

**Math teacher under arrest**

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.'

They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns', but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

When asked to comment on the arrest, Fox News commentator Glenn Beck said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes."

**Puns For Educated Minds**

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll

still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall.. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway.. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris , you'd be in Seine.

**Very short stories: 6 word science fiction titles**

Failed SAT. Lost scholarship. Invented rocket. (William Shatner)

Computer, did we bring batteries? Computer? (Eileen Gunn)

Vacuum Collision. Orbits Diverge. Farewell, Love. (David Brin)

Gown Removed Carelessly. Head, Less So. (Joss Whedon)

Automobile Warranty Expires. So Does Engine. (Stan Lee)

Machine. Unexpectedly, I'd Invented a Time (Alan Moore)

From Torched Skyscrapers, Men Grew Wings. (Gregory Maguire)

Internet "Wakes Up?" Ridicu – No Carrier... (Charles Stross)

Wasted Day. Wasted Life. Dessert, Please. (Steven Meretsky)

Epitaph: Foolish Humans, never escaped Earth. (Vernor Vinge)

It's Behind You! Hurry Before It...

We Kissed. She Melted. Mop, Please.

It Cost Too Much Staying Human.

We went solar; sun went nova. (Ken MacLeod)

Lie detector eyeglasses perfected: civilization collapses. (Richard Powers)

The baby's blood type? Human, mostly. (Orson Scott Card)

Husband, transgenic mistress; wife: "You cow!" (Paul Di Filippo)

Time Machine Reaches Future!!! ...nobody there... (Harry Harrison)

Tick tock tick tock tick tick. (Neal Stephenson)



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**The Pensus Group Wins Bid for Six Lake Berryessa Resorts**

The Bureau of Reclamation has selected Pensus Group as the best proposal for six concession areas located at Lake Berryessa. Pensus Group submitted a single offer to operate multiple locations, including the Steele Park, Spanish Flat, Lake Berryessa Marina, Rancho Monticello, Markley Cove, and Putah Creek concession areas.

"The Pensus Group's proposal will ensure that each of the individual concession areas can be effectively developed and operated," said Mike Finnegan, Reclamation Area Manager.

"The proposal includes new facilities and enhanced recreational opportunities at Lake Berryessa for the visiting public, which should contribute significantly to the local economy."

"Our objective is to provide enhanced recreational services this summer," said Finnegan.

Reclamation's goal is to get the contract signed by the end of March so that Pensus can get to work preparing facilities for visitors.

Pensus will also pay for its share of improvements to the water and sanitation district at Berryessa Highlands, the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID).

In a statement to the Lake Berryessa News last week, David Ffinch, president of the Pensus Group, expressed his enthusiasm for the future of Lake Berryessa. He hopes to have the contract signed with Reclamation by the end of March.

He said that Pensus, in anticipation of the completion of the contract, is moving forward with preparatory work for opening some facilities such as boat ramps, boat slips, and marina services as soon as possible.

Pensus has scheduled a meeting with the California State Water Resources Control Board in anticipation of meeting the various water and sewer system requirements at the resorts.

Steele Park Resort will be an important element in the Pensus strategy, incorporating upscale facilities with a restaurant, hotel, corporate meeting center, and a full-service marina. If other Pensus resort marinas are any indication, Lake Berryessa resorts will likely become exceptional destinations.

Pensus operates several first-class marinas including Pleasant Harbor Marina, which is a full-service marina, located on Lake Pleasant, 35 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix.

Pensus' Roosevelt Lake Marina is situated on the largest lake in Central Arizona, consisting of 112 miles of shoreline, peaceful coves and 22,000 acres of surface water.

Antelope Point Marina is a new, architecturally significant marina on the southwest shores of Lake Powell within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The success of the new Lake Berryessa resorts will depend on attracting visitors from all over the Bay Area as well as on establishing partnerships with all of the Napa Valley resorts and wineries.

The immediate stumbling blocks to redevelopment of the resorts are the significant amount of clean-up still required as well as any potential legal actions by the previous resort owners.

