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**Capell Valley School to become CAPCOM?**

During much of the U.S. manned space program, communication with the astronauts in space passed through a single person in the Mission Control Center. That role was designated the Capsule Communicator or CAPCOM. Although Capell Valley School will be closed at the end of this school year, the Napa Valley Unified School District hopes that the Lake Berryessa community will rally behind the concept of reopening the facility as the Capell Community Center - a new CapCom where parents and neighbors can communicate with each other.

The District does not intend to sell the property for at least five years. The portable classrooms will be removed, but the permanent facilities - a building with a meeting room and kitchen facilities and a library- will remain.

A full range of other community center activities will be possible: community events, building rental for private functions, part-time library, community park, farmers market, T-Ball, adult softball, summer movies in the park and more.

Non-profit organization use will be free of charge. PNC Valley Internet has offered to supply high-speed internet access.

The proposed transition from a school to a community center requires the formation of a committee which will oversee the changeover process and become the Board of Directors for the future CapCom.

Members of the committee will be appointed by the NVUSD Board and will come from applicants throughout Napa County. The transition process is expected to take from six to eight months.

The Capell community hosted a Feb. 11 town meeting intended to gather support for the community center cause. About 25 people, including 3rd District Supervisor candidate, Jeff Parady, turned out for the gathering.

**Daylight Saving Time**  
**March 14, 2010**

Daylight saving time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time.

The practice is controversial. Adding daylight to afternoons benefits retailing, sports, and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours, but causes problems for farming, evening entertainment and other occupations tied to the sun.

Traffic fatalities are reduced when there is extra afternoon daylight; its effect on health and crime is less clear. Although an early goal of DST was to reduce evening usage of incandescent lighting, formerly a primary use of electricity, modern heating and cooling usage patterns differ greatly, and research about how DST currently affects energy use is limited and often contradictory.

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 C.M.Fields

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**Irish Password**

During a recent PASSWORD AUDIT at the Bank of Ireland it was found that Paddy O'Toole was using the following password: **MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyDublin**

When Paddy was asked why he had such a long password: he replied, "Bejezus! are yez jus plain stupid? Shore Oi was told me password had to be at least 8 characters long and include one capital!"

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**Try Facebook Suicide When Virtual Life Is No Longer Worth Living**

by Irene Angelopoulos from Adbusters (www.adbusters.org)

Total minutes spent on Facebook in the U.S in April, 2008: 1.7 billion. In April, 2009: 13.9 billion - 26,500 years of life!

Social Networking Sites (SNSs) like Facebook promise limitless, boundless friendship - a phenomenon that should make us happier than ever. But many webizens' optimism over connectivity has gradually morphed into cynicism and resentment. It turns out virtual life is less about connectivity than self-branding. SNSs entice us to divulge and update, stroking our fragile egos with filtered ads that utilize personal information to reap huge profits.

"Virtual life" is an often - abused term used to describe the whole of one person's online activities. But as media communications let our second/online/offline identities overflowing into real life - and vice-versa - the distinctions between the real and the virtual are becoming, more and more confused.

Which is virtual? And where's the real? Beyond all those questions only a fact remains: that our privacy, our profiles, our identities, our relationships, they are all - fake and/or real - entirely exploited for a sole purpose: to be sold as a product. But are those lives really worth to be experienced?

There's an ominous irony in FarmVille, a Facebook application that enables users to build and maintain a virtual farm. It's more than a game: It's an allegory. Virtual existence is feudalism for the modern age. Those who hold the information are kings and those toiling in the virtual fields are the servile peasantry: selling their souls for the mind-numbing comfort of an online existence.

Sites like Lamebook (the funniest and lamest of Facebook), devoted to reposting cliché status updates and socially-awkward wall exchanges, humiliate those virtual personas whose real lives are hopefully not as lame as their online lives seem to be.

