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Life After Labor Day - Fall Fun and Winter Sun!

Summer is winding down with the last big holiday of the season. Most people will be out on their boats. There will be the big Rib Cook-off and Golf Cart Parade on Sunday, Sept. 4 at Rancho Monticello with the Berryessa Lion's Club hosting the bar. The party will be in full swing at the Pope Creek Bridge where people should have one last good time - but remember good behavior and that parking rules will be strictly enforced.



Goat Island by Robert Thayer

But although the good times of summer at the lake will now be memories, there is "Life After Labor Day" at Lake Berryessa. Look through this issue to see some future events like the Triathlon and Scuba Diving Cleanup coming in the Fall.

Many of you already know that Fall, Winter, And Spring are some of the nicest, most beautiful times to be up here at the Lake. And there's a lot to do - with our local wineries, beautiful roads for bicycles and auto touring, great restaurants, a large shorefront public picnic area, quiet coves for kayakers with fewer motor boats, miles of hiking trails without the 100 degree heat, and uncrowded resorts with fine facilities.

You can see our history at the Visitors Center along with a few native animals. Visit some local "Other Napa Valley" wineries as good as anything "over the hill": Eagle and Rose, Pope Valley, Catacula Lake, Rustridge Ranch, Nichelini, Moss Creek and more. Try bird-watching to see our osprey and bald eagles catch "the one that got away" from the angler in the boat. Bass and other kinds of fishing continue through the winter, contact our local fishing guides

The Lake Berryessa region, as many auto, bicycle, and biker clubs know, has very scenic, winding roads that are fun to run. With so much to see and enjoy, nothing is really too far away. That's why local folks are surprised to hear that there are some second-generation Napa County residents who have never seen Lake Berryessa!

There are many day trips that you can plan. Check out the map and Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Directory on Page 5 for ideas. One example among many of beautiful day trip drives through the "Other Napa Valleys" starts at the Silverado Trail and Deer Park Road near St. Helena (make sure you have a full tank of gas):

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News of the Lake.

From there come over the hill through Angwin to historic Pope Valley (but then almost everything in the Other Napa Valleys is historic). Turn left and its only a few miles to the Aetna Springs Golf Course. You'll notice the thousands of hubcaps covering fences on the right. This is Litto's Hubcap Ranch, California Landmark 939. After some golf, head back the way you came but stop first at the Pope Valley Winery for a taste. After that you can hit the Pope Valley Store for a snack. Don't worry about car trouble since you'll be right across the road from Pope Valley Repair and Towing. The Pope Valley Farm Center, which the community is restoring, is also right next door.

You now have a choice of routes. Pope Canyon Road takes you directly to the north end of the lake. Continuing on Pope Valley Road south takes you to the beautiful new Catacula Lake Winery - roomy and cool inside with a nice patio. Just a bit farther up Pope Valley Road you can turn left onto Lower Chiles Valley Road and in less than 3 miles you come to Rustridge Ranch B&B/Winery. Afer a bit of tasting you can make a future reservation to spend time with a thoroughbred race horse and enjoy a scenic weekend getaway including breakfast.

When you leave Rustridge continue down the road until you turn left onto Hwy 128. A few miles farther brings you to Turtle Rock at Knoxville Road. You can stop there for a drink and a "World Famous Eggroll" before driving down Knoxville Road to the Lake. If you don't stop at Spanish Flat Resort for some fishing, you'll soon come to the Spanish Flat Village Center where your dinner choice is fine Italian food at Cucina Italiana or great burgers and steaks at Boone's Saloon. Of course, Brenda's Country Store is there too for your deli or other snack needs.

If you wish to go back to St. Helena, just drive up the west side of the lake past the Bureau of Reclamation Visitor Center, Oak Shores Picnic Area, Smittle Creek Day Use Area, Berryessa Marina Resort, and Rancho Monticello Resort to Pope Canyon Road. Left on Pope Canyon Road takes you along scenic Pope Canyon back to Pope Valley and home. Or one more mile up Knoxville brings you to Putah Creek Resort which has a restaurant with a great view - and the only gas you can get for your car anywhere around the lake.

So don't forget about Lake Berryessa after Labor Day! The Lake Berryessa News will keep you up to date with news and future events. You really should subscribe ;>)

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From the Editor

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Now that the summer season is approaching a close, but Life After Labor Day is just beginning, we'd like to thank our advertisers and distributors for their support. I do a 120 mile paper route every two weeks to drop off the Lake Berryessa News and have met lots of interesting and friendly people. My route starts at Manka's Corner on to Tower Mart at Suisun Valley and Rockville Roads near Fairfield to the Last Gun Shop and Sweeney's in Napa with a stop at the County Building and the riverfront.

After a Starbuck's coffee, it's on to Mrs. McDonalds before heading to Ranch Market Too! in Yountville. St. Helena's next, after the Oakville Store, with dropoffs at Steve's Hardware, Model Bakery, and the coffee shop around the corner. Silverado Hardware and the Calistoga Depot are my northern-most stops as I wind back down the Silverado Trail and on up to the College Market in Angwin. After delivering to the Pope Valley Store I usually catch up on news with Jeff Parady or Brad Kirkpatrick in front of Pope Valley Repair and Towing before heading out to Aetna Springs Golf Course where I turn around and head home. Shirl delivers to all the resorts and lake businesses as well as in Dixon and Winters. She's got a long route too. And we do it all for you! At least we don't have to use bicycles the way we did in the "olden days".

Below are some places to pick up the Lake Berryessa News



I love the
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News!

Gary at Steve's Hardware in St. Helena

Lilia: Tower Mart 99 at Suisun Valley and Rockville Rds.

The Vintage Cafe at Manka's Corner

Is this your lake, or mine?

