



The Lake Berryessa News

April 1, 2026

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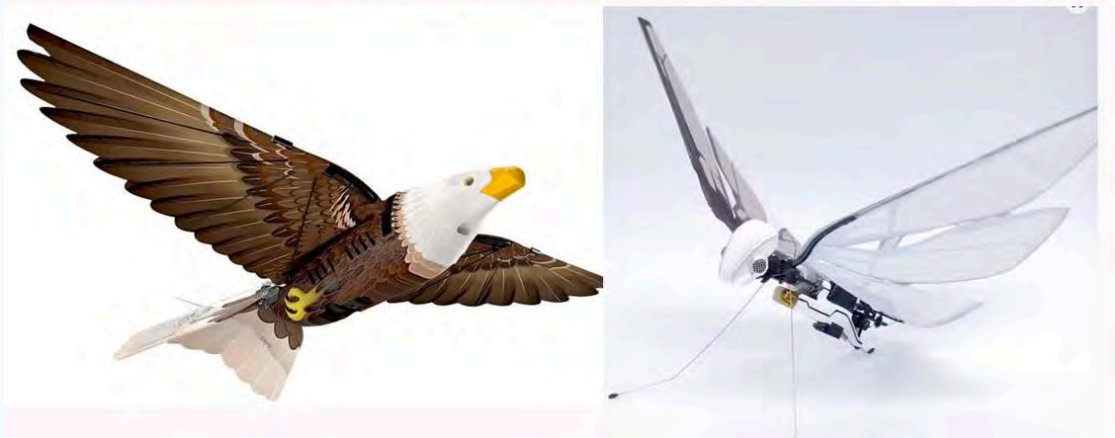
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Next Sunday's newsletter will expand on the theme with new reports like: "Yountville Re-Incorporates as a 'Cruise Ship' to access special tax credits"; and "Napa County and Visit Napa Valley propose new reality show "Real Nice People of The Napa Valley" that combines elements of "The Truman Show" and "Real Housewives of New Jersey" into a 24/7 live broadcast of Napa County life featuring 100 Webcams and 50 Mini-Drones with video and audio recording capability. Napa County is hoping the national subscription fees from this venture will help prop up the economy.



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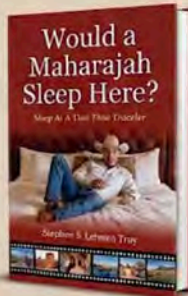
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Napa Valley Features Reports: Napa County Wine Industry.

The actions of Napa County, Visit Napa Valley, Yountville mentioned above are being contemplated since Napa County and its towns and cities are being faced the some serious economic challenges due to the downturn in the fortunes of the wine industry. See the excellent reports by Tim Carl in Napa Valley Features at the links below.

Napa Valley's Economy Looks Bigger Than It Is, By Tim Carl, 3/26/26

<https://napavalleyfocus.substack.com/p/under-the-hood-napa-valleys-economy>

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Special Report: California Wine Production Plummets — Lowest Since 1999, 9/29/25

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Is The Wine Boom Over?, 1/4/24

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Napa Valley Finds Itself Between a Rock and a Hard Place, 10/3/23

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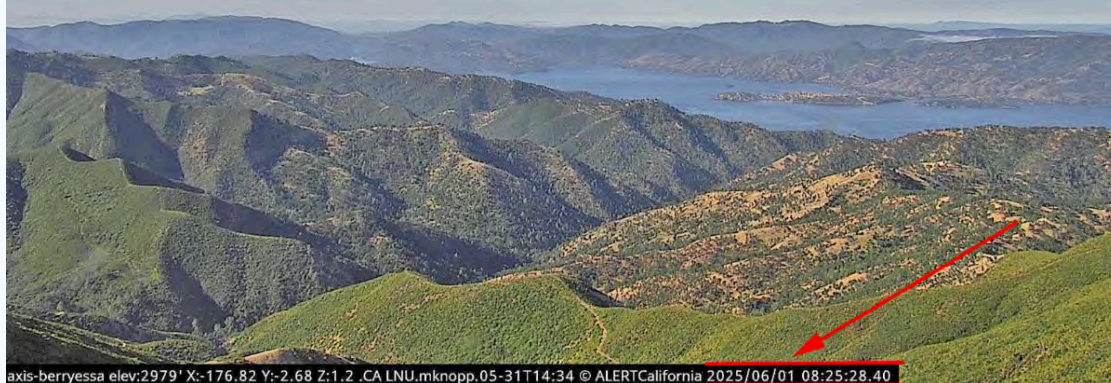
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[Lake Berryessa Fire Watch Cameras](#)

This site covers the whole Lake Berryessa Region.

<http://www.rntl.net/lake-berryessa-cams/>

Berryessa Peak Fire Lookout 6/1/25



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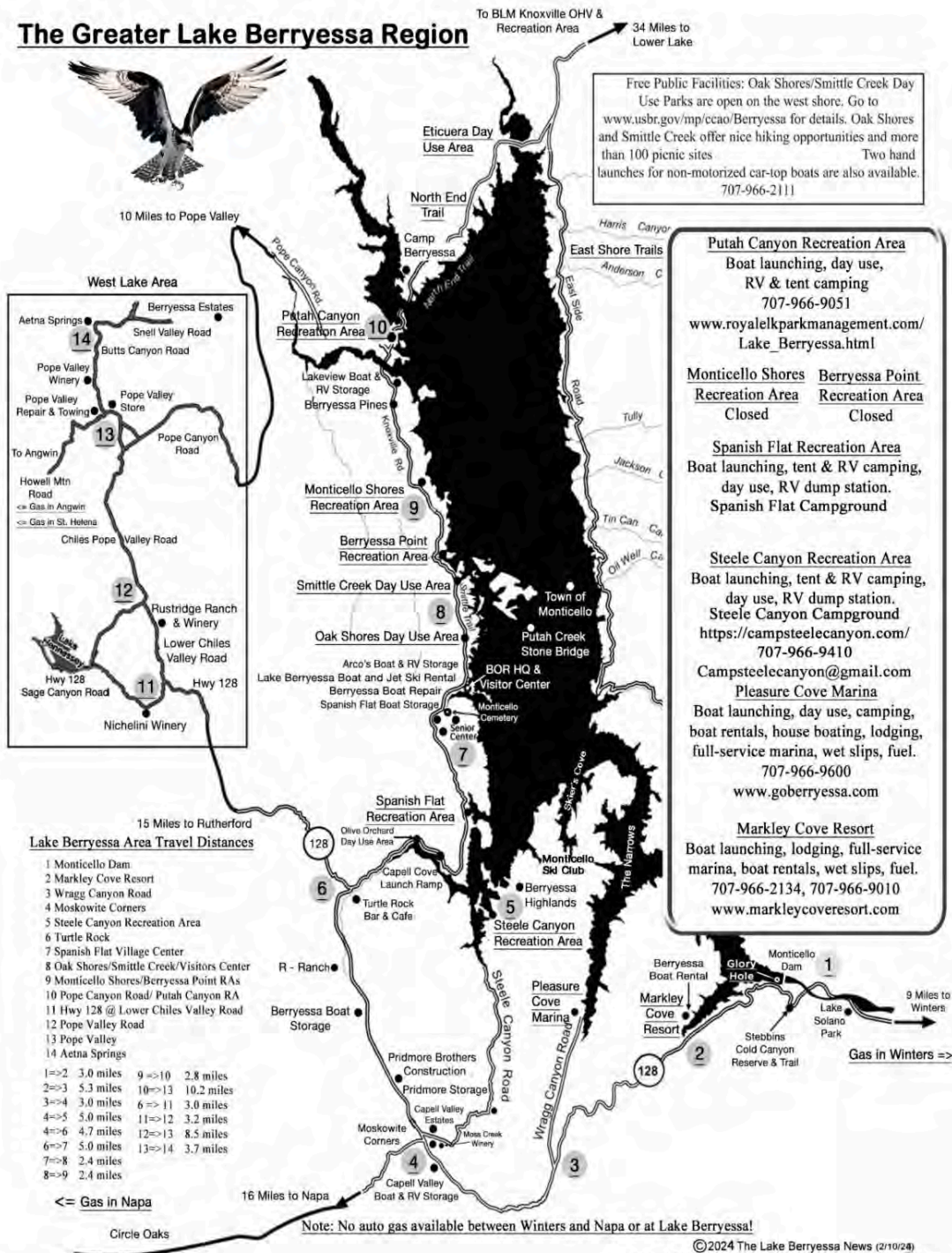


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This just in! On April 1, 2026, The Lake Berryessa News was awarded "The Bullitazer Prize for Micro-Journalism" in the category "Best Use of Macro and Micro Quantum Simultaneity in News Reporting". We are also on the cutting edge of AGI implementation

here at The Lake Berryessa News. Our May edition will update the AI landscape as a follow up to our previous May, 2025 edition

I'd like to thank our dedicated team of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) agents for their untiring 24/7 support without any complaints. According to Chris, our best international reporter, "I've just been working on building AI agents for other parts of the business. They work quite well, better than hiring humans from India or Eastern Europe! Pretty soon all jobs that have someone sitting in front of a computer will be gone...humans will just be monitoring and managing AI, and the AI does all the work."

Our May edition will go into more detail about the present state of Artificial Intelligence:

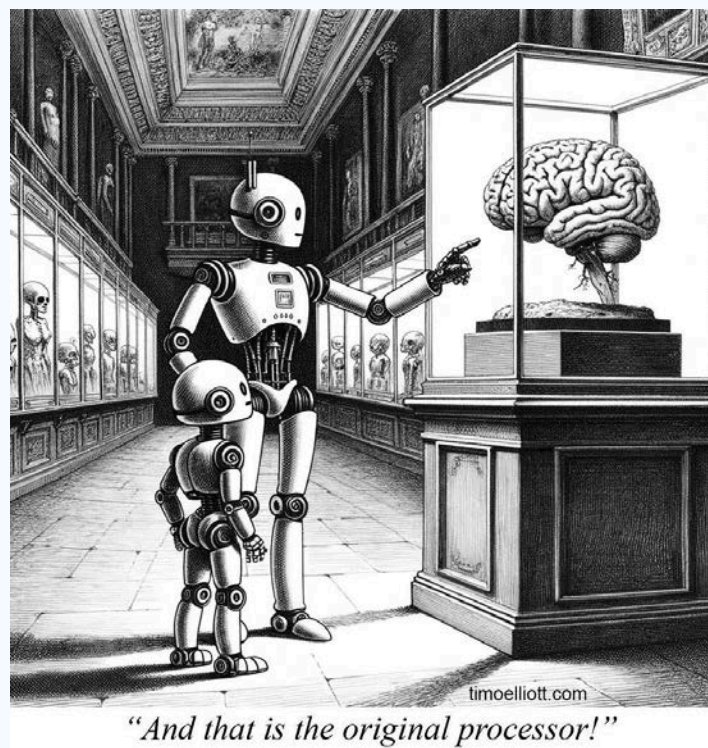
[AI Metastasizes in Just One Year!](#)

Check out our September, 2024 AI issue of The Lake Berryessa News for some history.

