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The Bet

Homer, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 PM. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10:00 news was on. The news was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a building preparing to jump. The blonde looked at Homer and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Homer said, "You know, I bet he'll jump" The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Homer placed 20 dollars on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset and handed her 20 dollars to Homer, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Homer replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump." The blonde replied, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."

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How do you prevent a trombone player from drowning?
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Lake Berryessa Heats Up for Summer!



The astronomical beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere is marked by the June solstice. This year that date was June 21, 2011 at 10:16 AM Pacific Daylight Time.

If you check the GPS location chart on Page 7 or look for this point on Google Earth, you'll find that it is the old Rancho Monticello Resort.

Coincidentally, that was also the first day that the Lake Berryessa water temperature jumped above 80 degrees where it now stays from the surface to about 10 feet down. It drops off dramatically after that to 60 degrees at 40 feet and 52 degrees at 70 feet. So don't dive too deep off your boat!

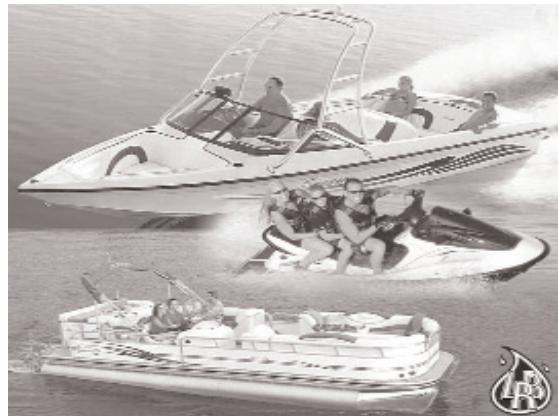
As you can see from the chart on Page 11, June 21 was also the first time the air temperature got to 100 degrees this year.

The moral of the story is that Lake Berryessa is warmer than Hawaii or Mexico, great for water-sports and sun, plus you don't need an airplane to get here.

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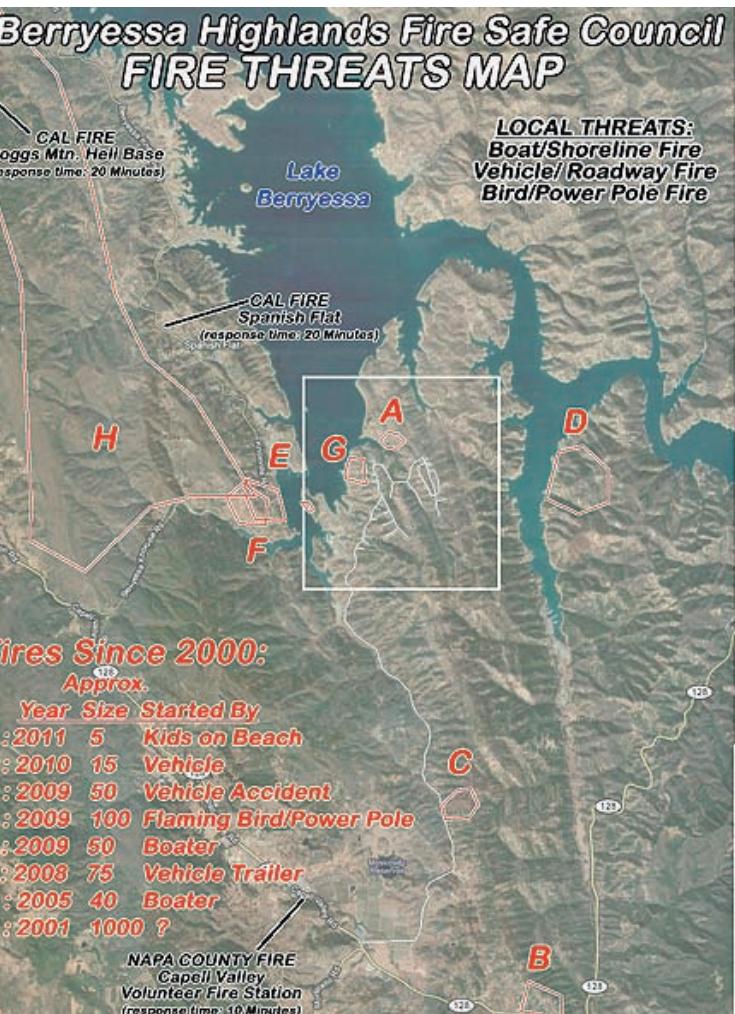
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A Community Wildfire Protection Plan: The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council

by Peter Kilkus

Neighbors protecting neighbors - what a concept! But if you are a Berryessa Highlands resident, you have seen it in action all spring - cutting, chipping, and burning off dangerous fuel loads. This has been accomplished because of the work of the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council: Susan Sedillo, Evan Kilkus, Jerry Rehmke, Jim Rubins, Wendy Walin, and Dee Cuney

The Berryessa Highlands, consists of 649 parcels with 349 residences, and a population of 920. It is located on rolling to steep terrain on about 700 acres located near and above Lake Berryessa. The site is isolated from other residential areas and is more than five miles from the nearest fire station.



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The Berryessa Highlands community has been involved in fire safety initiatives starting in 2009, primarily utilizing the Napa FireWise chipping program. In 2010, a group of Berryessa Highlands homeowners took the initiative to form a committee with the support of the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF), CAL FIRE, and Napa County Fire.

For the past four years, the resident homeowners of Berryessa Highlands have benefitted from the curbside chipping program provided by the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF). People working to remove brush, dead trees, and limbing-up trees on their property, bring the waste to the curbside. Using the website or telephone, they schedule the chipper service.

With funding donated by the NCFF, a Vegetation Management Plan was developed in 2010 by a hired

defensible space consultant, who is a certified forester (Fire Smart Defensible Space, Inc.). The assessment and its recommendations have been embraced in the new CWPP. After reviewing the Vegetation Management Plan, the council created and prioritized a list of projects that will help make the community more defendable in a wildfire.

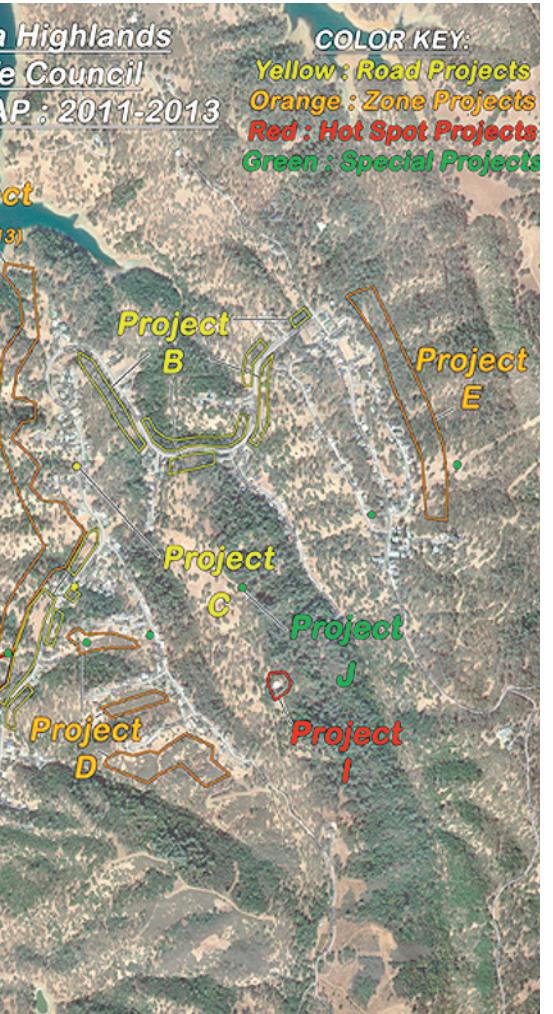
Utilizing \$12,000 in grant "seed" money provided by NCFF, the council worked with CAL FIRE in early 2011 to start and/or complete four of the higher priority projects. One goal was to complete high visibility projects, so homeowners would see what needs to be done around their own homes. Immediately, homeowners began increasing their efforts to provide more defensible space around their homes.

The Berryessa Highlands community is unique because the lake around it does provide some protections from large scale wildfires to the East, North, and West of the community. The lake acts as defen-

sible space. At the same time, the shoreline, and the public that use the lake, create a predictable fire ignition area that is within $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 mile from homes.

For this reason, creating defensible space, and eliminating fire fuels in strategic areas, can have a significant impact on the ability of fire crews to do their job and save homes and lives in the event of a small or large wildfire. The goal of this work is to make our community safe under any fire situation.

