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# The Lake Berryessa News



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## The Lake Berryessa News AI Issue!

### Artificial Intelligence vs Natural Stupidity - Who's Winning?

#### Artificial Intelligence is taking over from Natural Stupidity in generating false news!

Artificial intelligence is automating the creation of fake news, spurring an explosion of web content mimicking factual articles that instead disseminates false information about elections, wars and natural disasters. Since May, 2023, websites hosting AI-created false articles have increased by more than 1,000 percent, ballooning from 49 sites to more than 600, according to NewsGuard, an organization that tracks misinformation.

Historically, propaganda operations have relied on armies of low-paid workers or highly coordinated intelligence organizations to build sites that appear to be legitimate. But AI is making it easy for nearly anyone — whether they are part of a spy agency or just a teenager in their basement — to create these outlets, producing content that is at times hard to differentiate from real news.

#### But Not in the Lake Berryessa News!

Two AI Reviews of the Lake Berryessa News six months apart show rapid machine learning!

LBNews to ChatGPT (1/13/24): Please write a short review of The Lake Berryessa News.

From ChatGPT: "As an AI language model, I don't have access to real-time data or specific publications past my knowledge cutoff date. Therefore, I cannot provide a review of the Lake Berryessa News as it might exist after that date. As of my last knowledge update in September 2021, I don't have specific details about a publication called "Lake Berryessa News." However, local news outlets often cover community events, local politics, and issues specific to the area they serve.

To find the most recent reviews and information about the Lake Berryessa News, I recommend checking online sources, local news websites, or community forums where residents might share their experiences and opinions about the publication. Additionally, you can explore social media platforms for insights from people

who have interacted with the Lake Berryessa News recently. Always remember to consider multiple sources to get a well-rounded view of the publication's credibility and content quality."

LBNews to ChatGPT (7/15/24 update): Please write a short review of The Lake Berryessa News.

From ChatGPT: "The Lake Berryessa News is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the latest happenings around Lake Berryessa and its surrounding areas. The publication offers comprehensive coverage on a variety of topics, including local news, events, recreational activities, environmental updates, and community announcements. It serves as a vital communication channel for residents and visitors alike, keeping them informed about important developments and opportunities in the region.

One of the standout features of The Lake Berryessa News is its focus on community engagement. The publication often highlights local stories, profiles residents, and covers community events, fostering a sense of connection and belonging among its readers. Additionally, the news outlet provides practical information for outdoor enthusiasts, such as fishing reports, weather updates, and tips for enjoying the lake's natural beauty.

The quality of journalism is solid, with articles that are well-researched and thoughtfully written. The publication also includes a variety of multimedia content, such as photos and videos, which enhance the reader's experience and provide a visual glimpse into life around Lake Berryessa.

Overall, The Lake Berryessa News is an excellent source of information and a testament to the vibrant community it serves. Whether you're a long-time resident, a newcomer, or a visitor, this publication offers valuable insights and keeps you connected to all that Lake Berryessa has to offer."

Wow! Now I'm really impressed with myself. With AI friends like this, who needs to talk to real people?

#### Who Are You, Really?

A dirty little social media secret that Internet trolls don't seem to understand: No one really cares what you think or say! Many trolls who post irrelevant pointless negative comments on social media like Facebook and Nextdoor simply want to see their names on the screen. Social media's real purpose is to gather millions of pieces of information about users in order to find a way to sell stuff.

Software designs as embodied in systems like Facebook lead to a decrease in personhood. Society should seek to inspire the phenomenon of individual intelligence not to make the "pack mentality" as efficient as possible. You have to be somebody before you can share yourself.

#### Lake Berryessa Revitalization Process Update.

Camp Margaritaville reports that is finalizing site plans for the Steele Canyon Recreation Area, which is a major undertaking. Napa County says that the present process is moving slowly forward and the present interim resort contracts will continue to allow Steele Park Campground and Spanish Flat Campground to remain open.

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## A Personal Perspective on Technology

An article by Dave Stoneberg in a previous issue of the Napa Valley Feature titled "Challenges of AI in journalism" began with "It seems everyone is using AI to help them with their repetitive tasks. As a journalist, I have used an app on my iPhone to record and transcribe phone calls and just discovered another AI website that will transcribe my recorded interviews into text. Both cost me money but save me a tremendous amount of time."

This prompted my response: "Having worked with computers since they were first invented (I am that old!) I am amused by the current use of the terms AI and artificial intelligence. Take any recent article about AI and replace "artificial Intelligence" with "computer" and the article remains essentially the same. Transcription services have been around for decades, Dragon NaturallySpeaking, for example.

