

Lake Berryessa News - April 1, 2025

Happy April Fools' Day! (or month? or year?)

Should April Fools' Day be declared a national holiday?

The Best of The Lake Berryessa News April Fool's Day stories for the last 20 years are available at:

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

Another Global Pandemic Reported on April 1, 2025

According to the University of Lake Berryessa's infectious diseases laboratory isolated below Big Island, the "Truthiness 2025" virus pandemic has invaded the human mind! The infection has reached almost 50% of Americans.

There's a difference between the truth of a credible persuasive argument and the "truthiness" of an implausible but appealing conclusion. Truthiness" refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

Remember, if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News, it must be true!



A Little Bit O' Philosophy Helps the Satire Go Down...

by Peter Kilkus

This is my favorite issue of the year because it allows me to express some of my opinions without being too offensive. Sometimes satire is so close to reality that the joke simply escapes the uneducated and ignorant. And satire usually escapes the profoundly stupid.

St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

Although April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools' Day, the date has also become a holy day for some churches such as the First Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco.

Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade.

St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

The problem with today's world is that everyone believes they have the right to express their opinion AND have others listen to it. The correct statement of individual rights is that everyone has the right to an opinion, but crucially, that the opinion can be roundly ignored and even made fun of, particularly if it is demonstrably nonsense.

Watching the most famous circular waterfall in the world!

Glory Hole Watch 2025 (4/1/25)

The Lake Berryessa water level is relatively stable at 440.7 feet, 8.4 inches above Glory Hole. The output of the dam has remained steady at 370 cfs since 2/19/25.

Glory Hole spilled on February 4, 2025. Its highest level was on Valentine's Day, 2/14/25, at 442.97 feet.

Days above Glory Hole = 56.

Rainfall totals 22.64 inches at Monticello Dam - .57 inches during the last 5 days.

Glory Hole is still spilling at a rate of 486 cfs, down from its maximum of 3,913 cfs on 2/14/25.

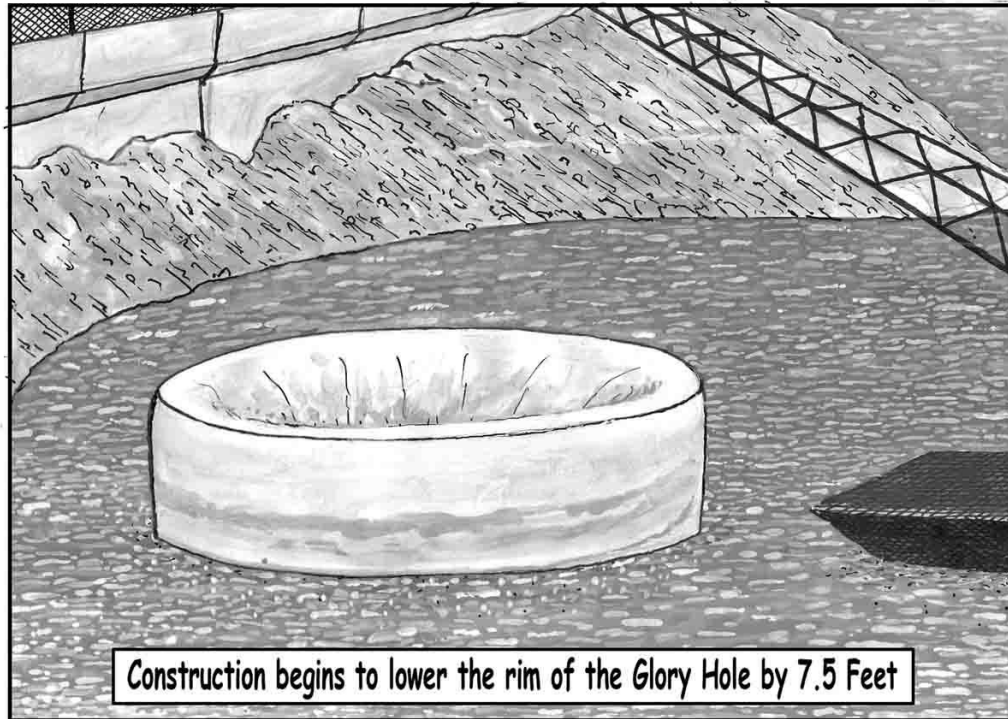
Lake capacity is at 1,565,098 A-F or 100.89%.