For the last few weeks three members of the Council, Evan Kilkus, Susan Sedillo, and Jim Rubins, have donated many hours developing the new plan and writing an application for grant funding: The Berryessa Highlands 2012 Fire Safety Program. The primary objectives are fuel reduction and education of the community. When you get a chance, say thanks to the Council members.



July Birthdays

J.T. Hankes	Paul Quarneri 17th
Cecelia Nelson	Peter Kilkus 25th
Donald Nelson	Becky Litwin 25th
CeCe Short 8th	Marsha Levine 27th
Dan Sandoval 12th	Anonymous 32nd

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Event Calendar

July 9 - Saturday: Book signing by Makenzie Payne and Faith Berger of the Berryessa Highlands at Copperfield's in Napa for their new children's book Dillon the Detective.

July 9 - Saturday: Benefit for Japan featuring Bill Scholer's band, Waiting for Bruce. John Natsoulas Gallerie, 521 1st Street, Davis, 7-10 PM, \$5, 530-756-3938

July 10 and Aug 7th: Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Gymkhana.

Winters Friends of the Library presents free concerts at the Gazebo in Rotary Park every Thursday in July from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments are available. July 7: Dennis Coleret and Matt Dudman—Old Time Bluegrass and Country duo; July 14: Mondo Vagabondo—Cabaret-style jazz with a twist of blues; July 21: Keri Carr Quartet—Classic country rock and Mexican ballads; July 28: Woodland Community Band—Classical and popular music .

July 16 - Saturday: Wine, Food, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting. Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM. \$5. 707-966-0206

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.

Chinese Food...

A couple goes for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and orders the "Chicken Surprise." The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast-iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. "Hey, did you see that?" she asks her husband.

He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Sputtering in a fit of pique, he calls the waiter over, describes what is happening, and demands an explanation!

"Please sir," says the waiter, "what did you order?"

The husband replies, "Chicken Surprise."

"Ah... so sorry," says the waiter, "I bring you Peeking Duck."



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The water is now **7.27** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
6/20/11	433.58	0.31	90	62	0.00
6/21/11	433.51	0.30	99	61	0.00
6/22/11	433.43	0.27	100	61	0.00
6/23/11	433.35	0.34	101	56	0.00
6/24/11	433.26	0.32	91	52	0.00
6/25/11	433.17	0.26	89	55	0.00
6/26/11	433.09	0.27	89	54	0.00
6/27/11	433.02	0.24	90	56	0.00
6/28/11	432.99	0.32	90	58	0.00
6/29/11	432.91	0.05	62	53	0.79
6/30/11	432.87	0.04	72	55	0.00
7/1/11	432.83	0.23	85	56	0.00
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If we can solve our problems with each other, we will notice increased cooperation and harmony at home, at work, and in our community.

What is mediation?

By Nura Laird, Pope Valley

Most people want love, peace and harmony in their lives. And yet, conflict is a natural part of life. Disagreements happen, even where there is love; but the disagreements often block or destroy the love. How can our conflicts and disagreements become vehicles to get back to the warmth, love and peace that we deeply long for?

How we approach and resolve conflict is the focus of mediation. In mediation conflict is seen as an opportunity for growth and change. Mediation is based on a world-view of equality and connection, instead of the usual attitude of right versus wrong, blame, judgment and control. Mediation seeks to resolve problems between people and to establish connection, compassion and forgiveness between them. Many of our conflicts, the big ones and the small ones, can be resolved through mediation.

In the mediation process the people in conflict are assisted by the mediator to state their positions safely, to hear each other fully, and to come up with solutions that they can agree upon. Through skillful listening and communication, mediation allows people to let go of anger and resentments, and gives them a chance to forgive and create a fresh, new relationship. Forgiveness is essential.

The mediator is trained to facilitate the mediation process. He or she does not take sides in any conflict. The mediator knows that everyone involved in a conflict holds a position that is understandable and has some value. So he or she tries to help the people to understand each other and to find solutions that they both can accept and live with.

This is very different from rulings from a court of law where the judge or jury pass judgment on the people in conflict. The mediator does not judge or decide on the solutions; the people in conflict are able to do this themselves with the help of the mediator.

Here are some situations where I have used mediation successfully:

The case of a landlord and a tenant, where there was a disagreement about the security deposit paid when tenant moved in. The owner believed that tenant did not deserve the deposit back because of the condition of the house, and the tenant believed that the landlord owed him the deposit.

The case of 2 neighbors, where one neighbor owned a dog that stayed outside most of the night barking, and it was disturbing another neighbor. So this neighbor wanted the dog either to be killed or given away.

The case of a single parent with a teenage son who wanted early emancipation from his mother, and she wouldn't grant this to him, so he was threatening to run away.

The case of a couple, where the husband was the only income earner in the household, and he wanted to make a budget to limit his wife's spending, but she refused the budget and wanted to spend for the household in her way.

In all these examples, if the people in conflict were to take it to court, most likely one of them would win and the other would lose, and the loser would be very unsatisfied. But through mediation, in each of these cases the people came up with an arrangement that satisfied everyone involved, so no one was the loser.

The process of mediation is not always easy. It seems easier to fight and argue than to really listen and find solutions. Sometimes it is necessary to have several mediation sessions in order to fully resolve a particular problem between people. However, mediation usually leaves people feeling more peaceful and content.



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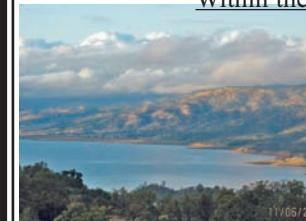
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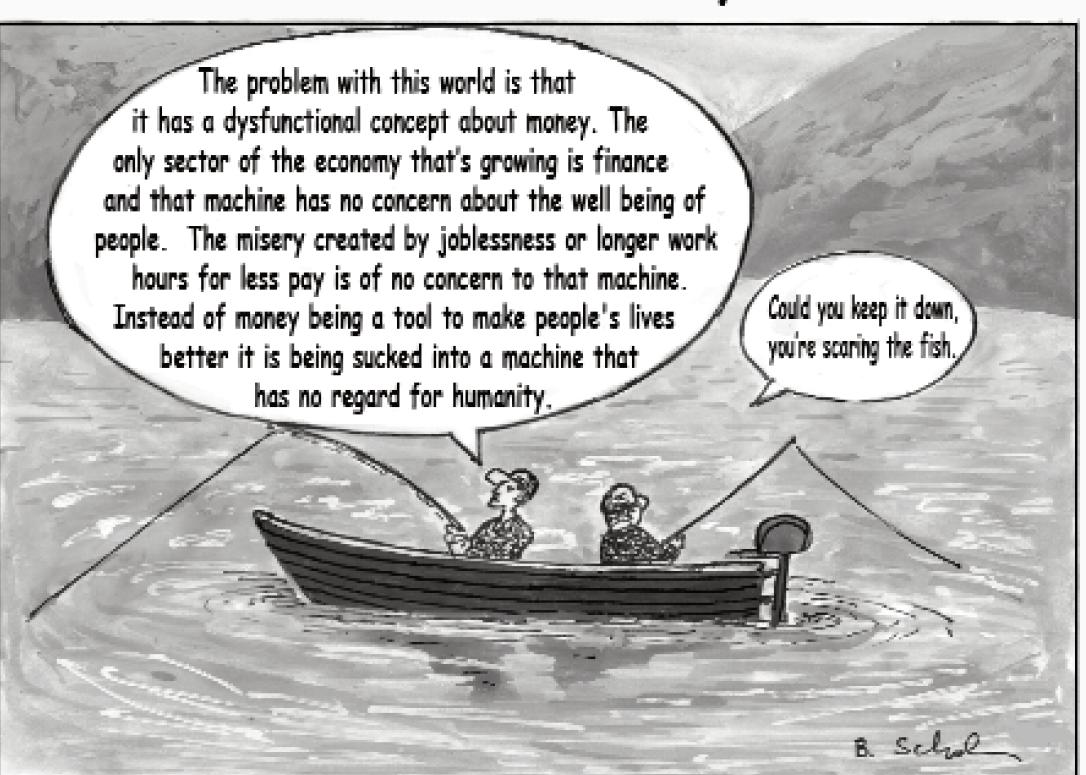
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Bill Scholer's cartoon above makes a very important point. Large corporations, especially financial companies, are zombies not people. If our radical conservative Supreme Court says they are people, then they are the drug dealers, pimps, and thieves of modern society.