This concern was confirmed recently in the Napa Register: "Rancho Monticello operator Bob White said Thursday he plans to sue the bureau for the alleged unconstitutional taking of his property. When Pensus or another new concessionaire signs on to take over the resort, White said he will also sue that company for illegal conversion of his property."

Pensus said they plan to work closely with local businesses, residents, and environmental groups as they move forward.

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**A Community Meeting - Capell Valley School Closing**

Capell Valley Firehouse, February 11th, 7:00 p.m.

After more than 100 years serving our community the Napa Valley Unified School District has made the decision to close Capell Valley Elementary. This is a very sad time and we as a community need to come together to plan for the future. We encourage everyone to attend to discuss what is to happen with the school facilities and their use. We are also putting together a slideshow of the many memories of Capell Valley School. To share pictures and memorabilia contact Kristine, 966-9892, [kcfields02@att.net](mailto:kcfields02@att.net)

**Local Lake Berryessa Region Schools to be Closed**

Capell Valley and Wooden Valley elementary schools will be closed at the end of the current school year, according to a district board of trustees vote on January 21, 2010. All but two board members — Trustee Jackie Dickson and Board Vice-president Alan Murray — supported the decision to shutter Capell Valley and Wooden Valley.

Wearing a blue Capell Valley Elementary sweatshirt, Amber Payne, a Capell Valley parent of two, shared hugs with other moms after leaving the board room in tears after Thursday's vote. Payne said she understands the district's budget woes, but the school was central to Capell Valley's tight-knit community where "every family knows each other."

Because Capell Valley and Wooden Valley students live far outside city limits, bus services will be offered to and from Vichy Elementary.

**Dillon elected Chair of Napa Board of Supervisors**

The Napa County Board of Supervisors elected District 3 Supervisor Diane Dillon to the position of board chair for the calendar year. District 4 Supervisor Bill Dodd was elected vice chair.

"We have a challenging year ahead of us," Dillon said. "It's all about the money and what happens in terms of state financing that's looming in front of us this year. We have our financial house in relatively good order. We have a high bond rating; we're rated number five or six out of 58 counties, so this board and previous boards can be proud of that. But we are not impenetrable to what can happen to us from external forces."

The chair and vice chair of the Board of Supervisors perform the corresponding duties on several other county boards, including the Board of Equalization, Napa County Public Improvement Corporation, Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, Silverado Community Services District.

**Japan Air Lines Bankruptcy May Affect Napa Operations**

Japan Air Lines filed for bankruptcy protection last month. But for the 101 students at the JAL flight crew training center in Napa it's "business as usual", a JAL spokeswoman said. The carrier filed for bankruptcy protection under a \$10 billion turnaround plan after four Japanese government bailouts failed to revive it.

JAL opened its training facility on Airport Road in Napa in 1971 and its large bus can often be seen traveling down Trancas Road from the airport to its housing facility.

It is unknown yet how the bankruptcy would affect JAL operations in Napa.

The JAL training center includes a large building, maintenance facility, flight simulators and 36 single- and twin-engine aircraft. After completing training in Napa, JAL students return to Japan to train on larger aircraft.

JAL, worth more than \$6 billion as recently as March, will be delisted from stock exchanges, wiping out shareholders. During its turnaround, JAL will cut its workforce to 36,201 from 51,862, retire its 37 Boeing Co. 747-400s and cut international and domestic routes.

**Colorful Local Rancher Dies**

Frank Warren Smith Jr., "Smitty," died Jan. 20, 2010, on his ranch at Lake Berryessa. He was the last of the cowboys and died with his boots on. Frank was born on Dec. 2, 1941, in San Francisco, to Frank and Avril Smith. He attended St. John's Catholic School in Napa and then Napa High School.

Frank married Maria E. Rodriguez on July 22, 1961. They made their home in Napa Valley with their five children. He was a well-known rancher in the Valley.

His wife, Maria Smith, and three children, Leon Smith, Rose Bell and LaVerne Smith, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive him.

