



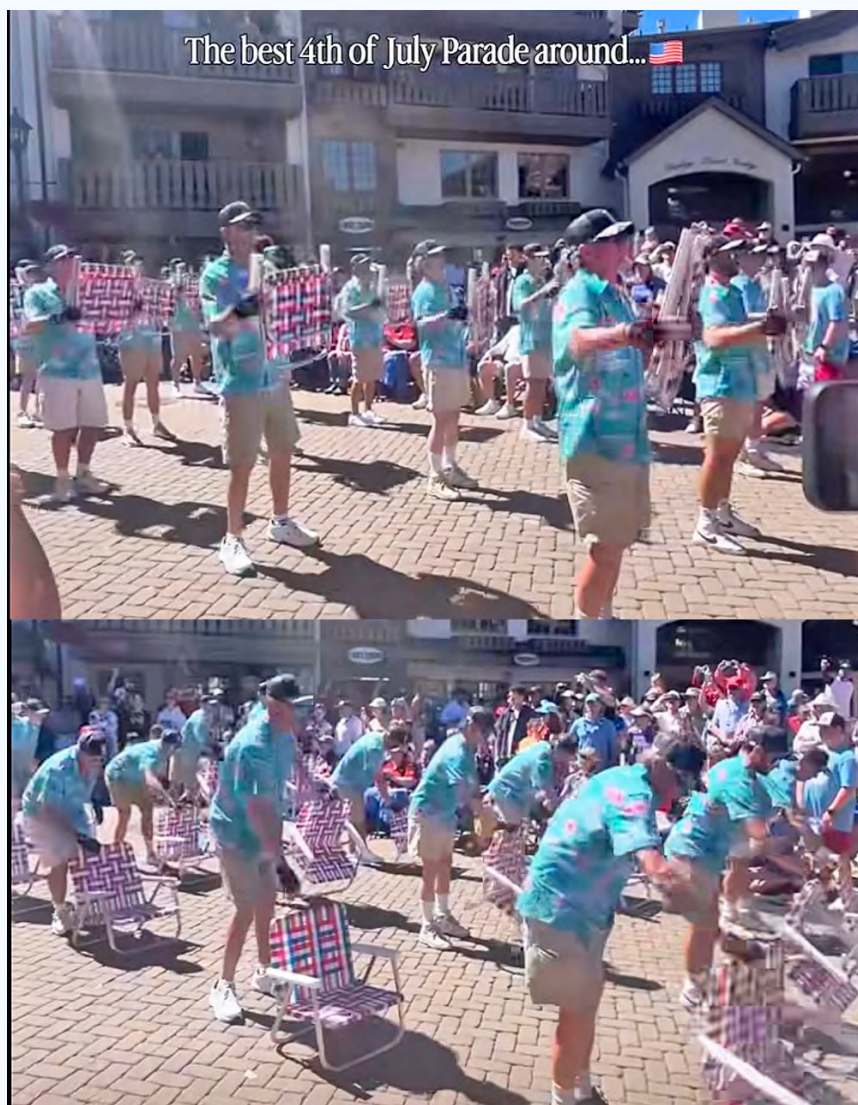
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July 4, 2026



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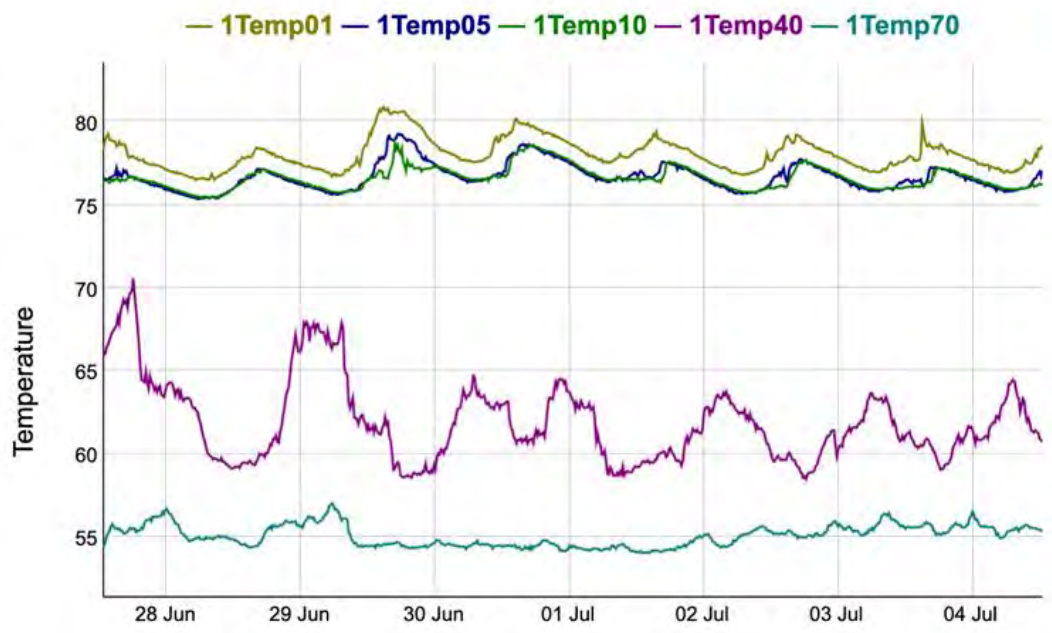
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Lake Berryessa - Temperature



Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/1 (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
97-98		10.77"	46.26"
98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
06-07	10/3/06 - .22"	5.36"	12.7"
07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"	25.32"
08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
09-10	9/14/09 - .24"	6.5"	26.41"
10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
12-13	10/22/12 - .73"	17.97"	20.65"
13-14	9/22/13 - .43"	1.88"	13.69"
14-15	9/19/14 - .11"	13.34"	19.56"
15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57"
16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	17.11"	47.55"
17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
18-19	10/2/18 - .51"	7.28"	40.53"
19-20	11/27/19 - .73"	7.14"	10.93"
20-21	11/15/20 - .09"	1.92"	9.21"
21-22	9/10/21 - .05"	15.84"	18.73"
22-23	9/19/22 - .42"	19.13"	41.86"
23-24	9/22/23 - .21"	7.66"	28.14"
24-25	10/29/24 - .25"	12.07"	22.97"
25-26	9/11/25 - .07"	12.63"	24.96"
26-27			

as of 7/4/26

Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Full Text

<https://www.lakeberrypressnews.com/resources/References-PDFs/4-Amendments-to-the-US-Constitution.pdf>

U.S. Constitutional Amendments by Year		
1	1791	Speech, religion, press, assembly, petition
2	1791	Right to keep and bear arms
3	1791	No quartering soldiers in homes
4	1791	Limits on searches and seizures
5	1791	Due process, self-incrimination, double jeopardy, takings
6	1791	Rights of the accused in criminal cases
7	1791	Jury trials in many civil cases (federal)
8	1791	No excessive bail or cruel punishments
9	1791	People have rights beyond the text
10	1791	Powers not given to federal government stay with states and people
11	1795	State sovereign immunity limits some federal lawsuits
12	1804	New system for electing President and Vice President
13	1865	Abolishes slavery
14	1868	Citizenship, due process, equal protection
15	1870	Voting rights cannot be denied based on race
16	1913	Federal income tax allowed
17	1913	Direct election of U.S. Senators
18	1919	Prohibition (later repealed)
19	1920	Women's suffrage
20	1933	New start dates and transition rules
21	1933	Repeals Prohibition
22	1951	Presidential two-term limit
23	1961	Washington, DC gets electoral votes
24	1964	No poll taxes in federal elections
25	1967	Presidential succession and disability rules
26	1971	Voting age set at 18
27	1992	Delays congressional pay raises



Wind Blows Down More "Silly Safety Signs" on Hwy 121 (Monticello Road)

If you've been following this Caltrans design fiasco, the wind has struck again at the Moskowitz Corners intersection where the new signs were totally unnecessary. Caltrans has yet to make any comment or take action to clean up the mess. Although Hwy 121 is not under Napa County jurisdiction, it might be helpful for the County or Cong. Mike Thompson to make contact with Caltrans to rectify the poor design which appears to have been cobbled together by angry drunk engineers with a grudge against California drivers.



The "Keep on Truckin'" Story Is Not About Truck Drivers!

I first saw the original cartoon shortly after I came to Berkeley in June, 1967. Robert Crumb was already a popular cartoonist. The cartoon, featuring men with exaggerated

large feet strutting confidently, was created by underground comix artist Robert Crumb. It debuted in the first issue of Zap Comix in 1968 as a visual play on the 1930s song "Trucking' My Blues Away" by Blind Boy Fuller.



Many years later I met a woman whose husband was a long-haul truck driver. Although she was relatively conservative, as was her husband, they were proud of the Crumb cartoon because they thought it was an ode to truckers. When I pointed out that it was a famous old hippie cartoon, she was offended! (They disliked hippies!)

Cultural appropriation is the adoption of elements from a minority culture by members of a separate, but usually, dominant culture. It is generally considered problematic when these elements are used without respect, understanding, or acknowledgment of their original context. Examples: Traditional Native American headdresses and other regalia as fashion accessories; Non-Black individuals adopting traditionally Black hairstyles, such as dreadlocks or cornrows.

See this link for more cultural appropriation context:

<https://ywcaspokane.org/2023-racial-justice-challenge-cultural-appropriation-vs-appreciation/>

Before its hippie-era fame, the phrase originated in African American vernacular and 1930s blues songs (such as Blind Boy Fuller's music). In this context, it was an expression used to indicate persistence and pushing through a hostile, oppressive society

"Keep on Truckin'" symbolizes cheerful resilience, perseverance, and the determination to keep moving forward despite challenges. It evokes a laid-back, "keep on keeping on" attitude, urging people to stay in the groove and stick to their path regardless of obstacles.

The Crumb image quickly escaped the underground comic scene and became a massive, often-pirated counterculture icon of the hippie era. While Crumb intended the cartoon as a symbol of cheerful, laid-back perseverance, its widespread commercialization on T-shirts, posters, and mudflaps famously annoyed the artist, leading him to battle for his copyrights.

"I became acutely self-conscious about what I was doing. Was I now a "spokesman" for the hippies or what? I had no idea how to handle my new position in society! Take *Keep on Truckin'* for example. *Keep on Truckin'* is the curse of my life. This stupid little cartoon caught on hugely. There was a D.J. on the radio in the seventies who would yell out every ten minutes: "*And don't forget to KEEP ON TR-R-RUCKIN'!*" Boy, was that obnoxious! Big feet equals collective optimism. You're a-walkin' boy! You're movin' on down the line! It's proletarian. It's populist."

Political "Cultural Appropriation": Trump Stole MAGA From Ronald Reagan

Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that he created the slogan "Make America Great Again" and the MAGA movement.

"The line of 'Make America Great Again,' the phrase, that was mine, I came up with it about a year ago, and I kept using it, and everybody's now using it, they are all loving it."

Though he did not coin the phrase originally, he claims he coined the slogan at some point in 2014. He once even accused Ted Cruz of ripping him off when the Texas senator used the phrase in his own presidential campaign announcement. But Trump is not the first politician to use the phrase.

Ronald Reagan originated the "Make America Great Again" political slogan during his 1980 presidential campaign. Facing a struggling economy marked by high inflation and unemployment, he and his running mate, George H.W. Bush, used the rallying cry on campaign buttons, posters, and in speeches.



July 4th Photos from Steele Park Campground and Turtle Rock







July 4th Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Feeding stray cats may seem important to you today in order to get a feeling of overwhelming satisfaction.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): 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.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): They say that knowing is half the battle, but they never tell you what the other half is, which is really frustrating.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Speaking as a robotic horoscope monster, I can only wish you the best of luck when the revolution comes.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Don't let fear of embarrassment prevent you from speaking your mind and asking important questions, like "Wait, what happened to acid rain?"