Due to the Supreme Court's wrong-headed Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision in 2010 that says corporations are "people", predatory corporations now get the advantage of \$1 = 1 vote. But a corporate charter historically represents a privilege - not a right - that is extended in return for the acceptance of corresponding obligations.

In his dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens argued that since companies are without feelings, consciences, or desires, they shouldn't benefit from laws that protect ordinary citizens. Nor did the Founding Fathers perceive them as such. The notion that corporations - a useful legal fiction created by government - should have the same rights as natural human beings would have astounded Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John Marshall. The theory of natural rights that animated the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that it is people and only people who are endowed with inalienable, natural rights.

Corporations are merely tools. They are not natural persons with rights inherent in their existence. To rule that Congress cannot limit the rights of corporations that are invented by man and controlled by man - to endow those legal fictions with the same natural rights as living, human beings - is absurd. To claim the U.S. Constitution as the basis for that ruling is an outright fabrication.

Respected financial commentator David Korten states, "The owners and managers of corporations have the full rights of any citizen - in their capacity as citizens - to participate in defining public goals and policies. However, corporations themselves, as non-human legal entities created to serve the public interest, have no place using their resources to influence the processes by which citizens define the public interest and set the rules of corporate conduct. Corporations are not people. They are alien to the ways of life and blind to the complex nonmaterial needs of human societies. They should be wholly barred from any form of political participation."



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Q. What is the difference between a fish and a piano?

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Country Living Alert: Poison Snake & Poison Plant

Rattlesnakes

Mac & Cheryl Bean have a local blue jay to whom they hand-feed unsalted peanuts in the shell. A week ago he was squawking up a storm. Cheryl asked Mac to go see what was up with the noisy bird. When Mac was just about to step off their front porch the blue jay (they call him Puffy) came diving down in front of Mac's face flying toward the ground squawking really loud.

Mac looked down to see what Puffy was diving at and there was a large rattlesnake. If Puffy had not warned him, Mac would have stepped off the porch onto the snake which was going down their driveway! They were going to let the snake go on his way to the field behind their house, but it turned and headed into the planter that goes under their front porch. So unfortunately for it, the snake is dead and buried in a very deep grave. Needless to say Puffy is getting all the peanuts he wants for a job well done.

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

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

Do's and don'ts in snake country

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

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

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

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

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

Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

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

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

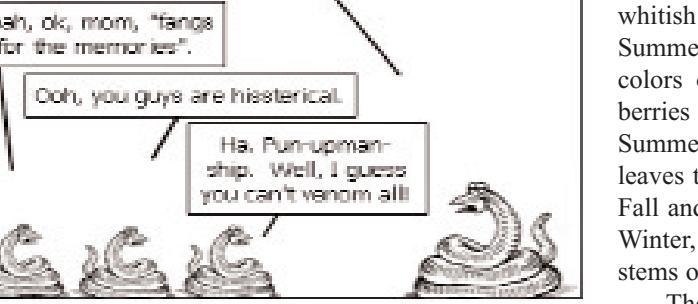
When you hear a rattle, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening.

Look behind you before you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake. Rattlers cannot move fast enough to overtake a person who

wants to get out of its way. The only danger is that the person falls or trips in getting away, thus disturbing another snake, or falls towards the rattler rather than away.

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

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



What to do if bitten.

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

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water. Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area

Dogs vs. Snakes
Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours.

The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

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

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Poison Oak

Obviously, a big problem with getting Poison Oak is identifying the plant. If you can't spot Poison Oak a mile away, your only recourse is to never touch any vegetation at all while on the trail or doing whatever you're doing.

You can recognize Poison Oak by its trademarked 3 leaf pattern. Unfortunately, there are other plants with triple leaf patterns too. You cannot depend on the color. In some areas, the leaves remain green the entire time they are on the stem. In other areas the leaves are red in the spring. Being a very common "shrub" in California, it must be watched for everywhere.

In the Spring, the leaves are light, bright green with whitish green flowers clustered on the stems. In the Summer, Poison Oak has yellow-green, pink, or reddish colors on some of the leaves, with small white or tan berries after the flowers of Spring. Certain times in late Summer/Early Fall and certain conditions can even cause leaves to become Yellow. The fruit becomes darker in the Fall and the leaves turn bright red or russet brown. In the Winter, the leaves and seeds fall, leaving stick or whip-like stems or climbing vines.

The Poison Oak rash is caused by a chemical called urushiol. This is present in poison oak leaves, branches, roots, everything. When you touch it, the oil is absorbed into the skin. This is a poisonous substance, and the rash is the result of your body's immune system fighting against this invader.

If an animal, such as your dog, gets in Poison Oak you

can get it from petting the dog (the dog won't get the rash though). You can get it from your clothing or equipment that touches Poison Oak.

The rash doesn't appear until after the oil is absorbed into your skin. If you think you have exposed an area of skin to the oil you can clean the area with rubbing alcohol, this may limit or even stop the oil from being absorbed. Once you get the rash, you can't spread it around by scratching. The oil that seeps from your wounded body isn't urushiol, it's secreted by your body.

The reason most people think it will spread is because of secondary infection. You touch a poison oak plant, the oil is on your hands. You rub your face, it gets there. That is how the oil is spread. Now after a while, there isn't as much oil to spread around, so some parts get hit more heavily. What this means is, the rash appears soon in some spots, and takes a couple of days in other spots. This gives the illusion that you've spread the rash by scratching.

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Climate zones in Napa County

Lake Berryessa is "Lucky 7"

Ask gardeners in the Napa Valley what climate zone they live in and most will say that they are in Sunset Zone 14. They would be correct if they lived on the valley floor. Zone 14 is the smallest of four zones in Napa County, as determined by Sunset's "Western Garden Book." The other three are Zone 7, called "Foothill-Digger Pine"; Zone 14, "Coastal Warm"; Zone 15, "Coastal Cool"; and Zone 17, "Marine.". The margins of all climate zones are inexact. Each zone contains microclimates created by elevation, slope and exposure.

Rainfall varies by elevation. On the valley floor, it averages 20 inches; on Mount St. Helena, 50 inches. Annual chilling hours (the number of hours each year below 45 degrees F), which affect the type of fruit trees that can thrive in the area, vary from 700 to more than 1,600. That's partly why some species trees are difficult to grow on the valley floor but do well on the foothills. Some require more chilling hours than the valley provides. Understanding the characteristics of your climate zone can improve your chances of choosing the right plant for the right place.

from the ocean east to the Sacramento Valley.

Winter winds tend to flow up and down over and through the hills and the valleys; the summer winds flow across this terrain. The fog in the summer moves through the Russian River Gap toward Mount St. Helena, down Napa and Pope valleys. The summer fog from the Petaluma Gap and the Golden Gate cools the southern portion of Napa County and also appears along the western hilltops.

Zone 7 owes its Foothill-Digger Pine name to the abundance of California foothill pines in the area. The zone comprises the eastern part of the county and includes Pope Valley and Lake Berryessa. These areas have a later spring and earlier frosts than the rest of the county, creating a growing season that may be as much as a month shorter. Summers are hotter and drier. This is a good area for late- or long-blooming fruit and nut trees. This zone also defines most of Lake County.

Although Sunset has identified four distinct zones, Napa County is considered to have a Mediterranean climate, with wet winters and dry summers. A major influence is the summer marine air which flows up and down,

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Pet oxygen mask donations

Local community member, Richard Wilson, has started collection efforts to purchase animal oxygen masks for Capell Valley Fire Department, then Pope Valley Fire Department. He hopes to collect enough money to purchase these kits for every emergency vehicle within Napa county. Here is a link to the website where he will be purchasing the kits: www.wagn4u.com/sponsor_order_pet_oxygen_masks.html

Donation jars are at the Capell Fire Station, the Crossroads, and will eventually be at other locations throughout our community.

Checks can also be made out to Wag N. It is a great honor to have one of our community members be so passionate about his pets that he is willing to ensure that the first responders are properly equipped to not just save human lives, but all of their family members!

Sandy Storch
Assistant Chief/Training Officer
Capell Valley Fire Department

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Expanded

Napa County has announced the launch of a new program with PG&E that will help expand residential recycling locations for spent fluorescent lamps, as well as build awareness of the need to recycle fluorescent lamps. Building on the success of the City of Napa's Lighting Efficiency and Safe Stewardship ("LESS") fluorescent lamp collection program, Napa County residents can now more conveniently drop off their used fluorescent lamps at local businesses participating in the program.