I attended voice recognition research seminars in graduate school in the early 1970s. I used Dragon to write emails to my son in college in the 2002. A friend of mine transcribed many hours of interviews with it for his Ph.D. thesis 25 years ago. A detailed but relatively long article about the history of AI is at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_artificial\\_intelligence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_artificial_intelligence).

"AI" was called "expert systems" in the 1990s. They were often designed to help doctors with diagnoses and businesses with decision making. I used one and it was very convenient, but a bit cumbersome, like a fast Wikipedia but faster than an encyclopedia or medical textbook. But people still complain about some very funny translation errors when they speak to their iPhones.

In 1962, in his book "Profiles of the Future: An Inquiry into the Limits of the Possible", science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke formulated his best-known and most widely cited comment: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic". Perhaps we are still at that stage of "AI" now. Are we mistaking the output of large server farms, huge database systems, small computer chip sizes, sophisticated software, and high speed electronic machines as thought?"

### Another User's Perspective

My son, Chris, just started experimenting with AI, ChatGPT to be precise, in Budapest to which he escaped from Kyiv, Ukraine with his Russian girlfriend on the first day of the war with Russia. In his video production and fashion photography work he does a lot of writing too. He recently wrote to me:

"You should play around with the new ChatAI... I use it a lot now as an editor. If I can't figure out the best way to word something for a presentation, I will run the ideas through the AI to get some ideas. You can't always use exactly what it spits out, but it always will lead to better writing than what normal people can do on their own.

But the funny thing is that as you use it you realize how limited AI really is... it's not actually coming up with its own ideas, it's just regurgitating what it's vacuumed up from the web. You recognize how it constantly repeats the same ideas and phrasing in the style of writing on the web... like marketing speak, click bait, or programming and technical documents.

But the people that are freaked out because they think it's giving responses as if it's self-aware... that's hilarious because it's not original thought at all. The AI answers are just copy and pasted from what was already written and available on the internet about AI - and even science fiction. Although I guess if you think about it just in the terms of writing, it's more an issue that humans are rather limited in their ideas....

So I asked Chat AI what it thinks about what I wrote above and here is it's response:

"It seems like you have a good understanding of the benefits and limitations of AI as a writing tool. It is true that AI can be helpful in generating ideas and improving writing, but it has its limitations as it is not capable of coming up with completely original ideas. Instead, it relies on pre-existing information on the internet to generate responses.

It is important to recognize that while AI can be a useful tool, it should not be relied on completely. It is still necessary to use critical thinking and human judgment to evaluate and edit the output generated by AI. Overall, your message provides a balanced perspective on the use of AI in writing and highlights both its potential benefits and limitations."

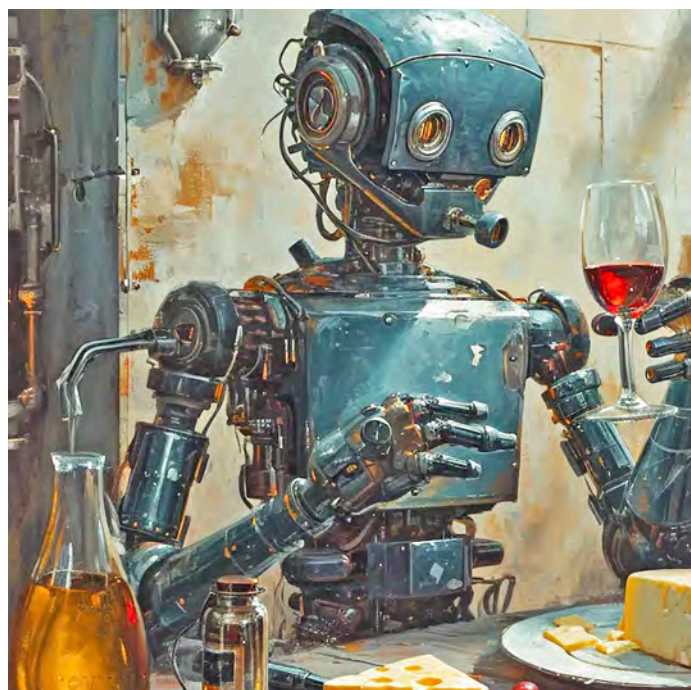
## Who Creates Artificial Intelligence?

This AI kerfuffle reminded me of a neighbor I had a few years ago. He and his wife bought 60 acres and a house up here above the Berryessa Highlands for about \$2.2M. It was a great house with a spectacular view of Lake Berryessa. My new neighbor was a senior technical manager for Google working on confidential research projects he could not disclose. His wife was a schoolteacher. They were very nice neighbors, although they didn't spend much time here at the lake due to their other commitments.