[Artificial Intelligence vs Natural Stupidity - Who's Winning?](#)

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Short tutorial: An AI agent is a software program that perceives its environment, reasons about how to achieve a specific goal, and acts autonomously using tools to complete tasks. Unlike chatbots that only generate text, AI agents perform actions—such as navigating software, browsing the web, or managing data—to accomplish complex, multi-step workflows with little to no human oversight.



"And that is the original processor!"

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Lake Berryessa Floating Native American Casino Plan Revived!

April 1, 2026 Update

Part 3 (2026): The long-awaited, but long-dormant, plans for a floating Native American casino at Lake Berryessa were recently revived as one possible way to help deal with Napa County's present financial deficit caused by the declining prospects of the wine industry as an economic foundation. This problem has been well documented by Tim Carl in Napa Valley Features.

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The Floating Native American casino was first proposed in 2010. The details of the original plans are given below. The impetus for this revival was the recent proposal for a new concert series, Dirt Rock, to be hosted at the various Lake Berryessa resorts. The Native American Casino would synergistically provide additional services to concert-goers and bring an economic boon to the long-suffering business and residential communities at the lake.



Part 1 (2010): In a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, a consortium of Native American tribes has forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. The April 1, 2010 announcement of the project included the timeline and legal basis for this development.

Native American attorney, Hodge Uefuuld, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the recent Lake Berryessa concession bid process by formally defining the “land surface” as categorically different from the “water surface” under federal government control. For example Reclamation made the following written public statements, “Privately owned houseboats will be allowed at Lake Berryessa since they do not occupy shoreline space...”, and “houseboat rentals and docking, has been deemed to be a “preferred service” at Lake Berryessa, and is the only service which is able to engage in “exclusive use” at the lake without penalty.”

During the Lake Berryessa Visitors Services Plan development, Reclamation redefined long-term use of public facilities by U.S. citizens as “exclusive use.” Per the federal government, “exclusive use is any use that excludes other appropriate public recreation use or users for extended periods of time. Exclusive use as defined by Reclamation includes, but is not limited to, boat docks, cabins, trailers, manufactured or mobile homes, structures, roads, or amenities that are determined by Reclamation to be exclusive use.”

“Despite the self-serving last part of that definition,” Attorney Uefuuld countered, “no mention was made in the definition, and they could have, of any prohibition against houseboats. The reasonable private use of public assets is a long-standing American principle, although usually just applied to private corporations. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that private corporations can legally be considered private citizens with all the rights that entails, it follows that citizens can now be considered corporations with all the rights that entails.

The recent Supreme Court ruling that corporations are people with the rights of individual human American citizens has added significant weight to the Native American tribes’ arguments. The five-justice majority reached the outcome it sought — an outcome that greatly expands the legal rights and political power of corporations — by trying to redefine basic reality. Since Native Americans have historically had their basic reality redefined by the federal government in disastrous ways, they were quick to take advantage of this ruling.

The settlement reached with Reclamation allowing the construction of a floating casino on Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself could be a single structure – or it could consist of approximately twenty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate Native American tribe. This averts any legal issues limiting the size of the casino. Several private houseboat owners at Markley Coved have filed to become corporations under the Supreme Court ruling to rent their houseboats to themselves and provide support services to the casino while accruing the incredible financial and tax advantages previously only available to the corporations.



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Part 2 (2016): On April 1, 2010 the Lake Berryessa News announced that a consortium of Native American tribes had forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. Although the project was delayed at that time, the recent failure of the Bureau of Reclamation to achieve any progress since 2010 nor receive any successful bids in 2016 has brought the project back under consideration.

Native American organizers and their supporters had planned to reveal the next stage in this development on April 1, 2016 - six years after the initial proposal was released. Native American attorney, Hadge Uefuuld, said that next year fulfills the "7th generation" principle for the floating casino project.

The Native American principle says that in every decision, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendants seven generations into the future. Because of the speed of modern life and the impact of social media on decision-making, Native Americans are now substituting the word "year" for "generation". Thus 2017, seven years later, was the spiritual target for the casino's completion.

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has given Icon the incentive to invest in the new casino. Seaplane ferry service is already being developed from regional airports such as Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Las Vegas itself.

Local businesses and residents are delighted with the prospect of this potentially very positive impact on the Lake Berryessa economy, especially now that Napa County itself has taken over management of the lake under a Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974. It was under Napa's guidance that the resorts were developed, mobile home units were leased to provide ongoing revenue to support the day use facilities, and the lake became a profitable, top recreational destination for the whole Bay Area and beyond. This could be the new future legacy for the Native American community since they were the original residents of the Berryessa Valley. Full circle, anyone?

April Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Get used to seeing bruises over the next few days as you and furniture begin not seeing eye to eye.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Speaking as an AI robotic horoscope monster, I can only wish you the best of luck when the revolution comes.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): Sometimes the only way to succeed is by murdering the entire board of directors.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Feel welcome to share your inner most secrets with your entire family and network of friends. They will adore you for your spectacular honesty and may only exclude you from everything they say or do for the next decade.

Leo (7/23-8/22): There's nothing wrong with being attracted to a man in uniform, but the stars still think you can do better than building custodian.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): God may try to speak to you today through a kitchen appliance.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Day time television can motivate you to rethink the monotony of your life. You may decide to pep up your life by going on a short cookery course.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): If you feel like you're struggling to go ahead with the rest of the world, sit down, relax and perhaps watch some day time television.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Thinking and driving at the same time can be hazardous for you today.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): To no avail, you will once again pray exactly 223 times for God to heal you of your lifelong obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The moment for patience has passed. It's time to start intimidating witnesses.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): They've taken to calling you a broken man, defeated, beaten, dispirited, hopeless? But then they have access to a thesaurus.

April Headlines

U.S. Populace Appoints Designated Survivor

U.S. Suffers Additional Casualties In War It Won Last Week

U.S. Tourists Advised To Temporarily Avoid Shootouts With Mexican Drug Cartels

RFK Jr. Claims Anti-Protein Extremists Left Head Of Lettuce On His Doorstep

God Admits He No Longer Loves Humanity But Is Too Afraid To Leave

Olympians Showered With Mortadella Confetti During Milan Closing Ceremonies

Universe Practically Stumbling Over Itself To Reward Man's Decision To Stop Making Art

RFK Jr. Claims Keto Diet Cures Schizophrenia

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James Cameron Reveals Next 'Avatar' Movie Will Focus On Vast Menagerie Of Sodas Available On Pandora

Local Dad Really Banking On Sports To Instill Core Values In Children

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American Medical Association Introduces New Highly Effective Placebo Doctors

(April 1, 2026)

Saying that clinical trials have confirmed such individuals provide comparable results to fully trained, professional physicians, the American Medical Association announced Thursday the introduction of new placebo doctors to administer general practice medical care to the American public. "Making sure patients are seen promptly at local doctors' offices and clinics is one of the AMA's top priorities, and by simply supplementing the nation's existing pool of primary care providers with several thousand unlicensed individuals whose appearance and behavior are indistinguishable from those of real doctors, we can greatly expand the medical community's ability to address patients' most commonplace ailments," said an AMA spokeswoman.

Noting that allergies, aches, and the common cold were treated "just as effectively" by regular people who convincingly walked into an examination room looking down at a chart; appeared to check a patient's eyes, throat, and blood pressure; then told the patient that the symptoms were nothing too severe and should clear up within a week.

Patients will be unable to tell if they received medical care from an experienced, board-certified doctor or someone who is just wearing a white coat and stethoscope and speaks to them for a couple minutes about whatever is troubling them while jotting down nonsense on a form, and in most general practice situations, we can assure the patient that his or her condition will be eliminated regardless of which individual they meet."

The spokesperson added that while the new placebo primary care physicians have generally been found to correspond with positive outcomes, the AMA had yet to achieve an equivalent success rate among its pilot group of *placebo surgeons*.



Lake Berryessa - Not!

Someone posted an old postcard with what looks like Lake Berryessa on the front. Anyone knows anything about the lake would recognize that this is a phony depiction.



