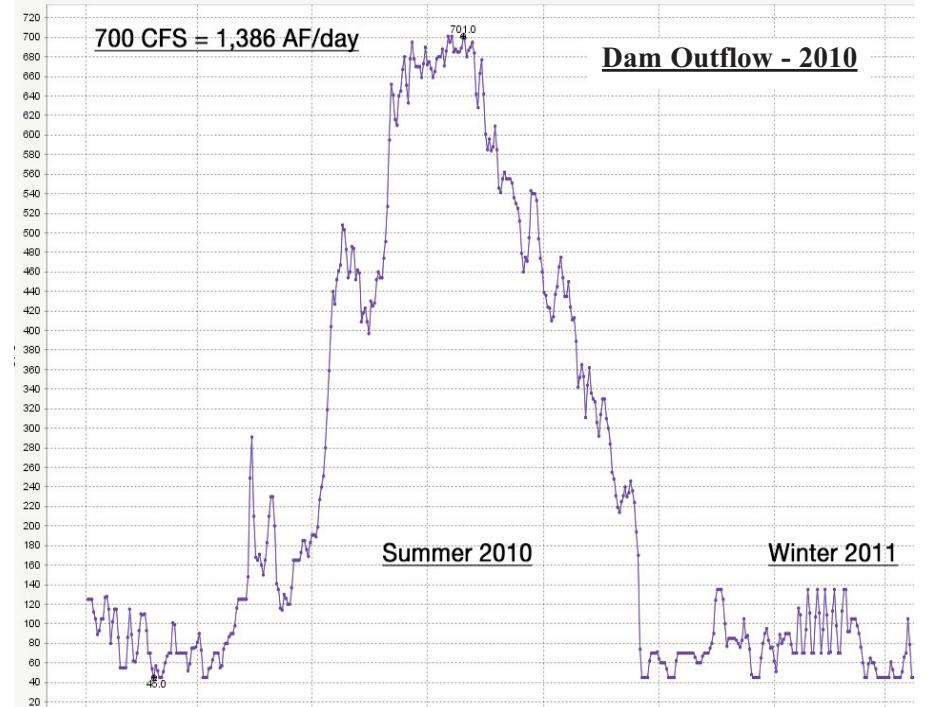
The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **35.05** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.

The water is now **5.63** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
5/9/11	434.72	0.18	67	44	0.00
5/10/11	434.66	0.22	69	45	0.00
5/11/11	434.62	0.23	82	44	0.00
5/12/11	434.57	0.23	77	45	0.00
5/13/11	434.52	0.24	80	43	0.00
5/14/11	434.45	0.25	80	48	0.00
5/15/11	434.44	0.15	59	43	0.23
5/16/11	434.43	0.05	56	39	0.31
5/17/11	434.44	0.05	60	43	0.38
5/18/11	434.44	0.04	60	48	0.75
5/19/11	434.43	0.04	68	45	0.00
5/20/11	434.41	0.21	80	45	0.00
5/21/11	434.39	0.24	83	48	0.00
5/22/11	434.37	0.24	81	48	0.00

Date from 01/01/2010 13:48 through 03/23/2011 13:48 Duration : 445 days  
Max of period : (07/20/2010 00:00, 701.0) Min of period : (02/06/2010 00:00, 45.0)

**Dam Outflow - 2010**



**Woman's Ass Size Study**

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses.... The results were pretty interesting.

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**The Hummingbirds Are Back!**  
**Did you ever wonder what one tastes like?**

By Peter Kilkus

Human beings have evolved as omnivores and have learned to eat almost everything, including insects and other creepy-crawlies. I've eaten some odd things while traveling internationally. But I couldn't find any hummingbird recipes on the internets. Hummingbirds may be too full of sugar to be safe for human consumption!

Actually, I've been feeding hummingbirds for years, as many of you have. With two feeders I've had more than a dozen flitting around me at one time. Watching them brings home how tough and mean they can be. Though we tend to think of hummingbirds as cute, dainty little things, in reality they make bold and fierce competitors. They don't let their guard down for a moment while defending their territories.