He is also survived by his sisters Carole Duncan and LaVerne Millstead, and his brothers John Smith and Stephen Smith. Frank was preceded in death by his children,

Tony Smith, John Smith and Frank Smith.

**County Seeks to Reduce Its Carbon Footprint**

Napa County now has an estimate of its greenhouse gas emissions, credited as one source of possible global warming. Residents, businesses, agriculture and pass-through travelers were responsible for 1.2 million metric tons of emissions in 2005, the most recent year for which data was available.

The figure puts Napa County emissions lower per capita than those in most Bay Area counties. But the local carbon footprint is projected to rise in the coming years, even as laws call for a reduction in generation of carbon-emitting gases.

The agency spent 18 months and \$75,000 to come up with the first estimate of the county's contribution to global warming. The draft Countywide Community Climate Action Framework tallies each city's so-called carbon footprint, using a complex formula that assesses vehicle miles, the heating and lighting of homes and businesses, the purchase of food and clothing.

The state's Global Warming Solutions Act commits California to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. As the NCTPA report makes clear, Napa County emissions are going the other way.

If the county continues on its current path, greenhouse gas emissions are expected to grow to 1.46 million metric tons in 2020, an increase of 22 percent above 2005.

To meet the state's 2020 target, local jurisdictions would have to reduce emissions by 30 percent, or 446,661 metric tons, below "business as usual."

Even with good-faith efforts, the

report predicts that emissions will continue to rise in coming years. Energy to heat and cool buildings and propel us from place to place are the biggest local sources of greenhouse gases, the report concludes.

The draft Community Action Framework will be presented to every city council and the Napa County Board of Supervisors. The NCTPA will hold public meetings in Napa, American Canyon and Upvalley in coming months. The agency's board of directors is scheduled to adopt a final report that incorporates community comments in the spring.

Each county resident produces 8.9 tons of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide, annually. This is second-lowest total among the nine Bay Area counties. San Francisco, at seven tons per person, was lowest. Solano County, at 15.9 tons, was highest.

Transportation generated 53 percent of the county's greenhouse gases, commercial and industrial buildings 19 percent and residences 16 percent. Agriculture accounted for 3 percent.

Because agreement could not be reached on the impacts of converting forest to vineyards, the report did not estimate the greenhouse gas consequences of future conversions. The report estimated that 10,000 more acres in Napa County would be converted to vineyard by 2030.

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**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 2/1/10**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet  
 Lake Berryessa has had **17.33** inches of rain since July, 1 2009.

The water is now **24.69** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
1/4/10	407.03	0.00	56	38	0.00
1/5/10	407.03	0.00	58	36	0.00
1/6/10	407.04	0.01	56	37	0.00
1/7/10	406.99	0.04	50	37	0.00
1/8/10	407.02	0.00	51	40	0.00
1/9/10	407.05	0.02	51	41	0.03
1/10/10	407.02	0.01	54	39	0.00
1/11/10	406.92	0.00	53	41	0.00
1/12/10	407.01	0.00	57	42	0.27
1/13/10	407.22	0.01	61	48	0.38
1/14/10	407.21	0.02	64	37	0.00
1/15/10	407.29	0.01	63	37	0.00
1/16/10	407.28	0.02	54	39	0.00
1/17/10	407.26	0.03	56	41	0.02
1/18/10	407.84	0.00	55	46	0.55
1/19/10	409.06	0.00	54	45	3.33
1/20/10	410.70	0.00	55	43	2.31
1/21/10	411.79	0.00	51	42	2.03
1/22/10	412.22	0.00	45	36	0.97
1/23/10	412.46	0.00	50	36	0.12
1/24/10	412.58	0.00	55	36	0.03
1/25/10	413.70	0.00	50	39	0.46
1/26/10	414.59	0.00	53	44	0.44
1/27/10	414.89	0.00	52	37	0.03
1/28/10	415.05	0.00	60	35	0.00
1/29/10	415.16	0.00	57	34	0.00
1/30/10	415.24	0.01	54	40	0.07
1/31/10	415.31	0.01	63	38	0.00

**Event Calendar**

February 11: Community Meeting - Capell Valley School Closing, Capell Valley Firehouse, 7:00 p.m (See Page 1).