Two competing proposals have been put forward over the last few years for the future of Glory Hole. Coincidentally, both versions were released on April 1st a few years ago. The first would allow Glory Hole to overflow more often, attracting many more tourists to see it, providing an economic benefit to Solano and Napa counties. The second is a temporary method to increase the total capacity of Lake Berryessa in good rain years. This method acknowledges the fact that any lake water that flows into Glory Hole is lost to productive human use.

Perhaps a seasonal combination of the two?

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



"Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege."

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity." -
Anonymous

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former." - Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

The biggest cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid people are so sure about things, and the intelligent folks are so full of doubts. - Bertrand Russell

Trump Head on Mt. Rushmore and Berryessa Peak?

Donald Trump keeps a sculpture in his office showing an altered Mount Rushmore. It is said to be one that Kristi Noem gave Trump in 2020 at an Independence Day event at the real Mount Rushmore.



A Republican Congressional representative, Anna Paulina Luna, has introduced a bill to put Trump's face on Mt. Rushmore.

Sponsor: Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13] (Introduced 01/28/2025)

Official Title as Introduced: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to arrange for the carving of the figure of President Donald J. Trump on Mount Rushmore National Memorial.



Apparently, Napa County Trump supporters may have petitioned the Board of Supervisors to request that the federal government also honor President Trump by carving his face on Berryessa Peak, smiling down at Lake Berryessa. Berryessa Peak is part of the federal Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (BSMNM). Artist concept below.



"The Napa Valley": A Landlocked Cruise Ship With Nowhere to Go!

Napa County includes more valleys than just "The Napa Valley". It includes Berryessa, Brown, Capell, Chiles, Conn, Gordon, Pope, and Wooden valleys. "The Napa Valley" is a bit like a cruise ship surrounded by many beautiful islands. But "The Napa Valley" is a one-trick wine pony. It has few of the attractions of a modern cruise ship.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, with wide-spread community support and the assistance of Napa County, now proposes to remedy that limitation by creating a scale replica of the Icon of the Seas and launching it on Lake Berryessa. The actual Icon of the Seas has a crew of 2,350, and a capacity of 5,610 passengers at double occupancy, or 7,600 passengers at maximum capacity. Icon of the Seas has 20 decks with seven swimming pools and six water slides.

For some context, there are nine "official" cities in Napa County. Seven of them have populations less than the ship's capacity!

			2024
City	Rank	State	Population
Napa	1	California	77,235
American Canyon	2	California	21,092
St. Helena	3	California	4,806
Calistoga	4	California	4,719
Yountville	5	California	3,228
Angwin	6	California	2,731
Silverado Resort	7	California	1,012
Deer Park	8	California	835
Rutherford	9	California	115

The new Lake Berryessa ship would be christened the "Iconic Lake" with a capacity yet to be determined. It would incorporate the previously proposed "Floating Native American Casino". See that story at:

Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa?

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/floating-native-american.pdf>

Native American casino (artist's rendering) pictured below on Lake Berryessa.



Actual Icon of the Sea pictured below.



Icon Lake scale model (artist's rendering) pictured below on Lake Berryessa.



Making Qubits from Champagne Bubbles

"Qubits" refers to the fundamental unit of information in quantum computing, analogous to the "bit" in classical computing. Magnetic bubbles and magnetic molecules are also being studied for use in quantum computing. Magnetic bubbles are tiny, movable, cylindrical regions of reversed magnetization, called bubbles, in a thin layer of a magnetic material to represent data bits.

In a series of articles analyzing the economic state of Napa County's wine industry, Tim Carl asks the question, "Is the wine boom over?"

<https://napavalleyfocus.substack.com/p/the-wine-boom-is-over>

The University of Lake Berryessa, laboring diligently in its research laboratories located below Big Island, once again hopes to use new technology to support Napa County's

economic future. See the results of ULB's research breakthrough in a previous April 1st article in The Lake Berryessa News, "[Meat Grapes & Steak Potatoes](https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Meat-Grape-Final.pdf)" [University of Lake Berryessa Promotes Solutions to Climate Change, Global Food Security, and Animal Cruelty Prevention](https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Meat-Grape-Final.pdf) at:

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Meat-Grape-Final.pdf>



In a move to leverage Napa County's wine industry expertise in the complex scientific process of making premium champagne with the rapid growth of the quantum computing industry, ULB's new research using champagne bubbles may be one answer.

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ULB's bottom-up synthesis of champagne bubbles as data bits provides physicists with a rich playground to study newly discovered quantum effects and provide a means to store information at the scale of individual bubbles.