By Douglas Fischer

Excerpted with permission from the Oakland Tribune

Advancing fast is the federal government, owner of both land and reservoir, with plans to open the lake in eastern Napa County to a broader slice of the public. A blueprint mapping that effort is due this fall from the Bureau of Reclamation, and the agency already has taken small steps toward change.

In the trenches are owners of the trailers and mobile homes. They lease the shore-front land beneath their vacation getaways from the bureau under a month-to-month deal that's gone on for 50 years. The bureau would prefer to open that land to a more short-term and public use. The trailer owners and nearby businesses say about 1,200 vacation homes are about to be destroyed for no good reason.

The fight has been brewing for years. The first figurative shots came this summer, when the bureau handed management of one of Berryessa's seven resorts to a new operator with the requirement that trailers come off the property by mid-December.

A comparison with the opening cannonade at Fort Sumter in 1861 might not be too strong.

"One down; six to go, no time to lose to make sure the (agency's) destruction plan does not include us," said an e-mail alert to trailer supporters. "WE MUST WIN THE WAR."

On its face, Berryessa's question is simple: how to best use public land. It gets complicated as the government attempts to balance the desires of those who have used the lake for decades against those who insist the lake must be opened to more people.

The bureau created Berryessa 48 years ago by damming Putah Creek and flooding the rugged hollows of Napa County, 30 miles due north of Vallejo. Today, the 21,000-acre reservoir, a two-hour drive from the Bay Area, sports a 165-mile coastline chock-a-block with secluded coves. The lake is considered a top-flight spot for anglers, water-skiers and motor boaters.

But it also has a reputation as a "private" lake, given the trailers and the gated resorts that all but control access to the water. That's what the bureau wants to change.

The theory is that by opening the lake to as broad a range as possible, more people get to enjoy a public facility — particularly when that facility has precious few flat spots near the shore to pitch a tent or put a trailer or launch a boat.

Seven concessionaires manage each of the seven resorts. They lease land to mobile-home and trailer owners who, for \$300 and up a month, get what amounts to a private vacation home on the lake. Day users pay \$10 to \$15 to launch a boat or camp or picnic on the shore.

The bureau manages 348 reservoirs throughout the West. Of those, 347 have a policy of free access and short-term use. The exception is Berryessa.

"There's a perception (the lake) is generally not open to the public," said Mike Finnegan, the bureau's area manager for Central California, which includes Berryessa. "The question is ... whether or not people will move to the lake, whether there's a market for the lake. Our guess is 'definitely yes.'"

The bureau is considering four options. One is "do nothing" — a non-starter in the bureau's view, given that concessionaire leases start expiring in 2008 with no option under the law for renewal.

The second option calls for the removal of most, if not all, trailer sites — 1,200 in all. Existing resort areas would be redeveloped as RV parks, campgrounds, picnic areas, all potentially under management of a single company, much the way concessionaire giant Delaware North Cos. manages all lodging in Yosemite National Park.

Trailer owners would remove mobile homes at their expense. And the lake would be zoned to facilitate different uses, with portions closed to motor boats in favor of kayaks or canoes. Still, 90 percent of the lake would remain open to motorboats.

A third option offers concessions to the pro-trailer faction, keeping some

mobile-home sites but retaining an overall emphasis on short-term use. The final option leans more toward environmentalists' demands, further restricting development and boating activities.

Trailer owners say none of those options work. The leases provide year-round stability and an economic base to the region that will disappear once they're gone.

"I don't think any concessionaire would tell you they could make this work without the mobile homes," said Peter Kilkus, editor of the Lake Berryessa News, executive director of the recently revived Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and a mobile-home owner.

"You'll never get the thousands and thousands of kayakers out here to replace the thousands and thousands of boaters." But the future — at least one view — arrived this summer on the lake's south shore, where a finger of the lake stretches deep into what was once Wragg's Canyon.

Earlier this year the Bureau, citing contract violations, stripped the Pleasure Cove Resort concession from operator Steve Petty and opened it for bidding. Arizona-based Forever Resorts Corp. got the contract and arrived with a business model unlike anything the lake has seen. Forever Resorts say they inherited a shuttered bar, a run-down campground and 79 mobile home sites.

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Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

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It intends to remake the place as an RV park, with full hookups, cabins for rent, a refurbished lodge and bar. It wants to rent houseboats by the week or weekend, at \$2,800 a pop. Open the area to day users. Create an extended season.

It has no choice. The contract Forever Resorts signed with the bureau requires that the 79 mobile homes and trailers now in Pleasure Cove must be gone by year end.

"It's not us who are trying to get rid of these people," said Pleasure Cove Marina manager Terry Sparkman. "It's

the Bureau of Reclamation trying to turn public land back to public use without private property on it."

To those who say such a plan won't pencil out, Forever Resorts points to any number of properties the company manages on reservoirs throughout the West at Don Pedro, Trinity Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mojave. All are businesses run based on day- and weekend-visitors. None has long-term trailers.

"The model works," said spokeswoman Darla Cook. "We definitely see potential here. This is a beautiful lake."

Not that the company backs everything the bureau is mulling. One proposal being pushed by the Sierra Club would

impose a 5 mph, no-wake zone the length of the finger sheltering Pleasure Cove. That would kill the marina, Sparkman said. "It'd take three hours to get up the narrows to the lake".

But Kilkus, the newspaper editor whose son learned how to become a championship jet-skier on Berryessa's waters, doesn't understand why the bureau remains so dead-set against trailers. "Most arguments are set up to lead to a conclusion that you must get rid of mobile homes," he said earlier this month. "Our goal always has been to be inclusive of all forms of recreation. And mobile homes are a valid use of public land."

And while Forever Resorts says it can be profitable with a day-use crowd, others with more history at the lake say the slow mid-week and the dramatic drop in visitor numbers once summer ends would make income from the leases invaluable.

"Without those people, we'd be dead," said Yevo Jeworowski, proprietor of Boone's Saloon. "It's not the people who come up here for one weekend, it's the people who come up here every weekend. It's their 'hood.'"