February 13: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Village Center, Spanish Flat Country Store at 4318 Berryessa Knoxville Road. For more information, call Marcia Ritz at the store at 966-1600, or CeCe Short at 259-5262

February 13: CPR Training, Capell Valley Fire Station, 10 A.M - 2 P.M. (See Page 4)

February 14: Love is the language of Italy and Cucina Italiana will celebrate Valentino Amour on Sunday, February 14th. Chef Stefano always has love on his mind. Cucina Italiana will put love in your pancia with some decadent special dishes. (See Page 3)

February 27: Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village will observe its second annual OTBN Saturday Feb. 27, for the entire day and into the night. There are no entry fees, corkage fees, nor pretense. Just bring your wines and your stories, and, of course, your friends. Cucina Italiana will honor the best story with a special bottle of wine and a gift certificate for dinner. (See Page 3)

March 3: 6:30 PM, Napa County Taxpayer Association: General membership meeting, everyone invited. Speaker will be Jon Coupal, president of Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Assn. Location is Monticello Deli. 1810 Monticello Rd. Email NAPATAX@yahoo.com

March 20: Corned Beef and Cabbage Potluck, Easter Basket Raffle, Berryessa Senior Center, 6 P.M., 925-699-3729 PM or 707-966-0206

March 13: Berryessa Lions Club Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser at Turtle Rock. Drinks at 6:00 followed by dinner.

March 22: 3rd District Supervisor Candidates Forum, 7 PM, Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd.

**Ongoing Events:**

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is now open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa.

The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through the summer. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

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**What is a 5 Star Hotel/Resort? A Primer for New Development at Lake Berryessa**

**ONE STAR:** A one-star property would be clean, comfortable, and maintained well. It is worth the room rate charged when compared to other hotels in its area. It offers limited services. Good housekeeping and maintenance, combined with courteous service, would be evident. One-star hotels will have:

- 24-hour front desk or direct-dial phones
- Clean, well maintained
- Serviceable furniture in good condition
- Comfortable beds; clean linens changed daily
- Quiet, lightproof rooms
- Good lighting
- Television or radio available in all rooms
- Parking area well lit

**TWO STAR:** A two-star hotel offers guests more than a one-star including some, but not necessarily all, of the facilities and services listed below. A two-star hotel will include all of the features of a one-star hotel and:

- Medium to large rooms with adequate closet space
- Attractive, appealing room decor
- Color television in all rooms
- Good-quality furniture, comfortable chair
- Swimming pool
- Room service
- Some oversized beds
- Attractive, functional baths
- Adequate closet space
- Good-quality towels

**THREE STAR:** A three-star establishment offers guests an excellent lodging experience. The range of facilities is extensive. In addition to the features found in lower-rated hotels, a three-star hotel will have:

- Excellent maintenance
- Excellent housekeeping
- Spacious, attractive lobby
- Well-designed check-in/check-out area with 24-hour desk service
- Large, comfortable rooms with sitting area, lightproof and soundproof
- Bright, attractive room decor; some attention to detail; writing table
- Some nonsmoking rooms available
- Central air-conditioning/heating plant
- A quality mattress in excellent condition
- Individual room thermostat
- Oversized color TV
- Luxury level accommodations
- Two phones in guest rooms; by the bed and on desk or in bath
- Internet connection
- Some special services such as poolside service, concierge, valet services, doormen, meeting rooms, business services

**FOUR STAR:** A four-star hotel has every service of one- to three-star properties, but also has its own style and personality. It is luxurious, with a well-integrated, creative decor. Housekeeping and maintenance are superb. Guest rooms are large, with spacious, comfortable sitting areas. A variety of room types are usually available, lobbies are spacious and well decorated and a very good restaurant is on the premises. Room service is gracious and often 24-hour service is provided. In addition, four-star hotels regularly include:

- Carefully landscaped grounds
- Distinctive building design

- Luxuriously appointed lobby, public space, art work, fine furnishings, superior carpet quality, fresh flowers, plants
- Well-groomed staff, uniformed bellmen, doorman, courteous, helpful staff, and articulate and knowledgeable staff
- Room service, extended hours, superior service, and a varied menu
- Excellent restaurant facilities, including at least one fine dining room
- Television in armoire or on attractive, decorative stand; remote control
- Well-integrated decor; fine artwork; superior drapery, spread, fabrics
- Closed, lighted closets, ample hangers, full-length mirrors
- Fine linen, double top sheet; large, fresh pillows, extra blankets, pillows provided twice-daily maid service; turn-down service
- In-room computer! office equipment
- Enhanced bedding
- Bathroom telephone
- Recreation facilities on premises; poolside services, beverage and food; complimentary limousine service to theater and shopping; complimentary shoeshine; complimentary newspaper.

**FIVE STAR:** A five-star hotel is unique and will typically include no more than 1 or 2 percent of all hotels rated. There is no "typical" five-star establishment because most of these hotels are truly "one-of-a-kind" but some common characteristics exist.

Each one offers service levels that provide a memorable experience for each guest. Lobbies will be places of beauty, often displaying fine works. A superior restaurant must be present. Grounds should be meticulously groomed and landscaped. This type of hotel requires the presence of professional, articulate, knowledgeable staff members capable of identifying and meeting the needs of all guests. A five-star hotel will offer guests all of the features of a four-star property as well as:

- Unique architectural building design
- Superior maintenance throughout
- Grounds meticulously groomed and landscaped
- Impeccable housekeeping
- Flooring or carpeting of exceptional quality
- Guests escorted to rooms by professionally trained personnel
- Rooms spacious, a comfortable sitting area, working area, chair
- Carefully-integrated guest room decor, with emphasis on elegance or reflecting a design of distinctive quality
- Amenities, special soaps, linens coordinate with bath decor
- Welcome gift from management
- Minibars, refrigerators in rooms
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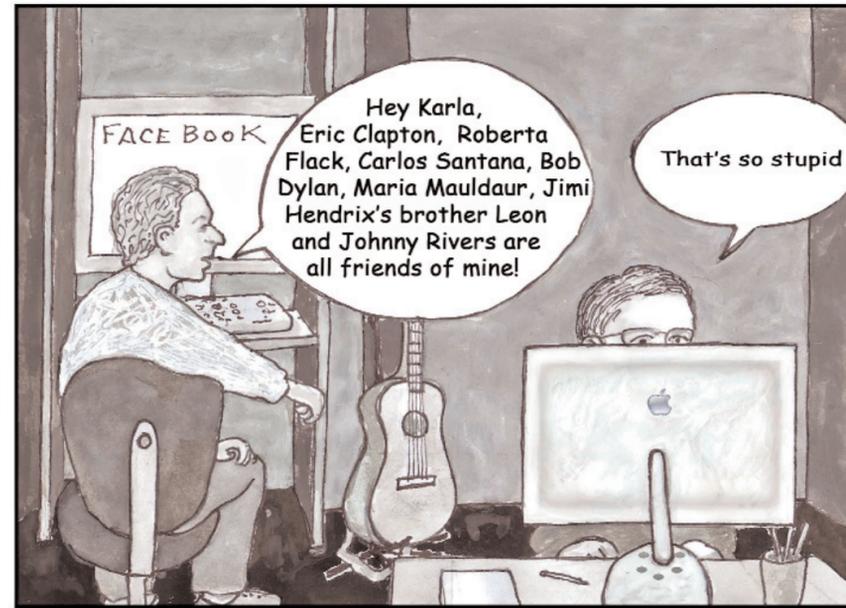
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Of course, love is the language of Italy - Cucina Italiana will celebrate Valentino Amour on Sunday, February 14th. Chef Stefano always has love on his mind. Cucina Italiana will put love in your pancia with some decadent special dishes.