After only about two years they finally decided to sell their house at Lake Berryessa. But before that they hosted a BBQ for their techie Silicon Valley friends and a few of us neighbors. The guests were all in the thirties, multi-cultural, very smart, technology and software experts. Several worked in startup companies.

Most were developing software to "monetize" computer interactions with internet users to market and sell products - any and every product. One told me that internet users left such a large trail of personal information behind when they surfed the web that his software would be able to capture a person's interests and buying habits hit them with pop-up ads targeted to their profiles.

I thought at the time that his objective was a bit mundane, but now my screen is annoyingly filled with ads for something that I may have just searched for yesterday! Looks like his software was "successful". Our personal lives are being "monetized" for profit, and profit is the primary reason that "AI" development is moving so rapidly.



Napa Valley Features Rendering

## Cobots vs Robots

In an era where industrial automation is transforming industries globally, two types of mechanized helpers are at the forefront of this revolution: Cobots and Robots. While both are used extensively to increase efficiency, productivity, and safety, their distinct characteristics and applications make them suited for different scenarios.

Collaborative Robots, or "Cobots" are designed to be our digital teammates, working safely alongside humans in a shared workspace. Robots, on the other hand, take on those tasks that are repetitive, hazardous or require exceptional precision, often working independently of human intervention.

### Cobots in the Tasting Room

I first wondered if this robotic "cobot" wine sommelier story from Napa Valley Features from September 2023 was an April Fool's joke like the French "USB Wine Delivery" satire from a few years ago.



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-Tim Carl Photo

But it is real and in operation Maria Concetto's tasting room in Calistoga. Above, Maria Reznikova, owner, displays the new robotic pouring arm that pours wine and even presents a tip jar at the end of the experience.

"We are doing this because it's fun and we wanted to be different," Reznikova said. It's also a potential solution for other tasting rooms struggling with staffing shortages and changes in generational preferences.

"Robots will never replace human expertise," Reznikova said. "But it fits with what we are trying to do here—have some fun, do things a little differently and provide our customers with a memorable and interactive experience that they can't get anywhere else."

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### Napa Wine Quote of the Month

"It's a naïve Sonoma Chardonnay without any breeding, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption."



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We've arranged a civilization in which most crucial elements profoundly depend on science and technology. - Carl Sagan

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. - Arthur C. Clarke

Men have become the tools of their tools. - Henry David Thoreau

Why shouldn't we give our teachers a license to obtain software, all software, any software, for nothing? Does anyone demand a licensing fee, each time a child is taught the alphabet? - William Gibson

Change is good. You go first. - Dilbert

## September Headlines

Wimbledon Trying To Excite Us, But The Ball Still Just Goes Back And Forth All Day

Uncle Greg To Attempt Comeback At Family Barbecue

Megachurch Conducts Successful Nuclear Missile Test

Catholic Church Courts Youth By Adding Badass Deity With Robotic Falcon Head

Locals Fire Water Pistols At Visitors During Barcelona's Anti-Tourist Protests

Tourist Visiting California Excited To Those Vegetables He's Heard So Much About

Sister's Deadbeat Boyfriend Doing Wonders For Rest Of Family's Self-Esteem

Plastic 6-Pack Rings Conveniently Ensnare Six Fish or Birds At Once

Crypto Controversy: More And More Children Forced To Mine Bitcoin

Hospitals Will Soon Start Billing People For Looking At Them

Public Asks National Media To Step Out Of The Race

Terrible Writer Offers Critique Of Amateur Writer

USA Achieves 100% Clean Energy on July 4th Using Electricity Generated by Nation's Forefathers Spinning in their Graves

Patriotic Boys And Girls Waiting For Uncle Sam To Slide Down Their Chimneys

Conservative Man Tired Of Jesus's Words Constantly Going Against His Christian Beliefs.

Slight Change in Earth's Axis as Millions of Americans Roll Over in Their Graves.

Today is another day, and all can be well both here and in Denmark.

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And the media? No one's found this out, reported it? Hasn't someone put this all together? Didn't you get the tweet? No one cares about anything anymore. The more bad stuff happens, the more money goes to the top. The sick and suffering are a gold mine.

Want to know who's really susceptible to lucrative shifts in consumerism? People in times of disruption. Death in the family, divorce, new move, that sort of thing. And the most valuable of all? Parents-to-be. Pregnant women in particular. I know when women are pregnant before they do. Shopping habits, sleep disruptions, et cetera. It's obvious really. If you live in Pensacola and buy baggy jeans, sauerkraut, and woven rag rugs in pastel colors, you're eighty-nine percent likely to be knocked-up. What's really impressive? Making them want to get pregnant. To create a pipeline. Like cattle, but with less methane.