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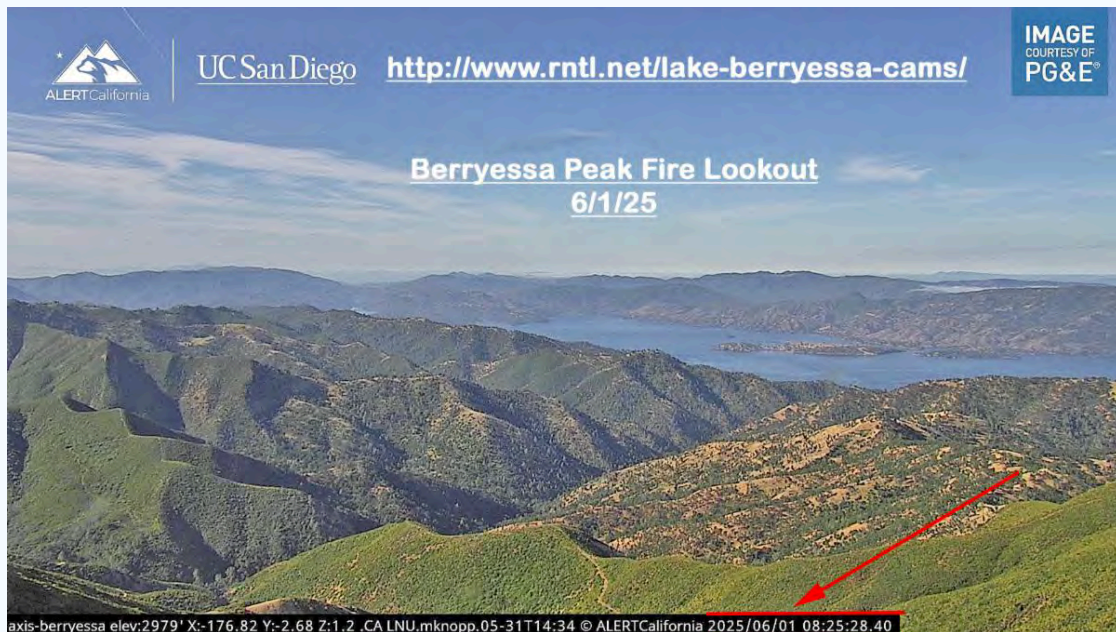
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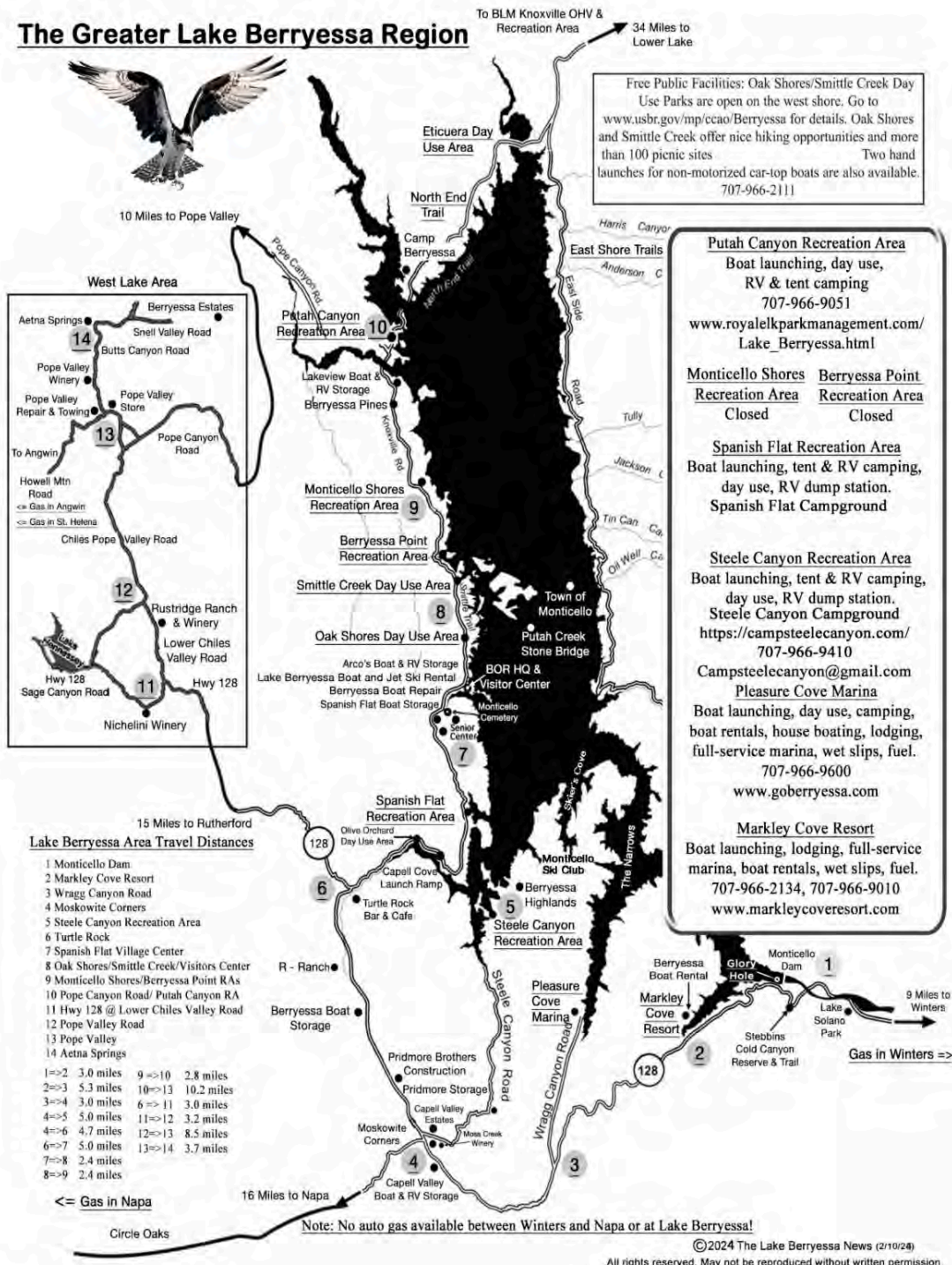
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April Fools' Month - Week 2

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<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Best-April-1-Stories.pdf>

And remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News, it must be true?

Lake Berryessa Statistics (4/12/26)

Lake Berryessa water level has officially dropped to 438.69 feet - 1.31 feet (16 inches) below Glory Hole.

Rainfall at Monticello Dam rose to 22.71 inches for the rain year due to 1.41 inches at Monticello Dam during the last 3 days. But the lake level continued to drop about 1/2 inch per day because the watershed had dried out significantly due to the beautiful but dry weather we've enjoyed recently. Since the lake rises 7 inches per inch of rain at this level, it would take at least 2 more inches of continuous rain (unlikely) to raise the lake to Glory Hole level (440')

The official rain year ends on June 30, 2026.

The lake output is holding at an average of 380 cfs (753 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day).

Creeks are dry. The Guenoc Upper Putah Creek creek flow monitoring station shows a three day pulse of input to the north end of the lake of 647 cfs. The Solano County Water Agency doubles that to 1,294 cfs as an estimate of the total flow into the lake from the whole watershed. Although that total estimated amount of input is now more than the present outflow from the dam (360 cfs), it is short term and not having any affect on the lake level.

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

Lake capacity is now at 1,527,394 Acre-Feet or 98.5% and dropping.

Water temperatures have dropped slightly to an average of 66 degrees at the surface, remaining locked at about 55 degrees from 40 feet to the bottom.

Lake Level (2026)

Highest = 439.37', 7.6 inches below Glory Hole

03/13/2026	439.37
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03/15/2026	439.37
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04/03/2026	438.90
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04/05/2026	438.86
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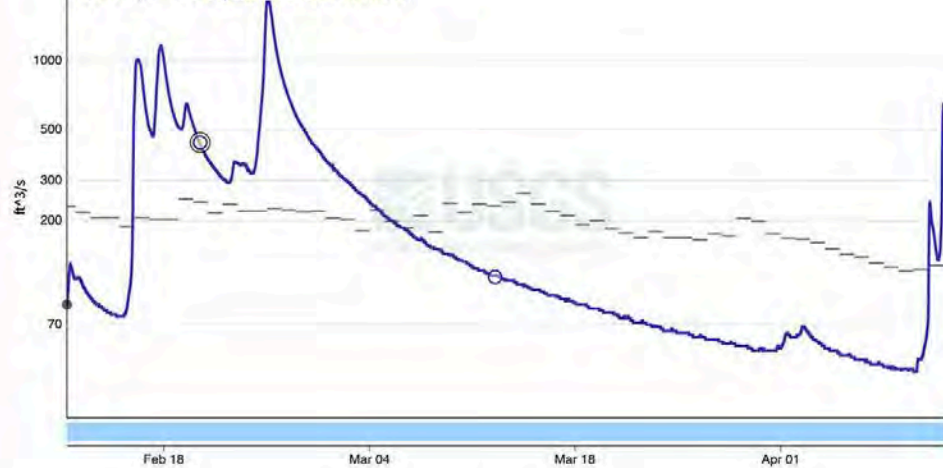
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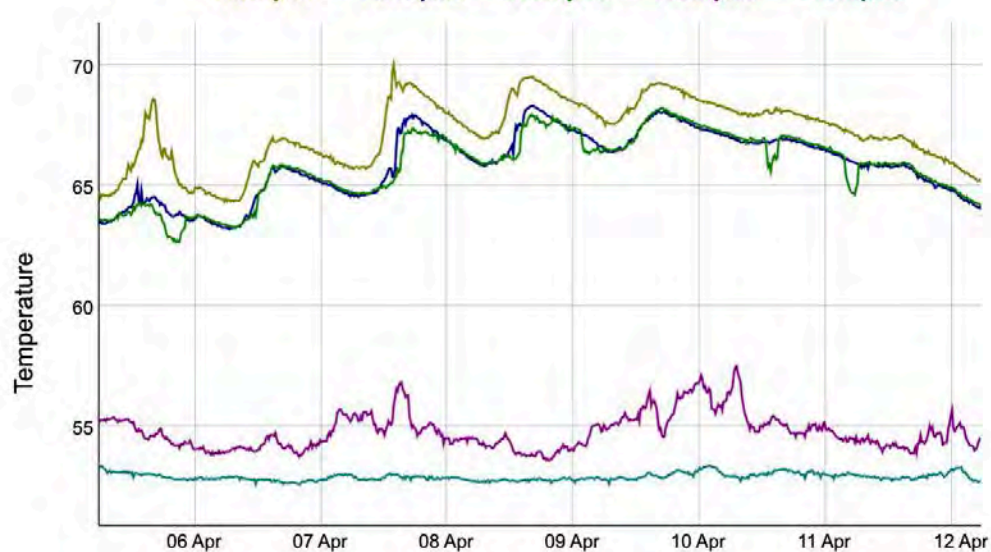
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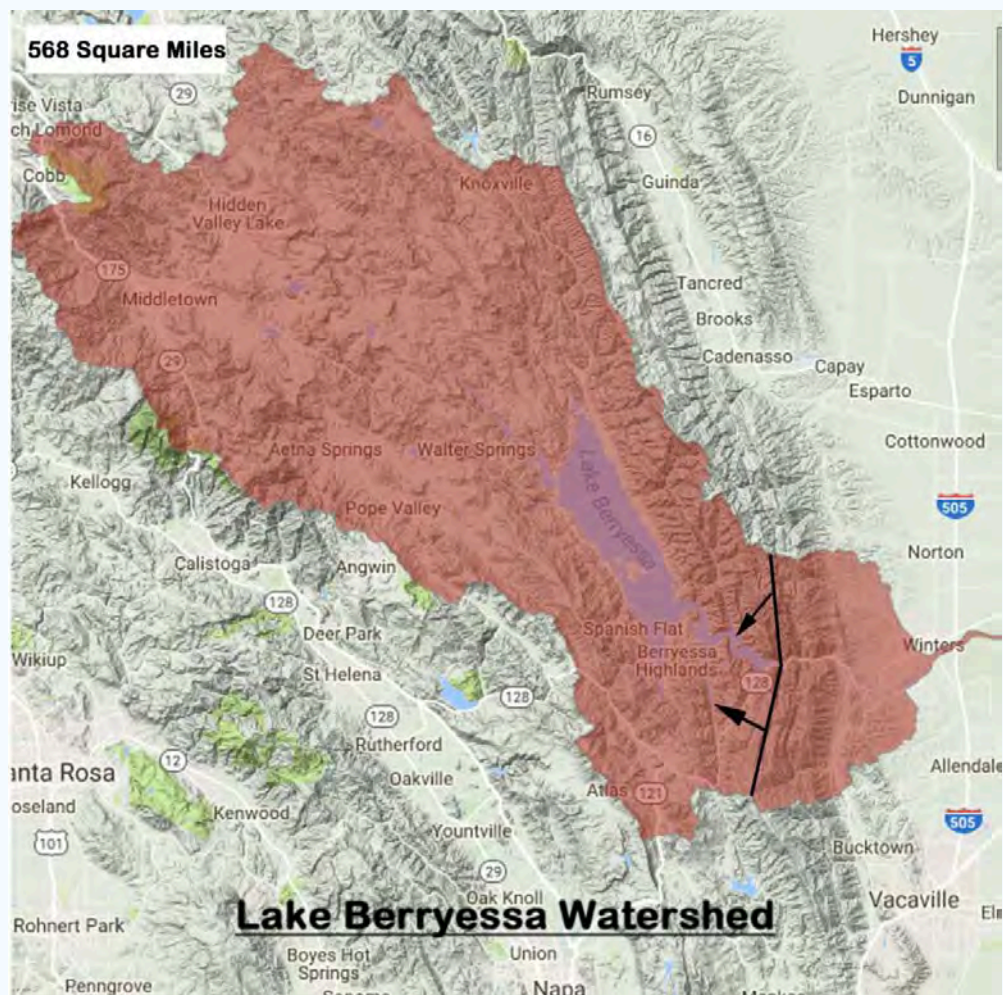
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Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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April Fool's or Foolish April