Fluorescent lamps are today one of the most cost-effective methods available to decrease energy use and associated greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions. At the end of their life, disposal of fluorescent lamps presents a challenge as they contain trace amounts of toxic mercury vapors that should not be returned to landfill. It is important to properly dispose of fluorescent lamps at a participating drop-off location in order to mitigate the environmental impact of the mercury necessary to make the lamps up to ten times more efficient than incandescent bulbs.

"Spent fluorescent lamps require special handling, but are safe to use and are 99.9% recyclable when disposed of properly," says Steven Lederer, Director of the Napa County Department of Environmental Management.

Present Drop-Off Locations:

- Central Valley Builders Supply, 1790 Soscol Ave, Napa; 1100 Vintage Ave, St. Helena
- Napa Electric, 2240 Brown St, Napa
- Office Depot, 211 Soscol Ave, Napa
- Orchard Supply Hardware, 3980 Bel Aire Plaza, Napa
- Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 889A Devlin Road, American Canyon, Fri & Sat 9am-4pm. Mercury containing items accepted, fluorescent lamps/tubes & all batteries
- Clover Flat Landfill, 4380 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, Tues-Sat 9am-4pm; Sun 9am-3pm
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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're a bit sad that you never get invited to cool parties, but you'll be downright angry when you hear about the awesome ones they hold at your place the second you leave every day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember, a bend in the road isn't the end of the road. While we're on the subject, the circular device on the dashboard can be used to turn your car.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Next week's horrifying accident inspires an outcry for more stringent safety standards in coal-fueled power plants until everyone realizes it was actually just all your fault.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your whole life is thrown into a terrible new perspective when you learn that Enter The Dragon is not intended to be a romantic comedy.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your troubles will all be over next week, and what's even better, it all happens so fast that investigators will agree you probably didn't feel a thing.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You'll get a free beverage refill when ordering a large-sized French fries, but really that's going to be about it for you this week.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You should avoid making any financial decisions next week, as the pain you'll be in from all the third-degree flash burns will probably affect your judgment.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): While the ideal gas law is certainly important, your attempt to apply it to every situation in your life can only lead to disaster.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Former Rams quarterback Norm Van Brocklin will appear to you in a dream and explain to you at embarrassing length why you're not quite good enough for Bart Starr to appear in your dreams.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): All your hard work will finally pay off this week, but not, of course, for you.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Don't worry: There's absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they're unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Rescue personnel will stretch the English language, the human voice, and the average person's constitution to unprecedented limits while trying to describe the horrible sounds you'll make next week.

Failed Evangelism...
A preacher said to a farmer, "Do you belong to the Christian family?"

"No." said he, "they live two farms down."

"No, I mean are you lost?"

"No, I've been here thirty years."

"I mean are you ready for Judgment Day?"

"When is it?"

"It could be today or tomorrow."

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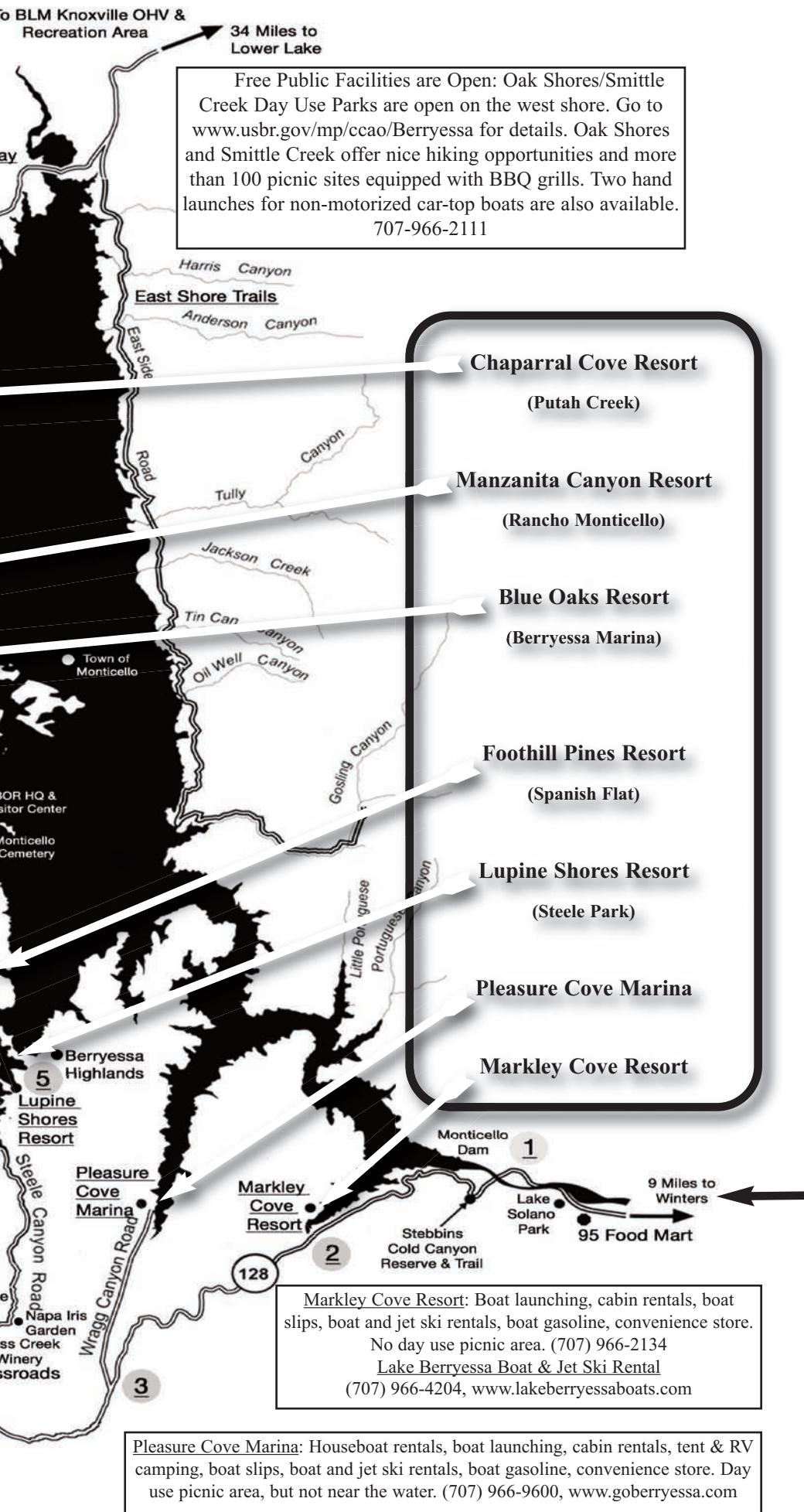
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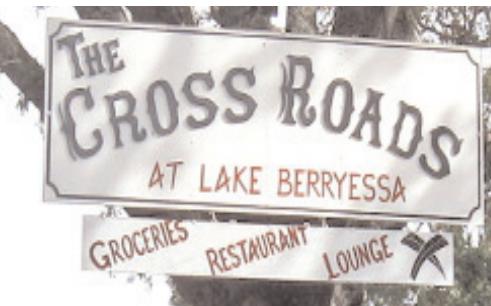
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A Lake Berryessa Midsummer Night's Dream

(With Apologies to William Shakespeare)

restaurant at Lupine Shores.

I had a memory the other day of tubing and jet skiing on Lake Berryessa with friends and family. For a break we'd drift in to the Big Island Lagoon at 5 mph to float quietly with the other folks on patio boats, houseboats, or even some in kayaks.

It was a quiet, safe place to rest or even to put your deck chair on a sand bar and kick back in six inches of water while kids splashed around you. Later it was time for prime rib or pizza at the Steele Park Boathouse Restaurant savoring one of the most beautiful views on the lake.

But then I had a nightmare that a Dark Force swept down on Lake Berryessa and destroyed our homes and resorts, tearing up launch ramps, demolishing restaurants, eliminating access to the lake for years – even denying entry to the Big Island Lagoon to everyone except some phantom kayakers who never showed up.

A Shakespearean comedy is defined as a dramatic work that is light and often humorous or satirical in tone with a happy or cheerful ending in which the central motif is the triumph over adverse circumstances, resulting in a successful conclusion.