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ALERT Napa County Emergency Notification System Launching April 15.

For assistance, visit their website: <https://readynapacounty.org/>

What is ALERT Napa County?

ALERT Napa County is a system that enables the agencies within Napa County to provide

you with critical and non-critical information in a variety of situations. This includes situations such as severe weather, planned and unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations, natural disasters, and public health concerns. Many agencies across Napa County, including Emergency Services, the local jurisdictions, and Office of Education use ALERT Napa County to communicate with the public. Alert Napa County sends notifications via text message, application push notifications, TTY and/or email communication. How you receive information, depends on how you customize your account preferences.

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Lake Berryessa News - Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025

Spring is in full swing at Lake Berryessa! Come on out and enjoy it.



Watching the most famous circular waterfall in the world!

Glory Hole Watch 2025 (4/20/25)

The Lake Berryessa water level is relatively stable at 440.2 feet, 2.4 inches above Glory Hole - dropping less than an inch per day.

Glory Hole is spilling at a rate of 126 cfs, down from its maximum of 3,913 cfs on 2/14/25.

Dam output has been lowered from the constant 370 cfs since 2/19/25 to 250 cfs today. This will slow the lake level dropping a bit and keep Glory Hole flowing a few more days.

Days above Glory Hole (4/20/25) = 75.

Glory Hole spilled on February 4, 2025

Its highest level was on Valentine's Day, 2/14/25, at 442.97 feet.

Rainfall totals 22.78 inches at Monticello Dam.

Lake capacity is at 1,556,014 A-F or 100.3%.



Easter Jesus or Easter Bunnies and Easter Eggs?

Easter and Christmas have morphed over the decades from religious holidays to more fun celebrations - especially aimed at children (and selling stuff). This may annoy some folks who consider themselves religionists rather than atheists, agnostics, or humanists. The shift has led to some satirical humor.

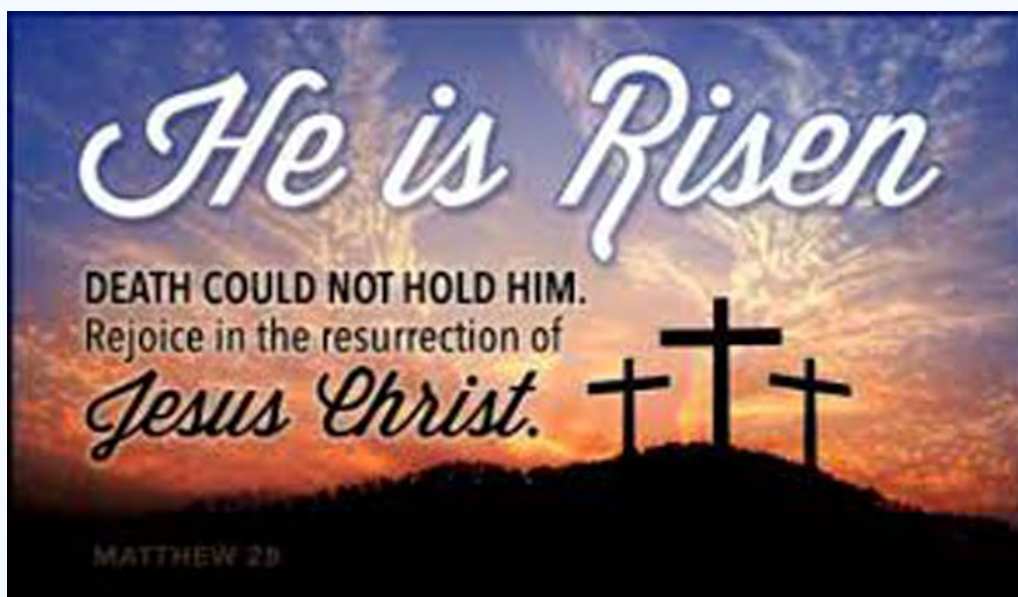
The iconic slogan "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids!" is a hallmark of Trix cereal advertising, particularly in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, has been culturally appropriated by t-shirt manufacturers.





How Many Resurrections Have There Been?

Catholicism and its many Christian offshoots is only one of many world religions that have a "resurrection" story. According to the New Testament, Jesus Christ was cruelly martyred by the Romans around A.D. 33. But after three days in the tomb, it says, Jesus miraculously rose again, appeared to his disciples and ascended to heaven. Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death is what Christians celebrate every Easter.