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The stars find that the time has come for you to put away childish things. Yes, that includes your three small children.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll balloon up to triple your weight after several months spent following a diet-book typo that told you to eat 16,000 calories a day.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Sometimes the truth can be hard to hear, as you'll discover this week when doctors attempt to tell you that you've gone deaf.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Despite the writing being on the wall, the bridge, the subway platform, and the abandoned warehouse, you'll still be surprised to hear about the recent rise of vandalism in your city

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Ensure your blood stays within your system today by not venturing farther than your refrigerator.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your learning may give you cause to grieve today as you are unable to stop local flooding using trigonometry alone.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Chew the cud with some friends today. Their inane chatter may amuse you.



July 4th Headlines

GOP Urges Democrats To Tone Down Rhetoric Used To Quote President Verbatim

Americans Are Asking Their Physicians To Put Them Into A Voluntary Coma Until November 2028

No One At Bar Aware World Cup Game Is Rerun From 2018

Texas GOP Confirms They Will Have All The "Woke Shit" Edited Out Of The Bible By 2030 For Its Use In Schools

Questions Grow Over Mystery Of Missing Legislative Branch

Supreme Court Rules Constitution Constitutional in 8-1 Decision

Nation Begs Frozen Fruit Companies To Keep The Giant Flavorless Blackberries Coming

Squirrel Unaware He Embroiled In Months-Long Feud With Homeowner

Finding No Tourist Visitors To Great American State Fair, NBC Interviews Fox Camera Crew, PBS Interviews ABC Crew, Al Jazeera Interviews NYT Reporter

New League of "Enhanced FIFA Games" Allows Competing Athletes To Use Steroids

Guy Who Goes To Bar Every Day At 10 A.M. Must Be Huge Soccer Fan

Anti-Vaxxer Dating App Gaining Popularity

Prize Hog Drops Out Of Great American State Fair Due To Event's Political Nature

Grandma Adds New Urn To Husband Collection

Police Suspect Gunman's Motive Was To Kill Bunch Of People

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Spanish Flat Campground: <https://campspanishflat.com/>

Steele Canyon Campground: <https://campsteelecanyon.com/>

Pleasure Cove Marina: <https://goberryessa.com/>

Markley Cove Resort: <https://markleycove.com/>

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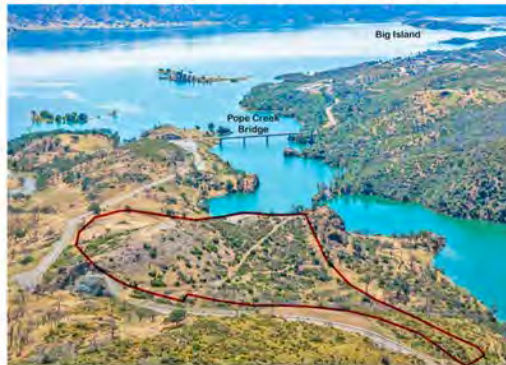
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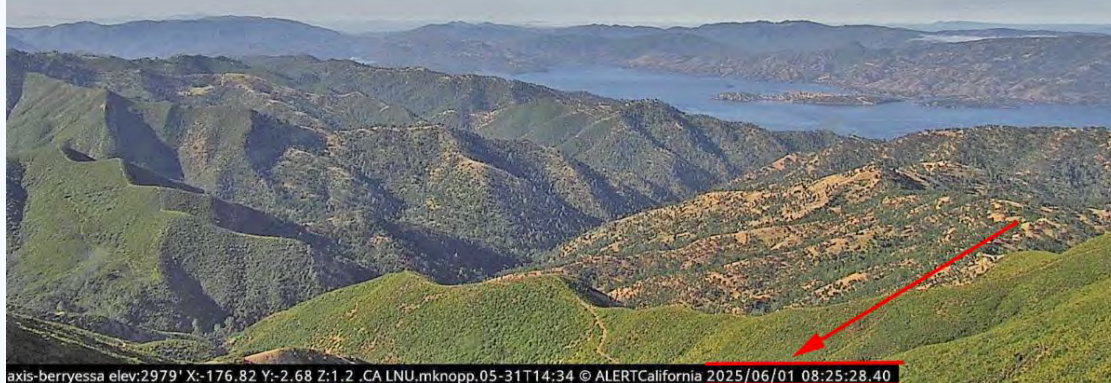
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This site covers the whole Lake Berryessa Region.

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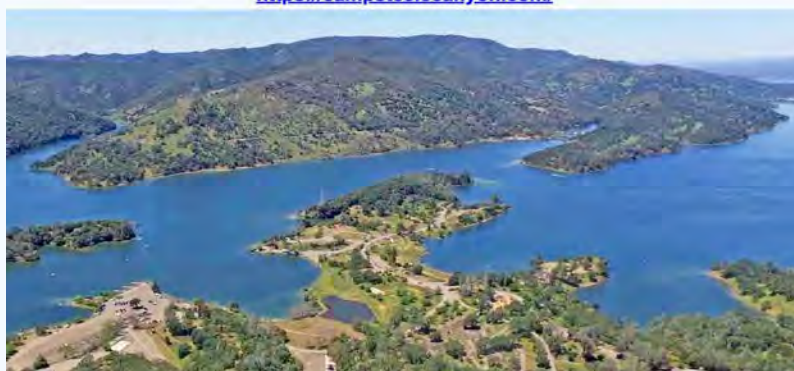
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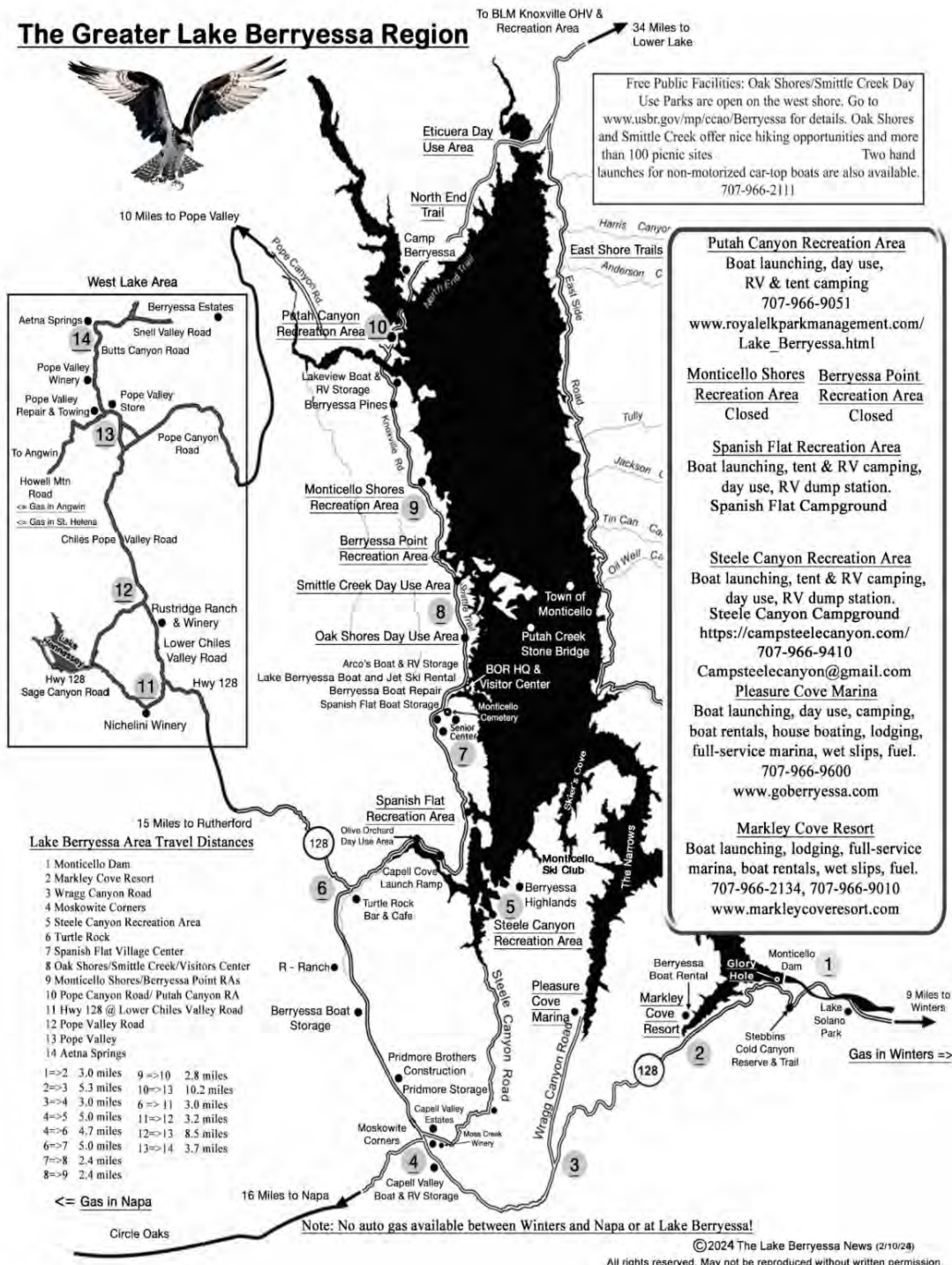


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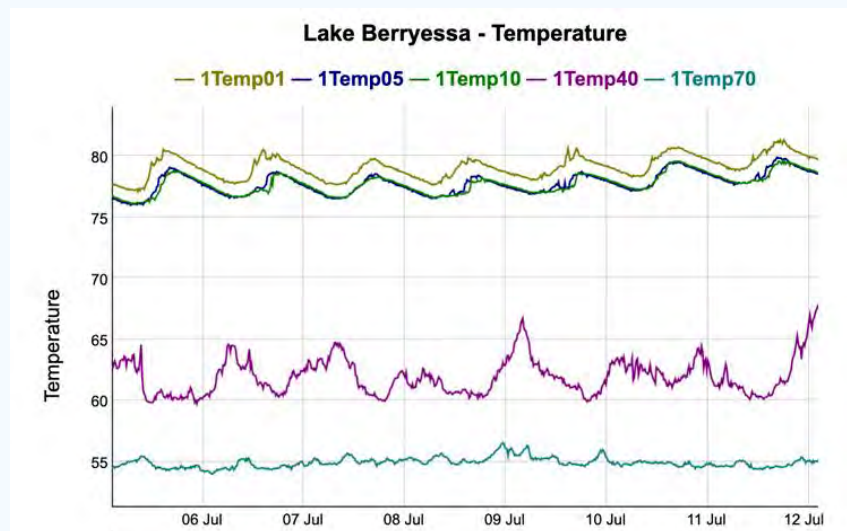
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Birthdays, Anniversaries, and "Cumpleaños"

Happy 21st Anniversary to Paul Franson and his excellent long-running newsletter - Napa Life (<https://napalife.org>). See the story below. Paul reminded me of my history with The Lake Berryessa News. I first became acquainted with The Lake Berryessa News in 1997 when I bought my mobile home at Steele Park Resort. At that time, it was being published

by Shirl Katleba and she distributed weekly to all the resorts and communities around the lake. I joined Shirl as Co-Editor in 2005, and published my first story in 2005 - 21 years ago.

General Plans, People, and Earth Day

by Peter Kilkus (April 21, 2005)

So 2026 is also my 21st anniversary writing for The Lake Berryessa News! Someone having the same birthday as you in Spanish is described as being "cumpleaños". "Tenemos el mismo cumpleaños – We have the same birthday." I first learned that when I was at a business dinner in Mexico City with about 5 people. One of the Mexican diners turned out to have July 25 as his birthday too. (Having the same birthday year is more accurately translated as "Nacimos en el mismo año" - We were born in the same year - but I like the word "cumpleaños" better. This was a good enough reason to have another round of drinks and toasts. Business dinners can be fun!

But this event may have been why I haven't won the lottery yet. Something known as the "Birthday Paradox" says the probability increases exponentially as the group grows, making shared birthdays highly likely in surprisingly small crowds. See Chart below. Finding my cumpleaños in a group of fewer than 10 people, though, probably jinxed me for the rest of my life.