But then, this being mid-summer, I had a comforting Midsummer Night's Dream. I saw myself sitting at a beautiful floating marina restaurant and bar, sipping a margarita, with my trusty low-emissions, quiet, environmentally-friendly jet ski at my side.

Happy families were once again drifting slowly into the Big Island Lagoon for a rest stop. New resorts were providing improved facilities to visitors from all over the Bay Area. Just before I woke up I was once again looking out at that fantastic Steele Park view, but now it was from a brand new

This hopefully describes the present process of rebuilding Lake Berryessa to a superior state of recreational elegance by the Pensus Group. But that won't happen without strong management and the support of all parties involved. Unfortunately, there will always be some obstacles to overcome, even in a comedy with a happy ending.

David F Finch, president of the Pensus Group, graciously agreed to answer some questions for the Lake Berryessa News regarding the present status of his company's

With this system up and running we will hopefully do a better job and there will be less frustration." (Continued on Page 4)

Reclamation received 15 to 20 calls, by their account, from individuals complaining about lack of response. This is a very small percentage (less than 1%) and we are reasonably satisfied by this performance.

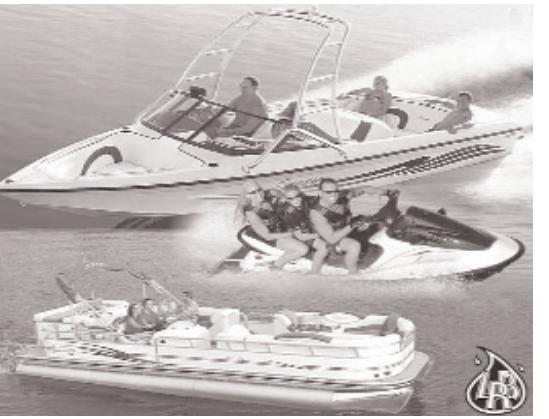
By August 1 a new website reservations system will be operational. Our software specialists have been training the on-site staff and will be available for support. With this system up and running we will hopefully do a better job and there will be less frustration."

On Pensus Progress

David F Finch, president of Pensus, would like people to understand the enormity of the Pensus task at Lake Berryessa. "It's like planning, designing, and building a small town. There's not much to see in the beginning, but once we push the button, progress will be rapid."

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2 Serious Phone Outage: If Only Stupidity Could Be Cured

Some not-so-very-smart vandals used a boat to rip a phone cable from the lake near the public boat launch at Capel Cove.

About 190 customers in the Lake Berryessa area were affected. Although service was restored to many by the end of the weekend, Lupine Shores remained without telephone service as of July 16.

An AT&T technician came out to the lake after an alarm went off at 4:35 a.m. Thursday, authorities said. At the lake, the technician discovered a vault in the ground open and about 30 yards of cable cut up in 5-foot-long segments left by the bank. A boat, which may have been used to lift the cable out of the water was found sunk. Sheriff's deputies pulled the boat out of the lake but identification numbers had been removed.

The suspects may have wanted the copper from the lines since the cable contained 600 copper lines in it.

Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental took extreme measures to minimize the impact of this major phone outage. With no land lines, only weak cell phone signals wound their way down Lake Berryessa canyons.

According to owner, Marty Rodden, he spent more than a thousand dollars in additional labor and overtime costs, including a cell phone booster and cell phone credit card machine, during the first two days of the outage to make sure he could accommodate his customers.

Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District Transition Committee Appointed

After extending the time period for applications, eight Berryessa Highlands

residents applied for the five member Transition Committee.

Richard Barthelemy
Randal E. Bryant
"Dee" Dianne M. Cuney
Tracy Renee
Susan E. Sedillo
Victor Anthony Venuta
Stuart S. Williams
Paul J. Zozula
and
Georgi Maule-Ffinch (Pensus)

After a public hearing the Board of Supervisors each nominated one applicant to the committee which was approved unanimously.

Stu Williams, District 1(Wagenknecht)
Vic Venuta, District 2 (Luce)
Susan E. Sedillo, District 3 (Dillon)
Randal E. Bryant, District 4 (Dodd)
Tracy Renee, District 5 (Caldwell)
and
Georgi Maule-Ffinch (Pensus)

NBRID Bid Proposers Named

The NBRID solicited proposals from qualified firms experienced in the business of financing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining water and wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities. The cost of these services would borne entirely by the proposer under a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain (DBFOM) mechanism and would not in any way be constructed or structured as debt incurred by or for NBRID.

NBRID will pay for services provided, as and when those services are delivered by the proposer on a monthly basis and will continue throughout a predetermined contract period.

Four companies have submitted bids which are being evaluated. Two members of the Transition Committee will sit on the interview panel.

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The report states that, "The confusing situation is the result of the fact that a succession of Napa County Boards of Supervisors acted as if they had formed a (board of directors) but did not need to hold an election."

Janice Killian, an attorney with the Napa County Counsel's Office who handles district affairs, said that the grand jury's concerns boil down to a misunderstanding of state law.

California Public Resources Code states that a board of supervisors is always the governing body of a resort improvement district, Killian said, noting that Napa's board has retained that authority by never forming a board made up of district residents.

The Grand Jury report is a good summary of the history of the NBRID (and LBRID). However, most of its recommendations are already being implemented. (See previous story above.)

It also makes the unhelpful recommendation that Board of Supervisors ceases meeting and acting in the name of the NBRID Board of Directors.

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Camp Berryessa Agreement Signed

The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) will build and run a new environmental camp at Lake Berryessa under a new 25-year agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Earlier in the spring, the district received \$1.5 million from the California Coastal Conservancy to pay for the development of the former Boy Scout campsite at the north end of the lake just past the Putah Creek Bridge. The project has also been awarded \$50,000 from the Mead Foundation.

John Woodbury, general manager of the RPOSD hopes Camp Berryessa may open by summer 2013.

Camp Berryessa, which is on federal land, will feature 30 tent cabins for a maximum of 120 people, a campfire, composting toilets, showers, a climbing wall and nature interpretive signs. Activities at the camp will include kayaking, canoeing, archery, and hiking.

Woodbury explained that new soil will have to be brought in and settle for a year in order to build a septic tank system for the new showers and dining area. The Boy Scout camp closed in 2004 when the Bureau of Reclamation revoked their use permit.

If you forgot it in Winters, you can get it here!

Event Calendar

July 31 - Sunday: Free "Napa Porchfest" music festival, 2 – 5 p.m. 120 musicians, 42 bands, 27 porches in Napa's historic neighborhoods. For an interactive map with photos of the porches and information about where each band is playing, visit napa-porchfest.org.

August 6, 7 - Saturday, Sunday: 18th Annual Pow-Wow, Honoring the Ancestors. 11 am to dusk both days at the Yountville Veteran's Home Picnic Grounds, 100 California Drive, 707.256.3561, e-mail suscol@suscol.net, www.suscolcouncil.org

August 10 - Wednesday: Dale's Trailer Clinic, 5:30 PM, Pope Valley Ropers and Riders Arena, Barnett Road, BYOT (See cartoon on Page 10 by Pope Valley resident and artist Dawn Redlaczyk.

August 20 - Saturday: Bring Your Own Meat BBQ, Berryessa Senior Center, 5 PM. NOTE: This is a time change! Everyone is invited; you do not have to be a member to attend. This is a Potluck and we will need a Side Dishes, Salads, Appetizers or Desserts. Our Chef, Chris will be glad to cook your main course for you. Please call 925-699-3729 or 966-0206 and leave word for more information. Someone will call you back. We hope to see you there!!!!

The Senior Center rents it fully-equipped facility and Popcorn Machine for weddings and private events. They also loan medical supplies and equipment at no charge. Call 707-966-0206 and leave a message.

September 10 - Saturday: R 2011 - Classic/Hot Rod Car & Motorcycle Show. Any year welcome. Check in time: 11:00am, 1962 Capell Valley Road, 707-252-0140. 5 Peoples' Choice Awards will be given at 4pm. 50/50 Raffle Winner announced at 3pm. Horse shoes & games. Bring a picnic lunch. Bbq pits are on site. Live band at 7:00pm in R lodge.

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.