The lake's problems result largely from mismanagement by government overseers, opponents say. Concessionaires can't get loans to pay for upgrades with three years left on their lease. The bureau has never really policed the place.

Replace the trailers with rental cabins, Kilkus said, and you eliminate a class of people "who are very family-oriented and very stewardship-oriented, including seniors & grandparents."

Hogwash, say those pushing for more access. "The transition will actually begin, in many ways, as soon as the decision comes down," said Carol Kunze, executive director of Berryessa Trails and Conservation. "There are lots of places on private land, which is where these people should be, that would give them a place if they wanted to remain a part of the Lake Berryessa community."

Indication of where the bureau is leaning should be out in mid-September. Its final decision won't be known until late October at the earliest. Finnegan, the agency manager responsible for Berryessa, is hopeful all sides will see this as a "balanced decision."

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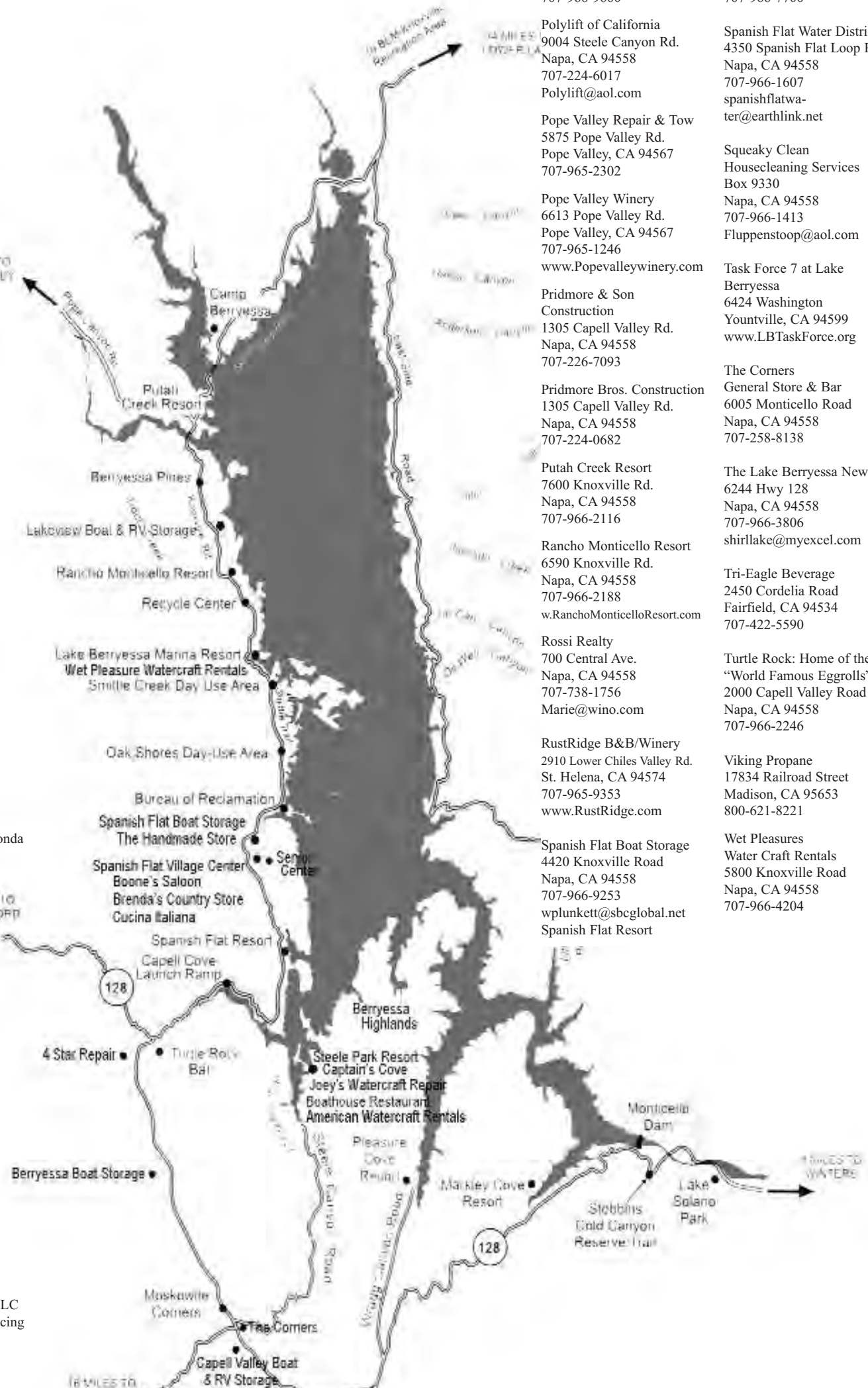
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Fishing with Dino

August 29, 2005

Trout & Salmon came in this week from the 60 to 70 foot depths. Needlefish and Apex Lures are working well. Skiers Cove shoreline was the area anglers were landing their trout. The Bass catch was better this week. Anglers were throwing plastics in 20 feet of water and getting some nice small mouth. Coves with a lot of shade and brush is the trick.

Some Crappie have shown up. Anglers are using jigs or minnows off the bottom. Dock areas or heavy brush areas are the best. Catfishing at the lake is great right now. Using dip baits or hot dogs off most any bank should land some nice cats. Get the baits to the bottom. The water temp is holding at the 81 degree mark 7 ft. from the surface.

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Saturday night we went out and fished under the full moon till midnight, the bite was not great but we had a little action. I have been giving some fishing pointers to a family docked near my boat and they had a great day fishing on Saturday. The kids ages range from four to ten. Here is what they caught: J.R. - Carp, Bass, Crappie; Trentino - Crappie; Jenny - Crappie, Sqaw Fish and last but not least the youngest Bianca - Carp, Crappie. Great job to the Vitale Family.

