Lake Berryessa was a happening place in June, 1989!



Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga, 1958-2020

If you are interested in history and still wonder how the Bureau of Reclamation could have created the disastrous result we see at Lake Berryessa, this book is for you. Having participated directly for more than twenty years as an advocate for the lake in the fiasco that was the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan, its farcical but tragic outcome, and the process of rebuilding. I have very strong views of the causes and results - supported by facts and data.

This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization. Available on Amazon at:

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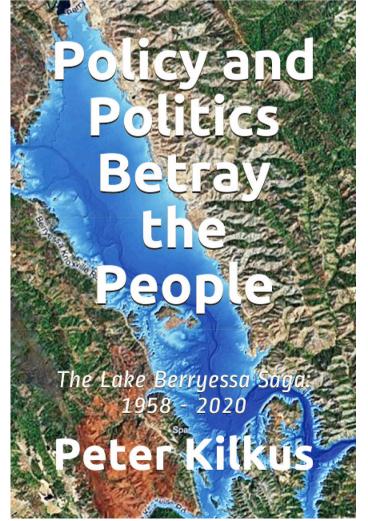














The Lake Berryessa News

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June 2022

Summer Fun At Lake Berryessa - There's Nothing Like It! Father's Day And Some Lake Berryessa History

Father's Day on a Patio Boat!

children and friends will celebrate Father's Day on a to the Winters History Museum and is on display there. patio boat. The water should be cool, 75-80 degrees www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/berryessa-valley-history/ - but swimmable - or floatable in my case.

water to play in. Most launch ramps are still open Spanish Flat exhibit. except the Capell Cove launch which is closed until further notice (next Spring if the rains are good).

Lake Berryessa Statistics (6/3/22)

Hole. The official rainfall total at Monticello Dam is capacity is at 62.3%.

dropped to 75 degrees from the surface to 10 feet feet and below.

Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Fee

Effective this year the purchase of a Quagga (Mussel Fee) Sticker for 2023 is a separate transaction from your vessel registration and renewal. This year's Quagga-Zebra mussel sticker fee was not included in the 2023 registration renewals for boats. Boat owners are not automatically receiving these stickers in the mail as in years past. Failure to purchase your Quagga sticker and display the sticker on your vessel may result in a citation.

The Monticello Ski Club was told by someone in the Sheriff's Department that 124 citations have already been issued on Lake Berryessa for not having a 2023 Quagga Mussel Sticker.

The DMV created a web page allowing boat and vessel owners to purchase the Quagga and Zebra Mussel sticker. Customers are encouraged to buy the sticker online at dmv.ca.gov/musselfee and will no longer have the option to buy a sticker via telephone, mail or third-party vendor.

Berryessa Valley Exhibit Moves to the Winters History Museum

Thanks to our kids, and Marty Rodden at Berryessa Although the devastating fires destroyed much of Spanish Flat. Carol Boat & Jet Ski Rrentals, a couple of us fathers, our Fitzpatrick's Berryessa Valley Exhibit survived. It has now been moved

I visited Carol there a week ago. She was in the middle of an interview Although the water level will be down to about 405 with PBS scheduled to air in early June. Carol and the museum's feet or 35 feet below Glory Hole, there is plenty of president, Woody Fridae, have done a great job in reproducing the

The Winters Museum is located at 13 Russell St. and open to the public Thursdays through Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m. Admission is free. It is located in a concrete blockhouse of a building that was originally built The lake is down to 406 feet – 34 feet below Glory to house the offices of the Bureau of Reclamation people responsible for building Monticello Dam.

18.53 inches. The Gamble Gauge shows the lake According to Woody Fridae, the Historical Society of Winters has chosen to gather photos, artifacts, and speakers to commemorate the lost Surface water temperature hit 80 degrees but has town of Monticello because they share common history. The high school students from Monticello attended Winters High School. Many of the down. Temperature is around 55 - 60 degrees at 40 Winters Youth Day Sweethearts were from Monticello. Locals remember going up to the famous Monticello Rodeo the first Sunday every May.

