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thundering dead ahead:  
can my rattled heart survive unpulverized  
the pandemonium of that tumbling plunge,  
touch bottom then surface to yellow slickers waving  
from the boat's misty deck?

Michael McFee

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### The Consolations of Poetry

At four, William Blake saw God

in an upstairs window,  
and angels in a tree at ten.  
With me it's been the other

way around: glory flashes  
on the pane and I see sunlight;  
wings rustle in the aspens  
and I see just the silver under-

sides of wind-tossed leaves.  
And whereas Blake considered  
death a mere "removing from  
one room to another," I know  
that once

that door slams behind you,  
there's no other room, and no  
you to remove to it. So  
Blake died singing and I  
won't.

But I don't whine about it  
either. As Dr. Johnson said,  
it's foolish to confound  
annihilation, which is nothing,  
with the apprehension

of annihilation, which is  
dreadful. I love the accidental,  
meaningless, and temporary,  
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## September, 2019

### Life After Labor Day: Enjoy Beautiful Lake Berryessa Activities And Cooler Weather No Progress Between Napa And Reclamation, But The Zombie Tax Is Back! Measure Z Reincarnated As Measure K!

#### Keep Enjoying Lake Berryessa!

People familiar with Lake Berryessa know that some of the best weather and uncrowded days at the lake occur after Labor Day weekend. So although this is officially the last weekend of the summer, don't stop planning your trips out to the lake. The weather usually stays nice until early October.

#### Another Summer Ends With No Progress

2009: Ten years ago Reclamation demolishes the resorts and severely damages the local economy and recreational access without any positive outcomes.

2010: Beginning of the failed Pensus experiment.

2012: Reclamation terminates Pensus contract.

2013: Pensus appeals contract termination and loses.

2014: Reclamation prepares new documents for the next Bid Prospectus.

2015: Reclamation releases Concession Bid Prospectus.

2016: Reclamation announces that no successful bids were received. Lake Berryessa News begins campaign to have Napa County take over management of lake resorts.

2017: Napa County agrees to evaluate the potential management of the resorts under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation.

2018-2019: Despite positive studies and the support of Napa County Supervisors, negotiations between Napa County and Reclamation regarding a Managing Partner Agreement continue with no visible results. Reclamation has no real incentive to agree.

#### The Zombie Tax Returns As Special K

The Napa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted to place the proposed 15-year Open Space tax on the ballot as Measure K. If passed by a two-thirds vote, the tax would raise an estimated \$9 million annually, but the money from wouldn't be controlled by the Board of Supervisors. Rather, it would go to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, a body created by voters in 2006 with its own, elected board of directors.

The previous attempt to get a huge amount of money for the RPOSD was Measure Z, the Zombie Tax of 2016, which lost.

The Open Space District claims to have "protected" 5,090 acres and runs such parks as Moore Creek Park and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. It has no funding source of its own, but operates on about \$1 million annually granted by the Board of Supervisors from the county's transient occupancy tax.

Much of the land it has "protected" were simple buyouts of bad private land investments that couldn't be developed anyway. Land around Lake Berryessa that had no chance of being built on was acquired through "donations - with tax benefits" or bought for a "low price". So what? That land could never have been developed under Napa County restrictions.

Now the Open Space District wants to tax us and give them a \$9 million per year slush fund - with no proposed benefit to a long-suffering Lake Berryessa. Their proposed Master Plan is a slick marketing document which will bring tears of joy to those obsessed with "protecting" land at any cost. But the first question we must ask is "protecting" from what?

The Napa County Land Trust, enabled by IRS regulations granting tax breaks to

donors and by Napa County land use restrictions, has already protected almost 74,000 acres in Napa County with conservation easements. The recently enacted Watershed and Tree Protection Ordinance includes provisions to accelerate that by requiring vineyard developers to grant conservation easements.

The Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation land around Lake Berryessa is already "protected" from any development. With nearly a third of the County already dedicated to open space, it would be highly inappropriate to dedicate public funds to acquiring more.