I've often had a single hummingbird take possession of one feeder and fight every other hummingbird off for relatively long periods - making that little chit-chit-chit war cry while zooming around like a tiny fighter jet. They fly so close I'm worried one will hit me and stick like a dart!

Although I brought my feeders in for the winter when I saw no more hummers on my deck for several weeks back in November, I was amazed to see a couple buzzing around the feeder holders during a rainstorm in March. They seemed as if they knew what they were looking for - probably a couple of my old friends who had migrated to and from Mexico during the winter. There's not a lot of data to work with, but most experts think the average lifespan of a hummer is 3 or 4 years.

When I first started feeding hummingbirds I bought that hummingbird "food" at the store because I thought it had some additional nutrition. Read the label - it's pure sugar only. So I now use granulated sugar. White granulated sugar is the best sweetener to use in hummingbird feeders. A ratio of 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water is a common recipe. Boiling and then cooling this mixture before use has been recommended to help deter the growth of bacteria and yeasts.

As lazy as I am, I don't do that. My feeders are drained every day or so during the summer without the time for anything to grow in them. I spend so much time refilling the feeders that sometimes feel like an overworked cook at a kids summer camp.

I wrongly thought that flower nectar might provide the missing nutrients my bird feeder did not. I always wondered what else they ate. It turns out that hummingbirds need to eat bugs for protein. Nectar is a poor source of nutrients, so hummingbirds meet their needs for protein, amino acids, vitamins, and minerals by preying on insects and spiders. They are great little hunters and are very resourceful. They have even been known to steal little bugs out of a spider's web, eat the spider, and then steal the web to build their own nest.

With the exception of insects, hummingbirds while in flight have the highest metabolism of all animals, a necessity in order to support the rapid beating of their wings. They consume more than their own weight in nectar each day, and to do so they must visit hundreds of flowers daily. Hummingbirds are continuously hours away from starving to death, and are able to store just enough energy to survive overnight.

My flock seems to live in a couple of big oaks around my house. I can watch them fly back and forth and sit on the branches. Hummingbird feeders make it a lot easier for the birds to get the energy to survive while they hunt the other food they need to thrive. And they make my deck a fun place to sit and observe them in action.