February is also the date for your favorite adventure into wine with OTBN: "Open that bottle night"..this year it falls on February 27th, Saturday.

Every year since 2000, on a special Saturday night in February, friends, couples and groups around the world get together to enjoy particular bottles of wine, champagne and spirits. The bottle that you enjoy should be one that you have been saving for some special event that, so far, has never quite happened.

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 6062(a) and 65090(2), the Governing Board of the Pope Valley Union Elementary School District will hold a public hearing to review the Annual Accounting for School Facilities Fees at its regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday February 18, 2010 at Pope Valley School, 6200 Pope Valley Road, Pope Valley CA 94567.

A copy of the Annual Accounting for School Facilities Fees will be available for viewing of interested parties at Pope Valley School, 6200 Pope Valley Road, Pope Valley, CA 94567 fifteen days prior to the public hearing. Interested parties may also request a copy of the document by contacting Florence Eaton, Superintendent, Pope Valley School, 6200 Pope Valley Road, Pope Valley, CA 94567 and by phone (707) 965-2402.

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**Are You Burning Firewood? What is a cord?**

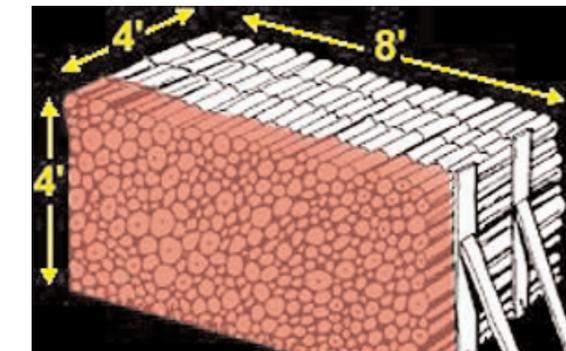
Firewood quantities are sometimes difficult to estimate. The official measurement of firewood is a "cord". To help you make an accurate estimate, here is how some common units of firewood measurement compare to the full cord.

A full cord is a large amount of wood. It measures 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by eight feet long (4' x 4' x 8') and has a volume of 128 cubic feet

Firewood is usually sold as a fraction of a full cord. A fraction of a cord of wood is four feet high by eight feet long and is as wide as the individual firewood pieces. A common fraction of a cord has pieces averaging 16" and is equal to one-third of a full cord. 1/3rd cord (16") x 3 = One full cord

A 'full' cord measures 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 8 ft. and is the official, standard firewood measure. But four foot pieces are never used for home heating, and dealers rarely sell four foot pieces. So firewood is not offered for sale in the form of its official unit measurement. This is why buying firewood can be confusing.

Other terms, such as face cord, stove cord or furnace cord are sometimes used to describe a stack of wood measuring 4 ft. high, 8 ft. long with a piece length shorter than 4 ft. A common firewood piece length is 16 in., or one-third of a full cord, but other lengths are also available.



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By working on this once-a-decade population headcount, residents have an opportunity to be a part of history. Conducted every decade since 1790, the constitutionally mandated Census affects community funding and determines representation in Congress.

By the end of the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau will have employed about 1,000,000 temporary workers in communities across the country. Employees will update the Census Bureau's address list, interview people who do not respond to the census by mail and perform other assignments vital to the national count.

By 2010, there will be more than 310 million people living in an estimated 130 million households across the country and everyone must be counted in order to ensure seats are apportioned in the U.S. House of Representatives and federal and state funding is distributed fairly.

The U.S. population is more diverse than ever before, with people speaking a record number of languages. As a result, in many areas the Census Bureau will need to hire people who are bilingual. Spanish speakers are especially needed in Napa, Sonoma and Marin.

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This festival is world renowned and has grown exponentially since it's inception in 1994. Its humble beginning drew a few hundred patrons, while today, thousands descend upon the valley to enjoy the bountiful pleasures of mind, palate and soul.