The ordinance itself throws money around the county like a drunken sailor cliché, including grants to the cities for their public parks, in an attempt to sway urban voters. It's "Overview" even includes a scientifically irrelevant and un-measurably small appeal to those concerned with climate change : "By protecting natural carbon sequestration, the Ordinance will help Napa fight climate change."

Then it tries to scare voters with an unverified and unverifiable fear factor: "Without the Ordinance, 20,000 acres of unprotected land and natural areas could be lost to development and gone forever." Gone where? Protected from what? Lost to what "development"? Facts please!

Lake Berryessa is mentioned only once in the ordinance, and the subject is water quality, not revitalization of the area as a key resource for outdoor recreation: "protect water quality in rivers, creeks and lakes, including but not limited to the Napa River and its tributaries, Putah Creek and its tributaries including Lake Berryessa, ..."

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I have proposed that the supervisors take \$200,000 per year from the RPOSD budget to help pay the initial three years of transition costs for the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa resorts. This money would hopefully accelerate the now-stalled Managing Partner Agreement between Napa and Reclamation. After that the resort revenue would cover those ongoing costs.

\$9M per year, \$135M over 15 years, is a ridiculous number of dollars to give to such an uncontrolled group. What could you do with \$9M per year? A lot of good could be accomplished at the most important recreation resource in Napa County - Lake Berryessa.

Read the ordinance for yourself. Download it from the County web site. The Overview is printed below.

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**THE NAPA WATER, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ORDINANCE**

Overview. The goal of this Ordinance is to protect the quality and quantity of local water resources, reduce wildfire risk, preserve 20,000 acres of forests, wildlife habitat, rivers and streams and other important open space lands and resources in Napa County, provide public parks for all, and educate future generations in the care and stewardship of the natural environment.

The Ordinance does this by establishing a dedicated source of funds to implement the Napa Open Space District Master Plan as updated on July 8, 2019. Funds come from a one-quarter percent transaction and use tax (commonly referred to as a sales tax); of the estimated \$9 million annually generated, at least 52 percent is restricted to the acquisition of high priority open space lands, 25 percent is restricted to operating, maintaining and improving

open space lands, including but not limited to managing forests to reduce wildfire risk, operating public parks and sponsoring youth outdoor education, 20 percent will be distributed to the four cities and one town in Napa County to implement their adopted local park and recreation plans, and no more than three percent may be spent on administrative overhead. The Ordinance requires independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits and yearly reports to the public.

The Ordinance makes it possible for the Napa Open Space District and its partners to compete successfully to obtain a fair share of State and Federal matching funds. Tourists are expected to pay more than one-third of the total funds generated.

Without the Ordinance, 20,000 acres of unprotected land and natural areas could be lost to development and gone forever. The Ordinance will help ensure that city parks can continue to be expanded and improved to provide valuable recreational facilities for local residents. By protecting natural carbon sequestration, the Ordinance will help Napa fight climate change. The tax authorized by this Ordinance shall terminate in fifteen years unless renewed by a two-thirds majority of the voters of Napa County.

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**Ten Years Ago in The Lake Berryessa News (September 17, 2009)**

The question on everyone's mind is, "What is the future of Lake Berryessa and when will it happen?"

The answer to that question is solely in the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation whose track record is questionable. The original 2007 Request for Proposals were due on September 5, 2007. In March, 2009 Reclamation declared their own Request for Proposals illegal, and cancelled all negotiations. A new RFP was issued in May, 2009 with bids due September 30,

2009. This will essentially be the second anniversary of the first bid proposals. Will there be a better outcome this time - two years later? (Editor's Note, 2019: The answer was no.)

Pete Lucero said that Reclamation hopes to award the contracts by March of 2010. He said he expects to see more recreational opportunities at the lake by next summer. Lucero said he believes the new lakeshore will be in full blossom in three to seven years. (Editor's Note, 2019: That never happened.)

Uncertainty remains about Steele Park, which alone among the resorts requires a commitment of upwards of \$4 million from the new operator to pay into water and sewer upgrades for the Berryessa Highlands area. "We just can't tell if bidders will be willing to take on that much" of a financial obligation, said Lucero.