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NAPA VALLEY VINTAGE HALF-IRON TRIATHLON - Inaugural
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Lake Berryessa History - the Good and the Bad

Evan Kilkus looked out his window at Steele Park Wednesday morning and saw a tree flying by above the lake. Since we don't have hurricanes here he was puzzled. Turns out that a movie crew was about to start filming scenes for a new movie about the Zodiac Killer on a small spit of land across from Oak Shores. On Sept. 27, 1969, two Pacific Union College students, Cecilia Shepard, 22, and her companion, Brian Hartnell, 20, were brutally stabbed. Shepard died two days later. Hartnell lived, making him the only survivor of the infamous killer whose murder spree spanned from the mid-60s through at least the early 1970s.

Unfortunately for the film producers, the last tree on the so-called Zodiac Island fell down last year so they had to fly in three large oak trees to set the scene. The trees had no roots and were placed into holes dug by Pridmore Bros. Construction. One tree was split in half by the rotor downwash of the helicopter so another had to be flown in on Thursday. Gil Pridmore (future movie star?) was seen out there hosing down the area after a large crane placed the trees (soon to be firewood) in their temporary home.

Although no one is setting up booths to commemorate this tragic episode by selling "Zodiac-burgers" to tourists, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce hopes that the publicity will at least make more people aware of the beauty of the area and the recreational opportunities available here year-around.

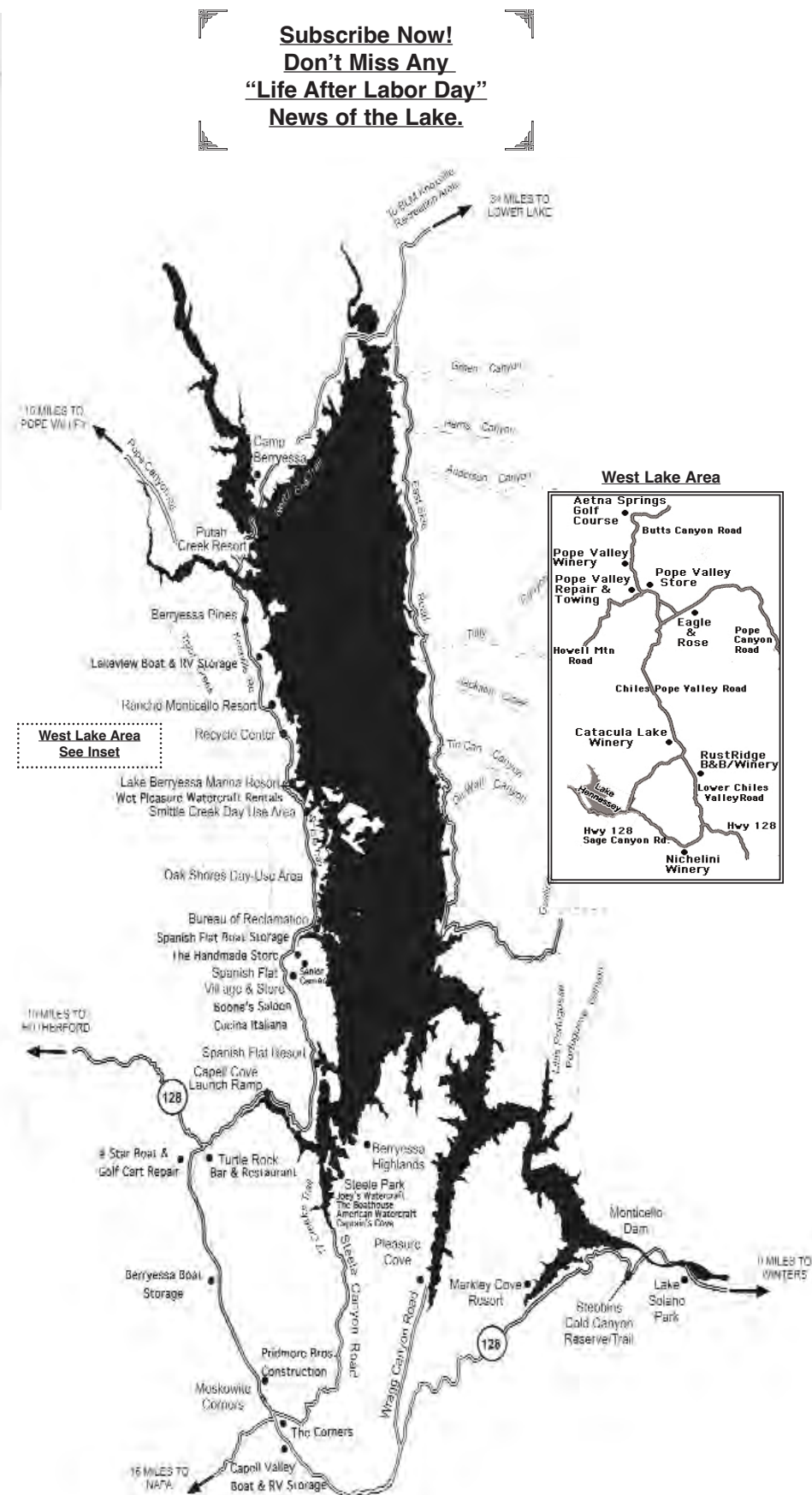


Pages 4 & 5 of this issue highlight some past history around the lake. Page 5 reproduces two old maps from 1957 and 1963 show how quickly facilities were built to serve the public after the dam was constructed. Page 4 shows a copy of the front page of the Lake Berryessa News from May 6, 1977. It includes the introduction of a very young Sheriff's Deputy Don Stanley as the Resident Deputy for Lake Berryessa! Don, who just recently retired, was known and loved around the lake for those many years.