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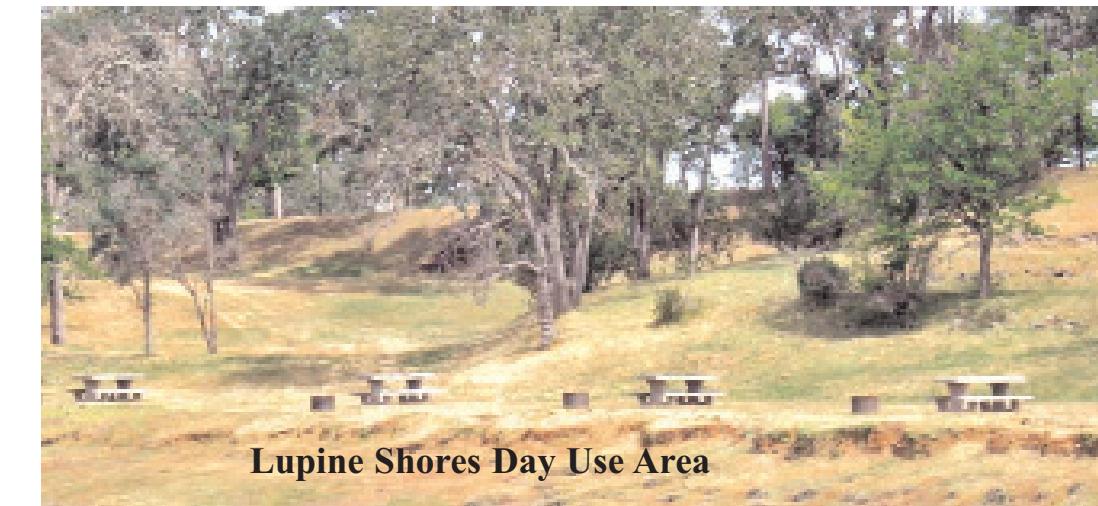
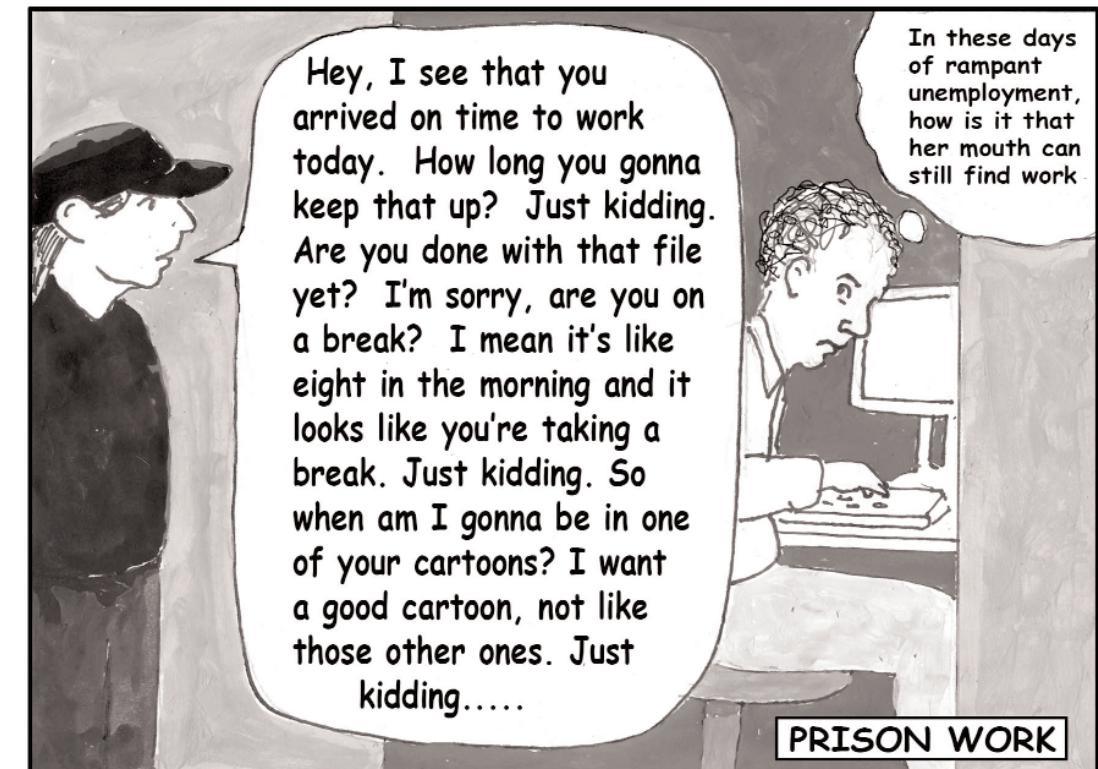
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 What make and model is that car? Looks like a 60's Chevy.



## Getting Involved in Pope Valley

By Katie Gonzalez

On May 15th, I attended the Berryessa Estates annual Property Owners Association meeting. This meeting is held once a year to let the residents that don't attend the regular board meetings know what the board has been doing for the past year. It's a time for the people living in the community to hear about upcoming changes, raise questions about board decisions, learn about issues that have come up throughout the year and start to plan for the next year.

A good portion of the meeting focused on our water issues. There was a lot of discussion about what still needs to be done, who's to blame for what hasn't been done, and why everything is not getting done faster. They announced the ribbon cutting for the new Water Treatment plant. People brought up concerns about dogs that neighbors have let roam the streets unattended. And the land that was donated to the park system and LBRID was talked about. Throughout the meeting there was a subtle topic that kept creeping into all the different discussions...more people need to get involved in our community!