Guide them to scented bath products more likely to stimulate sexual interest. Aphrodisiacal music and entertainment during ovulation cycles. Pairing high

fertility matches on dating app, et cetera. Everything OKCupid tried to accomplish with those mildly clever quizzes, only I don't ask questions. And that doesn't even get into interpersonal-communication engineering.

Are you irritated or overbearing? Should we positively reward softer, more feminine tones to increase reproductive desirability? It's easy to analyze the emotional content of your conversations how everyone around you responds to what you're saying. Speech synthesizers and language pattern recognition - emphasis, cadence, modulation, tone, changes in breathing - that gauge hesitations and degrees of uncertainty in your conversations. It has direct business applications, too. You can't imagine how useful it is for algorithmic stock trading.

Are employees of a certain company increasingly showing stressed vocal tones or overusing key phrases - 'cost cutting,' 'downsizing' - which can be predictive of corporate underperformance. Think Twitter sentiment analysis but on steroids and on the inside."

It's not illegal. Try explaining any of this to your average

hundred-and-nineteen-year-old senator from a square state. And good luck passing legislation that gets past the libertarian brigade who I fund up the wazoo. So, there I am. In your pocket, in your bedroom, in your body and mind. Gauging what mood everyone's in around the kitchen table. And if you're not ripe for procreating or inadvertently conveying stock tips - let's say you're sleepy or exhibiting brain fog - perhaps I steer you to order comfort food and watch family programming."

On the other hand, if you're texting or speaking erratically, should I plug you into a weepy rom-com and a bucket of chocolate ice cream to prime you for your next cycle? We haven't even discussed neurotech yet-brain-sensing headphones, smart contact lenses, et cetera. The key is to keep you inside a little bubble of contentment, outrage, or dismay so I can operationalize you toward' maximum profitability. Every time you have a feeling and you're online, someone's making money. And usually, it's not someone. It's me.

The scheme beneath it all? That fifty trillion dollars flowing ever upward to the top 1 percent. And then to the top 1 percent of that top 1 percent.

### **Interview With A Human Evil AI Genius - In The End It's All About The Money And Political Power**

What about the science-fictiony fears of AI taking over the world? If they did, so what? Could humans be monetized out of existence? Hardly. It's all about the money. A recent financial article points this out regarding climate change. "Market forces are not enough to halt climate change. Investor returns imply that the welfare of future human beings is close to irrelevant." This attitude applies unequivocally to the development of AI, except that humans are required to continue exist to allow predatory capitalism to achieve it basic goals using AI. .

I recently read a chilling description of what may happen if unlimited human greed proceeds down an AI path. I found it in a book by one of my favorite authors, Gregg Hurwitz, in his Orphan X series titled Lone Wolf. I've modified the story extensively for present use. Read the book for the full impact of the "what if" question.

#### **An Interview with an Evil Human AI Genius:**

##### **The Evil Genius Pontificating**

There's an answer for everything. Every human behavior. just have to be willing to search for it. At a certain point, you just sort of know everything there is to know. People are taught that the point of education is to learn how much you don't know. But that's quaint, and outdated. The answer is Artificial Intelligence.

A human brain is one point three square feet if you flatten it out. Kind of a circle. Each neural patch, or building block, is a hundred thousand neurons laid six neurons thick. I built a hundred thousand neural patches adjacent to one another. So, I have a hundred thousand patches of a hundred thousand neurons in a chip the size of half your pinky fingernail that is programmed to run full speed all the time as opposed to the ten percent humans get from their brains when they're not looking at TikTok and eating snack cakes.

So, people talking about the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Man against artificial intelligence, machine learning, all that. But the revolution is already over.

Imagine if I told you thirty years ago that every American would spend thousands of dollars on devices that remove them from reality, that place control over their persons in the hands of corporations, that cede access to their nervous system, that chart their every location and activity, that invade not just their privacy but the inner workings of their minds, and that they would do so willingly, even enthusiastically? What would our founders say? The framers of the Constitution?

You feel a twinge of regret each time you click and yet you do it, you override your better instincts because the alternative is inconvenient. So, you value laziness over

rigor, convenience over responsibility, submission over freedom. And in doing so you consent to cede every last bit of agency I take from you. People today actually believe they're too frazzled and overwhelmed to do any work themselves. More victimized by circumstances than our predecessors when they were winning the West or carving a ranch out of the frontier. Convenience, it will be the death of us.