The Mustard Festival is essentially a non-profit, county wide event benefiting many different organizations from health care to art in the schools, and has become integral to the support of many different commendable causes. The Festival also offers local businesses an opportunity for greatly increased revenues during January, February and March as well as an opportunity for professional and amateur photographers and artists to exhibit their works.

A bit of history behind the mustard flower that blankets the valley in a rich yellow carpet is worth mentioning. Father Junipero Serra had come from Spain to Mexico in the 1800's to spread his faith. He was told of a beautiful land to the north full of wildlife, grand trees and verdant valleys.

Serra decided he must see this land and with the aid of some Native American guides, set out to explore the country to the north. Father Serra had brought with him Spanish Mustard seeds and scattered them all along the path of his travels. The following year they returned south and followed a golden ribbon of bright mustard flowers that had sprung from the northern trek.

This path of "gold" was where Father Serra established his "Rosary of Missions" that extends from San Diego to Sonoma and is indeed why California is veritably covered with Spanish mustard in the spring.

It is thought by some that the mustard flower should be the state flower and may very well have been except that it has a very limited bloom time unlike the beloved California poppy.

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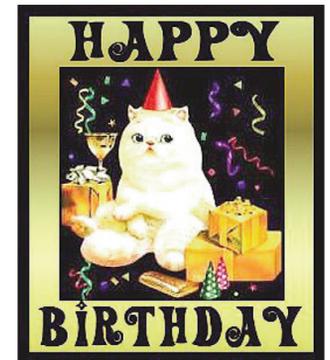


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Toni and Donald Irwin, her husband of 48 years, moved to St. Helena in the 1990s, where she had spent the majority of her childhood summers at the family ranch. Toni was a third-generation member of the Nichelini family and became actively involved along with three of her cousins in the running of the Nichelini family winery. She was also the family historian. Toni enjoyed her handwork, bocce ball, home canning and loved her orchids. She was also an avid reader.

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**A Tale of Two Crab Feeds: It was the best of times; it was the best of times!**

Everyone knows that January is the month of crab feeds all over Napa County. A time when carnivores dismember little ocean creatures for their succulent flesh. Hopefully a spaceship filled with crab-like aliens doesn't land in Napa during one of those human feeding frenzies. They might not think we'd make good members of the Galactic Federation! The Berryessa Senior Center fundraiser on January 23rd and the Pope Valley School fundraiser on January 30th were well-attended. Both District 3 Supervisor candidates, Jeff Parady and Michael Haley mingled with the folks at the Berryessa Senior Center. Supervisor Diane Dillon dropped by the Pope Valley event which was also attended by local businessman and candidate Jeff Parady with his family. Both events were great fun and should be on your calendar for next year. Photo albums of both crab feeds are online at: [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com).



Jeff Parady

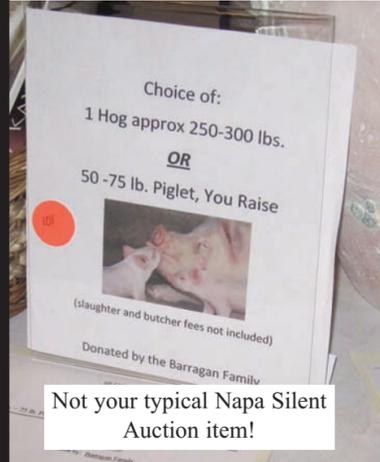
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**Berryessa Highlands Water & Sewer Issues**

The closure of Steele park Resort had a serious impact on the Berryessa Highlands and the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) which provides water and sewer services to that community. A bond issue was approved to upgrade the system, but the bonds were not able to be sold.

Rates were raised by about 87% last Fall to cover operating costs while the situation with Steele Park is being resolved. An engineering firm was contracted by the County to upgrade basic facilities and oversee the operation of the system. The cost of the contract was covered by eliminating one County engineering position which had previously been supervising NBRID operations.

Significant equipment improvements have been made during the last few months. However, recent projections indicate that the District may see a shortfall in operating funds of approximately \$147,000 by June, 2010.