Now that the thrill of our hyper-connected existence is gone, virtual life has become a depressing daily grind. We toil late into the night, unleashing an endless stream of status updates and tweets in a desperate attempt to keep ourselves relevant, desirable and in.

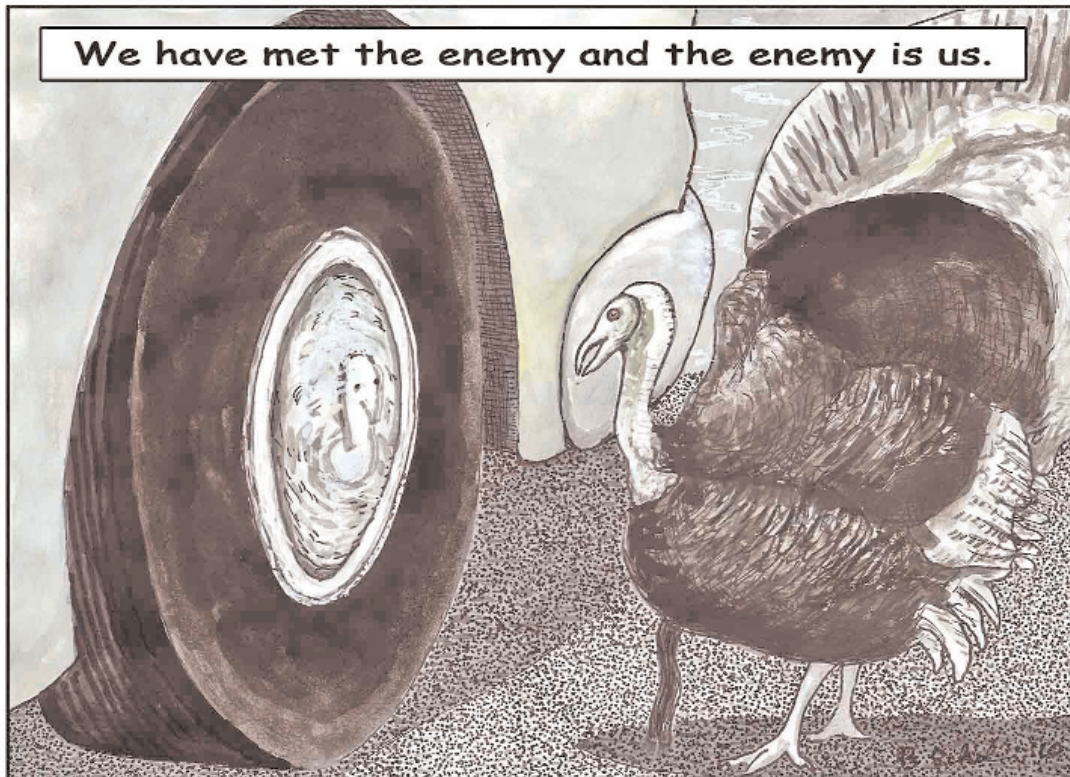
Bleak, shallow and repetitive, virtual life seems increasingly less worth living. Users are beginning to realize that it's not leisure, it's work that borders on servitude. But there's a resistance growing among those tired of their virtual subjugation. In response to the electronic world's rising indignation, virtual suicide sites like seppukoo.com and suicidemachine.org have started a countermovement, provoking users to kill their online selves and reclaim their real lives.

As viral marketing strategies have been exploited by corporate media to make profit connecting people all over the world, Seppukoo playfully attempts to subvert this mechanism disconnecting people from each other and transforming the individual suicide experience into an exciting "social" experience.

But there's really no death where there's no life. Suicide is a free choice and a kind of self-assertiveness. Unfortunately, Facebook doesn't give to its users this faculty at all, and your account will be only deactivated. This means that any information regarding you and your friends, will be strictly preserved by Facebook authorities in order to keep your virtual life alive for eternity. You won't need any superpower to come back to your virtual life after death: just a simple login, and your life will be completely restored.