The Bankruptcy Court finally awarded Putah Creek Resort to the BOR. They are using stimulus funds to clean up some of the mess there. Apparently the store has been demolished and the old motel is being torn down. Although there is much at the resorts that would have been torn down and rebuilt under any conditions, there is still some senseless demolition of perfectly good facilities to come if the Bureau has its way.

Per Reclamation's instructions to new bidders, "Reclamation will not allow Offerors to use existing facilities even on a temporary basis until new facilities are constructed." In March, 2010 five resorts will be closed and in various states of demolition - and summer will only be two months away!

And what if the previous owners of the other closed resorts, whose value was originally appraised by the BOR itself in the millions of dollars, are forced into bankruptcy because they can't afford to demolish their perfectly good launch ramps and other facilities for which they expected to receive fair market value. If the BOR takes over those too, will they demolish everything with government funds and still require the successful

bidder to rebuild them all? (Editor's Note, 2019: The answer was yes.)  
Of course, our favorite conspiracy theorists still believe that this is actually a government plan to eliminate recreation at the lake. And our favorite local radical exclusionists have already talked about turning the whole north end of the lake into a no alcohol, non-motorized area!

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**Napa County Measure J: Cannabis County Coming**

Editor's Note: After this issue of the Lake Berryessa News went to print the Napa Register published the new story:

**Measure J proponents pulling cannabis initiative from Napa County ballot.**

In a surprise move, Measure J proponents are pulling the commercial cannabis citizens' initiative from the March 3 ballot in what they called "a show of good faith" to the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

Measure J backer Eric Sklar said Wednesday that he thinks the legislative process results in better laws. He expressed optimism the Board of Supervisors will work on a commercial cannabis law for the unincorporated county.

Board Chair Ryan Gregory on Wednesday said the move to withdraw Measure J surprised him.

Measure J would have, among other things, allowed up to one acre of commercial cannabis grows on each agricultural property 10 acres or greater. It included setbacks and taxes for commercial cannabis activities. Proponents gathered enough signatures to qualify the citizens' initiative.

The ballot measure generated controversy in some quarters, with skeptics saying cannabis grows have a skunk-like odor at times, can be incompatible with pesticide uses on nearby vineyards and raise other issues. The Napa County Farm Bureau was ready to try to defeat Measure J.

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**Stress Rehearsal**  
By Marcus Cox

Before my part time business became my full time business I used to commute 136 miles a day in horrendous San Francisco Bay traffic – my mind would anxiously rehearse the day's schedule, meetings and deadlines, and of course upcoming bills etc.

I commuted from Napa to San Leandro and by the time I left the house at 4:45 am my stress rehearsal of all the things I had to do and what "might happen" was already in high gear – the big rush of cortisol and adrenalin that are effects of being plugged into the F.U.D. (fear, uncertainty and doubt) factory and then add a splash of traffic jam, morning news (horrors) and totally forget how wonderful life is!

I finally had a heart attack (on 680 but managed to make the off ramp) and I knew I had to make a drastic change.

Long story short I started taking my part time biz seriously and was able to fire my Boss in 2008 and never look back. Since then my wife and I get to hang out on Lake Berryessa on our boat (never on weekends), go skiing in Tahoe midweek, or go to SF or the Coast during the week too –we never have to beg for extra vacation too. We have been on 4 exotic Cruises now – even though we never thought that possible.

How about you? Do you love where you live but don't have the time to enjoy it? Could you use some extra income? If you would like to learn how we build a Global biz on Facebook, from a Mountainside or on the Lake, send me a friend request on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/marcus.cox.923> - listen to some other testimonials so you can be the judge.

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Accept what is in front of you without  
Wanting it to be other than it is.  
Study the natural order of things and work  
With it rather than against it, for to try  
To change what is only sets up resistance...  
Lao Tzu from the Tao TeChing  
It's fine to propose speculative ideas, but if they can't  
be tested, they're not science.  
Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.  
Wolfgang Pauli's withering dismissal: They don't  
even rise to the level of being wrong!  
Alive: temporarily metabolically enabled  
Dead: metabolically disabled  
Definition of explosion (US Army): Rapid  
mechanical disassembly

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6 All you need to know about plastic bag recycling

Napa’s banned the bag.

And now California has banned plastic bags statewide!