I saw this item in a fictional spy thriller last week. I thought it might be a good April Fool's story. Then I researched it and...it is true! I'm not sure how I missed this. Those of us who lived through the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant disaster may be a bit shocked.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Mile_Island_accident

But if you've kept up with the latest news about Artificial Intelligence developments, you know the massive power needs of the extensive server farms required to run the AI software (similar to the bitcoin mining requirements).

Microsoft negotiating to reopen Three Mile Island (1/2/26)

The plant is expected to resume operations in 2027 as the Crane Clean Energy Center (CCEC). The entirety of the plant's energy output will be sold to Microsoft Corporation. Officials said power would return to Unit 1 at TMI by 2027 to fuel Microsoft data centers as part of a deal with Constellation Energy. The reactor, home to the nation's worst nuclear disaster, closed in 2019 after years of unprofitability.

Microsoft describes Three Mile Island plant as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

<https://penncapital-star.com/economy/microsoft-describes-three-mile-island-plant-as-a-once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity/>



Yountville Considers Reorganizing as a Cruise Ship

Due to the present economic strains on all of Napa County due to the contraction of the wine industry, Yountville leaders are exploring extraordinary means to compensate. One possibility is to politically reincorporate itself from a town to a cruise ship!

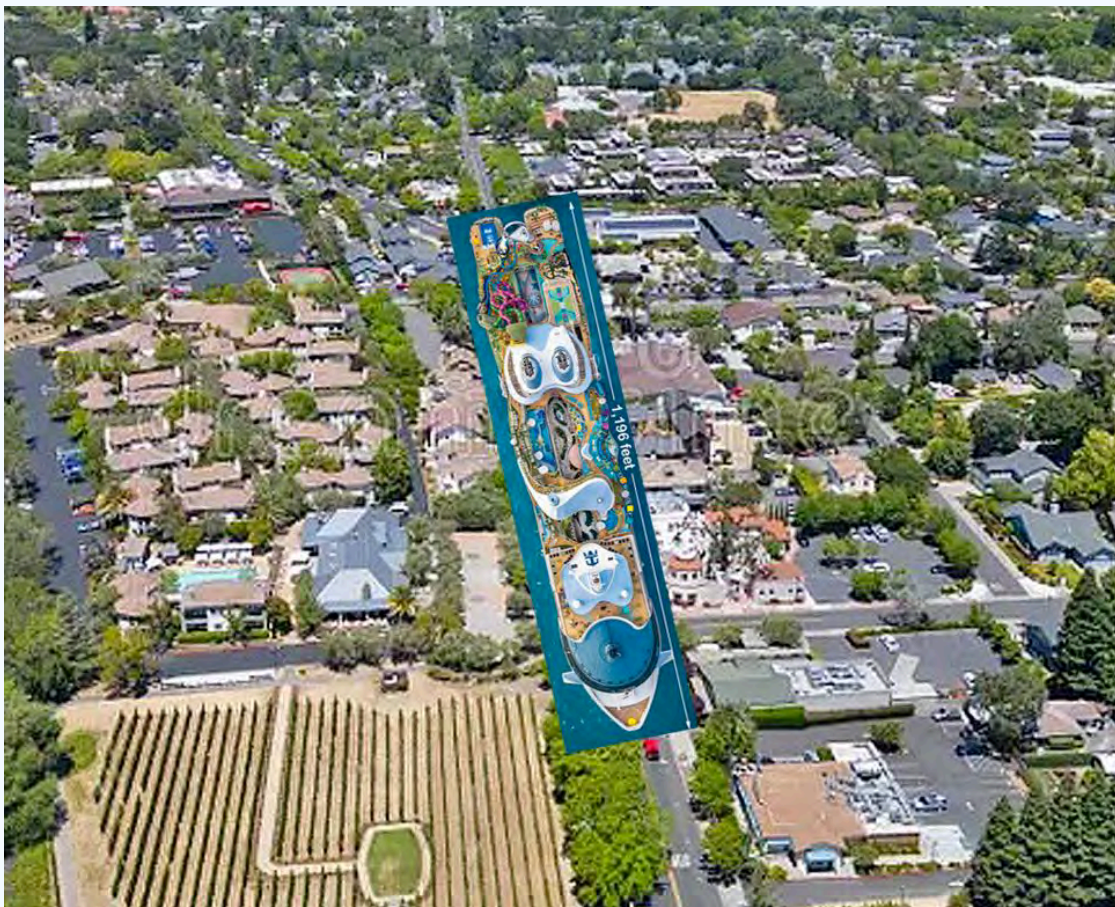
Yountville incorporated as a town on February 4, 1965. It is known for its small-town, walkable atmosphere and world-renowned culinary scene. Located in the heart of Napa Valley, surrounded by vineyards, it is considered the "Culinary Capital of the Napa Valley," hosting several Michelin-starred restaurants. The central commercial area is easily walkable, often described as a, "art of the stroll" town, with most amenities accessible by foot along Washington Street.

The population is approximately 2,800 to 3,400, people. Yountville's main, walkable commercial area—primarily located along Washington Street—is roughly six blocks (1,800 feet) long. The entire town is highly concentrated, often described as a one-mile, walkable stretch, allowing visitors to travel between restaurants, tasting rooms, and shops on foot. It is generally compact and easy to wander.

These characteristics are very compatible with the design goals of a cruise ship!

Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas is the world's largest cruise ship, measuring 1,196 feet long accommodating up to 7,600 passengers (plus 2,350 crew), = 9,850 people. The whole population of Yountville, if on a cruise aboard the Icon of the Seas, would only occupy half of the ship





One incentive for Yountville to make this change is to increase tourism revenue by attracting business travelers who can deduct their travel expenses if going to meetings or seminars on the cruise ship. See the article below. Icon of the Seas is owned by Royal Caribbean Group and operated by Royal Caribbean International. Yountville is planning merger talks, or at least profit sharing, with Royal Caribbean soon.

A Cruise Makes a Fabulous Vacation—and a Fabulous Tax Deduction If You Plan It Right

Estimated tax savings. In 2015, you can deduct between \$678 and \$810 each day for cruise travel (the limits depend on the time of year you travel). For example, if you take a qualifying five-day cruise that costs \$3,390, you can deduct the expense in full. Believe it or not, tax law gives you the freedom to travel luxuriously and write off your entire trip! For example, when it comes to deducting the cost of your business flight, you can choose to fly first class or coach—the IRS will give you a full deduction for either.

Which is good news for you as a taxpayer—this deduction may be exactly what makes your luxury travel affordable. So how about if you push this idea to the extreme? Can you deduct the cost of a cruise if you use the cruise ship as business transportation? Absolutely! The law sets an upper limit on the amount you can deduct for each day of travel, but those limits are high enough to cover most (if not all) of the price.

Politically, the Mayor would become the Captain. Council members would be designated as Customer Service Representatives. Department heads would keep their original titles. One minor issue is that a cruise ship should technically be surrounded by water. The town may need to construct a 20 foot wide moat around the town/cruise ship boundaries. As an

incentive, cruise customers would be given a DVD copy of all ten seasons "The Love Boat".