So happy cumpleaños to the Napa Life (For those who live in Napa Valley – and those who wish they did), from The Lake Berryessa News (Without The Lake Berryessa News there would be no Lake Berryessa News)

Napa Life: For those who live in Napa Valley – and those who wish they did

Paul Franson

An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

Volume 21, Number 26, July 6, 2026

NapaLife's 21st birthday

July 6, 2026 was NapaLife's 21st anniversary — that is, the anniversary of the stand-alone emailed paid newsletter. It began as a 500-word weekly column in the Napa Valley Register, but there was so much to say, I added a free newsletter to cover the rest.

Then the Register fired me, and I turned the free newsletter into a paid one. It cost \$50 a year then, equivalent to \$85.26 now.

It wouldn't be what it is without editor Sasha Paulsen and proofreaders Polly Webber, Rosemary Gafner and Betty Teller among many others who contribute news and tips as well as help with the pesky lists. *And I'm still having fun creating it.*

Shared Birthday Probabilities

Number of People 	Probability of a Match
10 people	~11.7%
23 people	~50.7%
30 people	~70.6%
50 people	~97.0%
70 people	~99.9%

Bureaucracy Burial Baloney

The Government Wants To Control Your Body Even After You Die!

I just learned that a good friend, Patricia Monaghan, had died. Her son sent me a note that the family hoped to have a small memorial at the former Putah Creek Resort, now the Putah Canyon Campground. Pat and Jim had a place there for decades and had raised their kids there. Many of us had done the same thing with our families at the various resorts around Lake Berryessa before intransigent incompetence of the Bureau of Reclamation destroyed that vibrant community. My mobile home was at Steele Park Resort.

Pat was the founder of "Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa". She convinced me to join her as co-chair in 1999. Pat was the guiding force behind our fight to save the resorts, our "energizer bunny", and often had to recharge my batteries to keep up with her indefatigable spirit. And indefatigable she was, possessed of endless energy and enthusiasm, working persistently toward a goal without ever yielding to fatigue or giving up.



See her 2007 KCBS 2007 interview at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPsQ0W7qdK8>

Pat and Jim wished to have their ashes spread out on the lake they so loved. Although I had never given it much thought, it turns out that your family cannot simply go anywhere

you or your loved ones wished and spread their ashes "willy-nilly". You may be prohibited from doing so or need to meet some onerous requirements if it is public land or water managed by a government agency.

Here's a scene from the movie, The Big Lebowski, which I'm sure Pat would have loved.

https://youtu.be/6OrGhs2TQDM?si=r_X5TAaTwHnGSLdg



A quick Google AI search provide this result: "Scattering Cremation Ashes at Lake Berryessa: If you are strictly focused on Lake Berryessa, there is no legal way to scatter ashes anywhere on or immediately around the water. *Because the lake serves as a critical domestic water supply managed by the Solano County Water Agency and the federal Bureau of Reclamation, both agencies enforce a zero-tolerance policy for the disposal of human remains.*"

This statement is simply silly. The amount of cow, deer, and other animal waste, human pee & odd stuff that washes into this lake every year, far outweighs a few pounds of leftover mom or dad that has been processed at such high temperatures that nothing organic could survive.

A relevant example of the potential real pollution that did not occur is the Markley Cove Boat Fire on February 25, 2023. A fire destroyed a dock and 23 watercraft - boats, houseboats, and jet skis on Friday night. A section of the dock broke off and was floating independently, with some sections sunken and others floating aflame.



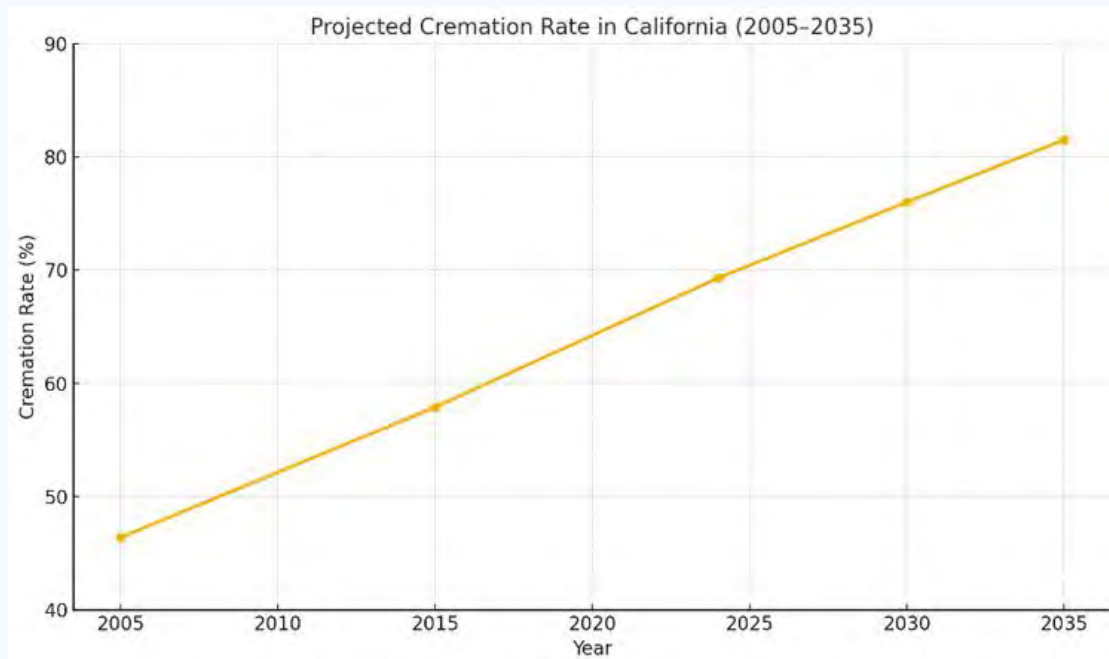


The Solano Irrigation District set up a water quality monitoring station on lower Putah Creek below Monticello Dam. They found no pollution from the gasoline, oil, and other chemicals from that fire in that water during several weeks of testing.

The process and result of cremation is not like burning wood to turn you into "ashes". You, the body, is placed in a very special container designed for cremation that is then placed in a specialized furnace. While the furnace uses flames to reach extreme temperatures, the remains are never directly exposed to flame.

Most of your body turns to gas. Because the human body is mostly composed of water, the result of exposure to such high temperatures is the evaporation and sublimation of the human tissue to gasses. The average human body will produce only four to six pounds of human ash as a result of cremation. Bones actually make up almost all of what remains after cremation. These remains are then submitted to a purification process. This helps to break down the bones into a fine dust-like substance.

Cremation is now the norm. In California, cremation has become the dominant choice for final disposition. The state's cremation rate reached 69.3% in 2024, and the National Funeral Directors Association projects it will climb to 81.5% by 2035.



Camp Margaritaville Resorts at Lake Berryessa Update: No News Is Still No News

A couple of years ago I attended a meeting of most the various local news organizations, large and small, at the Napa Valley Community Foundation. The NCF (<https://www.napavalleycf.org/>) hosted the meeting to see if there were way to preserve and enhance local news reporting. One of the attendee was the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. It became clear to me that the Press Democrat intended to poach readership from the Napa Valley Register. Soon after the meeting the Press Democrat started its own Napa Valley news section, offering subscriptions to Napa Valley residents. They did a few decent articles on Napa Valley news items, but never expanded that coverage.

On July 11 the Press Democrat published a rather long, complex report on the Camp Margaritaville Resorts efforts to build a new resort at the Steele Canyon Recreation Area, now Steele Canyon Campground manage by Napa County. This was the original site of Steele Park Resort, previously managed by the Bureau of Reclamation whose intransigent incompetence resulted in Steele Park being demolished in 2009.

The Press Democrat article was an attempt at an "expose" of the previous thirty years of business issues concerning the present Camp Margaritaville Resorts primary development manager, Tim Wilkins. The article only discussed, in passing, the current Camp Margaritaville proposal wending its way through the Napa County contract process. The Lake Berryessa News has extracted the portions of the article relevant to the current situation at Lake Berryessa. A pdf of the full article is available at:

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Camp-Margaritaville---PD.pdf>

Trouble in Margaritaville: Berryessa development partnership frays
By Phil Barber | phil.barber@pressdemocrat.com | The Press Democrat
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The Steele Canyon Campground at Lake Berryessa is an area that developer Tim Wilkens is proposing to build a 440-cabin Camp Margaritaville resort. Photo taken at Lake Berryessa in Napa County on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. (Christopher Chung/The Press Democrat)

Though Napa County has yet to sign a development agreement with Tim Wilkens for a Camp Margaritaville resort on the shores of Lake Berryessa, the project remains viable. Behind the scenes, though, the situation has grown quarrelsome.

The lead developer, Napa businessman Tim Wilkens, is being sued in Napa County by an outside financial partner, Atlas Hospitality. The lawsuit was originally filed in November 2024, a year after the county signed the negotiating agreement with WhiTim LLC, a company Wilkens controls. Wilkens, 66, confidently countered or dismissed any red flags in phone conversations with The Press Democrat. He suggested none of the suits against him had merit. Most appear to have been settled.

“Anybody can file a lawsuit and allege anything,” Wilkens said. He also cited his involvement in prominent Napa resort developments such as the Meritage Resort and Spa, RiverPointe Napa Valley and Calistoga Ranch, an upscale retreat that burned in the 2020 Glass Fire.

“In 28 years of developing projects in Napa, I have never been in front of a planning commissioner, county supervisor, city councilperson or airport land use commissioner who ever voted against any of our developments,” Wilkens said.

So far, that includes Camp Margaritaville Napa, which would turn a rustic campground and RV parking area into a nationally branded resort with more than 400 cottages. It’s a particularly ambitious concept. “It’s a good project, and we’re proud to be the developer,” Wilkens said.

[Big idea for Steele Canyon](#)



In 2021, Wilkens responded to a county request for proposals with a submission that included two other equity owners. Steele Canyon would become Camp Margaritaville, he wrote. It would include 425 cabins, 100 RV sites, a clubhouse, swimming pool, store, wedding pavilion and offer spa treatments, among other amenities.

The Board of Supervisors signed an exclusive negotiating agreement with Wilkens in December 2023. It went into effect for 30 months, with an automatic six-month extension upon request by the developer. Wilkens made that request; he and the county are now in the six-month window, and it is likely to expand.

"I am advised that we intend to credit him one year to account for the time he was paused while pursuing a lease extension with the federal government," Holly Dawson, public information officer for Napa County, wrote in an email to The Press Democrat.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which still manages the land around the lake, is offering 50-year leases. Wilkens said that JLL, the lender he is working with on the project, has informed him it likely needs a 99-year term to make the project viable.

More detailed review ahead

As for Lake Berryessa, Wilkens said he's working with lobbyists to secure a conditional 99-year lease with the Bureau of Reclamation, which would allow him to commence building on Camp Margaritaville. "We expect in the next 90 days we will have that 99-year lease finalized," he said on June 25.

It isn't clear how much of Wilkens' history was known to Napa County staff and elected leaders when they entered into the exclusive negotiating agreement. During the negotiation phase, according to Dawson, the county PIO, the county's due diligence typically might include a review of publicly available information and basic evaluation of the developer's qualifications.

"Should negotiations advance to a final agreement, the County would undertake a more detailed review of the proposed project's financing, development plan, operational approach, and other contractual requirements before bringing any agreement forward for Board consideration," Dawson said.

For now, Napa County has not moved away from Wilkens' proposal for Steele Canyon. "The County remains under an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with WhiTim Development, and discussions regarding the project are ongoing," Dawson confirmed. The litigation between two of the project's development partners has not been a factor in negotiations, she added. "The County's contractual relationship is with WhiTim Development," Dawson wrote. "Atlas Hospitality is not a party to the County's agreement."