The Historical Society of Winters fortuitously teamed up with Carol McGinnis Fitzpatrick, whose family lived in the lost town of Monticello Society President Woody Fridae said it would have been impossible if it weren't for Carol specifically. (Photo below)

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Nutritional Facts

Serving Size:1 Amazing Dad*

Amount per serving: 1 Great family %Daily Value*

Unconditional Love 1000% 500% Unrivaled Skill Hard Working 100%

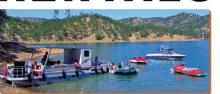
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(Continued fom Page 1.) A Bit More Ancient History.. For about 10 years, Fitzpatrick operated a one room museum in Spanish Flat, Thanks to Carol Fitzpatrick, I acquired several old copies of the original Lake Berryessa

displaying Monticello artifacts and memorabilia until 2020 when the LNU Complex News. I had them scanned and posted them on the Lake Berryessa News website at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/

The issue dates are: January 1971, July 1972, August 1980, July 1981, July 1982, According to Fridae the Town of Monticello drew in farmers due to its temperate August 1983, November 1994, March 1995, September 1997

...From 1972 (50 years ago) had become a full-fledged community with a general store, blacksmith shop and

Those of you who have read my book, Policy and Politics Betray the People, know that cemetery. Later amenities included a nine-hole golf course, billiards hall, tavern that the management of Lake Berryessa was transferred from Napa County back to the hosted live music, 76 service station and the rodeo which was established in 1920 and Bureau of Reclamation in 1975 because the BOR had made life miserable for the County for several years and the County decided it had had enough. From then on through the disastrous Visitor Services Plan process foisted off on the Lake Berryess community in 2000, the BOR continued to basically harrass the resort

> Lake Berryessa. They were finally successful in 2009. In my research I discovered a successful 1977 rebellion by local businesse against a heavy-handed BOR Concesssions Manager. I reproduce that September 9, 1977 Lake Berryessa News article here for your review.

concessioners and mobile homeowners in various attempts to eliminate them from

Wier Out of Lake Berryessa Management Announcement was made last Tuesday September 6, 1977, that Robert Wier,

replaced, also temporarily, by Mr. Brown, who is Chief of Operations and Maintenance, Department of Land and Water Division of the Bureau. He will serve until a "highly qualified" permanent replacement can be brought in. Needless to say, the majority of the people in the lake area, especially the, business people and mobilehome owners were jubilant and that is putting it mildly ...!!!

Recreation Manager of Lake Berryessa for the Bureau of Reclamation has been

"reassigned," temporarily, to the Sacramento Regional office of the Bureau. He will be

teenage girls riding their bikes down the street, people playing pool, swimming in the A big, big, huge "THANK YOU" goes to Congressman Leo Ryan of the 11th District, Putah Creek and students riding a bus to attend Winters High School. These photos Chairman of the Subcommittee on Conservation Energy and Natural Resources. He show a valley that was full of life and had its own unique characters going about day-really took the "bull by the horns," following his recent visit to the lake, where he also took a complete tour.

> Also deserving of much credit for the action is Commissioner Higginson from the Washington D. C. office of the Department of the Interior, who also took the time out of his busy schedule to visit the lake recently.

> And now it can be told - here is what, in addition to personal tours, was presented to them, and to others. Under cover of a letter to B. E. Martin, Regional Director, in Sacramento, this is what the Lake Berryessa Council and United Concessioners charged Wier with, and offered absolute proof to back it up, on all charges:

AREAS IN WHICH THE RECREATIONAL MANAGER HAS WORKED COUNTER TO BUREAU OF RECLAMATION POLICIES

Limited Public Access to Lake Berryessa.

- Closed minimally developed campsites at Steele Park Resort and Berryessa Marina Resort. Total campsites closed - 584
- Closed fully developed campsites at Steele Park, Spanish Flat. Berryessa Marina, Putah Creek, South Shore and Markley Cove. Total campsites closed - 277.

is yet to give its approval for public consumption of the meat in the country. At 7.1 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions annually, livestock week. That compares to the estimate of

Environmentally-Friendly Meat

Work is progressing to build the world's largest facility to produce

cultivated meat in the U.S., even as the Food and Drug Administration

meat and milk accounts for as much as 65 percent of livestock emissions. In contrast, cultivated meat has the potential to deliver this food source at a fraction of the resources used by livestock farming while also drastically reducing emissions. As many as 170 companies are involved in producing this alternative meat that can put an end to slaughtering animals for food. The process of meat cultivation involves using a bioreactor where cells sourced from cell banks or eggs of the livestock animals can be

grown. A bioreactor is a large vessel that provides the cells with all the

necessary nutrients and conditions for optimal growth. Once the cells

reach a certain stage, they can be harvested.