**NAPALACHIA** by Bill Scholer

**We have met the enemy and the enemy is us.**



**Editor's Note: Lake Berryessa wild turkeys have their own version of Facebook.**

**Capell School photos:** Parents are creating a slideshow of memories of Capell Valley School. Please submit any pictures or memorabilia you would like to share. Deadline is April 15. Please email to kcfields02@att.net or drop a disk off in the school office. Kristine 966-9892



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**Event Calendar**

March 13 - Saturday: Trout & Salmon Fishing Derby sponsored by the Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli and the Berryessa Senior Center, Saturday, 1 PM weigh-in, 707-966-1600.

March 13 - Saturday: Berryessa Lions Club All-You-Can-Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser at Turtle Rock - \$15. Drinks at 5:00 followed by dinner.

March 14 - Sunday: Daylight SavingTime begins at 2 AM Sunday morning.

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

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

March 25 - Thursday: California Native Plant Society Free Workshop: 'Lose the Lawn: Go Native!', 7pm (optional 6pm tour of adjacent Martha Walker Garden), Skyline Park Social Hall, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665.

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

March 26 - Friday: River Rock Casino Trip: Berryessa Seniors. Bus pick up will be at the Napa Wal-Mart and a car pool from the lake to Wal-Mart can be arranged. Call Rosemarie Wilson a call (707-738-2278)

March 27 - Saturday: Free Community Easter Egg Hunt at Capell Valley Elementary School. Games, Bounce House, Food and of course Easter Eggs.

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 10 & 11: Free Wildflower Show & California Native Plant Sale, 10 am to 4 pm, Skyline Park, 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559, 707-253-2665

**Why the Amish Don't Use Elevators**

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, 'What is this, Father?' The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, 'Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is'.

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a large old lady in a wheelchair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room..

The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out.

The father said quietly to his son..... "Go get your mother."

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**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 3/1/10**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet  
Lake Berryessa has had **19.43** inches of rain since July,1 2009.

The water is now **21.57** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
2/1/10	415.33	0.00	58	41	0.00
2/2/10	415.39	0.00	55	37	0.00
2/3/10	415.43	0.00	60	39	0.02
2/4/10	415.52	0.00	62	41	0.00
2/5/10	415.85	0.00	58	45	0.00
2/6/10	416.12	0.01	60	47	0.00
2/7/10	416.34	0.01	55	43	0.00
2/8/10	416.45	0.02	63	37	0.00
2/9/10	416.59	0.00	59	38	0.12
2/10/10	416.68	0.03	51	34	0.06
2/11/10	416.76	0.02	60	36	0.00
2/12/10	416.83	0.03	61	44	0.03
2/13/10	416.91	0.01	61	43	0.04
2/14/10	416.97	0.01	61	42	0.00
2/15/10	417.00	0.01	66	44	0.00
2/16/10	417.05	0.01	69	43	0.00
2/17/10	417.09	0.01	71	42	0.00
2/18/10	417.11	0.03	70	42	0.00
2/19/10	417.15	0.04	62	46	0.00
2/20/10	417.19	0.03	56	49	0.00
2/21/10	417.18	0.02	56	39	0.00
2/22/10	417.22	0.01	55	37	0.00
2/23/10	417.33	0.02	63	37	0.00
2/24/10	417.62	0.02	51	46	0.63
2/25/10	417.68	0.03	66	45	0.05
2/26/10	417.94	0.03	60	48	0.00
2/27/10	418.27	0.02	60	40	0.86
2/28/10	418.43	0.06	59	37	0.22

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### Cucina Italiana's 2nd Annual OpenThat Bottle Night. A Great Time Was had By All!