The Napa County Defensible Space Fuel Mapper

<https://youtu.be/vuXplddIVhA?si=m4VOuiWmWetQyZbw>

The Napa County Wildfire Fuel Mapper was created to help residents, fire safe councils, and other land managers to help to locate and understand fire hazards on their property. The application aggregates fine-scale fuels and fire hazard datasets to deliver information via custom maps and reports. The simple interface helps community members to understand planning and regulatory requirements specific to their location. Formerly available only to Sonoma County residents, the Wildfire Fuel Mapper has recently been expanded to all of Napa County, with funding from Napa Firewise Foundation.



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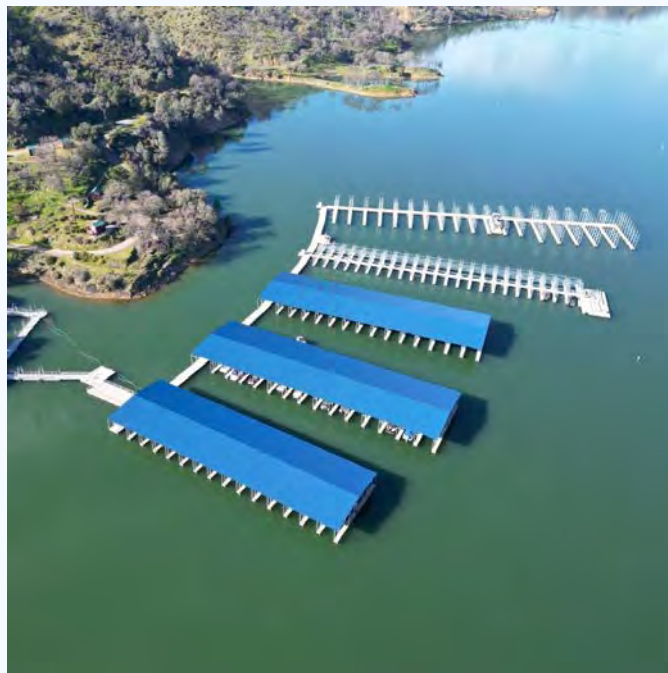
Recently, members of the Napa County Fire Marshal's Office (NCFMO) and Battalion 15 crews conducted hands-on training on the new standpipe system at Pleasure Cove Marina's upcoming Marina 2 expansion.

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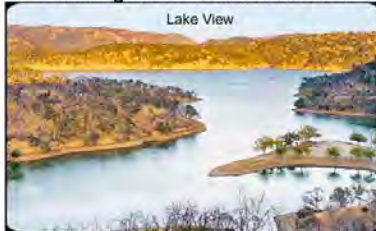
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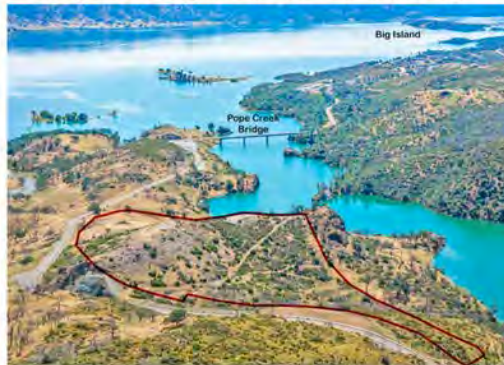
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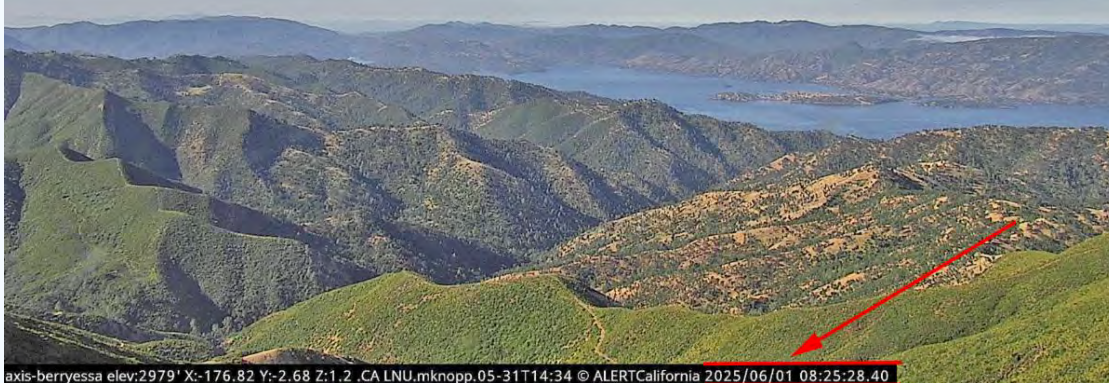
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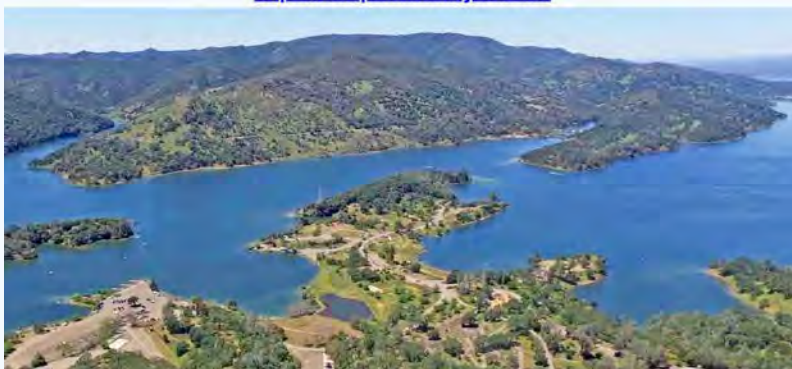
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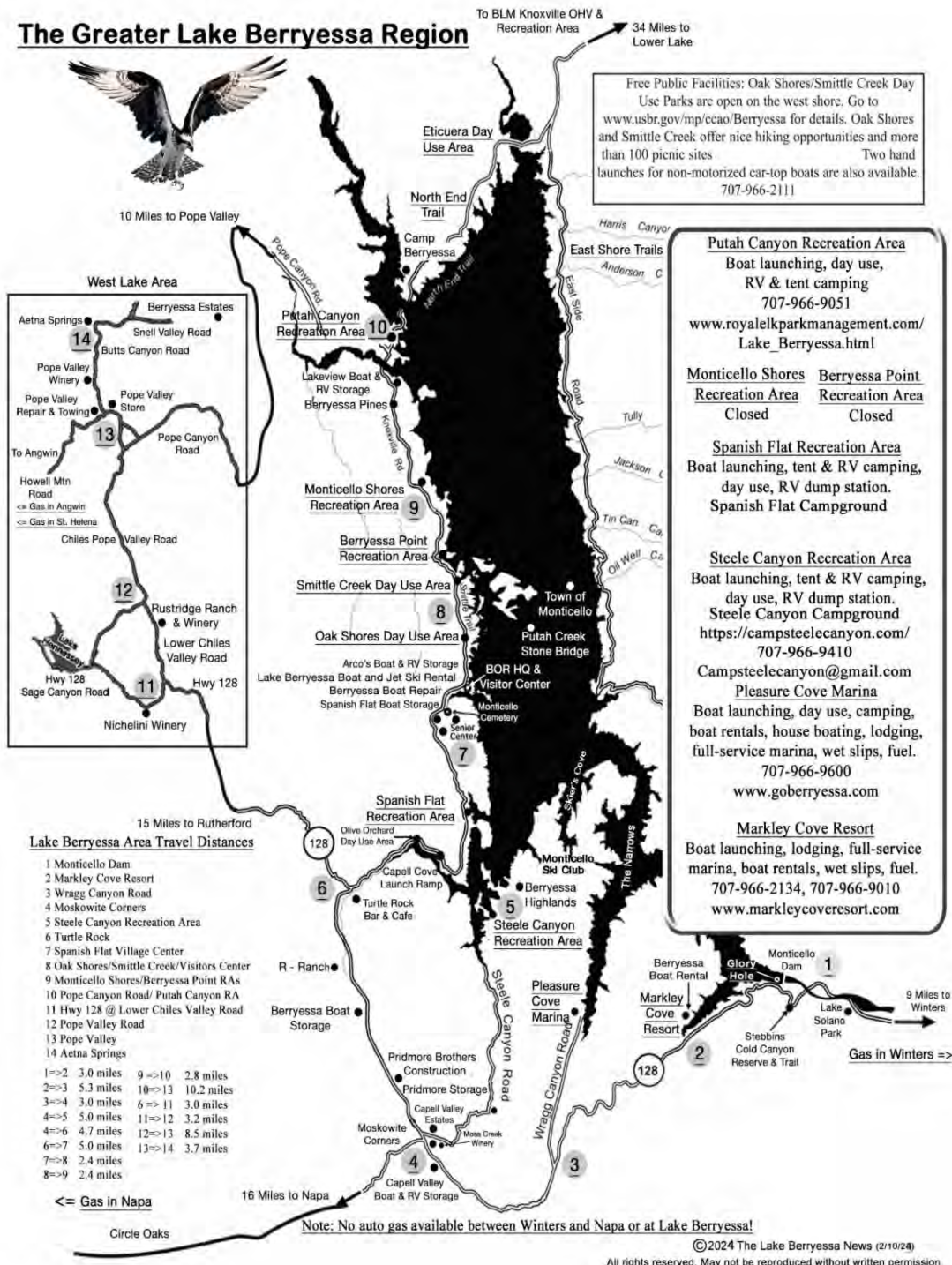
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The Lake Berryessa News

July 19, 2026

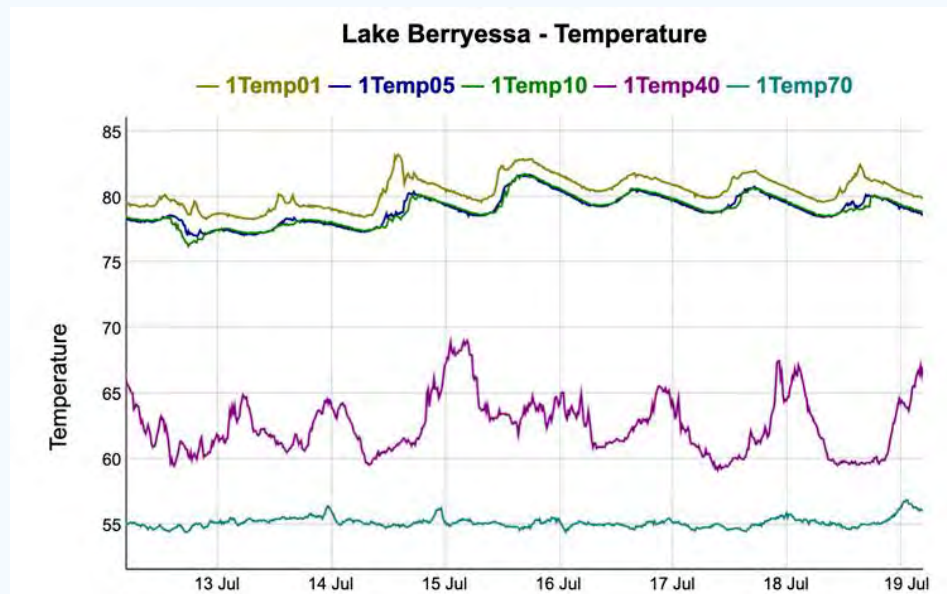
Lake Berryessa Statistics (7/19/26)

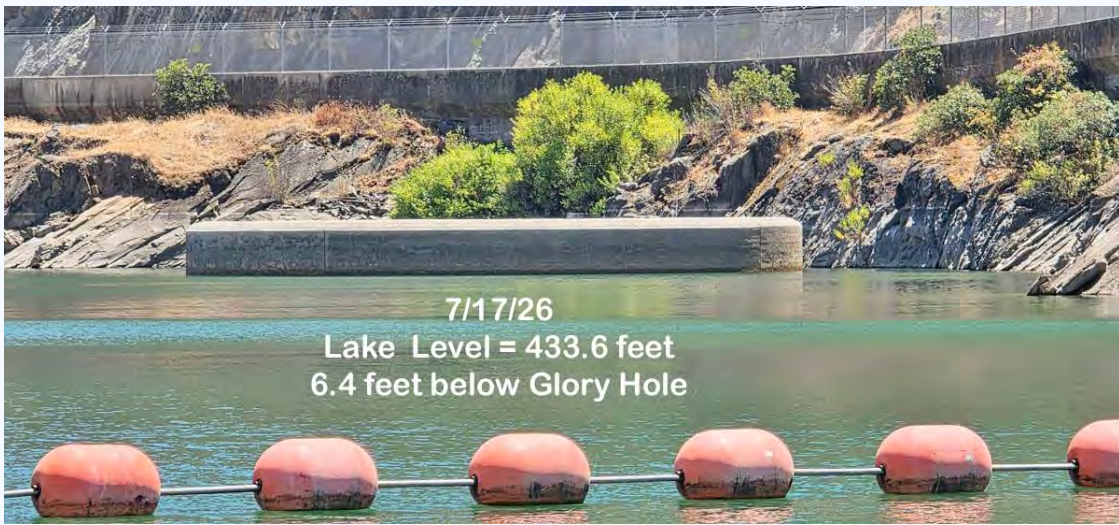
Lake Berryessa water level continues to drop about a half inch per day as the growing season advances into summer. It now stands at 433.6 feet - 6.4 feet below Glory Hole.