Plastic bags and other plastic film packaging should not be placed in your curbside recycling cart – they tangle with our Bring Your Own Bag bannerequipment and create costly and dangerous work stoppages. Please use reusable bags when you shop. Other plastic bags (like produce bags) can be reused. Some stores offer plastic film and bag recycling – find local drop off locations and more info at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org). Otherwise, any non-reusable plastic bags/plastic film should be disposed of in the gray landfill cart.

When Napa’s ban took effect, we immediately saw a 50% decrease in plastic bag contamination in our recycling stream. In addition, Napa stores are reporting that 60-90% of shoppers are now using reusable bags (up from less than 10% before the bag ban)...It’s easy and it’s working!

If you know your recycling, you probably already know that most communities don’t accept plastic bags in their curbside bins. And if you recycle like a pro, you may know that plastic bag recycling is a thing you can do at most local grocery stores, or superstores like Target or Walmart.

But here’s where it gets confusing. Does that mean just the bags from that store? Or can you recycle more? Most drop-off bag collections accept polyethylene film. This includes high-density polyethylene (HDPE or #2 plastic) and low-density polyethylene (#4 plastic or LDPE). It’s great if your bags have markings on them, but since most do not, it’s good to know some general guidelines.

Some plastics that can go into the bin are:

- plastic shopping bags (from any store — remove receipts, etc.)
- food packaging (Ziploc-type bags)
- bread bags
- plastic liners from cereal boxes (do not include if they tear like paper)
- produce bags
- dry cleaning bags (remove staples, receipts, hangars)
- plastic newspaper wrapping
- product wrapping (such as covers a case of water bottles, etc.)
- bubble wrap and air pillows (popped)
- plastic shipping envelopes (remove labeling)

ALL materials should be clean and dry. Not just a quick rinse — if your bags are not completely clean of food residue, they will contaminate the entire batch.

Other plastics need to go into the trash:

- frozen food bags
- cereal box liners that tear like paper
- biodegradable bags
- pre-washed salad bags
- candy bar wrappers
- chip bags
- six-pack rings

Why can’t I put bags in my bin?

Although a small handful of communities accept plastic in curbside bins, the vast majority do not. That’s because most facilities don’t have the personnel and equipment they would need to process them.

Rigid plastics, like gallon milk containers, are easily processed by machine. They are carried by conveyor belts and machine sorted. But throwing plastic bags into the mix wreaks havoc on these machines. The bags bend easily and get snagged in belts. They jam machinery and need to be cleared by hand. The extra labor required to handle these problems and higher amount of equipment downtime makes your recycling program less profitable. That means that your government has less to spend on other programs.

frag-ile:/ˈfraɪjəl,ˈfraːjəl/ - easily broken or damaged

“Fragile environment” has become a welded phrase like “aging hippie”. Too many people approach the environment from an anthropocentric view without realizing it. The concept of “saving the earth” is meaningless. It is humans that we are trying to save, not the “earth”. We care because we may die.

Mental Workout

Need to lose some flab? Sit your big butt down with a math book—and feel the burn. The human brain is a 24-hour workhorse. While you’re thinking, millions of neurons fire messages back and forth to each other and to the various tissues in the body. These neurons need fuel, consuming a full 75 percent of the blood sugar from the liver and 20 percent of the body’s total used oxygen.

Here’s how your neurons feed: Astrocytes—the cells near the capillary walls in your brain—suck energy-rich glucose from the bloodstream and convert it into a form that the neurons can soak up. The neurons then use it to fuel the production of neurotransmitters and, eventually, conscious thought. “The more energy an area of the brain wants, the more glucose that part of the brain will break down,” explains neurologist Harry Chugani of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan. “So yes, if you’re thinking really hard and really struggling with your thoughts, the neurons in the frontal lobes of your brain will be burning a lot more glucose.”

Simply to survive, your brain requires a tenth of a calorie per minute. Compare this with a walk to the doughnut shop, when your body burns approximately four calories a minute. Kickboxing zaps 10 calories a minute. And when you’re hunched over a crossword puzzle? Your brain is blasting through a respectable 1.5 calories a minute. Pass the Cheetos.