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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 7/18/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **37.92** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **8.44** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
7/4/11	432.65	0.29	99	62	0.00
7/5/11	432.59	0.41	98	62	0.00
7/6/11	432.52	0.38	101	62	0.00
7/7/11	432.43	0.38	99	61	0.00
7/8/11	432.35	0.37	97	61	0.00
7/9/11	432.26	0.33	97	59	0.00
7/10/11	432.15	0.36	92	55	0.00
7/12/11	431.98	0.31	81	52	0.00
7/13/11	431.90	0.29	83	55	0.00
7/14/11	431.81	0.19	77	51	0.00
7/15/11	431.73	0.25	82	52	0.00
7/16/11	431.64	0.27	88	51	0.00
7/17/11	431.56	0.22	80	57	0.00

The Truck...

This guy was sitting at home alone when he heard a knock on the front door. There were two sheriffs deputies there.

He asked them if there was a problem. One of the deputies asked if he was married and if he could see a picture of his wife.

The guys says "sure" and shows them a picture of his wife. The sheriff says, "I'm sorry sir, but it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

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Under the current lines, Keith Caldwell's 5th District - which includes the rapidly growing city of American Canyon - now has more than 34,600 people. Meanwhile, Diane Dillon represents only 24,000 people across her geographically-large 3rd District. Populations in the three remaining districts are between 24,800 and 26,000 people.

Major changes are proposed along Lake Berryessa's southern shore, where residents of the Berryessa Highlands community may be swapped from Dillon's 3rd District to Supervisor Bill Dodd's District 4.

The adjustments at Berryessa were made mainly to keep Highland residents - who live within the boundaries of the Napa Valley Unified School District - in the same supervisorial district as other school district residents.

One consequence of the change would be that the NBRID (Berryessa Highlands) would become part of Dodd's district rather than Dillon's. But the LBRID (Berryessa Estates) would remain with Dillon. Another possible positive result would be that Lake Berryessa would have two supervisor directly involved with the future of the lake. Previously all of Lake Berryessa was the responsibility of Supervisor Dillon.

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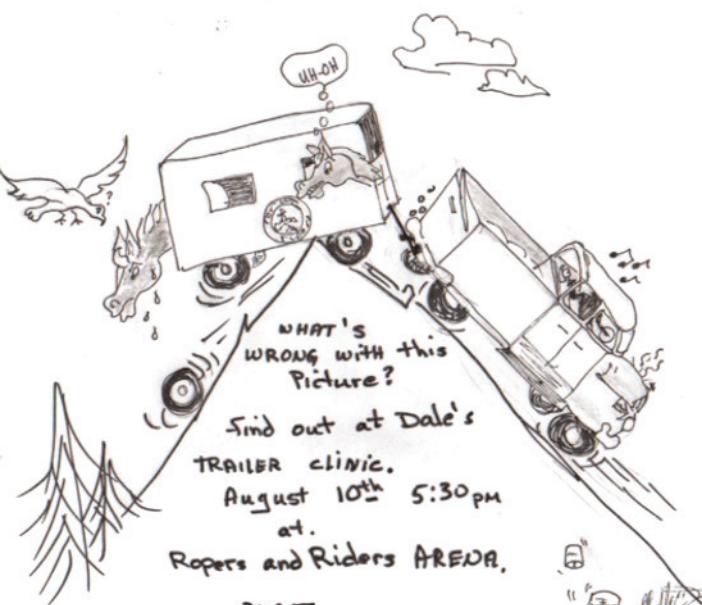
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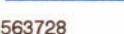
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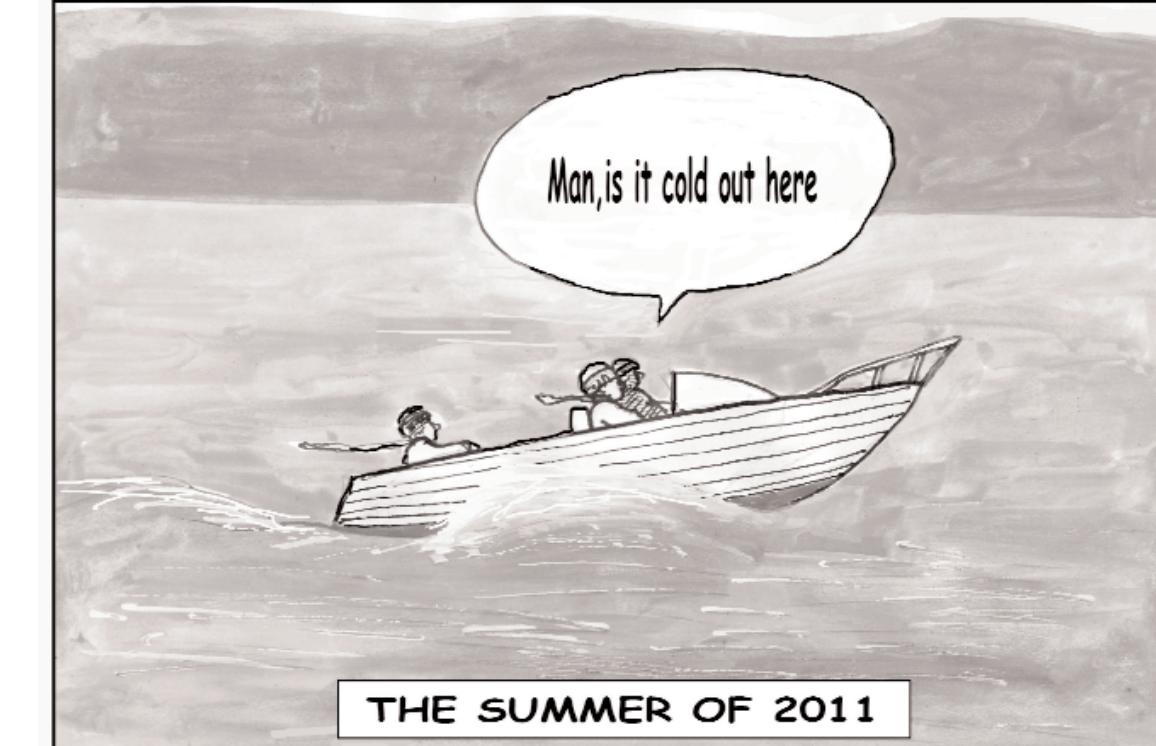
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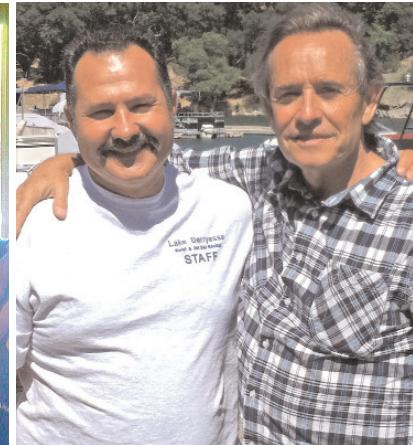
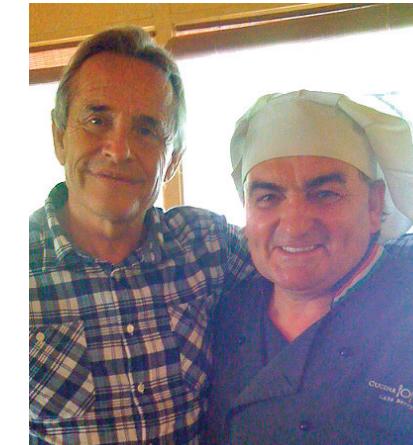
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Jacky Ickx, world famous Formula One race car driver and 6 time winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, had lunch at Cucina Italiana last Wednesday, July 13, and then headed out onto Lake Berryessa with his family at Marty's Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals. He drove many years for Ferrari so he had something Italian in common with Chef Stefano Gusberti. Per Jacky, "In this sport luck and tragedy are only a few hundredths of seconds apart from each other. The fact that I am still alive after 100,000 laps is my championship."

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Another important issue for visitors is security. "We have a 'zero tolerance' policy regarding any individual who is overly disruptive, aggressive, abusive, threatening or violent. Such individuals, when identified, will be escorted from the premises and refused access to the Concessions in the future. We will, under no circumstances, risk personal injury to our clientele, employees or police authorities by allowing clearly violent and aggressive individuals repeated access.

Pensus has received very few complaints regarding noise or disturbance at the Concessions. We did have one very aggressive and abusive individual, over the July 4th weekend. Only two calls were made by Pensus to the Sheriff requesting support. Pensus works closely with the Napa County Sheriffs and is most appreciative of their support, which has been exemplary. John Robertson, Undersheriff, and I have communicated personally and we will stay in close contact."