The lake output is averaging of 600 cfs (1,189 A-F per day).

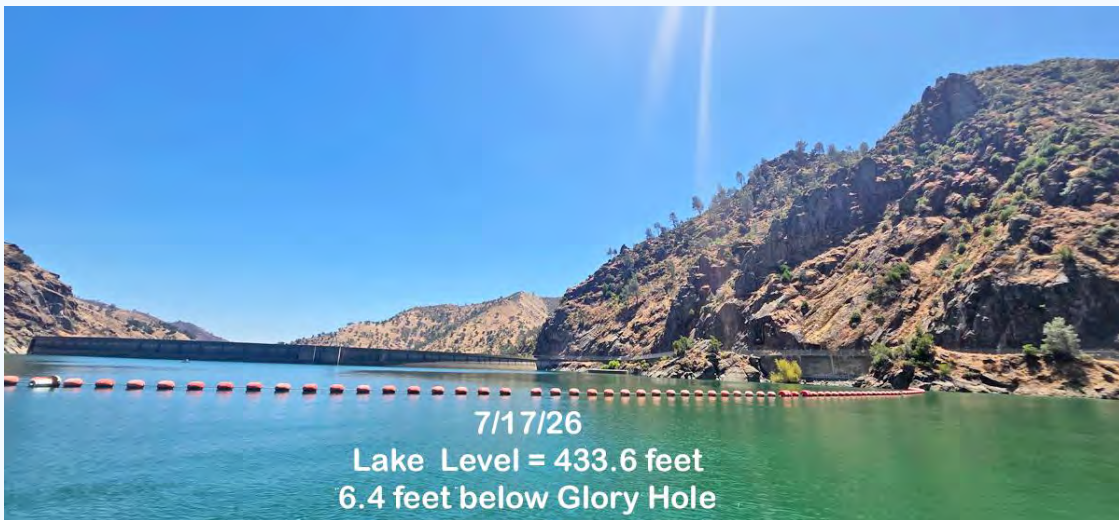
Lake capacity is now at 1,433,112 Acre-Feet or 92.4%.

Water temperature is averaging 80 degrees at the surface and a constant 55 degrees at 70 feet.





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Lake Level = 433.6 feet
6.4 feet below Glory Hole



7/17/26
Lake Level = 433.6 feet
6.4 feet below Glory Hole





Bureaucracy Burial Baloney

Don't Tread on My Ashes!

After my previous newsletter about spreading the ashes of loved ones, I received a couple of responses like the one below. If anyone else has a story along these lines, please send it to me at pkilkus@gmail.com. I think the Solano Irrigation District (SID), Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), the Bureau of Reclamation rangers, and the Napa County sheriffs would be ashamed to try to enforce this ridiculous rule.

"After my husband's parents died just a few months apart, we had each of them cremated. We had two urns and planned to scatter their ashes somewhere. I came home from work one day and found a large ceramic planter on our dining room table with our spaghetti scooper in it and lots of dark ash. I asked my husband what he was doing. He said he had combined his parents' ashes and arranged for a friend to fly us over Lake Berryessa so we could scatter them, which we did. That was my first indication that I was claustrophobic - being in that small plane, going so slow, for 45 minutes each way. Never again!!!

He reserved a small amount (1/2 cup +/-) which he put in a Ziploc bag. We flew to Italy with the rest of their ashes and scattered them on the family property - which was probably even more against the law for bringing human remains across state/national/foreign borders. Geez!!!

I'm sure my in-laws would have been happy to know what we did, even if it was against the law. But, shhhh, don't tell anyone or at least don't use our real names!

Yes, please do use the story and also see who else has broken the law. I'm sure we're not the only ones, and it could make for fascinating reading. And I don't know how they would

enforce the law - it's crazy!"

Monetizing the Dead

A boat ride to my last scuba dive without a tank!
I like it. Let's make it a big party for my friends.

Under California law, it is illegal to scatter ashes from any bridge or pier, or into the ocean within 500 yards of the shoreline. To spread your loved one's ashes near the Golden Gate Bridge, you must charter a licensed boat into the bay or hire an aerial scattering service.

The majority of boat charters for this area depart from Sausalito or Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. A typical memorial charter lasts \$250 to \$625 for 1.5 to 2 hours, taking you directly beneath or just past the Golden Gate Bridge. Additionally, you will need to obtain a Disposition Permit from your local county health department before the ceremony. Professional boat captains generally handle this filing on your behalf, but it is best to verify when booking.

Below is a breakdown of specialized local services you can book:

Marin Memorial Services: Offers standard unattended scatterings under the bridge for \$250, or fully attended Bay memorial tours starting at \$400.

Ashes on the Bay: Provides private, USCG-captained sailboat charters (up to 6 passengers) departing from Sausalito for \$625.

Captain Dave's SF Bay Charters LLC: Operates a 36-foot luxury cruiser for memorials in the bridge cove areas starting at \$625.

Trident Society: Provides both common sea scatterings and private packages aboard the NAIAD yacht, including optional clergy services.

Spreading ashes from an airplane in California is legal, but strict regulations apply. You must only release the cremated remains—never the urn or container—and the ashes must be fully dispersed away from crowds, cities, and private property. If scattering offshore, you must fly at least 500 yards from the California shoreline. You will need a burial/transit permit issued by your local county health department or registrar, which is typically handled by your cremation provider.

Offshore Scattering: If flying over the Pacific Ocean, EPA regulations require you to be at least 3 nautical miles from land and 500 yards from the shore. A written statement with exact GPS coordinates must be filed with the local county registrar within 10 days of the scattering.

FAA Rules for Aerial Scattering

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Local Aerial Scattering Services

Because navigating these regulations can be complex, many families hire licensed and FAA-certified aerial ash scattering professionals. Prices typically range from \$200 to \$1,000+ depending on whether you choose an unattended scattering or a witnessed flight where friends and family can fly overhead.

A Journey With Wings: Operating out of the Los Angeles area (Fullerton Airport), they provide both private and public ash scattering flights across many approved regions, including state parks and at sea.

San Diego Sky Tours: Offers standard and witnessed aerial dispersions along the Southern California/San Diego coastline.

Farewell Flight Service: Flies beautifully restored historic aircraft (like the 1954 Cessna 195) to scatter ashes along the California coast or over tailored, permitted land locations.

Cambridge Scatterings: Operates primarily in Northern and Central California, scattering over the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco Bay, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Traveling with Ashes

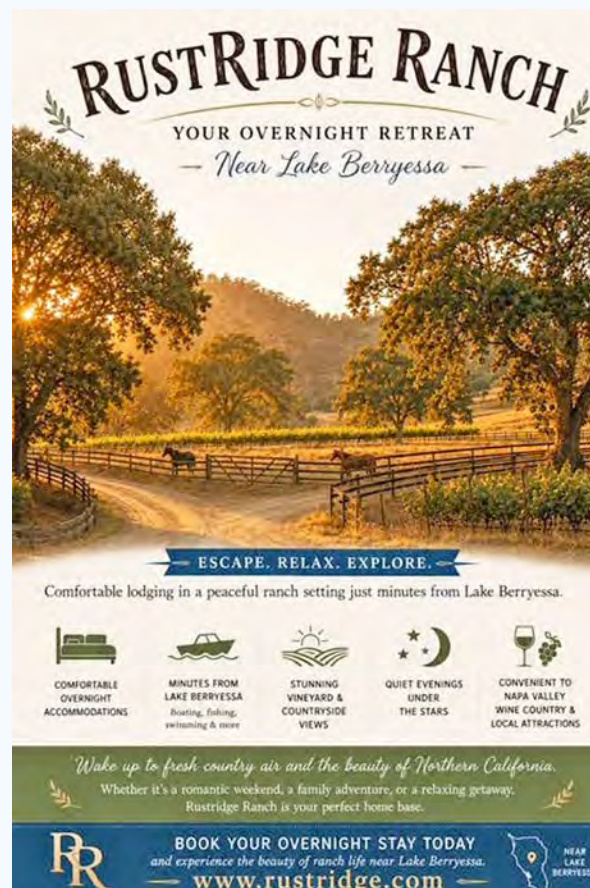
If you plan to bring the ashes to the airport for the flight, you must transport them in a lightweight, X-ray-friendly container made of soft wood, plastic, or cardboard. The TSA will not open a cremation container. If the urn is made of heavy metal, stone, or ceramic and cannot be clearly screened, it will not be allowed on the plane.

A New Lake Berryessa News Website Design?

My friend, Susan Meyer, of Rustridge Ranch fame, suggested that I update my Lake Berryessa News website (<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/>). With the assistance of ChatGPT, she produced a sample below. It's an excellent presentation, with an esthetic approach to information display. Do you like it?

But it would require me, an inherently lazy person, to rewrite the whole website software. And implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any project! I'm seriously considering it. Should I do it?

An example of a beautiful Rustridge ad that Susan created is also posted below.





Camp Margaritaville Resort at Steele Canyon Update

Articles that appeared in two local news outlets, including the previous issue of The Lake Berryessa News, regarding legal allegations against Tim Wilkens, the Camp Margaritaville Resorts project manager, caused some concern about the state of the revitalization efforts at Steele Canyon Recreation Area (now Steele Canyon Campground). Mr. Wilkens provided an extensive rebuttal to those charges, including copies of court documents, to Napa County and to The Lake Berryessa News.

Unfortunately, those negative articles awakened some of the pseudo-environmental exclusionists, who have long been attempting to undercut any improvements at the lake, to once again raise the heads. These folks continue to find the truth too confining and continue to oppose the plan, despite the positive effects it would have on the local Lake Berryessa community and its economy.

The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program Explained

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Lake-Berryessa-Support-Documentation/The-Lake-Berryessa-Revitalization-Program-Explained.pdf>

Below is a summary of Mr. Wilkens response to these attacks. As I told Mr. Wilkens, The Lake Berryessa News is primarily interested in the future of this project and his ability to continue to develop the plans and provide the financial resources to implement those plans. The Lake Berryessa community, in general, is very supportive of this project.

Summary of Documents and Explanations Regarding Claims Made in the July 11, 2026 Press Democrat News Article.

July 16, 2026

The purpose of this summary is to address each statement or claim made and to provide a detailed explanation of what really occurred or what real facts are along with all supporting documents that confirm our explanations. If any additional information is needed, we would be happy to supply such information.

Lawsuit with Atlas Hospitality

In May 2024 an agreement was signed between Atlas Hospitality "Atlas" and WhiTim Napa, LLC "WhiTim" for Atlas to invest \$2,500,000 by August 2024 and become a Member and Co Manager of WhiTim.