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Veil of Ignorance: A Philosophical Application of the "Golden Rule"

All people are biased by their situations, so how can people agree on a “social contract” to govern how the world should work.

Philosopher John Rawls suggests that we should imagine we sit behind a veil of ignorance that keeps us from knowing who we are and identifying with our personal circumstances. By being ignorant of our circumstances, we can more objectively consider how societies should operate.

Two primary principles supplement Rawls’ veil of ignorance: the liberty principle and the difference principle.

According to the liberty principle, the social contract should try to ensure that everyone enjoys the maximum liberty possible without intruding upon the freedom of others.

According to the difference principle, the social contract should guarantee that everyone an equal opportunity to prosper. In other words, if there are any social or economic differences in the social contract, they should help those who are the worst off. And, any advantages in the contract should be available to everyone.

So, according to Rawls, approaching tough issues through a veil of ignorance and applying these principles can help us decide more fairly how the rules of society should be structured. And fairness, as Rawls and many others believe, is the essence of justice.

The original position is a central feature of John Rawls’s social contract account of justice, “justice as fairness,” set forth in A Theory of Justice (TJ). The original position is designed to be a fair and impartial point of view that is to be adopted in our reasoning about fundamental principles of justice.

In taking up this point of view, we are to imagine ourselves in the position of free and equal persons who jointly agree upon and commit themselves to principles of social and political justice. The main distinguishing feature of the original position is “the veil of ignorance”: to insure impartiality of judgment, the parties are deprived of all knowledge of their personal characteristics and social and historical circumstances.

They do know of certain fundamental interests they all have, plus general facts about psychology, economics, biology, and other social and natural sciences. The parties in the original position are presented with a list of the main conceptions of justice drawn from the tradition of social and political philosophy, and are assigned the task of choosing from among these alternatives the conception of justice that best advances their interests in establishing conditions that enable them to effectively pursue their final ends and fundamental interests.

Rawls contends that the most rational choice for the parties in the original position are two principles of justice: The first guarantees the equal basic rights and liberties needed to secure the fundamental interests of free and equal citizens and to pursue a wide range of conceptions of the good. The second principle provides fair equality of educational and employment opportunities enabling all to fairly compete for powers and positions of office; and it secures for all a guaranteed minimum of the all-purpose means (including income and wealth) that individuals need to pursue their interests and to maintain their self-respect as free and equal persons.

September 2019 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You have no idea why you’ve been experiencing laughter, tears, a sudden desire for fried chicken, or an impulse to call the law offices of Marvin Falbaum, but it’s probably the TV.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Sometimes we find amazing things in places we least expect them, whether it’s true love, peace of mind, or, in your case, a pack of furious marauding cannibals.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it’s not like their jobs are any better.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: You’ll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): They may tell you you’re deluded and that you’ve lost your mind, but you know good and well that those jabbering, naysaying radiators in your apartment don’t know what they’re talking about.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A good friend will be a pillar of strength and selflessly support you in a harrowing crisis. Show your appreciation by sending them a note that says “Thanks for your support.”

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Romance will once again pass you by when the love of your life decides to go with a person who makes better mixtapes.

Libra (9/23-10/22): When you were a child, you spoke as a child, you understood as a child, and you thought as a child; so no real changes, then.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Love may mean different things to different people, but it’s surprising how many definitions include investment in real estate.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Readers across the nation will finally be exposed to your literary genius and scintillating wordplay now that the Department of Transportation approved your custom license plate.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You will make medical history this week as the first person to recover from smallpox only to die from a never-before-seen strain of enormouspox.

California Native Plant

Society Sale: October 5 and 6, 2019.

Drought-tolerant plants to enhance your water-wise garden.  
Skyline Park 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We need to continue to plant drought tolerant native plants that will save water over the years to come and restore habitat lost in the fires for our native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects and small mammals.

More than 1,000 hard-to-find native plants, more than 125 species, for shade or sun will be available for sale at Napa’s Skyline Park and ready for planting in your garden, be it large or small, and even in pots on your deck. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions and to help with plant selection. The rich diversity of California’s native ground covers, grasses, shrubs, and vines will satisfy every gardener’s needs.