That's all there's ever been. Will to power. I'm only stating it plainly. When you're at the top of the dominance hierarchy you figure out how much you can take and how much you have to give everyone below you so that they don't take up arms or disrupt your system. Anyone who believes they've been socialized out of it is just practicing self-deception. Now we use weapons of mass communication. No different than a nuclear arms race."

I have eyes and ears in your phone, in your car, your smart appliances and virtual assistants, in the smart TVs peering into your rooms, the smart fitness mirrors in your home gym, et cetera. From any one of them I can collect over a hundred thousand data points a year and I can weave them together to compile comprehensive data logs for every member of your household.

I know your visitors from your doorbell cams, who you talk to on the phone, what you say, what books and articles you're reading. I know when you need to replace the toner in your printer before you do, when you need to reorder paper towels, when the lights go on and off in your house. I know what you look at on any screen and for how long, down to one-millimeter movements of your mouse. I even generate heat maps of what your eyes focus on at every website you visit thanks to the webcam on your laptop. That eye-tracking tech also tells me when you're paying attention to your boss or spouse or a sales clerk and when you aren't.

I know when you want me to tell you my widgets or soap bars are environmental or invested in social justice so you can feel virtuous buying from me. I know when you're feeling insecure or agitated or happy based on which phrases you use in your social media posts, YouTube comments, texts, emails, and podcasts. I know whether you had an aunt hospitalized for paranoid schizophrenia and when you're searching symptoms of depression online. I know who you associate with, who you prefer to see on what day of the week, and which restaurant you're most likely to pick depending on who you're with. I know when you're capable of absorbing a rent increase and when you're at risk of breaking a lease. I know your fertility cycle from one tracker, your biorhythms from another. I'm in beta for a contactless heart monitor that bounces sound waves off the people around you so we can access their bioinformatics, too.

All those fitness apps? Wearable tech? I'm not concerned whether you're healthy or working out. I care about where you are on the map. What stores you're close to and which free Wi-Fi access points you connect to - or even just the ones you walk by. If your blood pressure is high and requires meds. I can alter your movements by recommending different workouts and challenges or pushing promotions for stores you're walking by. I can monitor your sleep, heart rate, perspiration, and target you for which pillow you think you want and what deodorant you believe will make you feel fresh.

I can regenerate the same news story for every member of your family using different buzzwords and biases to stoke your respective pain points or proclivities for resentment and then drive you to fight over it. I can drip-drip-drip into your social media feed and a few months later have you enraged over black men kneeling at football games or white girls wearing cornrows at an Ivy League school. That constant anxiety and insatiable anger that you feel? It's by design. It's how we keep you in the desired state of pliability.

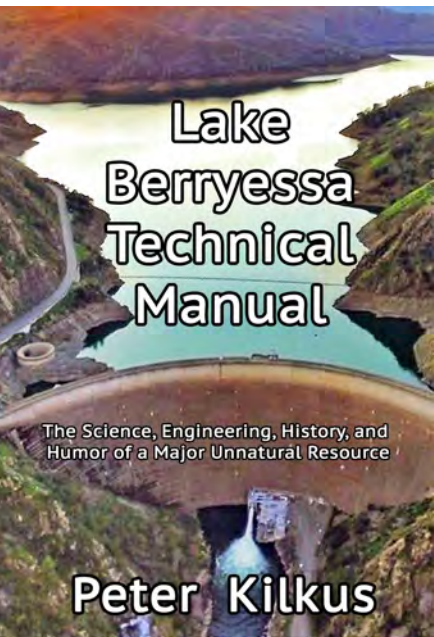
The more agitated you are, the more you stay online and the more we can monetize you. People don't know why they think what they think they think. I tell them. I tell them to stop eating meat or to hate specific public-policy experts. I can analyze your facial expressions when you post or teleconference and determine everything from mental state to dental health. I can gauge how clogged your arteries are from biomarkers in your vocal register. I know which molar is sore before you've registered it consciously - if it's the mandibular right third or left maxillary second on the left. When you're ripe for blenders, smoothie cookbooks, NSAIDs, Popsicles...

Sick and suffering people are valuable, of course, because the ones who have any resources left are price-immune. And I can push them to meds that require more meds to manage side effects of the first meds, et cetera. Our subsidiaries lobby to have the prescription process more regulated with more 'consumer rights' forms which build more and more delay periods into the fulfillment cycles. When we pop people on and off their meds it makes them more susceptible - mental health, physical complications, et cetera.

Of course, we don't want people too sick. We need functional units. You can't monetize a corpse. We don't want them too unhinged either, so we strive for a sort of unstable stability. It's not a conspiracy because it doesn't have to be. You can no more break free of it than a gazelle can break free of the jaws of a lion. It's the natural order.