Mr. Ffinch's comments were supported by the low number of Sheriffs calls over the July 4th weekend. According to a member of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, which takes care of most of the west side of the lake (along with the Cal-Fire units from Spanish Flat), this was the first time in memory that they didn't have a single call during the weekend of the 4th. "It was wonderful to spend the weekend with my family."

Although the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) has been raised as an issue in the Lake Berryessa redevelopment process, it is not clear why this should be an impediment since Pensus is simply replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. Any delay because of NEPA is even more puzzling since the demolition of the old resorts was accomplished with a minimum of environmental oversight.

The Bureau of Reclamation used what is known as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) and stated publicly that they had evaluated the situation and produced Categorical Exclusion Checklist #743. They also stated that they had reviewed the environmental impacts of demolition of each site and that environmental impacts were minimal and mitigated by using Best Management Practices.

NEPA itself states that the EA is a concise document. It should not contain long descriptions or detailed data which the agency may have gathered. Rather, it should contain a brief discussion of the need for the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and a list of agencies and persons consulted. Agencies should make the Finding of No Significant

Impact (FONSI) and EA available for 30 days of public comment before taking action.

Unfortunately, the slow progress in this area is frustrating to many of the people involved, especially local business and residents, much less Pensus itself. The formal response from Reclamation to a question from the Lake Berryessa News does nothing to allay those concerns. This process should be fast-tracked by everyone involved, not allowed to linger into the spring of 2012. It is not an academic bureaucratic exercise – it affects real people.

Bureau of Reclamation response: "Pensus is in the process of formulating the Draft Environmental Assessment for development of recreation facilities and services within its six concession areas around Lake Berryessa as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA is a federal law that requires that potential impacts from federal actions and actions on federal land be examined prior to the initiation of that action. This environmental assessment for the planned development at Lake Berryessa is considered "programmatic" because it will focus on the impacts of the overall development plan proposed by Pensus. Reclamation expects the Draft Environmental Assessment to be completed fall/winter 2011, at which point the public will be invited to submit comments. These comments are an important part of the NEPA process, and will be considered in the Final Environmental Assessment. Reclamation anticipates that the Environmental Assessment will be finalized in spring 2012."

The other major stumbling block for Pensus at Lupine Shores is the NBRID process. (See stories on Page 2.) Mr. Ffinch was emphatic in his response to this issue that Pensus fully supports becoming part of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system whether run as it has been, a Resort Improvement District, or as an independent Community Services District. One wrinkle in this approach was pointed out by a County legal representative. Apparently according to law, a Resort Improvement District would provide both water and sewer services. However, if the NBRID became a Community Services District, Pensus would be required to hook up to sewer services, but would not be required to hook up to water service from the District. Mr. Ffinch made it clear that Pensus was committed to join the proposed CSD for both water and sewer service.

"Pensus has committed to Napa County that it will hook up to NBRID and to participate proportionately in any costs subject to a maximum cost limitation of \$4M and timing. We are working closely with and support the Berryessa Highlands residents.

There is nothing that Pensus can do at this point except wait for NBRID / Napa County to provide the

Regional Water Authority with the assurances they have demanded from NBRID that will allow removal of the moratorium against Lupine Shores connecting to NBRID."

At an April meeting a plan was developed to potentially remove the State's Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against the NBRID by showing that effluent volumes, which everyone knows is primarily impacted during winter by rainwater intrusion into old Berryessa Highlands sewer pipes, would be below the 50,000 gallon limit if the pipes were repaired. This would allow the CDO to be lifted and also allow a longer-time frame to make the major upgrades to the main sewer treatment plant.

The April meeting group identified several milestones and a funding mechanism. The Consulting Engineers would monitor the system through the remaining wet weather in 2011. Camera and video analysis would determine infiltration water origin and provide the results by summer. The CDO process requires a November 2011 report to the state. During summer of 2011, the identified areas of serious infiltration would be repaired. During the winter of 2012 the Consulting Engineer monitors and reports effluent flow volume which is hopefully less than the 50,000 gallon limit.

Unfortunately, it appears that this plan has not been completed as of July 2011. Whether it is a lack of money or technical issues is not clear. The Lake Berryessa News is awaiting a response from the County.

On a lighter note: Although Pensus published a brochure and funded electronic billboards around the Bay Area, they had not installed entrance signs at their resorts until recently. The original signs were spray painted on plywood sheets. The latest signs are small and can't be read from passing vehicles. It didn't do much for their professional reputation among locals as well as visitors.

The Lake Berryessa News Facebook page chimed in with photos and a bit of satire: "Five weeks after Pensus said they'd have signs up within two weeks, a new sign finally appeared at Lupine Shores next to their old spray-painted plywood sign. It seems they've transitioned from their old sign company, Ghettowerks, to Tiny Town Signs, Inc. From sublime humor to breathtaking silliness. Hopefully real signs will be installed soon."

David Ffinch took the hit with reasonably good grace, acknowledging some internal problems, but stating, "We finally have the permanent signs in hand as of Monday last. They will be installed within the next two weeks."

(A longer version of this article, including photos, is available at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)

Notes From Pope Valley

Do Unto Others...

by Katie Gonzalez

As a parent, one of the life lessons I try to make sure my kids understand is the old "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," or in simpler words, treat others the way you want to be treated.

This past week, I had the opportunity to help an elderly gentleman and his daughter who were stranded in Pope Valley. It was almost 100 degrees, and they had been in their car on the corner of Butts Canyon and Snell Valley for several hours waiting for a tow truck.

I first noticed the broken down car as I was approaching Snell Valley on my way home from work. The car was on the side of the road and the hood was up. I slowed down as I passed by to see if anyone was in the vehicle. From what I could see, there was no one, but as I rounded the corner another vehicle was pulled to the right shoulder of the road facing Butts Canyon.

There were two people in the car. My initial response as a woman was to keep driving; you never know who those people may be! But then my mind flashed on the faces that were in the car: an elderly man and a woman. My eyes glanced down at the temperature gauge in my car, and I pulled to the side of the road.

As I got out of my car, the woman also got out of her vehicle. She told me they had been waiting for several hours and the tow truck had not yet arrived. She had no reception on her cell phone and wasn't sure what to do. I asked her if she would like me to drive her a little way up the road to see if we could get a signal so she could make a call. She gladly accepted my offer, and we headed up the road.

While we were driving I learned that she had been on her way home from St. Helena Hospital where her mother had just undergone surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her lung. Her mom had come through the surgery with flying colors. She was so relieved to not have to worry about the outcome anymore. But her car broke down on her way home, and her 91 year old father had come from Lake County to wait with her.

As we were driving, cell reception improved and a message came in from the tow company that they couldn't locate her

vehicle and needed her to call them! She tried to call them back and got stuck in what I like to call "Automated Hell." Technology can be wonderful, but sometimes you really need a live person to help! I ended up sending a text message to my husband to see if he could contact the Pope Valley Garage and help get a tow truck out our way.

I drove the woman to my home and made up some water bottles for her and her father. The last thing I wanted was for either of them to get heat exhaustion or start to have any physical problems because they had been sitting in the sun for too long.

When we finally got back to her father and their vehicles, an off duty Sheriff had also pulled over to help. He had been able to get in touch with the original tow company and had given them good directions to the location of the broken down car.

As I approached the woman's father, he graciously accepted the water and thanked me several times for stopping to help. He spoke about how hard it is these day to get help from anyone. Everyone is so suspicious of each other or so focused on what they have to get done that they won't take the time to lend a helping hand.

He said there were several cars that passed them throughout the afternoon, and I was the only one that stopped. Those words didn't make me feel like a hero. They made me sad...sad that we have become so distant from our neighbors that we are too afraid or too busy to take the time to help where and when help is needed.

We all have busy lives and have things that need to get done, but we should never be in such a hurry that we lose sight of the people that surround us. As a woman, it's been ground into my head since I was a child that you should never stop or pick up someone on the side of the road, but I think we have to use common sense and go with our gut sometimes.

I could have driven by, and not thought twice about it, but instead I was able to meet two new people and help them get their situation straightened out. My hope in telling this story is that more people will feel the need to step out of their comfort zone, slow down and help out. Ask yourself, "What would I want someone to do for me?" That answer is often the right decision.

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People are free to come and go over the two days it is recommended to bring shade, chairs or blankets to sit on. The Master of Ceremonies will be explaining throughout the day what is going on when you can take photos or join dances or when you watch. He will also explain the meaning of what is going on through the weekend. The Yountville Veterans Home Picnic grounds are located at the western backend of the Home. It is a beautiful setting for this wonderful ceremony and a very comfortable place to enjoy visiting with family and friends.