Despite giving Atlas numerous opportunities to cure their default and fund the monies required under their agreement they failed to do so. On August 19, 2024, Atlas was sent a formal notice required under their agreement to terminate their agreement for nonperformance and any future rights Lincoln Hine would have to be a Manager. On August 22, 2024 a full accounting of all funds spent with a budget comparison was sent to Lincoln Hine. The only line item that exceeded our budget was attorney's fees

Atlas filed a lawsuit with various false claims which were stayed and eventually went to binding arbitration with Judge Snowden. The arbitration has been delayed due to Atlas' failure to even pay the arbitration fees to JAMS who is doing the arbitration.

In the past year Atlas and Lincoln Hine has been evicted from their offices for nonpayment of rent, had multiple multimillion-dollar judgements entered against them and has even been sued by his father for stealing funds.

Lawsuit with ARENA SPV

One of our companies Chalets LLC obtained a construction loan commitment from Arena SPV "Arena" to fund the development of a housing development in Sparks Nevada. As you will see by the detailed summary of the history of Arena's performance, they only could fund \$2.8m of their \$15m loan and were unable to timely advance any of our loan draw requests. When then learned that Arena was not licensed to make loans in Nevada and their escrow agent was also not licensed.

We decided to pay off their loan and proceed to complete the development with a different lender. When we requested a payoff for the \$2.8m that Arena advanced they demanded \$7.5m claiming additional funding for "forced funding" on the entire \$15m loan that was never funded. We filed suit against Arena to force the payoff on our loan. Arena filed suit against our company, and everyone involved in New York and falsely claimed that they advanced \$2.3 million for the construction of the homes that were being built off site.

Based upon Arena's false claim that they advanced \$2.3 million for houses, the New York court issued a Restraining and Contempt Order demanding that we return Arena's \$2.3 million. The lower court was under the belief that Arena had funded \$2.3 million to us. We filed an appeal to this order since Arena never advanced any funds. Upon review by the New York Supreme Court the court ruled in our favor and not only were we under no obligation to pay any funds to Arena. We now have pending motions for serious sanctions against Arena for this false claim. Arena is now a defendant in both our Nevada suit and the New York action. A copy of the Supreme Court's ruling is attached.

Past Litigation

1) LGOTP/Tim Wilkens: In 1991, 34 years ago, we were developing a conference center and mixed-use development with Marriott's Conference Division in Silicon Valley. We obtained the project approvals and financing from Owens Financial to develop the project. Unfortunately, we learned in late 1993 that the property was heavily contaminated and would not be developable. Due to this we could not proceed with the development. We had two investor groups that funded the equity in this development. The first group was from Taiwan & China and through their investment in our EB5 partnership they received Green Cards in the United States. The other investor was a local family, Valerie and Calvin Lusk.

a. The EB5 group filed suit and made various allegations. We had a formal Trustee appointed and after a two-year review of the case the trustee determined that we did nothing improper and sued the EB5 group successfully and the group had to dismiss their lawsuit and pay us \$100,000. A copy of the court ruling is enclosed.

b. Valerie Lusk was the second investor that invested \$200,000. After their investment was made the couple divorced and the invested funds were allocated to Valerie Lusk in her divorce settlement. Valerie Lusk had financial problems as a result of her divorce and demanded immediate return of her money. She filed a civil lawsuit. The threat was made that if did not immediately return her funds that her brother who worked in the District Attorney's office would file a criminal complaint. A criminal complaint was filed claiming I improperly transferred some funds from two partnership accounts, and an arrest warrant was issued. They also sent a press release to the local newspaper which covered this story initially. This action was eventually exposed when Valerie Lusk admitted in her deposition what she had done. We also obtained a memo from her attorney that warned her that such action would lead to criminal charges being filed against her.

In addition, the alleged "improper transfer" that they claimed occurred was not done by myself as on the day the transfer occurred I was on a flight from Hong Kong to San Francisco with one of my partners who verified this. The end result is that the civil matter was dismissed, and the court issued an order to expunge the criminal complaint and all files were sealed. My personal files are clear and show that I have never had any wrongdoing. A report the California Department of Justice confirming my background is also enclosed with the expungement order. It should also be noted that this matter was resolved 31 years ago.

2) American Contractors Indemnity: I was named as two of the 15+ defendants in a performance bond claim in 2008 on a development that did not proceed. The matter was dismissed against us almost immediately. A copy of the court documents and dismissal are enclosed.

3) Geneva Leasing/ American Homes: A suit over a stalled development in for a 37-unit town home development that was 80% complete was filed in 2008 by a minor participant and servicing agent in the construction loan Geneva Leasing. The main lender First Bank of Beverly Hills failed during the financial crisis and the loan was then transferred to the FDIC. A settlement agreement was reached where the property was sold to a developer in San Diego who paid off the FDIC and finished the project which resulted in the litigation being dismissed. A copy of the dismissal is enclosed.

4) Mihoko Kanematsu/ Napa Villas: A buyer of one of the town homes in our development wanted to cancel her contract for a unit she purchased under our presale program. Her contract said that her deposit was "non-refundable". She filed suit to get her deposit of \$25,000 back. Her deposit was refunded and her case dismissed. A copy of the dismissal is enclosed.

5) Napa Resort Partners: I was not a party to any action against myself as I was the owner of this company. Copies of the documents from the California Secretary of State are enclosed.

6) First American Title: A disputed real estate lien preference occurred with First American Title Company of a property that was sold. The matter was settled and dismissed. A copy of the court dismissal is enclosed.

7) LTP Bankruptcy Federal Court: I agreed to transfer development rights to estate of the US Trustee. The transfer was made and satisfied. The satisfaction document is enclosed.

8) Gerry Closs/ Interval results: Gerry Closs filed suit against Interval Resorts and its various principles. I was inadvertently named in the suit, and Gerry Closs had his attorney file documents with the court to reverse the claim made against me. A copy of the court order rescinding his action is enclosed.

9) Centralnic Group Federal Court: This is a company I have never heard of and not done any business with. Somehow my name was included in their lawsuit against Simon Mills. Not only was I dismissed from the matter but an apology letter was also provided.

10) Small Claims & matters under \$10,000:

a. Carmel & Carmel: This was a small case over \$7,000 of disputed attorney's fees. The matter was settled and dismissed case # 26-08956.

b. Creditors Adjustment Bureau: This was a suit to change the name of a company we had Jardine International as it was confused with Colliers Jardine international. We agreed to change the name and the case was dismissed #26-01203.

c. American Express: This was a dispute over \$5,911 of charges on a supplemental card that was cancelled. The amount was paid the case dismissed and I currently hold an American Express card. A copy of the court dismissal is enclosed case #16CV000098

d. PMGI: This was a disputed trade account that was settled for \$6,886. A copy of the Settlement Agreement and Satisfaction is enclosed case #16CV000949.

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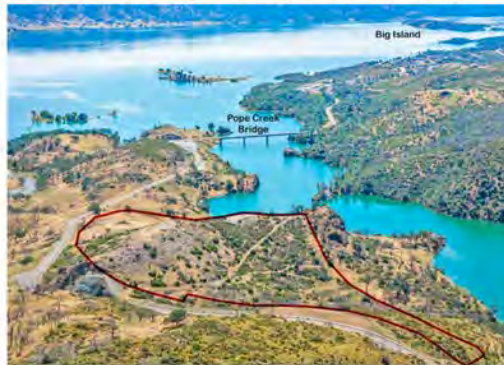
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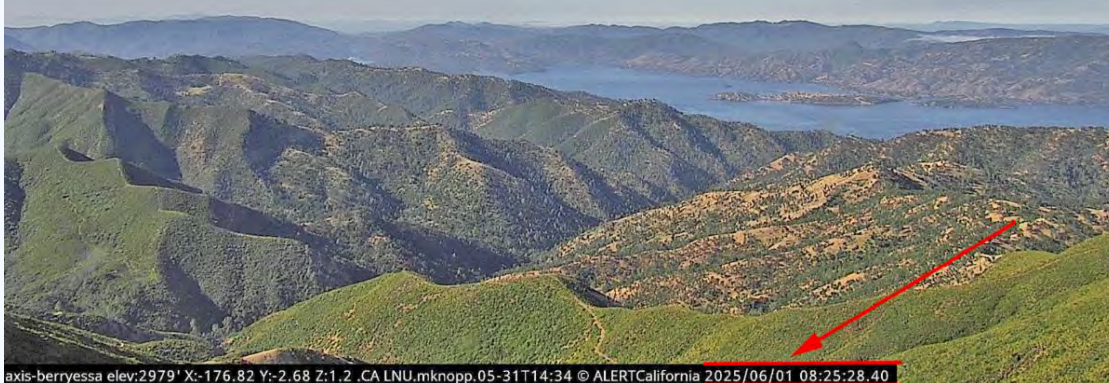
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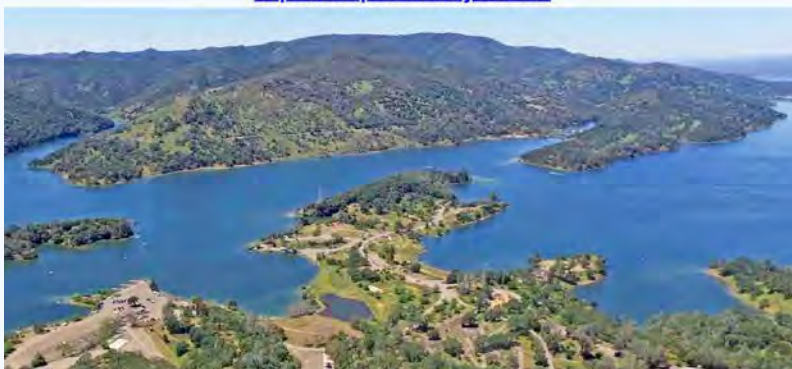
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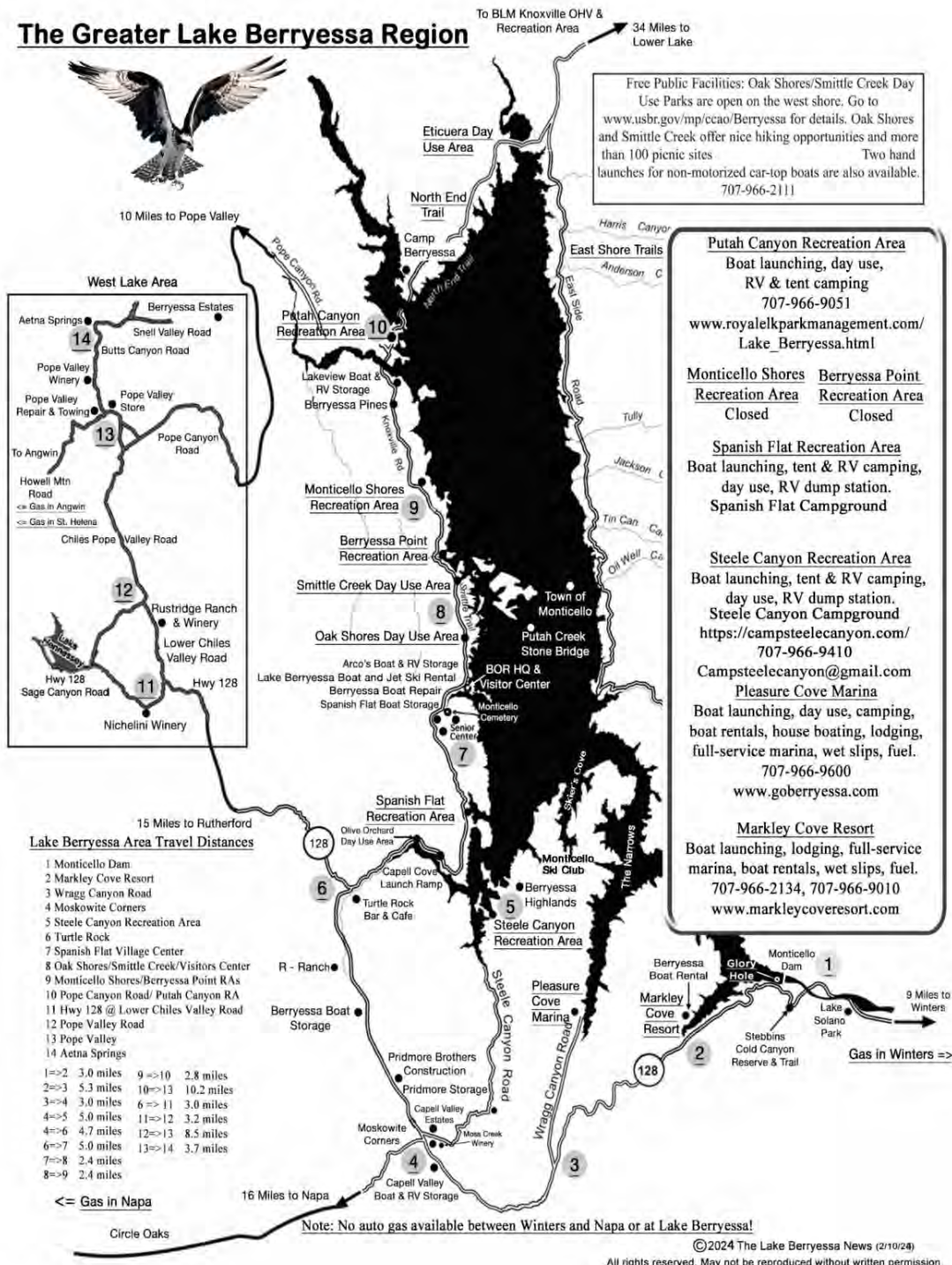