During the next year further research will be done to determine the best future approach to system upgrades, especially now that the Pensus Group intends to redevelop Steele Park Resort with a hotel, restaurant, conference facilities, and expanded marina services.

Several long-term alternatives are available to residents of the District, including running the District as an agency independent of Napa County with an elected Board of local residents. That is the process now being used for the Spanish Flat Water District, for example. A report from the Resient's Committee follows.

**Report from the Residents' Committee**

We had a very good turnout last night (1/28/10-about 40) and we hope that everyone came away with a better understanding of the state of our District. Thanks to Richard Dinges and Peter Lescure from Lescure Engineers for spending the time to come over here and provide the community with a detailed presentation of the condition of our facilities, the work that has been done in the last two months, and what lies ahead.

We would also like to thank Diane Dillon and Keith Caldwell, the two members of the NBRID Board who have been tasked with working with the

Resident's Committee, for showing up to answer questions from the community. We hope that everyone involved benefited from the give and take.

The one contentious issue we have with the Board and the County at this time is the question of the status of Lescure Engineering's contract. We would like to summarize the County's position (as we understand it) and our position for your information:

**COUNTY'S POSITION** – The County decided to change the contracting relationship without consulting the Resident's Committee and with no advance notice to the Board. In fact the Board agenda item was published with the recommendation that staff negotiate a contract with Lescure Engineering and return to the Board with a contract for the Chairman's signature. Only at the agenda presentation was it revealed that staff was proposing that the contract be with the County and not the District.

The rationale initially given was that it was a cost-saving measure. It was alleged that since the County is contracted (verbally only, though a formal written contract is in the works after some 40 years!) by the District to run the District with County employees, there were some unspecified union and HR issues that would require Lescure to have a second contract with the County if the main contract was with the District.

There was an alleged savings in not having to prepare two contracts. However in a meeting with the Resident's Committee where this issue was discussed the County could not provide any specifics on the union or HR issues. Lescure has no direct supervisory role with the County employees; they only inspect and recommend actions, which the employees refer back to the District Engineer (County) for approval and direction.

The second rationale offered (and presented by Keith Caldwell) was that the County was interested in possibly utilizing Lescure's expertise at other special Districts in the county, i.e. LBRID (that work would be paid for by the other special districts), and being under contract with the County would facilitate that function.

**RESIDENT'S COMMITTEE POSITION** – When we initially contacted Lescure after they had been on the job about one month, we were told that all communication had to be cleared through the County since that was who they were contracted with. That issue has been cleared up but illustrates the conflict that we see in the current arrangement.

We are all aware that exposure of the condition of our District's facilities and the County's lack of proper supervision has been extremely embarrassing for the County. Lescure's contract can be terminated with 30-



day notice by either party, and as we all know, the NBRID budget is extremely tight.

It is conceivable that staff would decide, for whatever reason, that the budget couldn't carry Lescure anymore and they could summarily terminated the contract without consulting the Board. By having Lescure contracted directly with the District, any such recommendation would have to come to the Board in an open meeting and be subject to debate.

While it appears that Lescure and the County have a good working relationship, it is not inconceivable that disputes and conflicts on the correct course for the District might arise. We feel that it is imperative that the Board has access to an unfiltered presentation of both sides of such a dispute to properly evaluate the correct action for the District. Only by have their OWN consultants can the Board be assured of such unbiased information.

As for the argument about Lescure working for other special districts in the County, we have no objection and would in fact encourage it since the County has admitted that they do not have such expertise in-house. But to solve that by having Lescure's only contact be with the County is in the County's interest and not the District's. The Board and its counsel have a fiduciary responsibility to the District to consider first the interests of the District and not the County.

**ACTION** - If you agree with the Committee's position we could use your help. Call and/or email each Board member and respectfully request that they contract directly with Lescure. The Board's contact info can be found on our Links and Resources page.

And if you don't agree with the Committee's position, please let us know. We welcome and solicit your input, comments and criticism.

Thanks for your interest and support,

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