But Christianity isn't the only ancient faith to worship a deity who dies and then rises

again, as the Scottish anthropologist James Frazer explained in *The Golden Bough*, his landmark 1922 study of world religion and mythology. In the ancient Near East, where the Bible was written, stories of divine death and resurrection were closely tied with the agricultural cycle, and Frazer believed that early Christians likely chose a spring date for Easter to coincide with existing pagan festivals for their resurrected gods.

Interestingly, the ancient Saxons had long celebrated a feast day for Eostre (a goddess stolen from Germanic peoples, originally Ostara) on the first full moon after the spring equinox. Eostre allegedly saved a wounded bird by turning it into a hare, a hare that continued to lay eggs, which it decorated and presented to Eostre. Both “Eostre” and “easter” are derived from an ancient word for “spring”: eastre.

Below are six examples of resurrection stories from ancient cultures around the world, including India, China, Mesoamerica and Norse mythology. See the details at:

<https://www.history.com/articles/resurrection-stories-ancient-cultures>

Tammuz, the Spring God of Mesopotamia

Osiris, the Egyptian God of Death, Agriculture, and Resurrection

Outwitting Death in Ancient India (Very Romantic)

Bodhidharma and His Single Shoe

Odin's Sacrifice

Quetzalcóatl: Resurrection in Mesoamerica

The Good Old Old Days!

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Peeps: The Origins of a Beloved Easter Candy

Peeps are a marshmallow confection marketed since 1953 in the United States and Canada in the shape of chicks, bunnies, and other animals, as well as holiday shapes, with themes revolving around Halloween, Christmas, and Easter.



Peeps are produced by Just Born, a candy manufacturer founded in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by an immigrant from Vinnitsa in the Russian Empire (now in Ukraine), Sam Born (1891–1959). Some histories suggest that Sam actually got his peeps brainstorm while spending some time in Greenland on his journey to the United States. Reputedly, Sam was influenced by the sight of a rare but cute Greenlandian native bird.



Religions, Cults, and Jokes

In its simplest form, religion is a set of beliefs and practices related to the supernatural, often involving a higher power or spirit, and often including rituals, ceremonies, and a moral code. Religions typically have a core set of beliefs about the nature of reality, the origin of the universe, and the meaning of life.

Easter, a Christian holiday celebrated around the world, and April Fools' Day, an event observed by pranksters everywhere, rarely fall on the same day. 2018 was one of the exceptions. And it tested the philosophical boundaries. Is Scientology a "religion"? Are "evangelical christians" cults? Should April Fool's Day be declared a religious holiday?

The two coincide because calculations made in the sixth century dictated Easter would fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21. That meant the holiday could not fall before March 22 or later than April 25. The rules allowed astronomers to calculate on what date Easter would fall far into the future, and on rare occasions, it fell on April 1. Easter and April Fools' Day coincided in 1923, 1934, 1945, 1956 and this year. After 2018, the next one is 2029, and then again in 2040—but after that, not again in this century.

The Marijuana Holiday, 4/20, coincides with Easter and Passover this year. The origins of the date, and the term "420" generally, were long murky, but can be traced to a group of enthusiasts at a California high school in the 1970s.

Some claimed the "420" derived from Bob Dylan's "Rainy Day Women No. 12 & 35," with its refrain of "Everybody must get stoned," 420 being the product of 12 times 35! Numerology at its weediest.

But the prevailing explanation is that it started in the 1970s with a group of bell-bottomed buddies from San Rafael High School, in California's Marin County north of San

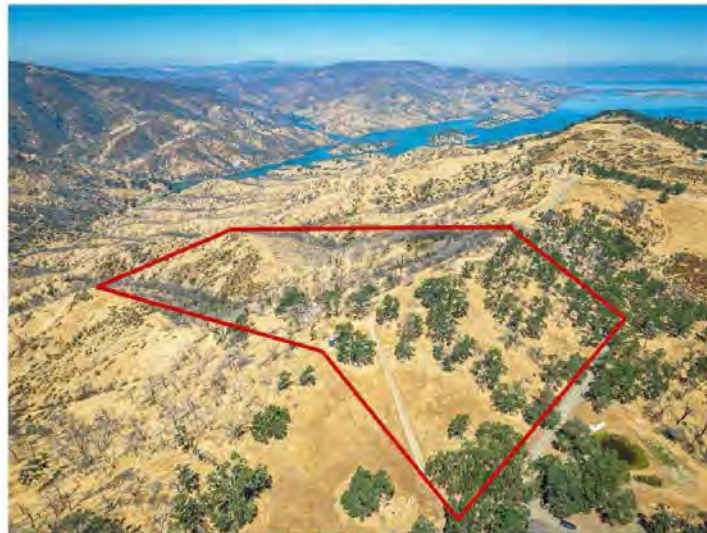
Francisco, who called themselves “the Waldos.” (Where are they now?) During fall 1971, at 4:20 p.m., just after classes and football practice, the group would meet up at the school’s statue of chemist Louis Pasteur, smoke a joint and head out to search for a weed patch in the Marin hills.