The principle has been successfully deployed in the biopharmaceutical industry to produce life-saving drugs and even You can look to the bigger picture for vaccines that protect from infections from diseases. Companies possible answers. California's population engaged in cultivating meat have been working diligently to ensure fell by 117,552 residents, to 39.1 million. that the final product looks like animal meat and tastes like it. The The state Department of Finance in a press other major challenge in making cultivated meat more alluring to the release gave several reasons. public at large is a reduction in costs. This is where large-scale production comes in. *****

World's first giant floating ocean farm to deliver 3,700 tons of fish per year with zero adverse environmental impact.

The world's first giant floating fish farm called the Guoxin 1 set sail people leaving for other states increased from the eastern port city of Qingdao in China on Friday, May 20, 2022, according to the Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences. The boat is equipped with 15 tanks, each one bigger than two standard swimming pools, and can produce up to 3,700 tons of fish every year The ship produces the ideal conditions for fish cultivation. It will now head to the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, and the South China Sea to harvest the ideal conditions for different types of fish to be cultivated inside the ship in their optimum temperature water.

The mega vessel was built by the state-owned investment company Qingdao Conson Development Group. The group' said the ship's development is taking a big step towards realizing China's plans to build a fleet of smart fish farms. The main goal of building the ship is to produce fish in an environment where there is no pollution in the

The next goal of the project, which was implemented in cooperation with China Shipbuilding Group, the world's largest shipyard group. is to increase the number of ships with these qualifications to 50. Napa County has plenty of company in its Currently, two more similar ships are expected to be delivered by population decline. Thirty-four of the state's March 2024, while construction of a fourth version of the current ships 58 counties had the same experience. Plumas with more advanced technology is set to start next year. All the ships County had the largest percentage decline at are expected to be equipped with underwater cameras, sensors, and 3.2%. Napa County's 1%-drop was fifth. automatic feeding facilities.

shrink in population. Scientists Discover 90% Of Earth's Atmosphere The county as a whole fell from 137,518 Made From Thoughts & Prayers residents to 136,179 last year, or by 1%, the

state Department of Finance reported this contributes 14.5 percent of global carbon emissions. Cattle grown for 141,649 residents in 2016. Realizing "Thoughts and Prayers" Are Not Enough The city of Napa's population fell from 78,246 to 77,480, or by 1%. Calistoga's fell by 1.6%, St. Helena's 1.5% and Yountville's Only American Canyon saw an increase, but it wasn't a boom. The city's population rose from 21,566 to 21,658, or by 0.4%. For a

Napa County continues to

county that mostly saw population growth often big growth — from pioneer days to 2016, recent years have been a turnaround. The question is why.

There is a continuing slowdown in natural increase — births minus deaths — as Baby Boomers age and younger generations have fewer children. COVID-19 led to deaths and immigration restrictions. The number of Household size may be decreasing, with

families aging and adult children moving

away. Some families may have chosen not to

rebuild after the 2017 and 2020 wildfires and instead relocated. As this is a relatively recent trend, more analysis over time will have to wait until there is reliable and adequate data to be able to provide solid In Napa County as a whole, the dip in population hasn't changed the dynamics of the local housing market in ways positive to prospective buyers. Zillow reports the

typical county home price in March topped \$900,000, a one-year increase of 15%.

In The Wake Of Mass Shooting Republicans Propose Legislation To Tap The Strategic Thoughts & Prayers Reserve.

thinking.