I have lived in various cities around the country: Toledo, OH, Chattanooga, TN, Columbus, OH, Greenville, SC, Nokomis, FL and San Jose, CA. Some of the cities were bigger than others, but they all left me with a similar sense of living in the middle of some much bigger machine of which I had no control. It wasn't until I moved to Pope Valley four and half years ago that I felt like I was living in a community that I could become a part of and really enjoy.

After our meeting, I began to think about how the same names kept coming up as the people that were doing the work, not just standing by watching all the work being done. There are so many ways for people to get involved, and many of them won't take up a lot of your time.

Believe me; I know from experience how busy life can be! I have a full-time job, and a family to care for, but both my husband and I have both found ways to get involved in the community that also fit within our time budgets. I am a trustee on the Pope Valley Elementary School Board, and Saul is a volunteer with the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

These "extra-curricular activities" have allowed us to meet and get to know many of our neighbors. They also give us a sense of actively participating in our community. It's a great feeling knowing that you are helping children in their education, or knowing that someone is alive because you were there to give him or her CPR.

As a trustee of the school board, I need to attend a monthly meeting to go over budget, school repairs, teacher negotiations, upcoming events and any number of items that come up along the way. One thing that is disheartening about these meetings, however, is the lack of parent and community participation. At a typical meeting, we will have one or two people sitting in the chairs in front of us...and usually one of those people is a teacher. I know how hard it is to go sit in a meeting after working all day, but it would be wonderful to see more people at these monthly meetings!

The Pope Valley Elementary School is a great little school with a family-friendly atmosphere! If sitting through a board meeting is too boring or too long, there is a Parent's group that is always looking for moms and dads that can help organize fundraisers and school events. It would really help the parents that are currently participating to have additional hands and heads to get these activities organized. They meet monthly and work throughout the rest of the month to finalize plans and arrangements.

Meetings and planning committees may not be quite what you are looking for. (Paperwork and finances are not for everyone.) Maybe you could consider joining the Fire Department! These people are dedicated to the community like few others can be. They spend several nights a month in training and are on call 24 hours a day to help when and where they are needed. They are willing to put themselves aside and help total strangers at the drop of a hat...or in their case, the beep of a pager!

The Pope Valley FD also plans two annual fundraisers / community events. The firefighters and their families work many hours to put these events together. So, even if you don't have the time to become a firefighter, the department can always use more hands to help organize or man these events.

These are just a few ways you can get involved in the Pope Valley community. There is also an active 4-H Club, Ropers -n -Riders, The Farm Center, The Berryessa Estates POA, and don't forget about the simplest way to get involved...go meet your neighbors! I'm always surprised how few of us actually know each other.

It really is important to give back and help make a difference in the community in which you live. Busy lives tend to drive us farther apart. Taking time to show those around you that you care for them as individuals and as a part of our community has a reward like nothing else you can do.

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## The Native Sons of the Golden West Support State Parks and AB 42

The Native Sons of the Golden West passed a unanimous resolution at our statewide convention held May 15 through May 19, 2011 in South Lake Tahoe to oppose the proposed closure of 70 state parks.

On behalf of the Native Sons I would like to urge your readers to contact State Senator Noreen Evans and urge her to support Assembly Bill 42 when it comes to the State Senate floor for a vote.

This bill will allow the director of the State Park system to enter into agreements with non-profit Organizations like the Native Sons to provide maintenance and other services to help keep the parks from closing.

State Senator Evans can be reached through her website at <http://sd02.senate.ca.gov/contact> or at 916-651-4002.