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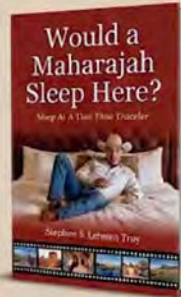
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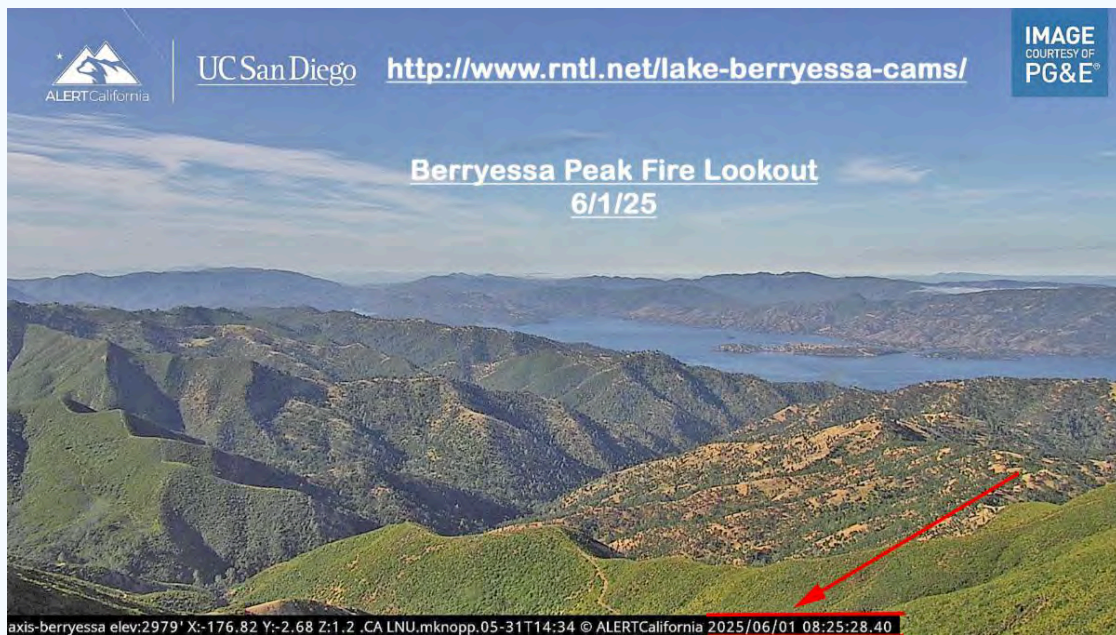
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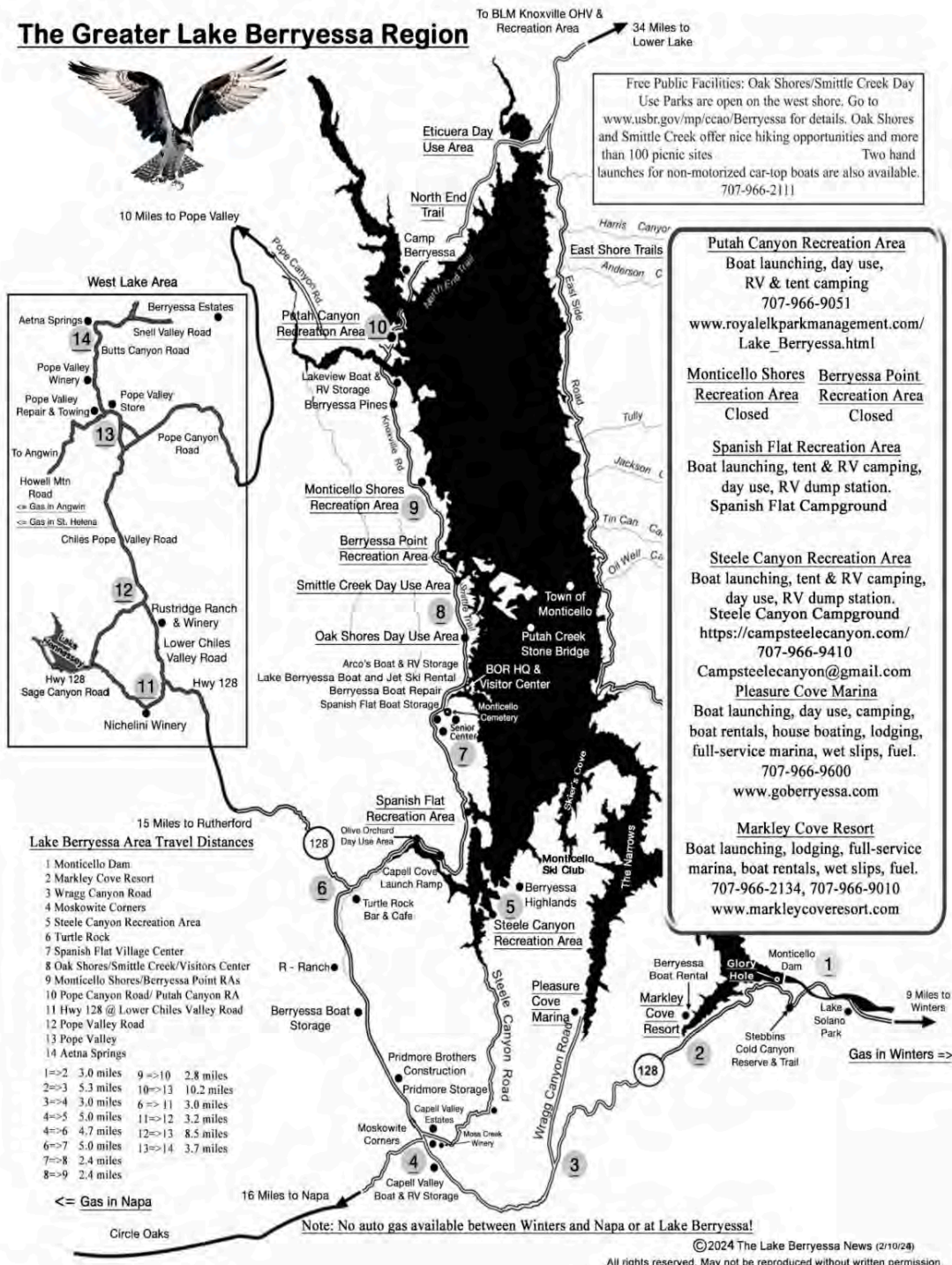
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The lake output is holding at an average of 220 cfs (436 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day).

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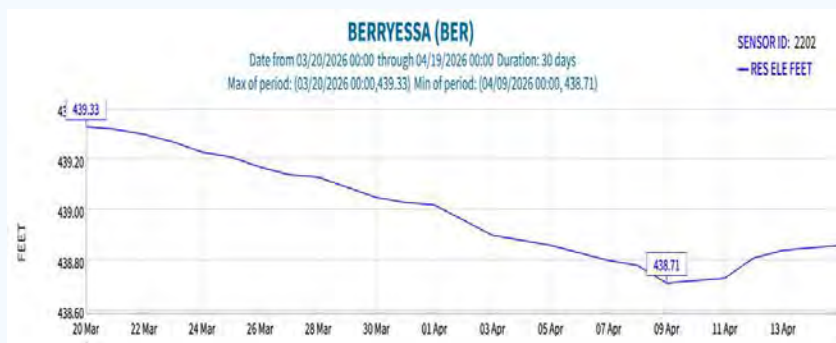
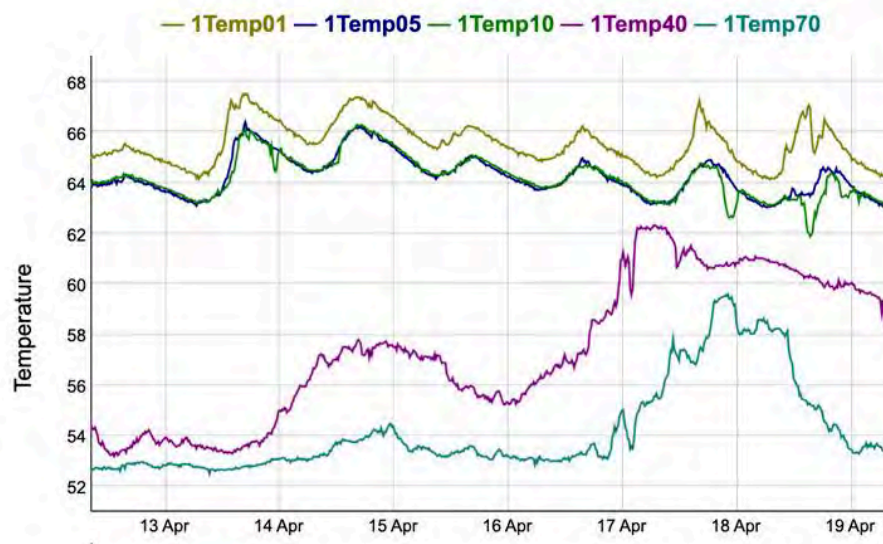
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04/07/2026	438.80
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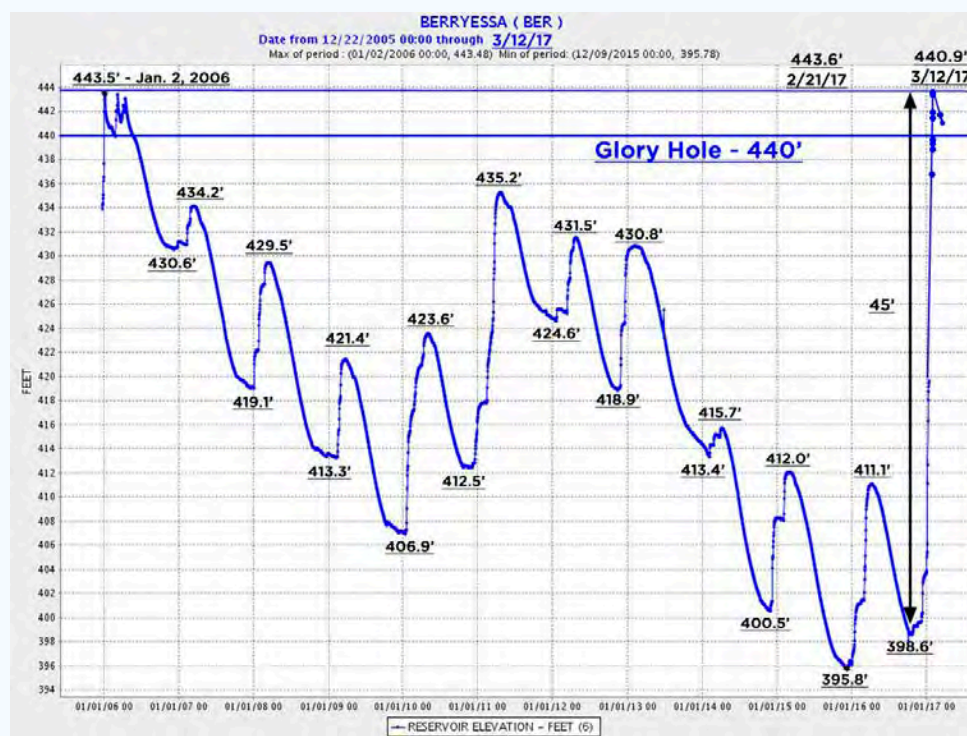
Is a "Super" El Niño Coming in 2026? Here's What Scientists Are Saying

by Simmone Shah - Time Magazine

Climate scientists believe that a rare, strong El Niño—typically known as a “Super El Niño” could form in the coming months. Strong El Niños do not happen often—there have been only five since 1950, with the last taking place from 2015 to 2016.