June Headlines

GOP Immediately Drafts Bill to Arm All of Nation's Elementary School Students With AR-15s "Thoughts an Prayers" - Oxymoron of the Century. If you are praying you can't be 'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens (Virginia Beach, 'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens (Atlanta, GA) 'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens (Boulder, CO) 'No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation

Where This Regularly Happens (Buffalo, NY)

Where This Regularly Happens (San Jose, CA)

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Diploma

The Supreme Court Rules That Birthdays Are

Beard Dye

Where This Regularly Happens (Uvalde, TX) US High School Graduates Receive Complementary Concealed Weapons Permit With

Unconstitutional And We Should Celebrate Conceptiondays Instead Just For Men Introduces New Touch Of Gravy

Ceacher Embarrassed After Student Recognizes Her Working At Second Job

CPAC Announces That Their 2023 Conference

Will Be Held In Pyongyang, North Korea Local Man Wonders If He's The Only Person In

World Who Doesn't Give A Darn About Heard Depp Trial

Man Who Invented Dictionary Admits To

Making Half The Words Up

Government Takes A 360 Degree Turn Regarding Student Loan Forgiveness

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alternate plan with a smaller reservoir that would not damage the town's fertile land.

Fire threatened her building and she lost her lease. Fitzpatrick said Fridae connected

climate, prompting them to grow wheat, fruit, hay and other crops. By the 1870s, it

Woody Fridae

The scenes of life in Monticello in these carefree pre-dam days were captured in

photos by the Muller family, which will be on display at the museum. These color

photos feature people dancing, a naval officer returning home from World War II,

The dam project was widely opposed by Monticello residents (and Napa County).

Fridae said they designed a pamphlet and sent it to Congress to encourage them to

resist it. Their goal was to emphasize that Monticello was a vibrant town with an

active agricultural economy and annual, well-attended rodeo and even suggested an

with her after the fire, asking to borrow a few items for the Winters Museum.

drew up to 1,500 attendees each year.

June Horoscopes Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll find out once and for all

who your real friends are when you take the steps

necessary to see who does and who doesn't name

you in their will.

vourself much of a music person, which means

Leo (7/23-8/22): An unfortunate time in your life

will be unexpectedly extended when the judge

explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips. Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): You've never considered

vou'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a highspeed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious. Cancer (6/22-7/22): This is a great time for omance in the workplace, if you're the sort of idio who thinks that's even close to a good idea.

of your community service. Virgo (8/23-9/22): You're not getting any younger which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions." Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible. Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You always thought

ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone. Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll learn a painful lesson about accepting dares while drunk, but at least the residents of Niagara Falls will have something to talk about for a while.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The inexorable power of destiny would render you powerless to stop the fateful events of next week, were anything ever to actually happen to you. Aquarius (1/20-2/18): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): This week, everything will become just as clear as it is unclear. Because when

a blind man holds the key to life's acorn tree,

purple monkey dishwasher.

would be just another day for you. You're welcome." Q: Why didn't the kid give his dad a gift on father's day? A: He figured his dad already had him!

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program started on 5/14 when Solano RCD full-time staff started

with 15 surveys. Last weekend, our new interns Scott three miles wide and can hold 1.55 million acre-feet of

Napa County's Big Dams Pose Low Risks Napa County's biggest dam is Monticello Dam, a 300-foot concrete structure in the east county built in the 1950s. It training and set-off the season in the right direction forms massive Lake Berryessa, which is 23 miles long and

Ota and Marco Moeljadi, had a strong start with a water. successful weekend at Steele Canyon and Capell Cove. A Monticello Dam failure would have little flooding effect On Saturday they gave 19 surveys before it started to on Napa County. But a Yolo County inundation map shows Winters and Davis would be affected. On Sunday they had planned to visit Markley Cove. A full analysis of statistical probability of flood or failure of However, after the Quail fire broke out late Saturday Monticello Dam is available on the Lake Berryessa News afternoon, they were redirected to the Capell Launch website at: Ramp. That day started off milder with many boaters Could Monticello Fail? installing oil absorbents and became busy around www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/ lunch time. They met Brian McVeigh, a prominent monticello-dam/monticello-dam-failure.html, and Can environmental whistleblower, who was supportive of Lake Berryessa Flood Over www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-technical/ monticello-dam/flood-probability.html Not to worry too much since worst-case scenarios for

Monticello Dam had a VERY low probability – somewhere

between 10,000 and 1,000,000 years. Even the probability

of the lake reaching the top of the dam at 456 feet was very

low with a 5% confidence limit of 417 years recurrence and

What is the probability of an earthquake at Monticello Dam?