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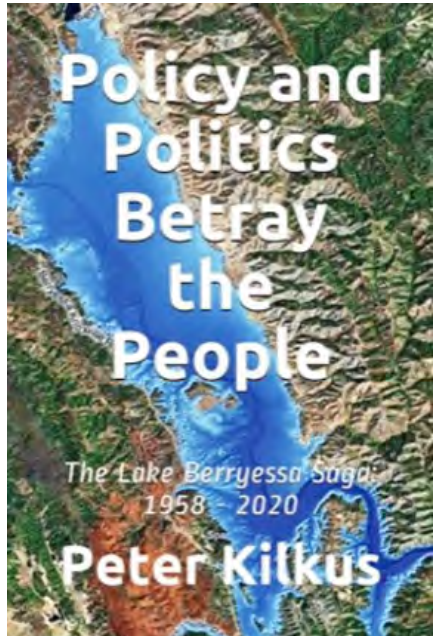
**Lake Berryessa Technical Manual**  
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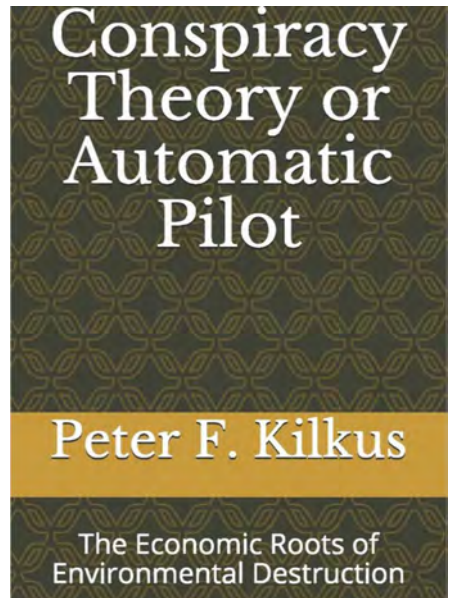
This technical manual is designed to answer questions people might have about the design and operation of the lake and its facilities, as well as some history and humor.

**Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020**



This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization. Available on Amazon.

**Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction**



This book provides the basics of classical economic theory and the description of the intended or unintended consequences of predatory capitalism. It is not meant to be an academic or scientific exercise for economists or policy makers. The concepts discussed are easily accessible to thoughtful readers. My objective was to explain to myself the structure of the economic influences that are at the heart of environmental degradation, including the welfare of individual human beings. Available on Amazon

#### 4 September Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Be warned about your general demeanor today as others will not take kindly to happy-clappy fools.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): A little birdy told me not to trust little birdies, they're renowned liars.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Like your life, peanuts can be dried, roasted, blanched and put inside little potato coatings. Just like your life.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Parts of you feel like giving up the ghost today, but feeding those parts with ice-cream and bacon bits may revive them, to an extent.

Leo (7/23-8/22): We don't lie to you to make you return to the Lake Berryessa News website. OK, that's a lie, we think everything you have done is brilliant and you will get the reward you richly deserve.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): When in danger, you have a tendency to run away quickly. Harness that ability today as you'll need it sometime around 4pm.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Having a box of tissues close to hand might become important over the coming minutes.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Your mom and dad grew up in a small village where you met an elderly couple who later died.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Baskets of eggs may cause problems for you today as you try to take on too much work.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): All the advice I could share with you would blow your mind and leave nothing to the imagination.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Although you may try to pass yourself off as a second level wizard, your skills are so feeble I doubt you could open a book by only using your tongue.