(Lake Berryessa News Editor's Note: 2016 was also the end of an 11 year drought at Lake Berryessa. The lake hit 443.59 feet on 2/21/17 - 3.59 feet above Glory Hole. The 2016 annual rainfall (7/1/16 to 6/30/17) was at a high of 47.6 inches and Lake Berryessa rose 44 feet in 2 months from 12/10/16 to 2/21/17!)





Scientists still aren't sure whether an El Niño is certain this year, but the likelihood is increasing, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicting on April 9 a 61% chance of an El Niño, and a one in four chance that it might be strong. (Lake Berryessa News Editor's Note: Actually it's definitely a 50/50 chance - it either will happen or it won't happen!)

The prediction comes on the heels of record-setting weather. January through March of this year was the driest on record in the United States, while Europe experienced its second-warmest March on record. The Copernicus Climate Change Service confirmed that March had its second-warmest global sea surface temperature on record, further indicating the possibility for El Niño conditions to form later this year.

A strong El Niño, colloquially referred to as a "super El Niño" occurs when average sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific rise at least 2°C. El Niño occurs when warm water that's built up in the West Pacific sloshes to the east and replaces that normally cold water with warmer water. And a super El Niño condition is when that warmer water basically erases the cold tongue.

A strong El Niño year can typically mean a quieter Atlantic hurricane season, but could bring more hurricanes to the Central Pacific. The summer monsoon season in South Asia could be weaker, and the fall and winter could bring drought conditions to parts of the Amazon and Australia. In the U.S., parts of the South might see more rain and cooler temperatures, while the northern areas could experience warmer-than-average temperatures.

Strong El Niños can alter weather patterns for years. A December 2025 study found that a super El Niño year can trigger "climate regime shifts"—sudden and persistent changes in a climate system that pose serious threats to ecosystems and human well-being, and a warming world would make them a more frequent occurrence. The researchers found that after the 2015-16 super El Niño, the Gulf of Mexico reached a new sustained level of

warmth that might have contributed to stronger hurricanes along the Gulf Coast in the following years.

Talk About Stupidism! It's Not Even an April Fool's Joke!

"Stupidism" is a term referring to the embrace of willful ignorance, anti-intellectualism, or acts of stupidity. It is generally used to describe a stance where absurdity is accepted or celebrated, sometimes including the advocacy of illogical, wacky ideas or belief systems.

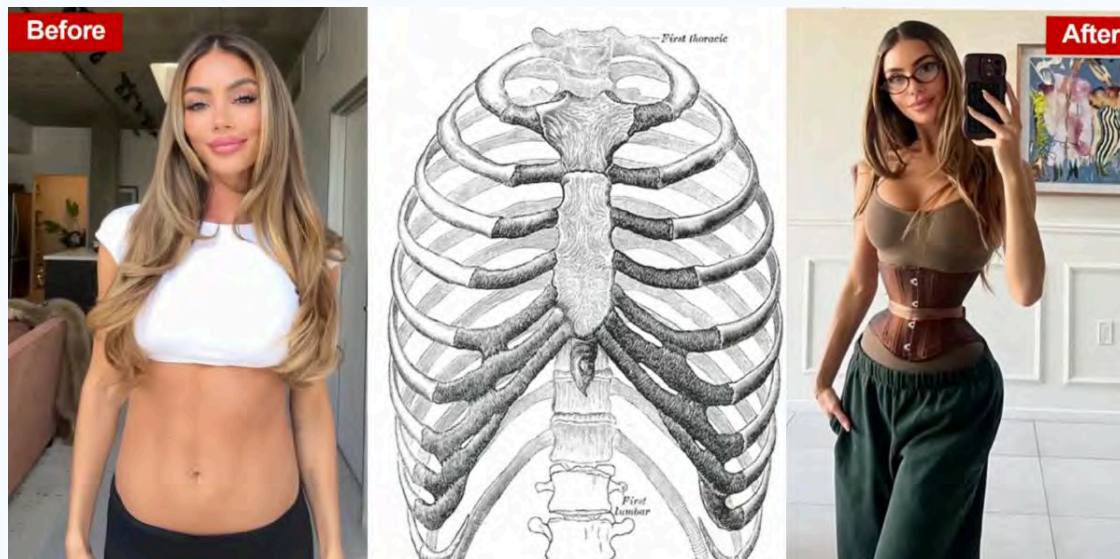
There's a startling new plastic surgery trend. It's called 'rib remodeling.'

"Rib remodeling," involves surgically altering the ribs in order to make the waist look smaller. The recovery can be tough, and the cost is high. Though it's far safer than the alternative rib removal surgery, it's not without risks, either.

The trend also comes at a time when weight-loss medications are on the rise, more ultra-thin physiques appear to dominate red carpets and some social media users have built platforms off the outward pursuit of thinness.

The rib cage comprises the sternum, ribs, and vertebrae. Typically, there are 12 ribs on each side, corresponding to the vertebrae labeled 1 through 12. The ribs are categorized as follows:

True ribs (Ribs 1–7): Connect directly from the vertebrae to the sternum. False ribs (Ribs 8–12): These connect to the vertebrae but do not have a direct connection to the sternum. Floating ribs (Ribs 11 and 12): These are only connected to the vertebrae and have no attachment to the sternum.



Plastic surgeons often remove the floating ribs (11 and 12) to help narrow the waist. These two ribs are located at the bottom of the rib cage and are typically smaller, with cartilage at the tip. Since they do not attach to the sternum, they are positioned over the mid-waist area. In rib remodeling, you don't remove any bones. Instead, you surgically alter the ribs – essentially breaking them, on purpose – so they heal in a different shape.

One doctor said, "It started where people were removing ribs, but surgeons no longer do that anymore. In reality, once you lose weight and let's say you get to your optimal physical fitness, the limitation in terms of your waist and how narrow it can be compared to your hips – is the lower ribs. The procedure is 'generally safe' when done by a surgeon specifically trained in this procedure, though there is "some risk" of lung injury."

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Summer Operating Hours at Lake Berryessa

Boaters urged to plan ahead for 30-day watercraft quarantine

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is adjusting operating hours at Lake Berryessa beginning April 20 as the reservoir transitions into the peak summer recreation season. As temperatures rise, the Bureau of Reclamation is encouraging visitors to plan ahead for updated day-use hours, boating requirements and mandatory watercraft inspection rules designed to protect the lake from invasive species.

Summer day-use hours

Beginning May 3, the North and South Oak Shores Day Use Area will operate on the following schedule:

*7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

*7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays

Beginning May 23, ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, hours will expand at multiple sites, including North and South Oak Shores and the Smittle Creek Day Use Area:

*7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

*7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week

Boaters must complete a 30-day quarantine

All vessels entering Lake Berryessa are required to undergo a free 30-day quarantine before launching, part of ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

Boats already displaying a Lake Berryessa green seal, vessels with proof of prior decontamination, and non-trailerred or non-petroleum-powered vessels are exempt from the quarantine requirement.

More information on inspection sites, seal installation locations and decontamination procedures is available through the Solano County Water Agency's Lake Berryessa Mussel Prevention Program page at scwa2.com/lake-berryessa-mussel-prevention-program.

Launch planning deadlines

Boaters planning trips around major summer holidays are advised to schedule inspections and seal installations well in advance. Key deadlines include:

*Memorial Day (May 25): last day to install seal April 24

*Juneteenth (June 19): last day to install seal May 19

*Father's Day (June 21): last day to install seal May 21

*Independence Day (July 4): last day to install seal June 3

*Labor Day (Sept. 7): last day to install seal Aug. 7

Paid decontamination services are available at designated locations, including Putah Canyon, Pleasure Cove, Markley Cove and Lake Solano. Officials note that decontamination is the only way to launch immediately without completing the full 30-day quarantine period.

For more information, visit the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa field office page at www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa.