There is historic evidence that a serious earthquake can

occur in this area, as it did in 1892 with a magnitude 6.4

quake that leveled downtown Winters. What would happen

if the Great Valley fault, which basically runs under the dam,

were to fail in an event such as the magnitude 6.4 Vacaville-

Winters earthquake, which was located somewhere in that

area? Very probably, this will not happen. But no one can say

Napa County has 58 dams from massive Monticello Dam to

smaller Conn Creek Dam at Lake Hennessey, and none on

a new Associated Press list of 2,200 dams nationwide that

Several local dams — Conn Creek Dam at Lake Hennessey.

Milliken Dam at Milliken Reservoir and Rector Creek Dam

at Rector Reservoir — could cause big-time damage if they

failed. Napa inspects the dam annually with the state

Division of Dam Safety. It inspects the abutments and the

valves and manages vegetation. It has a project out to bid to

make minor concrete repairs to the dam spillway. Among

other things, the city is looking at adding a secondary

A map tells the story. Conn, Rector and Milliken dams are

in the mountains to the east of Napa Valley. If they failed,

water from their reservoirs could swamp the Napa River and

flood communities on the way to San Pablo Bay.

are in bad shape and threaten communities.

that it absolutely won't happen.

95% confidence limit of 16,667 years recurrence.

weekend on the job with 38 surveys completed. OATER SUPPLIES I asked my dad for his best dad joke and he said My son wants 50 percent of my Father's Day gifts

our work. He did a survey and installed a bilge pad.

They enjoyed the company of a group of Boy Scouts.

who picnicked close by and even offered lunch! As the

day progressed, boaters were more in a rush to get into

the water. Overall, they felt it was an amazing first

Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program

taper off later in the day.

because if it weren't for him, I wouldn't even be a father.

Happy Father's Day to a dad that was smart enough

to teach his kid to mow the lawn so he wouldn't have to. When does a joke become a dad joke? When the

punchline is a parent. My son said, "Happy Father's Day. Without me, it

spillway.

blocking of access to a mobile home space. Mr. Wier ordered the access road to Markley Cove mobile home sites permanently blocked.

on change of use.

(rented to Berryessa Park homeowners). **Intimidating Tactics** 1. Refused permission for improvements to existing County facilities unless concessionaires would agree to 5. Refuses to acknowledge past agreements concerning

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Violated the Public Use Plan Development Standards

at page 38, No. 2 which states:

"Picnic and camp sites may be interchangeable for peak

loads." This practice was curtailed by the Recreation

4. Refused to allow low water launch ramps during

8. Demanded removal of relocated slalom ski course in

Civil Rights

for one year's notice prior to eviction for change or use of

a mobile home site. Mr. Wier ordered evictions at

Rancho Monticello and Markley Cove in 60 days, based

force eviction. Mr. Wier ordered disconnection of

utilities of mobile home sites at Markley Cove.

elimination or change of unrelated facilities.

drought at Steele Park and Markley Cove Resorts.

7. Closed original slalom ski course in 1977.

Monticello, Big Flat picnic area, July 15, 1975.

Manager on April 1, 1976.

drought at South Shore Resort.

large for the largest period of time.

peak weekends in 1977.

31, 1975.

3. Closed Pope Creek to public access. Installed barrier the Public Use Plan. See section B, paragraph 4.

5. Refused to allow relocation of marina facilities during required compliance with Health and Safety codes. Mr.

6. Turned down permits for temporary campsites on 1. Removed garbage collection points from shoreline of

The above actions are contrary to Amendment #2 to the 3. Allowed campers on Bureau land to drop sewage from

objective at Lake Berryessa will be to provide the 4. Put no restraint on persons building fires in

1. Refused to recognize the civil rights of tenants and 6. There are no established written policies concerning

2. California Civil Code 789.3 prohibits the 2. 1976 July 4th had road signs placed on Highway,121

3. California Civil Code 789.3 and California a. Many people were denied access to the lake.

Administrat1ve Code Title 25, section 5070 prohibits the b. Business loss for the entire Berryessa area.

Outcome:

development standards.

Public Use Plan which states: The management recreational vehicles on ground. 1976.

concessionaires. California Civil Code 789.5 provides the Bureau lands outside the resorts.

greatest good for the greatest number of the public at- unauthorized and undeveloped areas. 1976.

the lake.