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## Budge Brown, Dale Brown, Cleavage Creek Winery, Airplanes, and Jet Ski Racing:

### A Non-Traditional Eulogy

By Peter Kilkus

I never met Budge Brown. I almost met Budge Brown – three times. I was invited to a public relations event several months ago at the newly opened tasting room at Cleavage Creek Winery in Pope Valley. Several weeks later I was invited to a "locals" night event at the winery. Unfortunately I was obsessed with skiing at the time and missed both events. I had scored my first senior (65+) season pass good at Northstar and Heavenly. I ended up skiing 22 times this season. I became part of a subculture of "mature skiers". I skied with "seniors" and "super seniors" – 65, 70, 75, and even 80 years old!

The reason I mention this is that Budge Brown was a "super senior" in more ways than one. At 78 he never slowed down. Everyone I talked to in Pope Valley or around Lake Berryessa who had met him had only the best things to say about him. By all reports in the media surrounding this tragedy, he was an exceptional person.

I never met Budge Brown. But I had some strange connections to him. Interesting how coincidences, some sad, seem to occur every now and then.

Cleavage Creek Winery had just become a new advertiser in the Lake Berryessa News. When I had visited beautiful Cleavage Creek a few weeks ago to meet with Jean Varner, Director of Winery Operations, she said that Budge was around the winery somewhere, but again I didn't get a chance to meet him. Another missed opportunity.

Last week I read Dale Brown's latest thriller, which has many fascinating details about Civil Air Patrol activities in Nevada, including how they perform search and rescue operations. In the acknowledgments I saw the name Brad Spires, who was listed as Dale Brown's CAP mentor in becoming mission-pilot qualified in Minden, Nevada.

Brad is an old jet ski racing friend, as well as a Squadron Commander in the Civil Air Patrol. Brad's son, Blaine, and my son, Evan, had been jet ski racers together. I called Brad last Wednesday to congratulate him on appearing in a famous writer's novel and catch up. The next day I read about the tragedy of Budge Brown's plane going down after leaving the Minden airport for Tracy. It seems he took off at 3:30 PM - just before I called Brad Spires at 5 PM.

From news reports of the search I learned that Budge was the founder of the Manteca Water Park. Coincidentally, Evan had visited that water park when he was a jet ski racing promoter as a possible jet ski racing venue.

Reports mentioned that the Civil Air Patrol was taking the lead in search and rescue so I emailed Brad who told me that the California Wing was running the search.

A story appeared later that day about Budge and Brad in which Brad describes Budge as one of his closest friends. He credited Brown with renewing his interest in flying in 2000.

"If you were a friend of Budge, there is nothing he would not do for you. He is just really a good man. He was finishing the winery at Cleavage Creek. The grand opening was two months ago. It was kind of the pinnacle of what he's been working on," Spires said.

Budge had the will and stamina to jump through the Napa County bureaucratic hoops to get Cleavage Creek Winery built. He was dedicated to making exceptional wines and to fighting breast cancer. The Cleavage Creek butterfly is a symbol of hope and metamorphosis. It represents the transformation made when those with breast cancer survive their struggles and go on to lead healthy lives.

"He's a very caring family man who had a small circle of very close friends. It's very special. If Budge shook your hand and looked you in the eye, that was the end of the discussion," Spires said.

I also just learned that my friends, Jim Fresquez and Susan Meyer, owners of Rustridge Ranch and Winery were also close friends of Budge for years. Jim had actually flown with Budge and landed in Minden with him in bad weather! Jim and Susan attest to his excellence as a person, as well as a pilot. Pilots who knew him suspect he had a medical emergency since none of them question his skill as a pilot nor the quality of his aircraft.

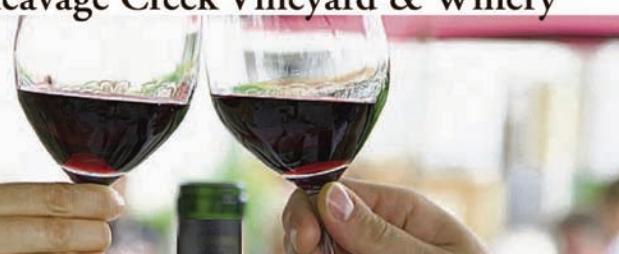
Budge's son, Jeff, knows his father died doing something he loved. "He was happy up there. He loved that little airplane, it was challenging, it was fast, you had to be on top of your game and he flew it real well."