New history is being made right now. The Bureau of Reclamation announced that the local office has completed the process of modifying the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and evaluating all the public comments that were received. The "package" has been sent to Washington, D.C where it will be reviewed and massaged to produce the final version of the BOR plan for the lake. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be released sometime during the next few months for comments, although a BOR representative stated that these comments will not count. The final Record of Decision (ROD) will be released after that. People experienced with BOR procedures (the process is already 3 years behind) don't expect that to occur before 2006.

Meanwhile, Pleasure Cove Marina mobile homeowners have been given eviction notices. All units must be moved or demolished by Dec. 15, 2005. However, they have banded together under the leadership of the California Watershed Posse to oppose that eviction. They have filed substantial legal documents with the BOR, Napa County, and other agencies alleging that there is no legal basis for the evictions and will likely request a court order to stay the action.

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From the Editor

There's a lot for people to do in the Other Napa Valleys - the Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, Senior Center, Farm Center, water boards, volunteer fire departments, local schools and churches - and we encourage you to become involved. There seems to be a groundswell of interest in improving the community. But one long-term resident cautioned me: "Remember this is the lake. Good intentions are often a substitute for action." Hopefully, many of you are the action-oriented type.

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Seldom have I seen such a cheap shot fired at a group of citizens who's crime appears to be having a long term site at Lake Berryessa. The headline of the story from the Oakland Tribune in your last issue reads "Is this your lake, or mine?". What behavior on the part of any of the 1250 families could possibly lead them to believe we think we own the lake? The answer to their question, however, is a resounding "we, the people - it belongs to us" and the last time I checked, we, the permittees, were included.

Let's make this situation very clear. Lake Berryessa is primarily a boating lake, very large, very under utilized, and very capable of serving every form of recreation - just not all on holiday weekends. Long term sites occupy 3.75% of the shoreline at the lake. That hardly constitutes denying the public access to the lake. There are seven resorts on the lake which are not, nor do they appear to be, gated mobile home parks - contrary to the Tribune story. They are year around full service facilities that provide camping, RV sites, cabins, motels, stores, rental boats, launch ramps, gas docks, snack shops and restaurants.

There is also lake access provided free by the BOR at Oak Shores and Smittle Creek, along with many turnouts (some expanded) adjacent to the roads. In addition a huge area that once housed the Boy Scout Camp could be made available for use and be operated by a current concessionaire on an as-needed basis, subject to BOR approval. There are 58 miles of shoreline available to the Bureau of Reclamation for development, but they can neither fund it nor operate it. But the options are numerous and are fully explored in the Resort Owners Plan, a detailed project proposed to the BOR in April, 2005. It calls for a complete revitalization of six of the resorts at a cost of \$45 million dollars over a seven year period and focuses primarily on expanding short term use.

Four and a half years of this DEIS/VSP process have been wasted. Instead of bringing all the stakeholders; the Bureau of Reclamation, the resort owners, the permittees, the community, local business owners, the environmentalists and the lake users together to work toward the best possible solution, we are fighting it out in the media. The misrepresentations that have been made by the parties involved have done irreparable harm to the resorts and their ability to provide service to their customers.

There should be no more headlines or comments disparaging the mobile home owners. Please remember, unless the rules are changed in 2008/2009, they are still legal residents according to the Bureau of Reclamation and entitled to a measure of respect.

Pat Monaghan

Chair, Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The next Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 P.M. at Boone's Saloon. All members and potential members are welcome.

Items for discussion will be the further development of the Chamber web site, a simple version of which is now up on the Web at www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com. The Chamber Directory and the goals and content of a Chamber Public Information Packet will also be on the agenda.

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Average annual health care costs of an elderly person with income under \$10,000 per year: \$14,692

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Average amount each American spends on health care each year: \$4,887

Average amount each Canadian spends on health care each year: \$2,702

Percent of National Guard and reservists who could not be deployed last year because they had serious dental problems: 20%

Percent of National Guard members without dental insurance: 40%

U.S. estimated sales of Botox (to eliminate wrinkles), 2003: \$540 Mil.

U.S. spending on all cosmetic procedures, 2002: \$7.7 Billion

U.S. sales of pet food and supplies, 2003: \$18.9 Billion

U.S. sale of Prozac-type anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, and Viagra-type sexual dysfunction drugs, 2003: \$20.3 Billion

U.S. spending on potato chips and other salty snacks, 2002: \$22 Billion

Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

Senior Center Crafts

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
Call Betty at 966-2254

Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3rd Friday Night – bring a dish.

Senior Center – Call 966-0206

Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the Corners. For more information call 257-0527.

Weekly Berryessa Youth Meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM at the Vol. Fire Station. For more information call Gina Hamilton, 966.2816

Sufi Center ~ Meditation & Healing Circle - Pope Valley

Every Thursday - 7pm ~ Every Sunday - 6pm

1st Sunday of every month - Pot Luck - 4pm to 6pm

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Meet Your Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy



Sheriff Earl Randol announced last week the assignment of Deputy Donald D. Stanley to the position of Lake Berryessa Resident Deputy. (See the above photo.)



Reported by Roger Nelson

The Berryessa 4-H Club held their April meeting on the 18th.

Christine and Joe Rogers, and also Stacy Pridmore, won Gold Medals at the County Field Day. They will also represent Napa County at Regional Field Day, to be held in Petaluma, on May 14th this year. Judges from our club on County Field Day were Kathy, Diana, and Mrs. Samuels, and Brenda and Mrs. Nelson, Room Chair-

A Special Note From Your Editor - - - SORRY ABOUT OUR 'NEW LOOK' - BUT . . .

Most of all - sorry about not having a newspaper out last week, but the special machine on which the paper is usually typed broke down - and it is STILL broke down - for an undetermined length of time . . .

So, this left only two alternatives - either continue not having a paper, or, since another machine was not, and is not available, this route, with a rented electric typewriter - the result of which you see here in this issue.

Agreed, it doesn't look good - and is NOT what you are used to, but we just feel sure you'd rather have it this way than not at all.