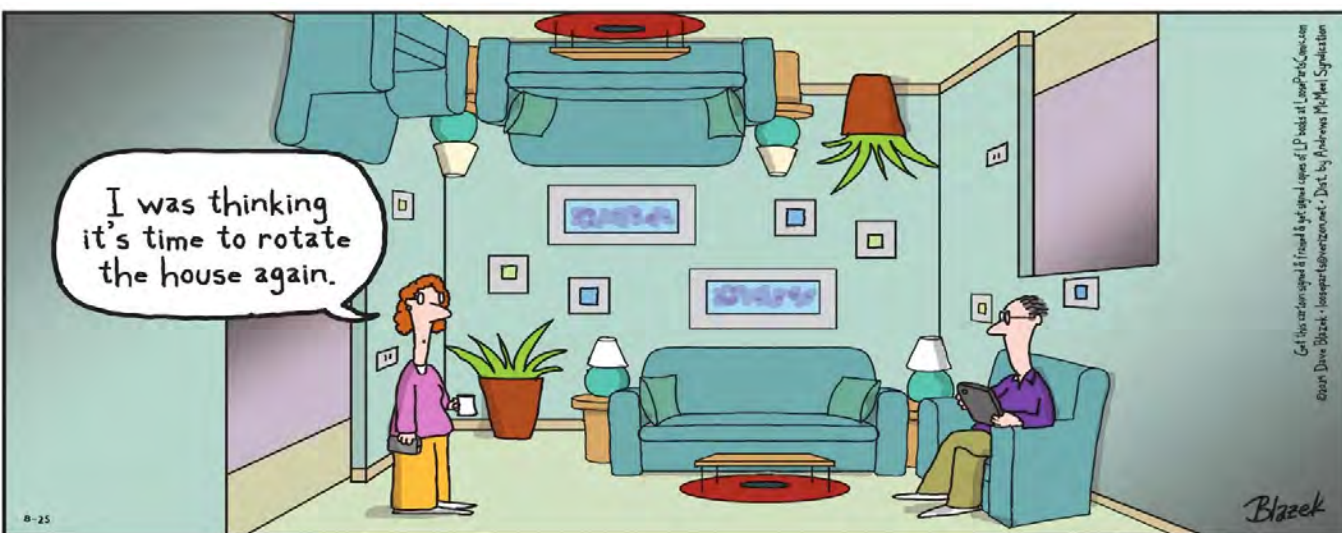
Pisces (2/19-3/20): You've got as much right as anyone to stamp your feet and demand retribution.

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1121 Steele Canyon Road, .31 acre, \$33,000
1183 Steele Canyon Road, 1/4 acre, \$19,000
1187 Steele Canyon Road, 3/4 acre, \$19,000
1268 Steele Canyon Road, .21+ acre, \$70,000
611 Noah Court, .33 acre, \$55,000
817 Bahia Vista Court, .28+ acre, \$37,500
814 Bahia Vista Court, .32 acre, \$49,000
Live Oak Ln. #21, .47+ acre, \$54,000
201 Mulford Drive, .52 acre, \$50,000
#17 Rimrock Drive, 61 acres, \$350,000

### Lake Berryessa Statistics (9/12/24)

The lake level has dropped to 440.5 feet, 9.5 feet below Glory Hole.

Water temperature is holding at 77 degrees and eminently swimmable.

Lake output is averaging 450 cfs (cubic feet per second) or 892 A-F (acre feet per day).

The Gamble Gauge shows the lake capacity dropped to 89.2% at 1,384,000 acre-feet.

At this rate it would take at would take about two years from today to drop to half full.

The 2023-2024 rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 28.14 inches.

2024-2025 rainfall is still 0".

### Wildlife officials released 1.53 million salmon into California reservoirs this spring

Lake Berryessa received both Chinook salmon and Kokanee salmon in 2024.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife released 1.53 million salmon into reservoirs and lakes across California over the spring in an effort to shore up their numbers and ensure they can continue to support recreational fishing. They included more than 992,000 Chinook salmon and 538,000 Kokanee salmon.

"These stocked inland salmon support popular sport fisheries and occupy a unique ecological niche, thriving in the deep, cold-water environments these reservoirs offer," the CDFW said in a written statement. "They are different from anadromous salmon because they do not migrate to the ocean, and instead rear in the reservoirs where released."