4. In December 1975, Bob Wier, personally, illegally 2. Conducts inspections using untrained and confiscated 8 docks owned by Rancho Monticello Resort unqualified personnel as inspectors. 3. Interfered with the issuance of occupancy permits. 4. Refuses to rely on the enforcement powers of Napa

Codes and Standards

a. Would not approve berthing facilities unless

restrooms unless Berryessa Marina agreed to widen Public Use Plan.

Berryessa Marina agreed to remove 4 trailer spaces.

1. Forced removal of picnic tables from Rancho at Putah Creek Park unless mobile home park roads were concerning camp sites, picnic sites, and roads.

2. Closed Lake Berryessa to houseboats on December 2. Threatened to put in free launch ramp unless resorts or the concessionaires prior to formulating new policies

Health and Safety

The Bureau of Reclamation, since 1958, has continually

2. Removed garbage cans along Highway 128 from the

Monticello Dam to Moskowite Corner, from January

5. Hindered the upgrading of water and sewage systems

False and Misleading Statements

1. 1976 Press releases (prior to 4th of July) that misled

telling families that all re sorts were full.

saying resorts were full when they were not full.

the public. Resorts were not full, but the Bureau staff was

lowered rates. This is contrary to Amendment #2 of

roads in the mobile home park area.

Wier has violated this policy by:

1976 to August 1976.

in the resorts.

and signs on west end of Pope Creek in spring of 1977. 3. Constantly threatens the resort owners with default. private land. ***** June Holidays — 2022 June 1st – Global Running Day June 4th – Shopping Cart Day June 6th – D-Day June 6th - National Gardening Day June 7th – Daniel Boone Day

1. Mr. Wier has stated-publicly and privately that he is

2. Mr. Wier has shown that he is op posed to the

3. Mr. Wier does not seek out and meet with the public

4. Mr. Wier uses his office to oppose development on

or making decisions which affect them

June 8th – National Best Friends Day June 11th – National Making Life Beautiful Day June 12th – National Loving Day June 13th – National Weed Your Garden Day

June 14th – Flag Day June 15th – Nature Photography Day June 17th – National Apple Strudel Day June 18th – International Picnic Day June 19th – Father's Dav

ine 19th - Juneteenth June 21st - Summer Solstice

June 21st – World Music Day June 23rd – National Typewriter Day

June Holidays for Cats Since it's National Hug Your Cat Month...

June 4th – National Hug Your Cat Day.

1. Interfered with the issuance of operating permits.

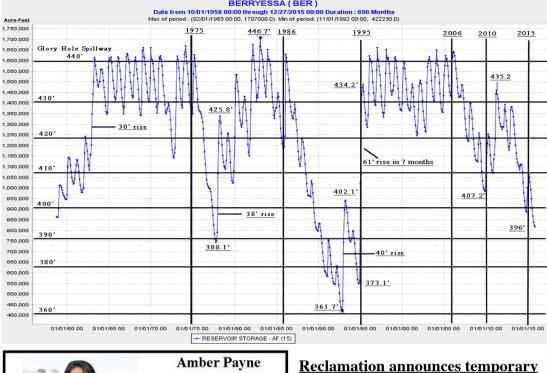
b. Would not approve enlargement of campground personally opposed to Amendments #2 and #3 to the

c. Refused to permit Marina and Campground upgrading development's standards of the Public Use Plan

June 27th – Helen Keller Dav June 30th – National Handshake Day

June 19th – International Box Day and Nationa Garfield the Cat Day. If you have a cat, you know. June 20th – National Take Your Cat to Work Day.

If you work from home, this is easy. June 25th – National Catfish Day. At Lake Berryessa this counts counts, right?



closure of Lake Berryessa's Capell

Cove Launch Ramp

The Bureau of Reclamation has

temporarily closed the Capell Cove

Launch Ramp at Lake Berryessa effective

Wednesday, June 1, due to drought

conditions and receding water levels. The

launch ramp will re-open when lake levels

The parking lot and small picnic areas at

the Capell Cove will remain open.