The adjacent Martha Walker California Native Habitat Garden, maintained by the Napa Chapter, will be open for you to see the native plants in a landscape setting. All proceeds from the sale benefit the maintenance, improvement, and educational programs of the Garden and the Napa Chapter.

Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa. For more information, visit our website [www.napavalleycnps.org](http://www.napavalleycnps.org). Admission to Park is free during the sale and show.

Napa Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing information on native plants. Our chapter is fortunate to have the Martha Walker Native Habitat Garden in Skyline Park as an educational and public recreational asset. We offer gardening and habitat opportunities for chapter members and the public. Our mission is to promote the natural beauty of California's native plants through education, science, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.



4 **Bocce is Big in St. Helena - And Lake Berryessa Is Represented!**  
The City of St. Helena is rightly famous for its LARGE bocce league. The St. Helena Bocce season is 17 weeks played in the spring and summer. Bocce is played 6 nights a week including Friday mornings during the Farmers Market. There are 17 registered bocce teams per night - more than 100 teams!



The Berryessa Headhunters carry the flag for Lake Berryessa. The 2019 summer league season is coming to an end with the Berryessa Headhunters in second place. The now move on to the finals where the top three teams fight it out in sudden death matches. They hope to do well.



The sport is played with one small ball (Pallino) and eight larger balls [Bocce (singular), Bocci (plural)]—four for each team. The Pallino is thrown first and becomes the target. Then each Bocce is thrown with the goal of placing it as close to the Pallino as possible.

The Berryessa Headhunters are:

Aric Ahlstrom (Captain)  
Craig Ahlstrom  
Margaret Ahlstrom  
Geoffrey Lake  
Carl Peterson  
Oscar Salas

Peggy and Craig Ahlstrom are shown here in the Lake Berryessa Headhunters team shirts.

“Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people. To destroy this invisible government, to befoul the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of the day.”

Theodore Roosevelt, 1906

“Fact and fiction carry the same intrinsic weight in the marketplace of ideas. Unfortunately, reality has no advertising budget.” From Freedom by Daniel Suarez

Ten very loud wrongs never equal one very true right.

Hopelessness is not a very interesting way to live.

4 **False Equivalence & False Balance At Lake Berryessa**  
Those arguing for the continued closure of Big Island Lagoon locally, and those denying climate change globally suffer from two common logical fallacies: False Equivalence and False Balance.

**False Equivalence** is an argument or claim in which two completely opposing arguments appear to be logically equivalent when in fact they are not. The confusion is often due to one shared characteristic between two or more items of comparison in the argument that is way off in the order of magnitude, oversimplified, or just that important additional factors have been ignored. In this case the false equivalence argument proposes that the needs of a dozen kayakers is equivalent to the needs of tens of thousands of family boaters.

**False Balance**, also bothsidesism, is a bias in which analysts present an issue as being more balanced between opposing viewpoints than the evidence supports. Journalists may present evidence and arguments out of proportion to the actual evidence for each side, or may omit information that would establish one side's claims as baseless. In this case the argument proposes that “sharing” means that each group gets half of something even though one group is made up of a dozen kayakers while the other affected group consists of thousands of family boaters.

**Coastal Cleanup at Lake Berryessa**  
Sept. 21, 2019 from 9am - 12pm

Be part of the movement, "Keep Solano Clean & Green!"  
Save these Dates:  
EARTH DAY - April 18, 2020  
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - June 5, 2020

**Volunteers must pre-register at [cleanupsolano.org](http://cleanupsolano.org)**  
FREE LUNCH FOR ALL WHO REGISTER  
For more information, contact Marianne Butler at 567.674.5611 or [Marianne.Butler@Solanopcd.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@Solanopcd.org)

**Protect Solano County Drinking Water!**  
**THREE CLEANUP LOCATIONS**  
Pope Creek Bridge, Steele Canyon and Markley Cove.  
Dive teams, kayak teams, and ground crews needed.

"PALISADES PARK, SANTA MONICA" © TOM KILLION 1997

Help reduce the environmental footprint of Coastal Cleanup Day.  
Bring a bucket or reusable bag, a pair of gardening gloves and a reusable water bottle.  
Cleanup supplies will be available for those who are unable to bring their own.