I never met Budge Brown. I almost met Budge Brown. I wish I had met Budge Brown. To me he is a classic "super senior" hero. We should all emulate his example and passion:

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**Fishing with Sid**

This past weekend I went fishing with Albert and Jory. What a difference a week makes - the lake was calm and clear. I decided to retrace our pattern from last week. We started out by the Ranch House and the water was crystal clear. We could see the bass 12 feet down, but they would not bite. I guess if we could see them they could see us.

Decided to head straight to the Vineyard. The first fish was caught on brass and glass - so were the next few. Albert had set up his rod with a weight that was too heavy so I suggested he make it lighter. He decided to use only the glass bead and, boy, he was raking them in.

His first fish (which he lost) must have weighed almost 8 pounds, but every fish he brought in was a good size. Of course Jory and I switched to using the same setup, and it worked for us as well. I believe that part of the formula was using the Procure crawdad scent on the worm and the other part was using a very light weight.

Albert had to go home early so after leaving him off Jory and I went to my favorite cove and I threw a six inch watermelon red senco on top of a submerged tree and "POW" a five pound bass hit it on the way down. That was a nice catch!!! Jory's largest fish did not make it into the boat because he got so excited he lifted it out of the water to early and the fish spit out the hook and waved goodbye. Jory did catch some nice bass that he did land using a rattle trap.

The top water bite is not happening yet at least not for me, and trust me I tried very hard. The water temperature was close to 68 degrees, which was a huge difference from last weekend. All in all it was a great weekend for fishing 'til next weekend....good fishing!!! [www.fishingconnection.net](http://www.fishingconnection.net), [bestguide@hotmail.com](mailto:bestguide@hotmail.com), 650-583-3333.



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### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): While "To thine own self be true" is wise advice, it was intended for someone whose own self didn't sit on the couch eating beef jerky and watching car-auction shows.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll experience a slight setback when events beyond your control force you to repeat age 8 all over again, which actually isn't half bad.

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

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Authorities acknowledge that yes, technically you went on a tristate killing spree, but since you did it in the Four Corners region of the Southwest, it actually makes you look lazy.

Leo (July 23-August 22): When the stars told you this was a good time to start new projects at work, they certainly didn't expect you to put Vaseline on the stairs and then pull the fire alarm.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The rest of the year will seem to fly right by, along with a few hundred others, after you're frozen in a giant block of ice.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You're not usually the kind of person who cries at weddings, but this one's of a former lover, you're at a strange place in your life, and soot gets in your eyes when the whole church burns down with everyone inside.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): It's sad to think that when they tell the story of your life, you'll only be remembered as one of two guys whose most notable achievement was to walk into a bar.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): After your 17th time around as an underpaid office worker in the late-20th-to-early-21st centuries, you're really starting to become disenchanted with the whole reincarnation thing.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Sometimes you actually hate yourself for going out and drinking until five in the morning, but usually that's just what you tell people.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You firmly believe that everything has a soul, which explains why you think your tape dispenser is a bad person.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): The reality turns out to be okay, but when you heard the phrase "taco truck," you pictured a giant taco that was also a truck.