Additionally, hand launching of kayaks,

canoes and other small craft will continue

Please note, as of 8 p.m. May 30, Napa

County and Reclamation have imposed a

fire ban that prohibits the use of all open

flame until fire conditions improve. This

will include the stationary grills at Capell

Guests who wish to cook on site will need

to use propane or electrical devices with an

Visitors are encouraged to use other launch

ramps at Lake Berryessa including those at

Putah Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish

Flat Recreation Area, Steele Canyon

Recreation Area, Pleasure Cove Marina,

and Markley Cove Resort.

to be permitted.

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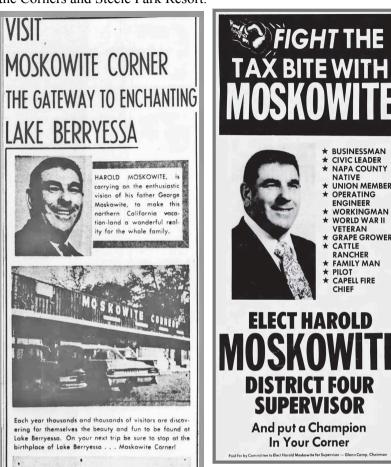
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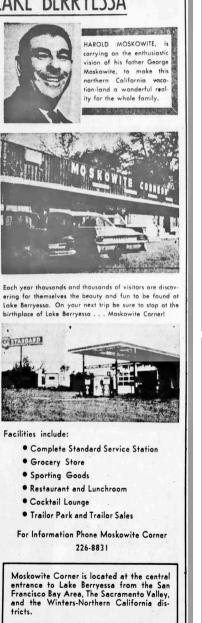
1140-1144 Steele Canyon Rd, \$89,000

Supervisor Election Politics in 1976

Before the development of the internet and other social media, political ads were very rudimentary. Harold Moskowite had started his wide-ranging career almost as soon as Lake Berryessa filled. He won the 1976 election. As it says in the 1966 ad for Moskowite Corner. Harold was carrying on the vision of his father, George Moskowite, who originally started developing Due to the elevated wildland fire risks during the dry summer the Corners and Steele Park Resort.







Bring the whole family to see the new added

eature at Moskowite Corner . . . Beautiful

live Peacocks at large on the grounds .

ascinating to young and old alike



Attention campers and Lake Berryessa visitors!!!

NO CAMPFIRES OR CHARCOAL BBOS ALLOWED AT LAKE BERRYESSA STARTING MONDAY, MAY 30TH. Thanks for your cooperation!

months, an open burn ban for the Lake Berryessa Recreational Areas took effect on Monday, May 30.

Open flames such as charcoal grills and fire pits will be prohibited on the recreational sites managed by Napa County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation from that time until further notice. As an alternate, visitors to those sites may use propane-operated cooking devices and gas operated fire

For clarification the burn ban does NOT apply to Berryessa residential communities or other recreational areas in Napa County. For more information please visit:

www.readyforwildfire.org, www.readynapacounty.org

My historical research often turns up some interesting tidbits (See the old political ads from the 1976 Napa County Supervisor's race at the left - before Photoshop and good graphics software). Even though there is still plenty of water in Lake Berryessa now and launching is available, some folks still wonder if the lake is open. During the 1976 drought (see graph to left) when the lake was 52 feet below Glory Hole (we are only 34 feet down today), and there was no social media like the Lake Berryessa News, misinformation was hard to counter. Supervisor Moskowite turned to the newspapers.

Supervisor-Elect Moskowite fights drought misinformatio, July, 1976

District-Four Supervisor Elect Harold Moskowite today sought the cooperation of the news media in correcting misconceptions about drought conditions at Lake Berryessa. In a letter to newsmen. Moskowite said

Due to erroneous information, many vacationers and weekenders are avoiding Berryessa. They seem to have an idea the lake is a dried-up mudhole closed to visitors. Some California waterways have had to curtail or close down recreational uses because of low-water," he said, but Berryessa has not been threatened. It is so large and deep that it would take years of drought to put it out of operation.

Water-skiing, boating, swimming and fishing are as good as ever at Berryessa and it's a shame so many recreation seekers are missing out on what the lake has to offer because of misinformation about drought conditions!

Naturally, the lake's waterline recedes in dry years and rises in wet years, but Berryessa's recreational facilities were built with this fluctuation in mind. At the seashore, when the tide goes out, you walk a little further to get to the water, that's all. It doesn't ruin any of the recreational uses.