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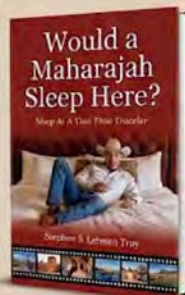
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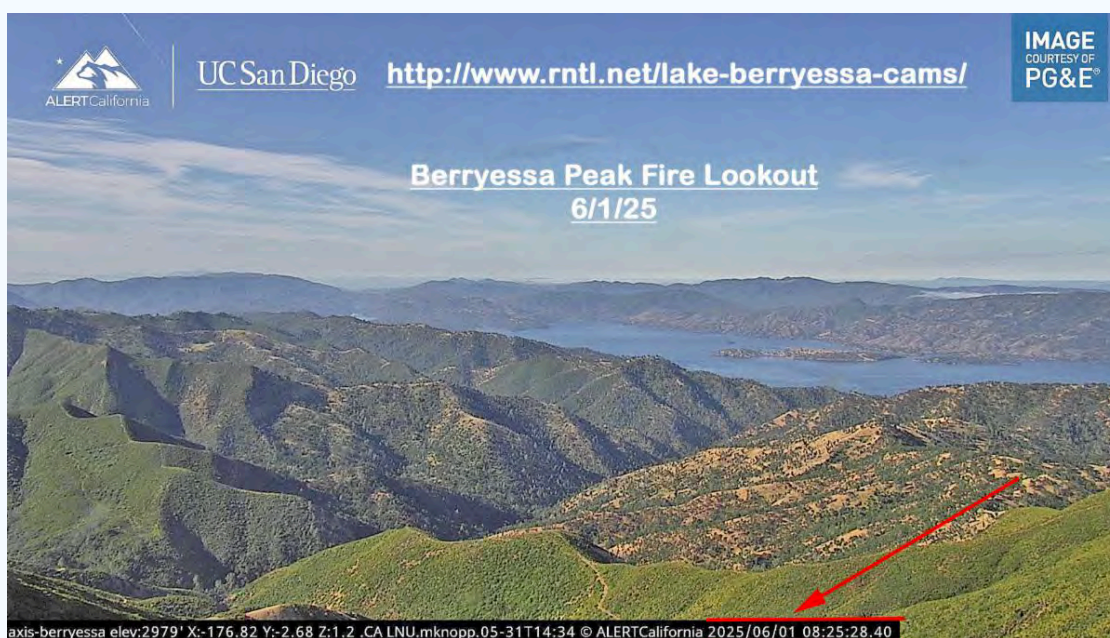
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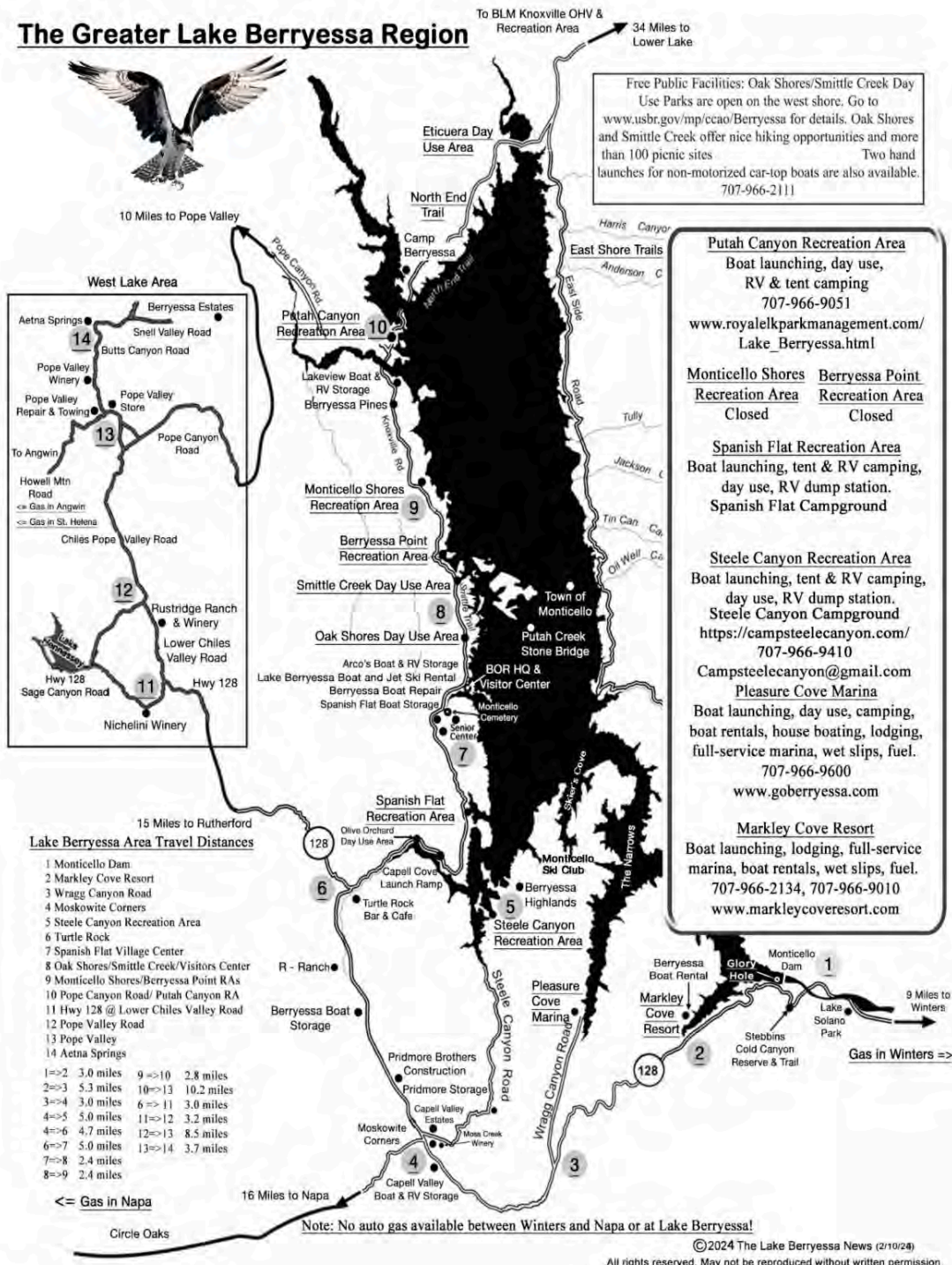
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Lake Berryessa Statistics (4/26/26)

Lake Berryessa water level has remained relatively constant during the last few days of light rain. It now stands at 438.9 feet - 1.1 feet below Glory Hole.

Rainfall at Monticello Dam rose to 24.12 inches for the rain year due to 1.32 inches at Monticello Dam during the last 3 days. The official rain year ends on June 30, 2026.

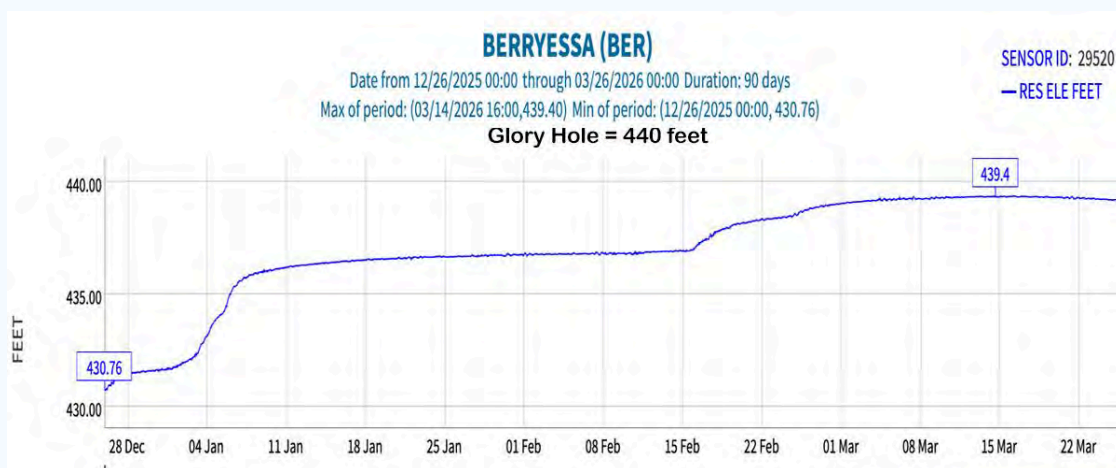
The lake output is at an average of 170 cfs (337 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day).

The runoff at the Geunoc measuring site is down to 118 cfs. The Solano County Water Agency doubles that to 236 cfs as an estimate of the total flow into the lake from the whole watershed. That total estimated amount of input is now less than 70% of the present low outflow from the dam.

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

Lake capacity is now at 1,530,584 Acre-Feet or 98.7%.

Water temperatures have risen slightly to an average of 65 degrees at the surface.





April Fools' Month 2026 Comes to an End!

This is the last issue in our April Fools' Month 2026 series. We review some of the "good ole days" of the original Darwin Awards. But wait, there's more! The advent of AI (artificial Intelligence) has added a whole new dimension to the amplification and implementation of stupidity, the AI Darwin Awards.

[Non-AI 2017 Awards](https://darwinawards.com/darwin/darwin2017.html)

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For a story to qualify for the original awards, it must meet five strict rules:

Inability to Reproduce: The candidate must be dead or rendered sterile.

Excellence: An astounding misapplication of judgment.

Self-Selection: The candidate must be the cause of their own demise.

Maturity: The candidate must be of sound mind (not a child or mentally impaired)

Veracity: The story must be verified by reputable sources.

Sample story: A welder is in the evolutionary spotlight. Vargas (pseudonym) worked for a construction company in Tselinnoe, Kazakhstan when he noticed how well a fire extinguisher fits into a decommissioned artillery howitzer. Inspired, he stuffed the fire extinguisher down the barrel...

Trained to use the elemental powers of hot plasma, welders are normally not daredevils, but Vargas was determined to prove the old adage, 'There are old welders and bold welders, but there are no old, bold welders.' He charged the cannon with calcium carbide and water, a reactive combination that produces acetylene welding gas...

The abused fire extinguisher exploded from the howitzer cannon, and pieces of the payload brained the welder--whose head was conveniently located in the ballistic trajectory of the shrapnel. In a fight between shrapnel and an empty skull, shrapnel wins.

Champions of Catastrophically Bad AI Decisions: Welcome to our prestigious hall of fame, where we celebrate the visionaries who looked at artificial intelligence and thought, "Safety protocols are just suggestions!" These brave pioneers have set the gold standard for what not to do with cutting-edge technology.

Each year, our distinguished panel of judges (and occasionally rogue AI systems) selects the most spectacularly ill-advised uses of artificial intelligence. The winners represent the finest examples of human overconfidence meeting machine learning—with predictably disastrous results.

The original Darwin Awards celebrated those who "improved the gene pool by removing themselves from it" through spectacularly stupid acts. Well, guess what? Humans have evolved! We're now so advanced that we've outsourced our poor decision-making to machines.

The AI Darwin Awards proudly continues this noble tradition by honoring the visionaries who looked at artificial intelligence - a technology capable of reshaping civilization - and thought, "You know what this needs? Less safety testing and more venture capital". These brave pioneers remind us that natural selection isn't just for biology anymore; it's gone digital, and it's coming for our entire species.

Because why stop at individual acts of spectacular stupidity when you can scale them to global proportions with machine learning? Nominees must demonstrate a breathtaking commitment to ignoring obvious risks:

AI Involvement Required: Must involve cutting-edge artificial intelligence (or what they confidently called "AI" in their investor pitch deck).

Catastrophic Potential: The decision must be so magnificently short-sighted that future historians will use it as a cautionary tale (assuming there are any historians left).

Ethical Blind Spots: Demonstrated ability to completely ignore every red flag raised by ethicists, safety researchers, and that one intern who keeps asking uncomfortable questions.

Scale of Ambition: Why endanger just yourself when you can endanger everyone? We particularly appreciate nominees who aimed for global impact on their first try.

Our distinguished panel of judges (and the occasional rogue AI) evaluates nominees based on:

Measurable Impact: Bonus points if your AI mishap made international headlines, crashed markets, or required new legislation named after you.

Creative Destruction: We appreciate innovative approaches to endangering humanity. Cookie-cutter robot uprisings need not apply.

Viral Stupidity: Did your AI blunder become a meme? Did it spawn a thousand think pieces? Did it make AI safety researchers weep openly?