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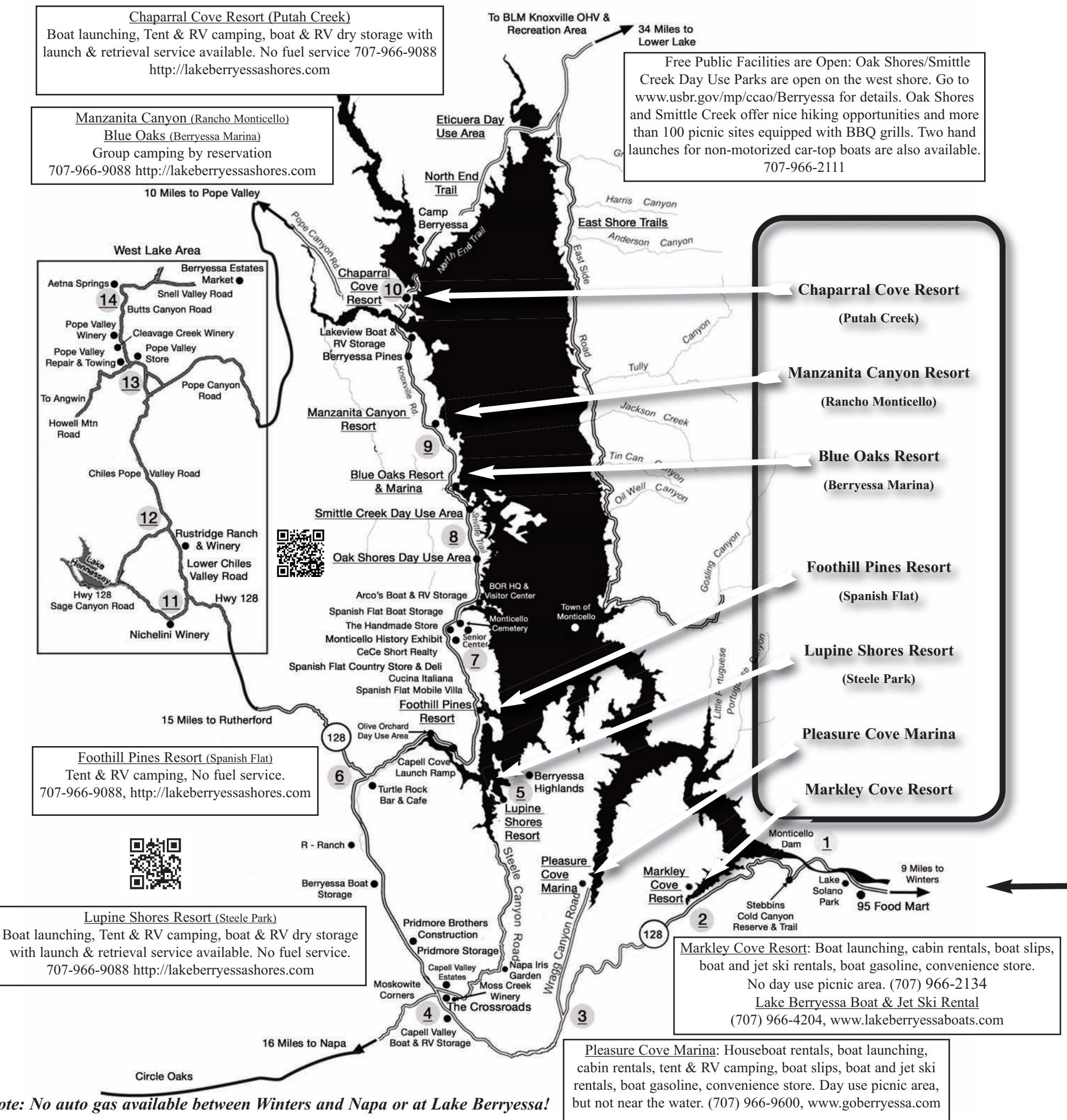
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## The Ins and Outs & Ups and Downs of Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

### In & Up

Most of us have heard of the rule of thumb that Lake Berryessa rises 1 foot for every 1 inch of rain. As with most rules of thumb, this is not accurate. Lake level rise depends on many variables like the actual lake level when it rains and how saturated is the ground.

It usually takes about 3 inches of rain on dry hills before there is any appreciable runoff into the lake. That's why the 3-week dry period in January slowed this year's rise and it took an inch or more to start the runoff again.

Also the lake is roughly like a V-shaped bowl, so the higher the level to start, the more rain it takes to make the lake rise even further.