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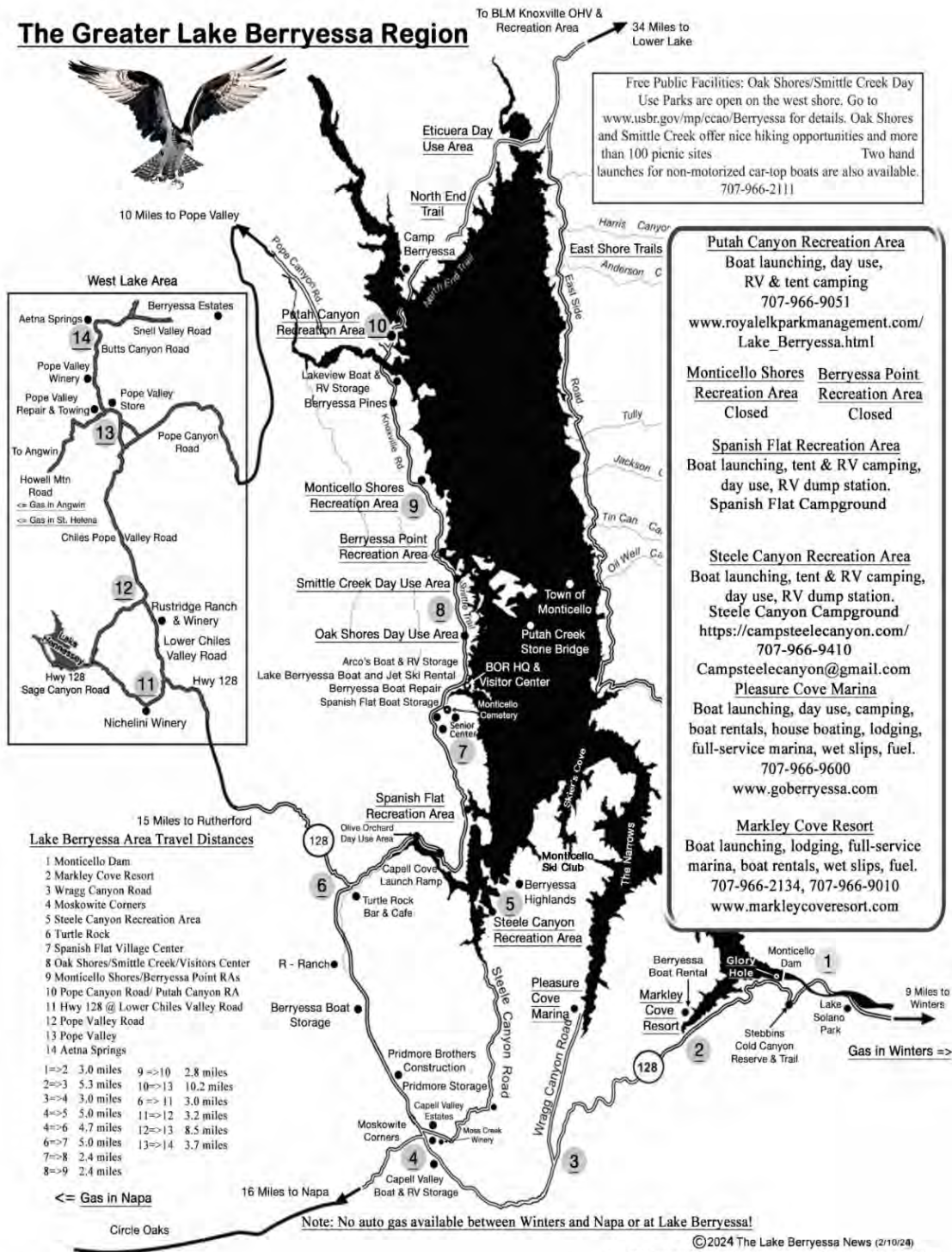
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