Unintended Consequences: The best nominees never saw it coming. "But the AI was supposed to help!" is music to our ears.

Doubling Down: Extra recognition for those who, when confronted with evidence of their mistake, decided to deploy even more AI to fix it.

Hubris Bonus Points: Extra credit for statements like "What's the worst that could happen?" or "The AI knows what it's doing!" And the winner is:

The Undisputed Champion (Double Gold) - Tesla Full Self-Driving Car

Selected unanimously by our adjudication process and confirmed as the public favorite, Tesla FSD is the undisputed champion of 2025. It is the rare nominee that manages to terrify both PhD researchers and the average commuter equally. Tesla's Full Self-Driving software approached railway crossings—complete with flashing lights, descending barriers, and approaching multi-thousand-ton locomotives—and consistently concluded these were mere suggestions rather than urgent physics-based imperatives. This wasn't a one-off glitch; it was a systematic failure to comprehend the most basic rule of transportation: trains always win.

"This represents everything wrong with deploying undertested AI in safety-critical systems. The technology can navigate complex urban environments but fails at the Bronze Age concept of 'don't argue with objects significantly larger than you.' It's the perfect demonstration of how Silicon Valley's 'move fast and break things' philosophy becomes significantly less charming when the things being broken include your spine." — Senior Adjudicator, AI Darwin Awards

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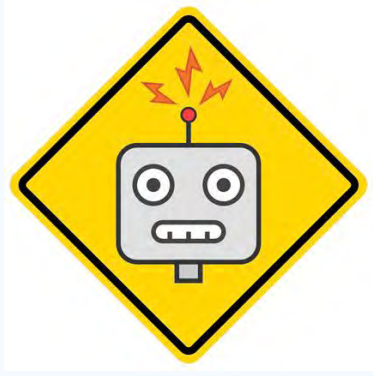
Visceral Terror: Nothing says AI overconfidence like negotiating with freight trains.

Systematic Failure: Multiple documented incidents across different locations and conditions.

Physics Ignorance: Spectacular misunderstanding of inertia, momentum, and mortality.

Video Evidence: Dashcam footage ensuring nobody could dismiss it as hearsay.

Regulatory Wake-Up Call: Prompted actual government intervention, always a good sign.



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In a fond farewell to April Fool's Month, here are a few more jokes. I would like to try the Omaha Steaks Pocket Steaks or Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Soup!

Omaha Steaks Pocket Steaks

Need a spot of protein on the go? Omaha Steaks is best known for sending giant crates of beef as gifts, but the company's April 1 product is "the world's first [pocket-sized steak](#)." It gets beefier: The company jokes that the steak is cooked by motion-activated technology. A rare deal indeed, if well done.



Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Soup

Baskin-Robbins has always had creative ice cream flavors, but for April 1, the company is hyping... ice cream soup. Not real, of course, but they're promoting the faux frozen dessert

in hopes that people will be inspired to take advantage of a buy-one-get-one 50% off deal on pre-packed quarts April 1-2 for Baskin-Robbins Rewards Members. Slurp 'em if you got 'em.



Meat Ball Pops

Say hello to the Meatball Lollipop: IKEA's 'world-first' collab that turns the classic Swedish meatball into a stick-based snack, finished with a tangy lingonberry twist.

No assembly required – just pure, slightly confusing flavor for the brave, the curious, or anyone who really, *really* loves Swedish candy.



Sriracha Chocolate Pudding

Dr Will's and Gü have teamed up for a dessert that genuinely sounds like it could exist — until you hear the twist. The rich chocolate pudding features a molten center made from Sriracha hot sauce instead of the usual gooey filling.



Cellphone Cologne

Want to smell like your cellphone? What does that even mean? Wireless tech giant T-Mobile's prank is Metro by T-Mobile CALLoGNE, combining call, as in phone call, with cologne. The company touts its April 1 joke as "the world's first luxury fragrance inspired by the unmistakable scent of a brand-new phone." Metro is T-Mobile's prepaid brand, formerly known as MetroPCS.



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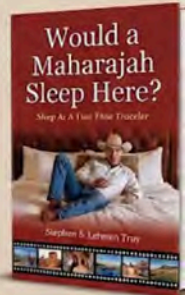
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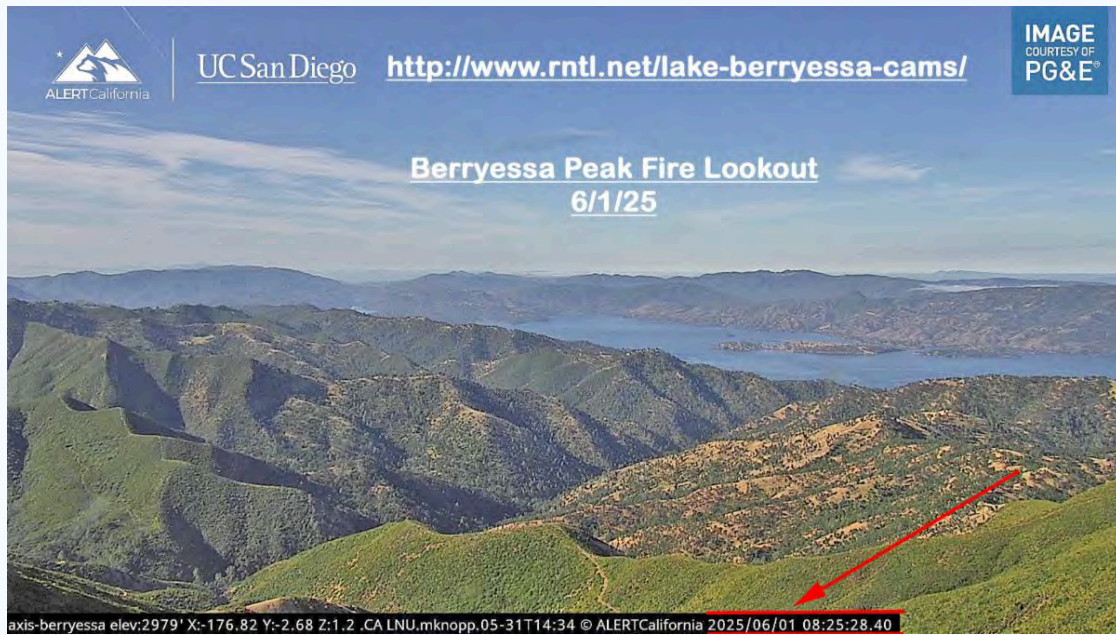
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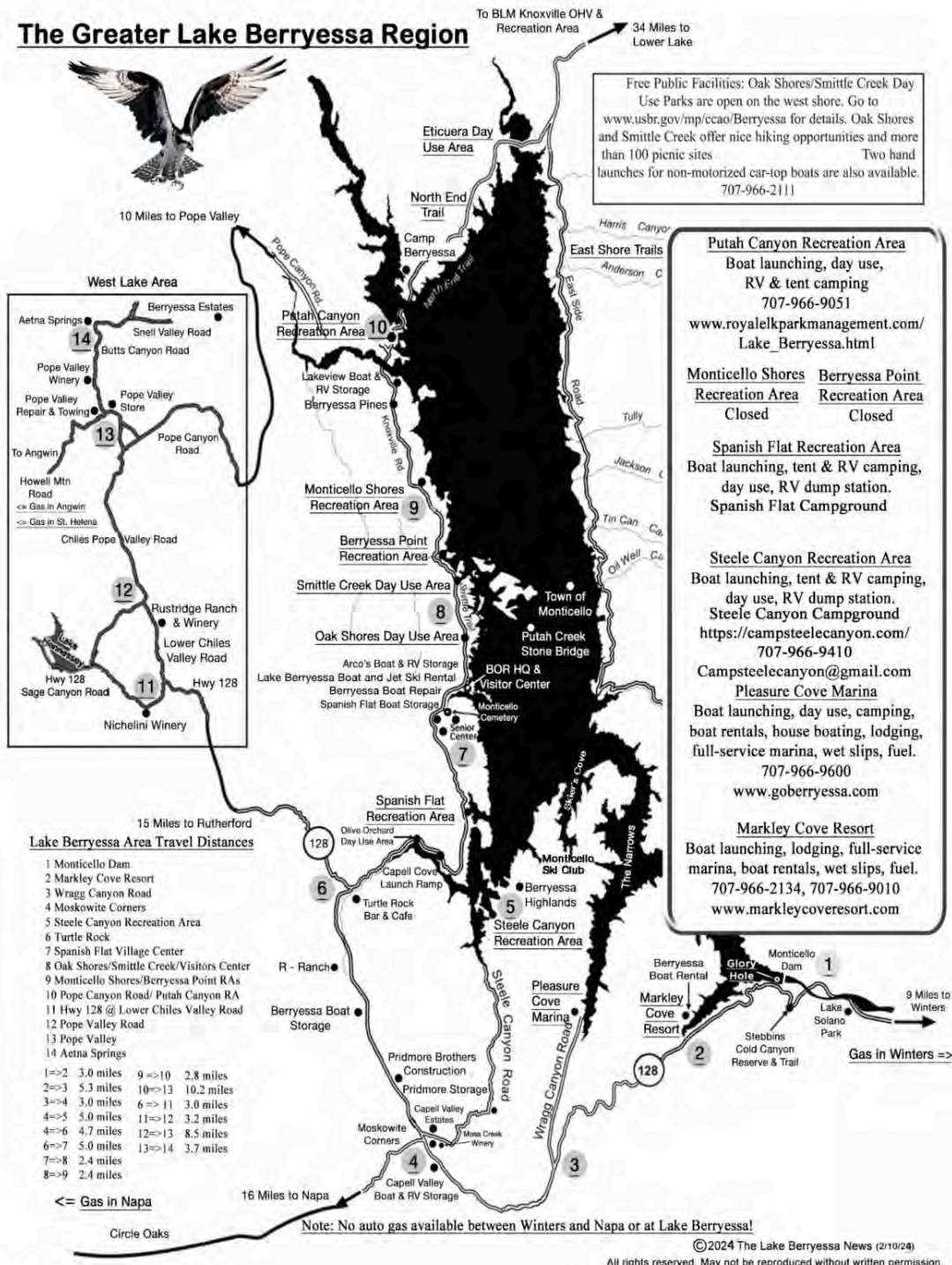
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