How long this will continue we don't know - but at least this way you can receive and read the "news," and we will continue to do the very best we can with the "equipment" we have!

Thank you for your patience, and for bearing with us through this.

Weather Report

As of Wednesday, May 4th, Lake Berryessa has collected a total of 9.03 inches of rain since July 1st. Last year's total at this time was 7.92.

The top elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole at Monticello Dam) is 440 feet. The water is now 37.98 feet below the top of the spillway.

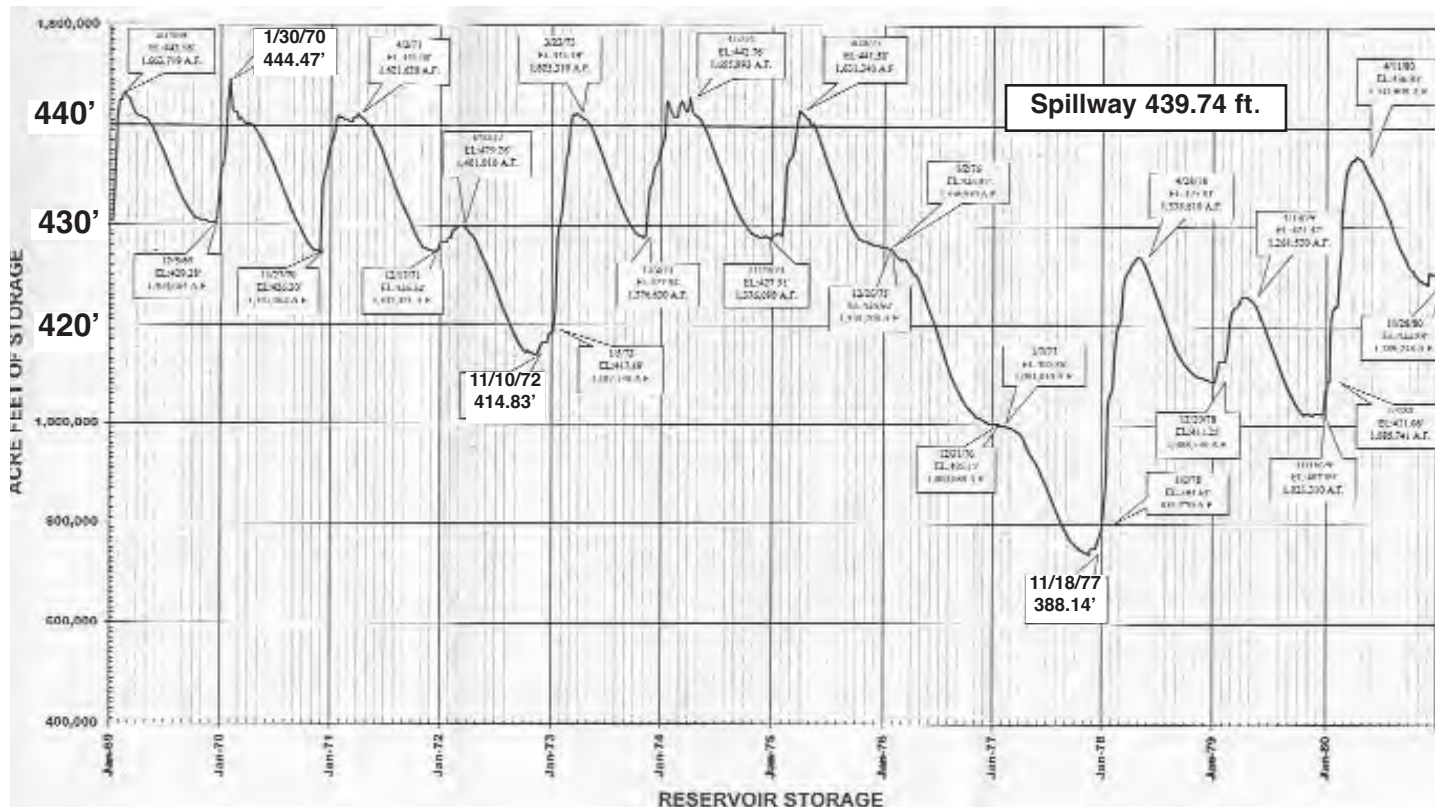
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4/27/77	402.49	.24	75	44	.0
4/28/77	402.38	.28	75	42	.0
4/29/77	402.29	.19	71	52	.0
4/30/77	402.20	.19	70	52	.0
5/1/77	402.11	.17	73	50	.65
5/2/77	402.08	.15	64	44	.09
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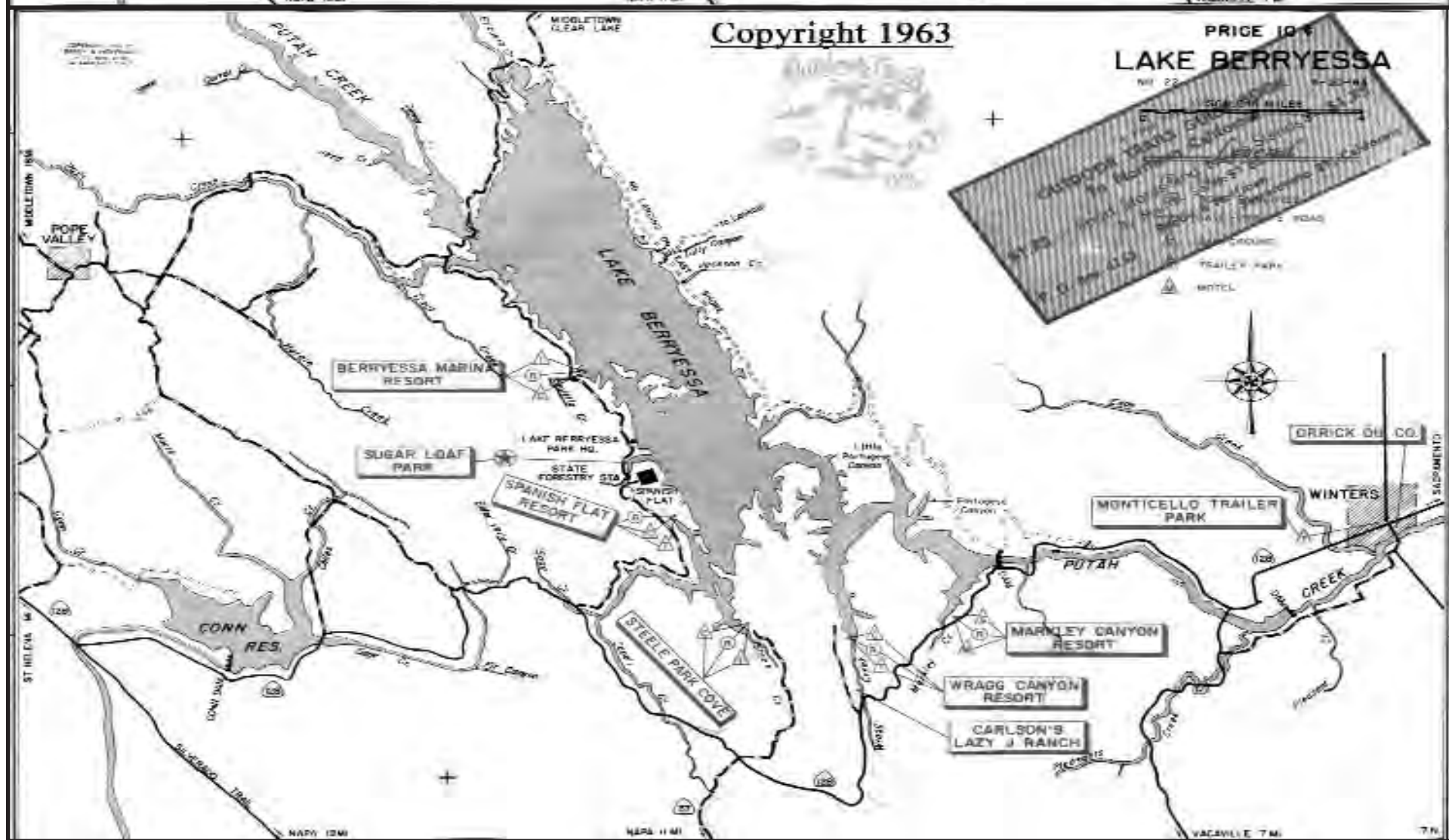
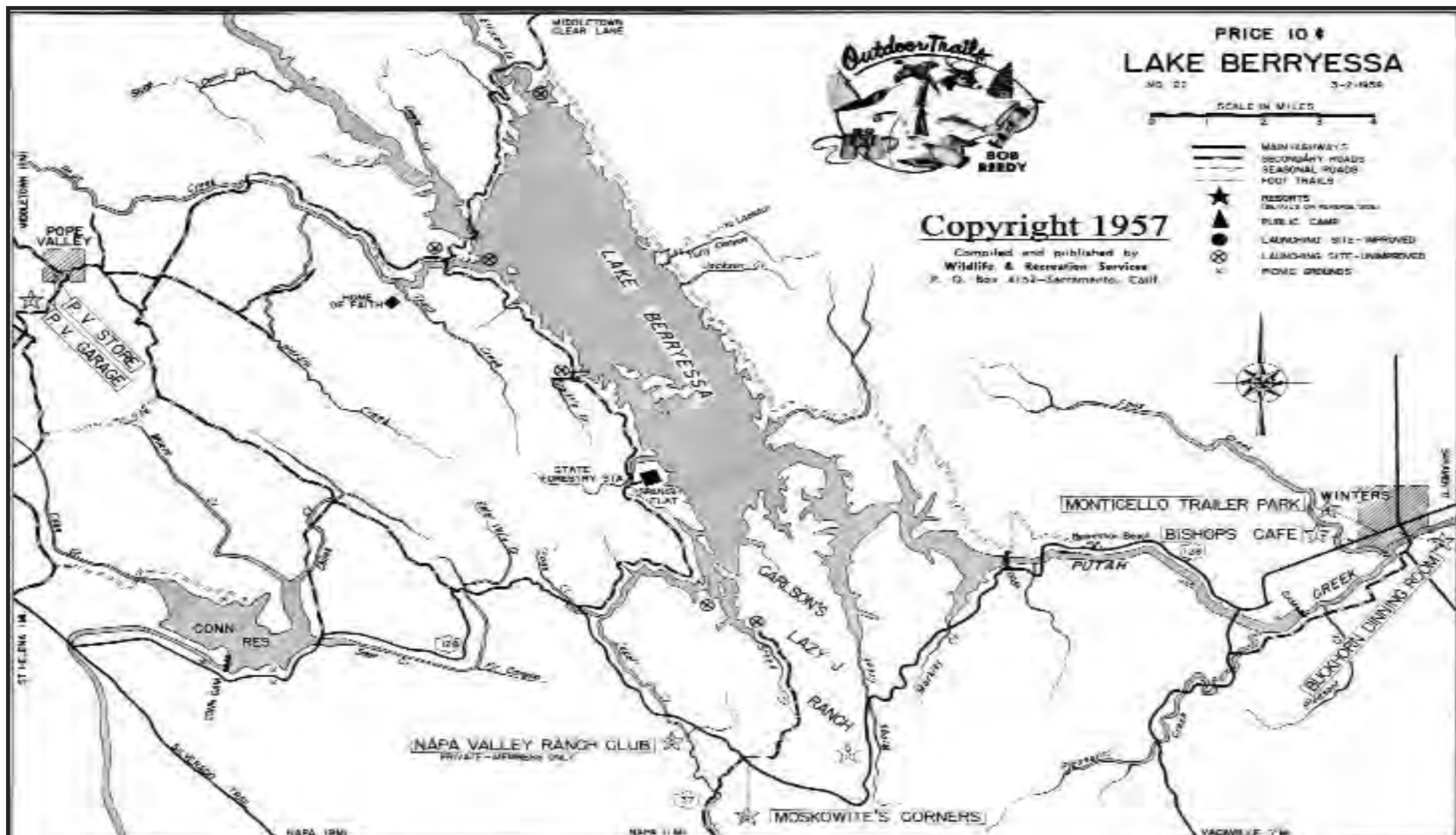
WEATHER REPORT

As of Tuesday, December 11, 1979, Lake Berryessa has collected a total of 6.08 inches of rain since July 1st. Last year's total at this time was 2.62.