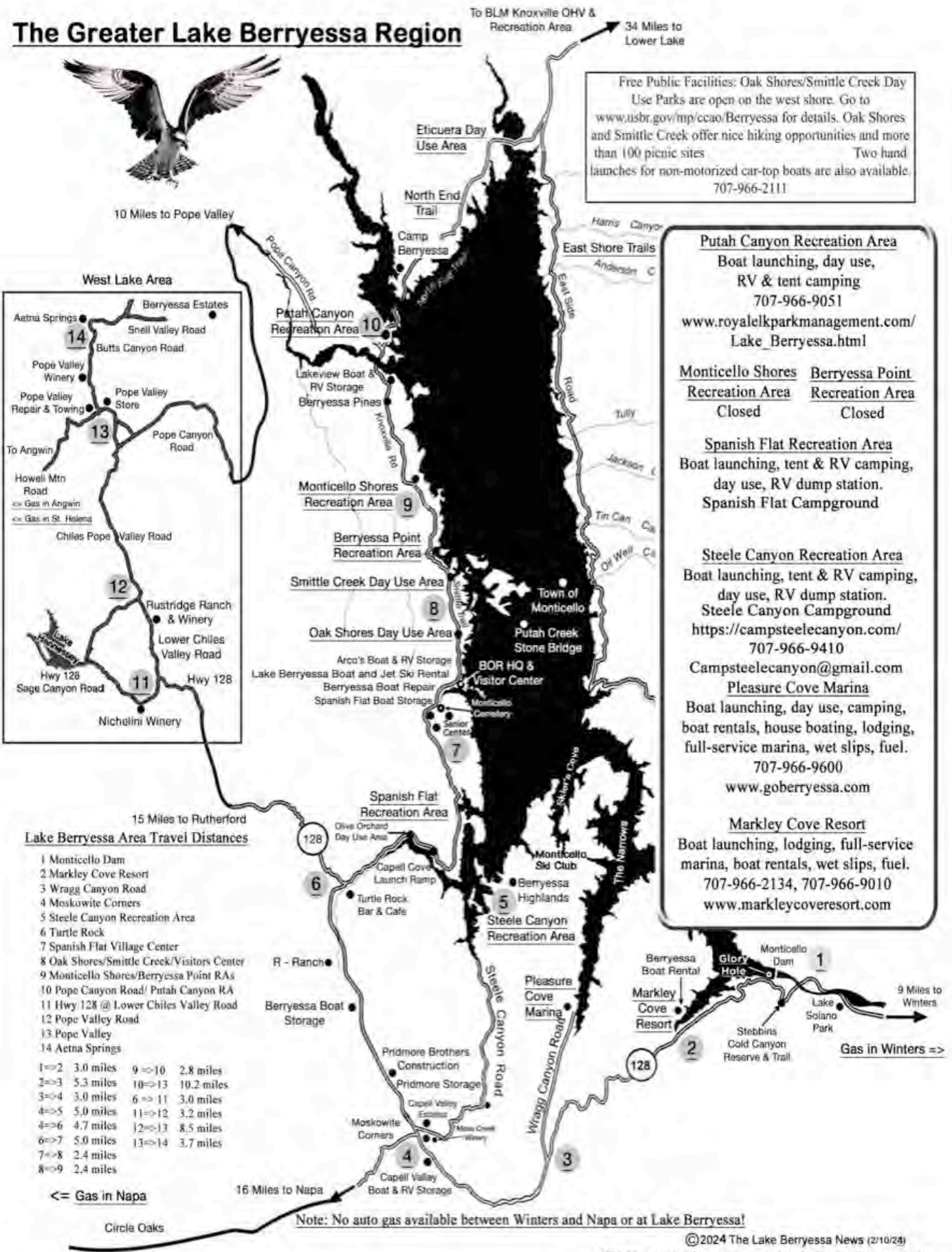
The fish are released while young "fingerlings" of about 2 to 3 inches in length. Releasing the fish to their new homes as juveniles helps them better adapt as they grow up feeding on local prey.

"These landlocked salmon are too small to be hooked by most anglers' gear but will reach catchable size in two to three years," the statement added.

Once adults, these fish provide an excellent recreational opportunity with Chinook caught from lakes such as Berryessa and Folsom recently approaching 10 pounds.

The largest inland Chinook salmon ever landed in California weighed 20 pounds, 15 ounces, according to the CDFW. It was hooked at Trinity Lake in 2013.

### The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



**Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances**

1 Monticello Dam	2 Markley Cove Resort	3 Wragg Canyon Road	4 Moskowite Corners	5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	6 Turtle Rock	7 Spanish Flat Village Center	8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center	9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs	10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA	11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	12 Pope Valley Road	13 Pope Valley	14 Aetna Springs
1->2 3.0 miles	2->3 5.3 miles	3->4 3.0 miles	4->5 5.0 miles	4->6 4.7 miles	6->7 5.0 miles	7->8 2.4 miles	8->9 2.4 miles	9->10 2.8 miles	10->11 10.2 miles	6->11 3.0 miles	11->12 3.2 miles	12->13 8.5 miles	13->14 3.7 miles

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

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

**Monticello Shores Recreation Area** Closed  
**Berryessa Point Recreation Area** Closed

**Spanish Flat Recreation Area**  
 Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.  
 Spanish Flat Campground

**Steele Canyon Recreation Area**  
 Boat launching, tent & RV camping, day use, RV dump station.  
 Steele Canyon Campground  
<https://campsteelecanyon.com/>  
 707-966-9410  
[Campsteelecanyon@gmail.com](mailto:Campsteelecanyon@gmail.com)  
**Pleasure Cove Marina**  
 Boat launching, day use, camping, boat rentals, house boating, lodging, full-service marina, wet slips, fuel.  
 707-966-9600  
[www.goberryessa.com](http://www.goberryessa.com)

**Markley Cove Resort**  
 Boat launching, lodging, full-service marina, boat rentals, wet slips, fuel.  
 707-966-2134, 707-966-9010  
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**Gas in Winters =>**

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

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