A look at the actual data during the last few years shows that the average increase in 2009 was 3.4" rise per inch of rain. In 2010 the number was 7.5" rise per inch of rain. In 2011, that figure (seven day average) went from 3 inches rise per inch of rainfall in early February to 11 inches per inch in early March to a peak of 13 inches per inch during the wettest part of late March.

The lake did go up 61 feet in one year in 94-95, but that was due to an unusually wet season with two significant storms - a January flood event and a March flood event. The March storms produced a new record stage on the Salinas River near Spreckles and exceeded the 1986 peak on the Napa River by 0.3 feet.

This Old House was doing a Napa restoration and described the weather on their web site: "And then the skies

opened. The rain came down 22 days in a row that February; 52 inches fell in one month; the nearby Napa River leapt its banks. Contractor Nolan and crew persevered...scene after scene was shot with cast and crew increasingly sodden..."

### Out & Down

During this 2011 unusually wet season, conspiracy theory rumors still circulated. One was that the lake would have risen faster if the Solano Irrigation District (SID) and the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) were not letting out water so fast.

Several years ago some people claimed that the dam managers were letting out water faster than necessary because electricity prices were so high that they were trying to make a profit from the power generated by Lake Berryessa.

In reality, Lake Berryessa output is controlled by the water allocations established when the dam was built, as well as certain Bureau of Reclamation flow specifications. SID cannot exceed specific annual allocations and water is not simply flushed for power generation exclusively. Power is an added bonus as water is sent to consumers.

During February and March of 2011, the power plant was shut down completely for its annual maintenance. There was zero power generation for that period. What can be a little misleading is that if someone looks over the edge of the dam they will typically see the very visible release spouting out through the outlet pipe which is not water passing through the powerhouse.

The majority of Lake Berryessa water is released during May-September – the growing season. Peak outflow is about 700 cfs or 1,400 AF/day. Total outflow in 2010 was 202,825 AF. Total outflow from May 1

– Sept. 30 was 156,588 AF. Only about 46,000 AF were released during the winter. To put that in perspective, evaporation in 2010 total was 4.7 feet. From May to September it was 3.06 feet.

A 3.06 foot decrease when the lake is nearly full equates to about 56,600 AF. As incredible as it may seem, more Lake Berryessa water is lost to evaporation during the summer than is actually released from the lake during the winter. Evaporation is measured in inches (see data on Pg. 11) using an actual evaporation pan, 48" in diameter 10" deep, located at Markley Cove.

Actual 2010 figures show the lake dropped from 423.55' on 5/1 to 413.38' on 9/30 - a 10.17' decrease.

At the 423 foot level the lake has a surface area of about 17,050 AF so the 2010 loss was 173,399 AF (10.17' x 17,050 AF/foot). And evaporation accounted for an actual loss of approximately 52,173 AF (3.06' x 17,050).

At 700 cfs (1,400 AF/day) summer outflow with a surface area of 17,050 AF at the 430 foot level the lake experiences a one-foot drop every 12 days – which matches observation.

Once again remember that rumors are only rumors and all conspiracy theories about Lake Berryessa water are false. Numbers don't lie, but do take some thought to unravel.

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A longer version of this article with photos and charts is at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)

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1 Cubic foot of water equals 7.48 Gallons

1 AF of water equals 325,851 Gallons

1 AF of water equals 43,560 Cubic feet

1 CFS equals 448.8 GPM

1 GPM equals 1,440 Gallons per 24 hour day

1 GPM equals 1.61 AF per year

Some fun facts about water use from the Montana Department of Natural Resources:

1 human family (up to 5 people) uses 1 AF/Yr

1 dairy cow or horse uses .038 AF/Yr

Therefore, 1 human family = 26 cows or 26 horses

300 chickens or 3 pigs use .017 AF/yr

1 human family = 17,648 chickens or 176 pigs

100 turkeys or rabbits or 125 prairie dogs

use .017 AF/yr

1 human family = 5,882 turkeys or rabbits or 7,353 prairie dogs!