The top elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet. The water is now 32.74 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elev.	Evap.	High	Low	Precip.
11/29/79	407.28	.05	59	35	.0
11/30/79	407.28	.05	63	36	.0
12/1/79	407.28	.02	65	39	.0
12/2/79	407.27	.03	61	42	.01
12/3/79	407.27	.03	67	38	.08
12/4/79	407.26	.05	64	34	.0
12/5/79	407.26	.03	64	34	.0





From Cartoon Fantasies to Thoroughbred Realities

As with other interesting people who ended up in Napa County, Jim Fresquez of RustRidge Ranch & Winery in Chiles Valley has had a varied career. Many of us grew up with Hanna Barbera cartoons, but he did it from the inside. In 1957, Bill Hanna & Joe Barbera developed a unique animation process that would revolutionize cartoon production. A few years later, they hired Jim Fresquez as a 16 year old jack-of-all-trades who worked his way up to Assistant Director of Photography. The title, Jim laughs, means you have to do everything.



During his 15 years with Hanna Barbera, Jim met a cowboy friend of Will Rogers who recommended Jim to Michael Landon as a horse-trainer. Jim became Michael Landon's personal horse trainer for many years. His job was to keep the horses "bullet-proof" - ready to ride any time the Landon family arrived. This gave him lots of riding experience and exercise in the outdoors - which he loved. He never went back to the Hollywood grind.

When Michael Landon decided to race horses, he asked Jim to train them, and Jim's thoroughbred horse training career began. During his 20 years as a trainer,



Jim met many famous people, one of whom was Petaluma native, M.E. "Buster" Millerick who was part of the team that trained Seabiscuit, the 1930's racing legend. Due to his relationship with Millerick, Jim now owns Seabiscuit's original saddle and other historical items. The full story is available on the RustRidge web site at www.RustRidge.com.

Jim escaped to Northern California where he met Susan Meyer. Susan's family owned RustRidge Ranch which has been a breeding and training facility for thoroughbred racehorses since the 1950's. In 1990, when Jim and Susan



took over RustRidge Ranch and Winery, they decide to display Seabiscuit's saddle and other items in their Bed and Breakfast.

Jim and Susan decided to breed their own thoroughbreds. Stacy's Ridge, RustRidge Bo and Stacy's Reserve are currently racing. The young thoroughbreds are exercised and trained in the vineyards before they run at the track. The schedule can get hectic when you may be racing three horses every three weeks. Jim's ultimate goal is to breed and race a national champion thoroughbred.

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Gambling and Religion

This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas but there are more Catholic churches there than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed.

Since they get chips from so many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in.

This is done by a chip monk.

- o If you throw a cat out a car window does it become kitty litter?
- o If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?
- o If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
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6th Annual Knoxville Double Century by Quack Cyclists
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The riders leave Pena Adobe Park in Napa after sunrise, hoping to return there 200 miles later at sunset. Coincidentally, the riders will be passing the Pope Creek Bridge at Lake Berryessa during the time scuba divers will be doing their underwater clean-up. The Lake Berryessa News will bring you some interesting pictures of that combination of events!

Spread out over the 200-mile course, these very experienced and considerate riders will pass thru Pope Valley twice, in groups of 1-3, so they probably won't stand out from the normal weekend cyclist traffic. But based on suggestions from the St. Helena and Pope Valley Postmasters, who kindly support this effort, about 160 postcards were mailed to affected residents along the route. All the cyclists want to be good neighbors while enjoying the beautiful scenery along the roads of the Other Napa Valleys, and hope that local residents and other drivers will understand and be patient.

As one organizer of this ride commented, "I drove the Knoxville Double Century course last weekend. Every time I travel the route I am amazed at the beauty of Northern California and how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to live here and share it with our friends & family."

The organizers distribute a final instructions document to all riders which includes subtle hints about being good citizens. They also include local promotional material in the registration packets. They realize that Napa County has many competing interests, so they sincerely try to promote the interests of the local residents while looking out for the safety and enjoyment of their riders. Approximately 50% of the participants are from Southern California, the remainder are from the Bay Area.



Fishing with Dino

Labor Day week was pretty busy at the lake. Lots of people and boats.

Fishing is slow but Catfish are still hitting. Stink baits, Crawlers, or hot dogs are great baits for Catfishing! Small mouth bass were hitting in coves on Plastics. About 15 to 20 feet of water was the depths.

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Fishing with Sid

Labor Day has come and gone and the weather is starting to cool off. The morning and evening bite is still the best, but we did well during the day on Monday fishing around big island. As the boat activity quiets down from the summer the bite should pick up drastically. We fished some rocky areas that the visibility was about 12 feet and landed bass on suspended baits, worms and other plastics and were able to see hundreds of baby bass from 2" to 8" swimming in the water. We were looking for the bigger guys. Catfishing was great. As the water clears, I recommend trolling a lure behind the boat that goes down about 6' to 8' anywhere from fifty feet to hundred feet behind the boat and you will catch fish. My kids caught limits trolling in from big island to Steel Park using the same system. 'til next week.....good fishing!!!!!! www.fishingconnection.net

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