Many stories about wine and many bottles of wine were shared among old friends and new friends. Cucina is the kind of place that it's easy to strike up a conversation even if it's your first time there. Soon everyone knows everyone and are all the better for it. One group of first-timers had such a good time that a young lady spontaneously burst into song doing a great rendition of "That's Cucina". See page 3 for the words based on the Dean Martin classic "That's Amore". First Prize Winners Susan Meyer & Jim Fresquez of Rustridge Winery showed off a photo of a bottle of RustRidge 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon held by Julie as she cooks in the movie, "Julie and Julia", starring Meryl Streep. See full photo album at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)



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### Cucina Italiana a Hit on the World Wide Web!

Those of us lucky enough to live at Lake Berryessa know how great it is to be able to visit Cucina Italiana regularly. But we're not the only ones. Here are a couple of reviews posted on Yelp: "Real people. Real reviews". ([www.yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com))

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Where do I begin?! I am so, soooo excited about this place!!! It was Valentines Day, and my boyfriend and I were adventuring through the wineries on the Silverado Trail. We were starving, and the last winery we visited, Nichelini, had flyers for Cucina Italiana. We asked them about the restaurant and they highly recommended it.

The drive to the restaurant was gorgeous. The aroma of Italy wafted through the air, making our stomachs grumble! The tables were full, and the dinners looked amazing. As we waited, we watched the chef from the open kitchen. He was literally dancing around the kitchen, smiling, and looking as if he was having a great time cooking. The service was also very wonderful. Our server, I think the only one that night besides the hostess lady, was extremely polite.

Cucina Italiana is a place worth writing home about!!! Even when you ARE home!!! I cannot wait to visit this special place again.

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WOW! What a great place! It's a little out of the way, but well worth the drive. The food is great, the staff is wonderful, you get that "cozy" feeling there! I've gone there many times over the last few years and I've always gotten stuffed with amazing food and great wine! If you're in the Napa Valley or Lake Berryessa area, it is a "must" to stop in!

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This place is such a gem. Nice atmosphere, very friendly people who make you feel so welcome and food that is just wonderful. You can tell it is cooked with love and served so attractively. The portions are really large so be careful what you order . . . actually it is so good leftover, forget what I just said. After "roughing it" on the lake, it was always such a pleasure to go to this cool, friendly place and enjoy an incredible meal with friends. I hope the lake opens some services soon so we can return. I hope they are still doing okay since so many of us have not been able to go to our favorite spots. I think we will drive up soon just to see them.

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When you got it - you got it and Cucina Italiana gets it. Ever find yourself taking a scenic drive and come upon a small town made of mystery? This is how I found this "hot italian pit stop" of a place - one that even makes their own pasta noodles from scratch! From the moment I parked my car, walked by the multi-colored bocce balls, waited for the wild turkeys to cross in front of me... I finally made it to the front door. Hunger hit me as soon as it opened with tingering garlic and spices - and was greeted with a smile. "Sit down, take a load off, enjoy, have more bread, want some tiramisu?, eat more eat more! are a few of the encouraging words I was hearing.



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And suddenly I've found How wonderful a meal can be	When more wine in your cup is too good to pass up That's Cucina
Stefano The master of fire Is Stefano	Day will end, talking to your friends, laughter never ends, And you'll sing my Cucina
And Sharyn comes around With a glass of wine For me	Hearts will play, who can really say, if there's a better day Than a day at Cucina? *****
Cucina Say it loud cause There's music playing	<u>March Birthdays</u>
Say it soft When the bill Comes for paying	Dolores Atkinson      22 Jerry Burch             13
Cucina I've just had a meal At Cucina	Mary J. Carpenter     22 Marlene Lines-Quarneri 4

**Census Bureau Local Assistance Center**

The Census Bureau has chosen the Community Church of Lake Berryessa to serve as the local Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) during the census period of March 19th through April 19th.

Representatives of the Bureau will be on hand the following days and times to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the completion of census forms between Mrch 19th and April 19th..

Mondays, 12:30pm – 8pm

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**The 2010 Census offers short-term jobs with long-term results**

The U.S. Census Bureau is still looking for job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring will be through the end of May 2010 for temporary assignments, most lasting five to 10 weeks. Employees in Napa, Sonoma and Marin counties will be paid \$20.00/hr.