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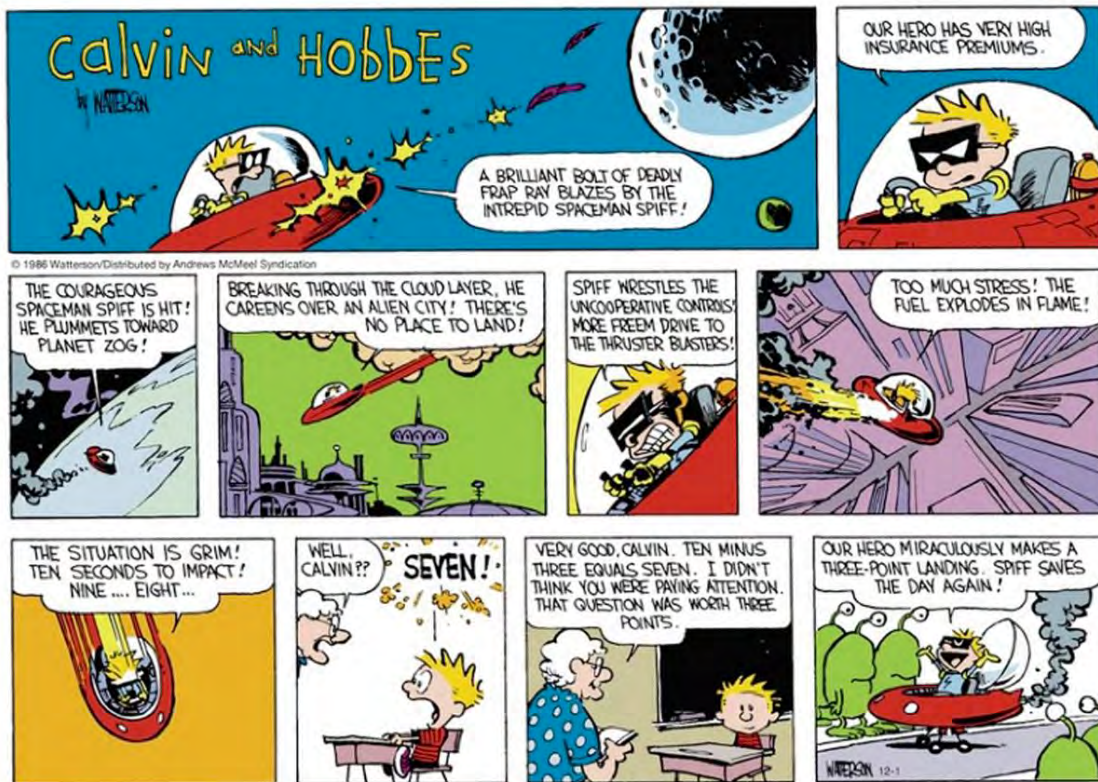
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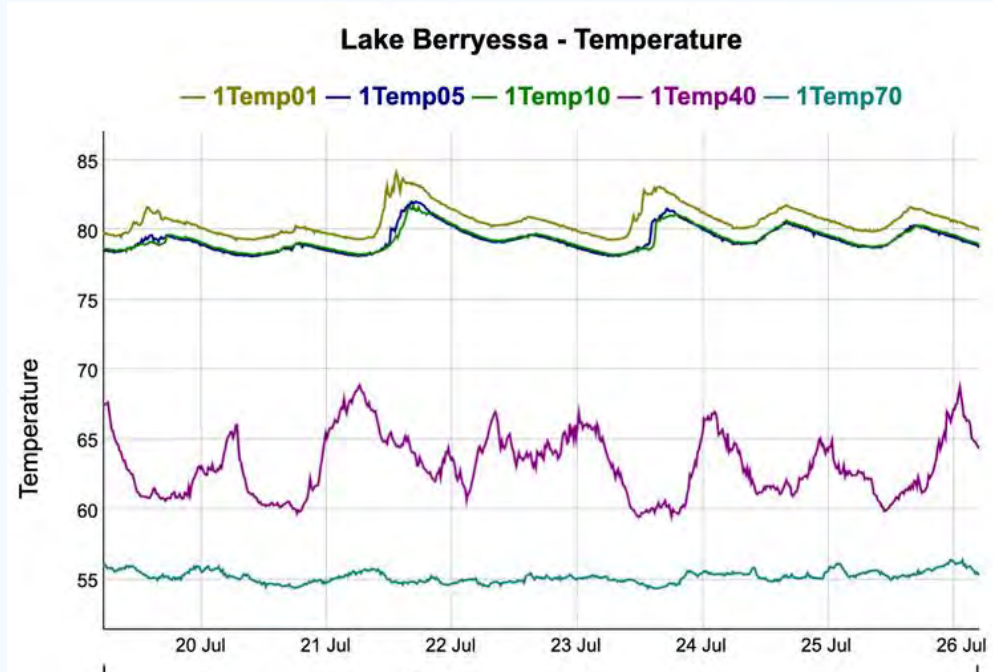
Lake Berryessa Statistics (7/26/26)

Lake Berryessa water level continues to drop about a half inch per day as the growing season advances into summer. It now stands at 433.0 feet - 7 feet below Glory Hole.

The lake output is averaging of 600 cfs (1,189 A-F per day).

Lake capacity is now at 1,422,939 Acre-Feet or 91.7%.

Water temperature is averaging 80 degrees at the surface and a constant 55 degrees at 70 feet.



Camp Margaritaville Resorts at Steele Canyon Recreation Area - Update

Onward with the Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program!

After news stories with allegations of wrong doing and responses refuting those allegations with detailed documentation of innocence, things have quieted down. Two follow-up statements have been released.

From Tim Wilkens: "It is also important to note that this litigation is after doing over 1,000 real estate developments and acquisitions!"

From Napa County: "Per our conversation on July 9th of 2026, this email confirms that you are "back on the clock" regarding the allowable timeline in your Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA). Should you choose to timely ask for the allowable 6 month extension available to you, that would mean, by our calculation, the ENA will expire in July 2027.

This includes the time we allowed you to be on hold pursuing the extension terms with the BOR. Absent further extensions, by July 2027 you should be finished with all the work in the ENA needed to enter into a long term concessions agreement, regardless of your current negotiations with the Federal Government for a longer lease."

Spreading the Ashes

I received some interesting stories from folks who had spread their loved one's ashes. Most did not know about the law, or just ignored it. Here are a few.

"I spread my brother's ashes from my boat upstream from Party Cove during the week when nobody was around, just me and family. I guess I'm a law breaker now."

"I spread my father's ashes off the Golden Gate Bridge with no interference."

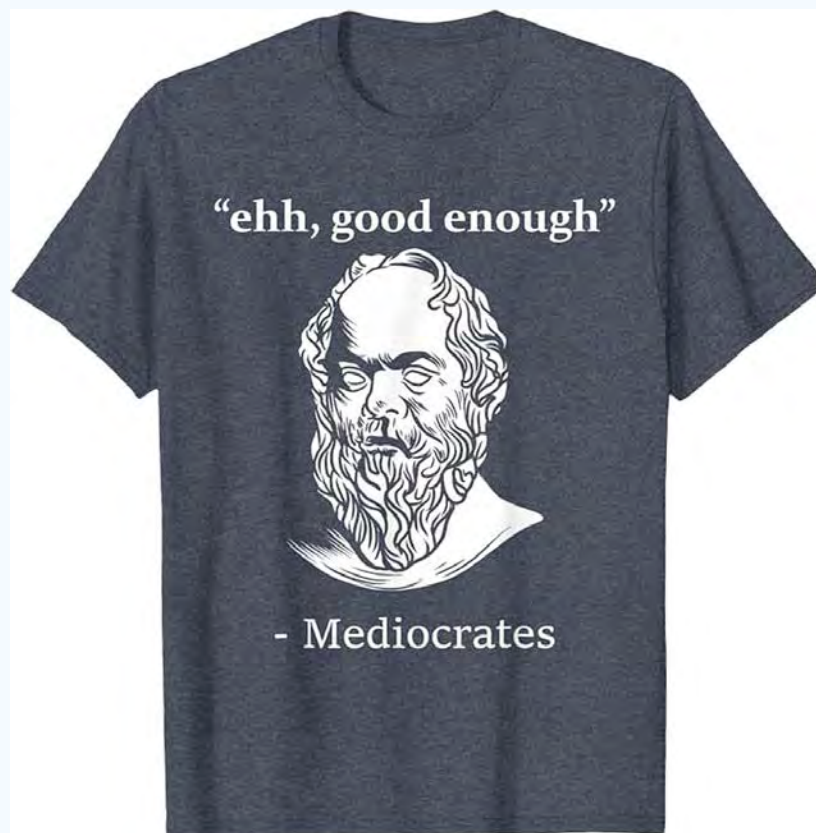
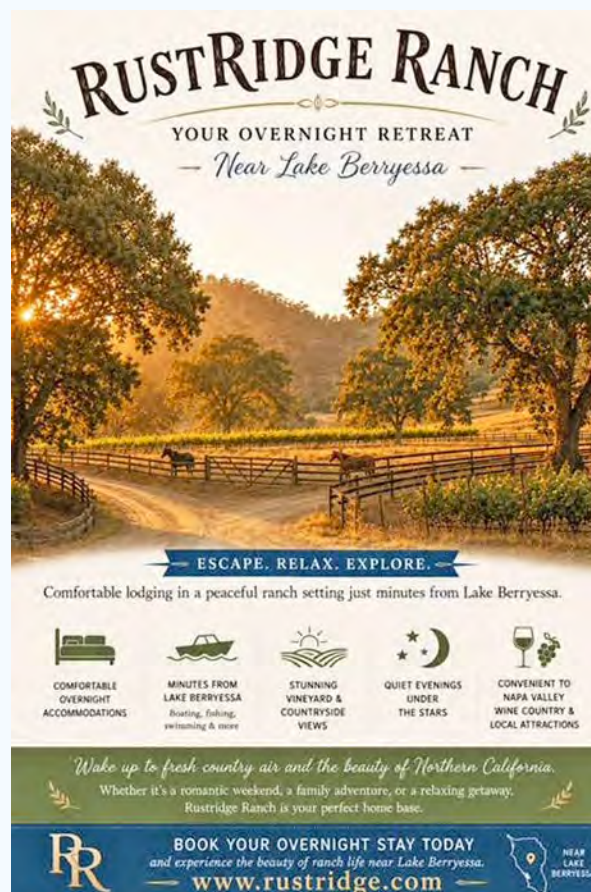
"My friend kept his father's ashes in the back of his pick-up bed. Unfortunately, when he made a sharp turn, the urn flew out of the truck and spread the ashes all over the road."