**Cute Country Cottage With Backyard Oasis!**  
<http://lakeberryessahome.com/>

1,020 Sq. Ft.  
.19 Acres  
3 Bedrms, 2 Baths  
All Electric  
Cozy Living Room w/ Wood Stove  
Country Kitchen w/ Custom Wood Counters & Tile  
Close to Spanish Flat Village  
**\$340,000**

**139 Berryessa Drive**  
Located at beautiful Lake Berryessa in the Berryessa Pines. Walk down to the lake shore. Backyard garden paradise. Five minutes to launch at Putah Creek RA.

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3 Bedrms, 2 Baths  
Living Room w/ Wood Floors  
Central Heat & Air  
Kitchen w/ Tile Counters  
Stainless Steel Appliances  
Eating Nook  
Attached Two Car Garage  
Boat/RV Parking  
**\$399,000**

**1025 Arroyo Linda Court**  
If You Love The Outdoors...  
...this property is ideal. Located on a cul-de-sac only minutes from the lake for boating and fishing. Great views out all windows. Side deck for relaxing. Nicely landscaped front yard.

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Happy Labor Day!  
May you have a wonderful, relaxing day! unless you're a parent of small children, Then you can't relax for a really long time and this holiday is useless. Sorry about that.

**Live At Lake Berryessa!**  
[www.HeadlandsDrive.com](http://www.HeadlandsDrive.com)

3,031 Sq. Ft.  
Spacious floor plan  
4 Bedrms, 3 Baths  
Huge Master Suite with Fireplace  
Family Room w/ Wet Bar  
2 Car Garage & Loft (20' Ceiling)  
Paved Boat & RV Parking  
Lots of Storage  
**\$567,000**

**1085 Headlands Drive**  
Quality Built Spanish Style Custom Home  
Only minutes to the beautiful blue waters of Lake Berryessa.  
Spacious floor plan with formal living room & dining room.  
Kitchen with granite counters and Mexican paver tiles.

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**Single Story Lake View at Lake Berryessa!**  
[www.SteeleCanyonRoad.com](http://www.SteeleCanyonRoad.com)

1,632 Sq. Ft.  
3 Bedrms, 2 Baths  
Great Deck  
Large Fenced Yard  
Filtered Lake Views  
2 Car Garage  
Boat & RV Parking  
Lots of Extra Room  
**\$429,000**

**1325 Steele Canyon Road**  
Single story 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features an open floor plan with an enclosed sunroom on a corner lot.

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**The Greater Lake Berryessa Region**

10 Miles to Pope Valley  
15 Miles to Rutherford  
16 Miles to Napa  
34 Miles to Lower Lake  
9 Miles to Winters

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

**Putah Canyon Recreation Area**  
Boat launching, day use, RV & tent camping  
707-966-9051  
[www.royalelklpmanagement.com/Lake\\_Berryessa.html](http://www.royalelklpmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html)

**Monticello Shores Recreation Area**  
Closed

**Berryessa Point Recreation Area**  
Closed

**Spanish Flat Recreation Area**  
Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.  
707-966-0200  
[www.spanishflatcamping.com](http://www.spanishflatcamping.com)

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

**Pleasure Cove Marina**  
Boat launching, day use, camping, boat rentals, house boating, lodging, full-service marina, wet slips, fuel.  
707-966-9600  
[www.goberryessa.com](http://www.goberryessa.com)

**Markley Cove Resort**  
Boat launching, lodging, full-service marina, boat rentals, wet slips, fuel.  
707-966-2134, 707-966-9010  
[www.markleycoveresort.com](http://www.markleycoveresort.com)

**Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances**

Distance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1=>2	3.0 miles													
2=>3	5.3 miles	9=>10	2.8 miles											
3=>4	3.0 miles	10=>13	10.2 miles											
4=>5	5.0 miles	6=>11	3.0 miles											
5=>6	4.7 miles	11=>12	3.2 miles											
6=>7	5.0 miles	12=>13	8.5 miles											
7=>8	2.4 miles	13=>14	3.7 miles											
8=>9	2.4 miles													

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

Circle Oaks

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