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.

Most positions require U.S. citizenship or legal residency, a driver's license and use of a vehicle, and each applicant will undergo a background check. A short-term job with long-term results, 2010 Census positions offer competitive wages and flexible schedules.

To apply for a census job, call toll free 1-866-861-2010. For more information on the 2010 Census, visit [www.census.gov/2010census/](http://www.census.gov/2010census/). Free practice tests are available on line in both Spanish and English.

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**Devil's Gate**

Jackson Collier, Park Ranger, Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Berryessa

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The Spartans lined up next to each other anchoring their battle line against each wall; this allowed only as many Persians to fight at any one time as the Spartans themselves could put into battle. The epic struggle of the Spartans at Thermopylae has inspired all who hear their story since 480 B.C.E. and was recently portrayed in the movie 300.

Lake Berryessa's Devil's Gate is a modern Thermopylae. Devil's Gate is a narrow mountain path that is the only route Putah Creek has out of the former valley, now reservoir, which it runs through. Blocking Devil's Gate is a dam. Instead of 300 Spartans who held back a million Persians for a matter of days, there are 304 vertical feet of concrete that have held back 1.6 million acre feet of water for 5 decades.

Monticello Dam, named after the town that was at the bottom of Berryessa Valley, is a crescent dam. Each end of the curved structure is anchored into the mountains that make up each side of the gate, thereby redirecting the force of the water from the dam itself into each side the massive rock just as the Spartans anchored their battle line against the walls of Thermopylae. At Hell's Gate the Spartans gave the Greeks a marvel of bravery; at Devil's Gate the Bureau of Reclamation has given the United States a marvel of engineering.

In 2007 that marvel turned 50. The reservoir provides water for households, farming, and industrial use and the Solano Irrigation District's power plant provides enough power to serve 15,000 homes per year. The commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the dam took place at Solano Park and at the dam itself on October 13, 2007.

Editor's Note: We are fortunate to have excellent BOR professional staff assigned at the lake. We anticipate future articles about lake history and natural resources.

**Generational Clashes in the Workplace**

Career Goals

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- Baby Boomers (Born 1946-1964): Build a stellar career.
- Generation Xers (Born 1965-1980): Build a portable career.
- Millennials (Born 1981-1999): Build parallel careers.

- Loyal to a fault, Traditionalists expected to build a lifetime career with one employer, or at least in a single field, and to make a lasting contribution.
- Listening to the tick of the career clock, Baby Boomers find themselves questioning where they've been and where they're going. Yet the idea of having a stellar career is still utmost in the minds of many.
- Intent on looking for career security rather than job security, Generation Xers believe it is critical to build a repertoire of skills and experiences they can take with them if they need to.
- Millennials, who are just beginning to enter the workforce, have grown up multi-tasking, and believe that they will be able to pursue more than one line of work at the same time.

Balance

- Traditionalist: Support me in shifting the balance.
  - Baby Boomers: Help me balance everyone else and find meaning myself.
  - Generation Xers: Give me balance now, not when I'm sixty-five.
  - Millennial: Work isn't everything; flexibility to balance my activities is.
- Many Traditionalists have reached a point of financial and career stability where they are able to ask for more balance, yet they want the support and the approval of their employers in making the shift, including the transition to retirement.
- With single parent households, growing kids, aging parents, demanding jobs, and retirement looming on the horizon, Baby Boomers have realized there simply isn't enough time to go around, and are asking for help in achieving a better balance.
  - Gen-Xers, the generation that brought balance to the forefront of today's workplace, aren't just carefree kids anymore. They have adult concerns, including young children, and want the time and flexibility to take care of them, perhaps better than they saw their parents do.
  - Millennials, the most over-programmed generation ever, have had the concept of balance drummed into their heads since birth by their Boomer parents.