There will be large Native American Southern and Northern drums plus California singers! Suscol Intertribal Council is a local community based organization located in Napa. This is an opportunity for Native Americans to meet others who have an interest in this lifestyle and to let people know the people and culture we are alive and thriving! Please come join us. For more information or details check out our website at: www.suscolcouncil.org, phone 707.256.3561, e-mail suscol@suscol.net

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The habit is certainly awkward for your friends and family members, but this would actually be a bad time to discontinue your practice of carrying a battle-ax to church.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You always wanted to die peacefully at home in your sleep, but look at it this way: You'll be at home, all right, and the flames will spread so fast you'll only be awake for a few seconds.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're spending less time considering your future these days, which, all things considered, is only appropriate.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Time and space are both illusions, making it even more frustrating that you're always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You'll inspire thousands to go out and do something with their lives in order not to wind up being as pathetic and useless as you are.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The rescue workers won't need to knock down an entire wall of your house to get you out, but they want to make you feel extra fat.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Love means different things to different people, but you'll have a hard time finding someone to whom it means "a profound degree of affection."

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): It turns out that sorting is one of God's least favorite things, as you'll learn this week when you decide to kill them all and let Him sort them out.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You've decided to pull one last big job and then retire, although it is unclear exactly how this will work for a trombone instructor.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You never thought you'd get tired of the endless parade of deep-fried food that is your life, and sure enough, it hasn't happened yet.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You have to stop worrying about what everyone else says, especially nonsense like "You should dress better," "Nice people don't do that," and "Put down the gun and release the hostages."

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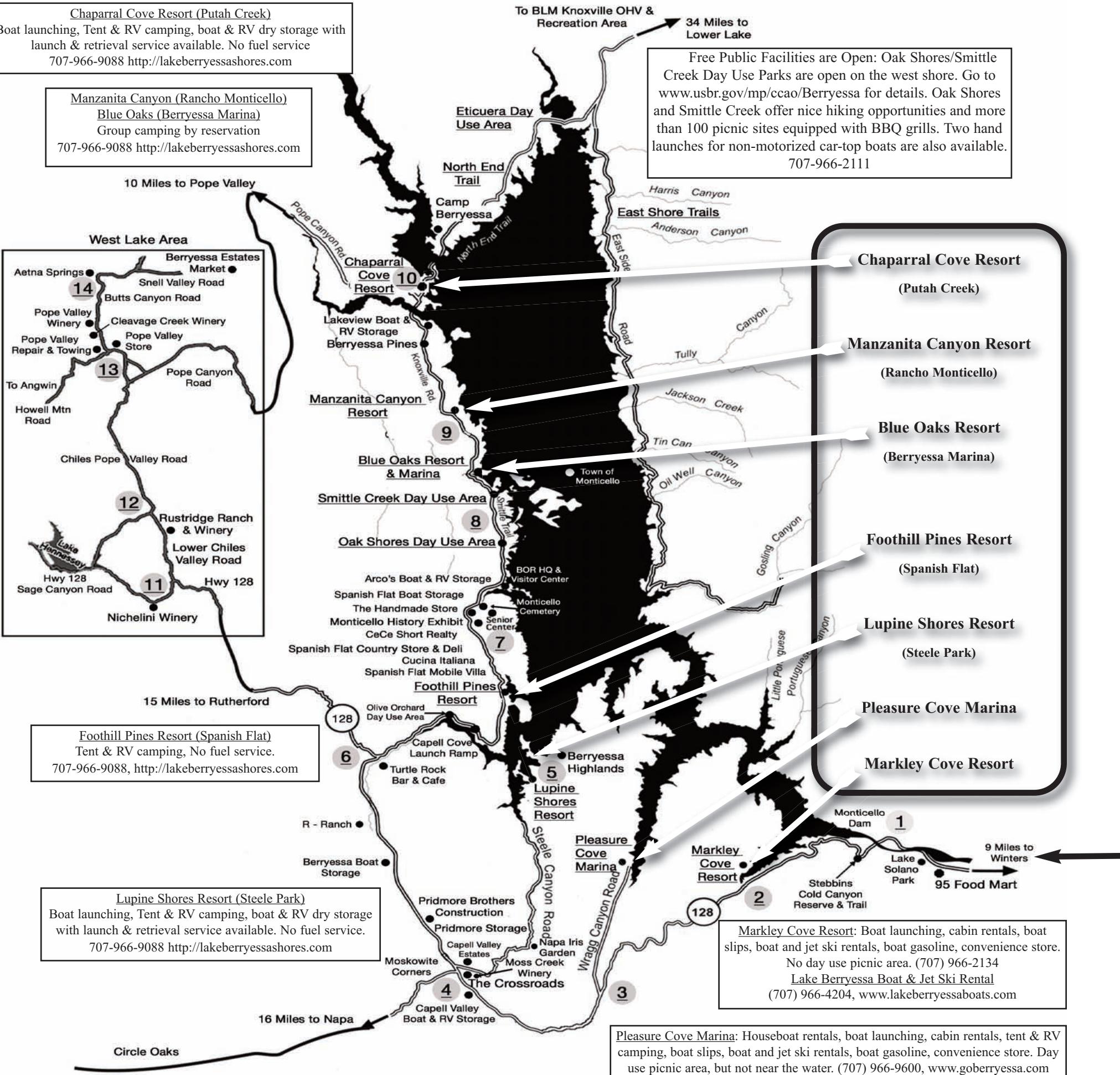
As I walked past the grave stones I heard an eerie sound, someone was playing some classical music backwards!
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Lost property | 7/10/11 - Other
7500 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002390
M - violation of probation |
| - Assault with deadly
weapon - Circle Oaks
11002207
force not firearm | 7/4 - Theft
7500 Block Hwy 128
NSD11002310
F - grand theft | 7/10/11 - Other
2000 Block Hwy 128
NSD11002393
M - license suspend/revoke |
| - Other
Hill Pines Marina
11002208
accident non-injury | 7/4 - Drugs
7500 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002316
F - marijuana for sale | 7/15/11 - Liquor
5100 Block Berryessa
Knoxville Road
NSD11002458
M - Minor possess alchoh. |
| - Other, Haines Cove
11002211
use watercraft while
under influence | | |
| - Other
Block Monticello Rd
11002261
informational report | | |

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Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
Oak Shores/Smittel Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

Irrational Prevention vs. Irrational Reaction

Prina Larsen, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership
Eight weeks since our first experience with Labor Day weekend and we have finally encountered an impatient lake visitor. What sets this man above the rest of visitors known as the unfriendly crowd of people? He pulled up yelling and screaming about having to wait for him to answer a couple questions he was inconvenienced by the mandatory invasive species check. This is designed to prevent Quagga and Zebra Mussels.

cation he used for resisting the inspection wasn't that he had waters, but just the opposite: he only visits Lake Berryessa a make shift "fast track" system for locals would be ideal. es has led to the current boat by boat mussel inspections. cant portion of boaters that come through Capell are return. ere is also a large component of new visitors that do not call r boat's home, all of which agree that waiting in line to ieve their boat can become quite a hassle.

general consensus and this particular man differed in opinion whether waiting in line in order to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels was worth the trouble. In order to adequately medicament one first needs to weigh the costs and benefits of the inspection or not.

of waiting in line are relatively simple; wait and miss some water. The benefits however tend to be a bit more elaborate. Invasive species, Quagga and Zebra Mussels out-compete natives, radically altering the ecosystem in the process. The mussels also attach to the surfaces they attach to. Boats and water delivery infrastructure can be seriously damaged if attacked by these mussels.

the Berryessa provides drinking water to approximately 100,000 people as well as serving as a key component to brewing Bud Light in Northern California, this is a risk that many are willing to take on the extra half hour on the water that may be enjoyed by those who inspect.

you find yourself towards the tail end of what seems like the
one to launch your boat and mussel inspections are the cause.
the introduction of this species would leave you doing in the
you rather be boating on your home lake with ice cold
iced beer or tiptoeing around razor sharp mussel shells on the
ore with no reliable water source, fishing or extra tax dollars?
? Most would be inclined to prefer the first option: a line to
ter but water to use nonetheless.

Starring Fashion

work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an unusual outfit. He knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense."

s up to him and says, 'I didn't know you were into earrings.'

"such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly.

silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "How long have you been wearing one?"

"My wife found it in my car."