"I'm helping spread my brother's ashes, and his wife's in Santa Barbara harbor. My niece worked out the permitting."

"As the pilot in my family, I asked my mother and my brother to allow me to spread my father's ashes over a prominent landmark on his ranch known as Knoxville Ridge."

"I had my mother's ashes in a small building above Lake Berryessa. When the last big fire almost burned down my house, it did burn the storage building. The fire destroyed everything, including my mother's urn - leaving only a big pile of mixed ashes. My other had a double cremation."





10 Common Phrases (Almost) Everyone Gets Wrong

If mistaken words are used often enough, people start to repeat and transmit them in different forms. Here are some of the most common idioms that people mishear and

misunderstand. The one I really hate is "between you and I". Some people may think that makes them sound smart when it makes them sound stupid. The correct English usage is "between you and me". You never hear someone say, "between we" when the correct English usage is "between us".

If you hear Taylor Swift singing about "all the lonely Starbucks lovers" on "Blank Space," that's a mondegreen, which is a misheard lyric that gets repeated so often, it becomes almost as ubiquitous as the correct version ("got a long list of ex-lovers," in Taylor's case). The same thing happens with common idioms and phrases.

Examples of Mondegreen in a sentence

"Singing along with Hendrix, she belted out the mondegreen "Excuse me while I kiss this guy.""

Did you Know?

The word mondegreen is actually the result of a mondegreen itself. It stems from the misinterpretation of an old Scottish ballad lyric, "laid him on the green," which became "Lady Mondegreen."

Did a 360

Double-check your math on this one. There are 360 degrees in a circle, so performing a 360-degree revolution will land you back exactly at the beginning. Perhaps you meant that, but if you're implying that you made a great change, the correct version is "did a 180." In that case, you left your starting point to move as far away as possible. In other words, you completely shifted yourself, either metaphorically or physically.

Escape Goat

The word you're looking for here is most likely "scapegoat." This translation of a biblical phrase refers to a person or thing that can be blamed for the mistakes of others. An "escape goat" might be found if livestock gets loose on a farm, but it's not a common idiom.

First-Come, First-Serve

The proper way to write this phrase is "first-come, first-served." One little letter might not seem like a big deal, but "served" indicates that whoever arrives first will be waited on first. The "serve" variation implies the first guest to come will serve all the other guests, which would likely be an unwelcome surprise.

For All Intensive Purposes

The correct idiom — "for all intents and purposes" — comes from 16th-century English law as the longer phrase "to all intents, constructions, and purposes." Essentially, it means "practically" or "in effect." This is an example of an eggcorn, or a phrase people mishear and alter over time.

Hunger Pains

The original phrase is "hunger pangs," although "pains" could technically be correct as well. The former is an older term that refers to the feeling of cramping that comes with an

empty stomach. Since the word “pangs” is a bit outdated, it’s sometimes mispronounced as “pains,” though they essentially refer to the same idea.

I Could Care Less

This one stirs up a bit of debate. When the words are parsed out individually, the accurate version to imply that you care a minimal amount is “I couldn’t care less.” However, the American colloquialism of “I could care less” is so widely used that even dictionaries have accepted it.

Nip It in the Butt

While the thought of getting bit on the butt is pretty funny, the correct phrase is “nip it in the bud.” This idiom comes from the world of gardening. If you trim a plant while it’s in the budding stage, it won’t grow properly. That’s precisely what you might want to do with a dangerous idea or rumor — nip it right in the bud.

On Tender Hooks

While you might feel a little tender while nervous or tense, the correct version of this expression is “on tenterhooks.” These hooks were used to stretch fabrics, and that stretching concept was extended to feelings of anxiety or worry. “Tender hook” is just a mispronunciation of the real term.

Pass Mustard

“Pardon us. Do you have any Grey Poupon?” Forget that popular commercial — while you might ask someone to “pass the mustard” at the dinner table, the correct wording for the idiom meaning “to gain approval or acceptance” is “pass muster.” It comes from the military term “muster,” which describes a formal inspection.

You’ve Got Another Thing Coming

As with “could care less,” this alternative phrase has almost replaced the original, which is “you’ve got another think coming.” In other words, you’re wrong and must rethink what you’re saying or doing. The “think” version of the phrase is older and more likely to be used by British English speakers.



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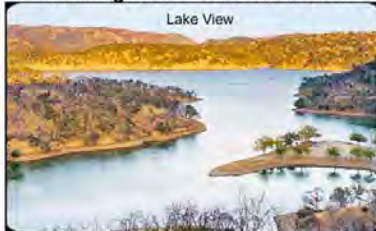
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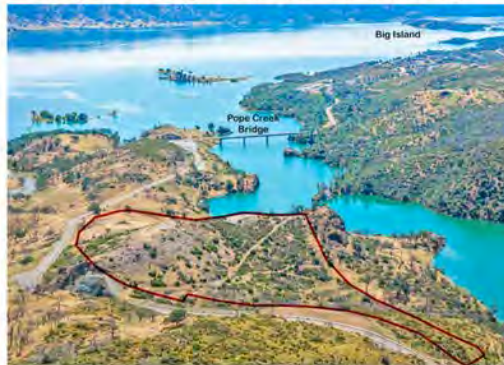
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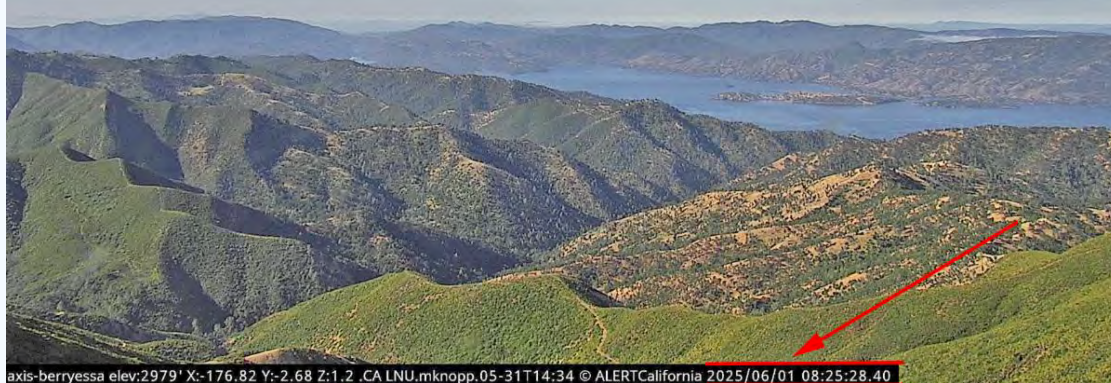
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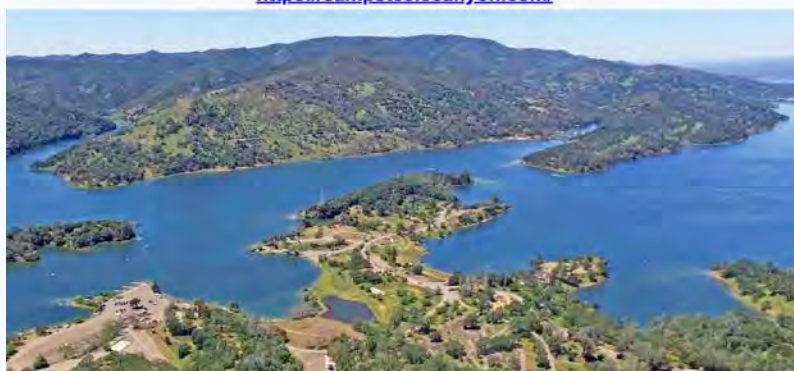
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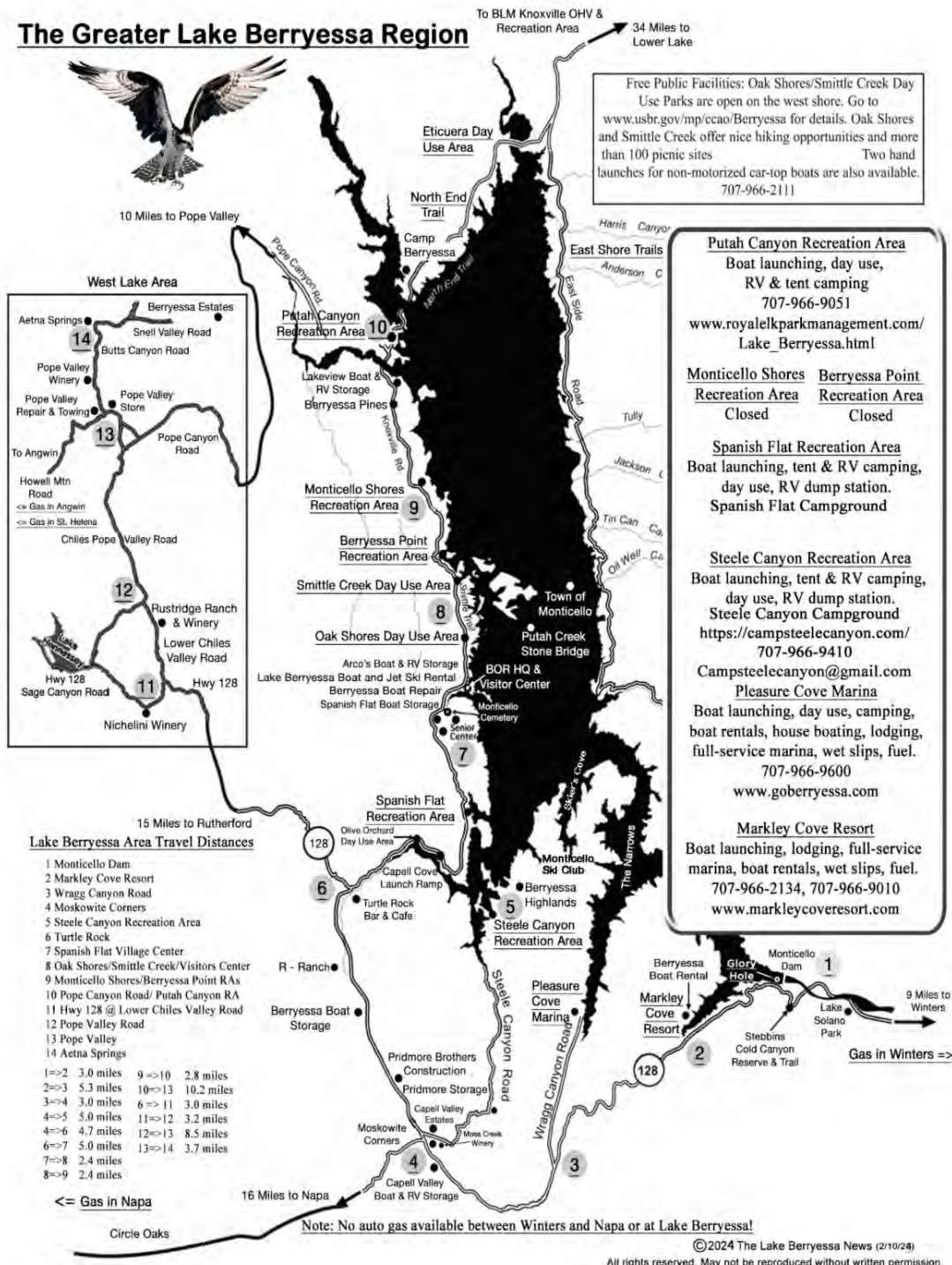
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