Feedback

- Traditionalists: No news is good news.
- Baby Boomers : Once a year, with lots of documentation.
- Generation Xers : Sorry to interrupt, but how am I doing?
- Millennials: Feedback whenever I want it at the push of a button.

**Share House Near Moskowite Corners**

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- The strong, silent types who made up a generation of Traditionalist leaders weren't long on praise (they weren't even long on words), but when they said something about your performance, they meant it.
- That worked fine, until along came the Baby Boomers, raised with the pop psychology of the sixties that said people should open up. The Boomers forced Traditionalist bosses to sit down with them on a regular basis and let them know where they stood.
- That worked fine until Generation X came along, asking for instantaneous, immediate feedback.
- We can only imagine what the Millennials will expect.

The generations clash about feedback style as well as format: formal vs. frank, verbal vs. written, e-mail vs. memo, on the spot vs. a set time. Put all of these styles together and the feedback a Traditionalist thinks is informative and helpful can seem formal and preachy to the Boomers and the Xers.

Feedback a Boomer thinks is fair and judicious can seem uptight and overly political to a Generation Xer or a Traditionalist. Feedback a Generation Xer thinks is immediate and honest can seem hasty or even inappropriate to the other generations. Clearly, the generations have not signed off on what the feedback contract is supposed to look like.

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A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station...

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed Up.

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older, then it dawned on me ... they were cramming for their finals.

 <p><b>Amber Payne</b> 707-235-1124 <a href="mailto:amber.payne@pacunion.com">amber.payne@pacunion.com</a> <a href="http://www.amberpayne.net">www.amberpayne.net</a> Lic.#01302244</p> 	<p><b>Berryessa Highlands</b></p>  <p><b>www.1073ArroyoGrande.info</b></p> <p>2 Story home, pergó flooring, granite counters in kitchen, fireplace, attached garage, 1,579 sq.ft.</p> <p><b>\$199,000</b></p>	<p><b>Berryessa Highlands</b></p>  <p><b>www.1325SteeleCanyon.info</b></p> <p>3 bedroom, 2 bath, open floor plan, fireplace, sunroom, deck, large yard, filtered lake views, 2 car garage, boat/rv parking, corner lot</p> <p><b>Offered at \$265,000</b></p>	<p><b>Two Lots in the Berryessa Highlands</b></p> <p><b>Manzanita Lane: \$75K</b></p> <p><b>Headlands Drive: \$63K</b></p>
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**4318 Knoxville Road in the Spanish Flat Village Center**

**Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli Derby**



\$\$\$ Winner: Rich Crispi of Sonoma: Rich's winning Salmon weighed in at 1 lb. 9.28 ounces.

It was caught trolling at about 30 feet.

After the Saturday weigh-in at the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, approximately twenty-five entrants enjoyed a complimentary lunch of homemade chili & garlic bread prepared and provided by Deli owner, Marcia Ritz. Next Derby, March 13

Sponsored by thte Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli and the Berryessa Senior Center

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For information please contact Bob Lee

Phone: 707-252-4488

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**Parady for Supervisor St. Helena Fundraiser a Big Hit**

On February 27, a sold-out crowd of 400 enthusiastic supporters heard 3rd District Supervisor candidate, Jeff Parady of Pope Valley, describe his vision for the largest geographical area of Napa County.

Parady said he was encouraged by the wide range of voters who came from far-flung parts of the 3rd District including Lake Berryessa, the Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Estates, Pope Valley, Angwin, Calistoga, St. Helena, and the rural unincorporated areas of the north Napa Valley. Folks even showed up from Napa and other parts of the county to show support.



**Preserve the links at Aetna Springs**

Dear editor, The newly revised and refurbished Aetna Springs golf course was cited this month for being the fourth-best nine-hole golf course in the entire United States! The very prestigious Golf World magazine praised the refurbishing of this historic nine-hole tract as "transforming it into an inspired nine that requires a full repertoire of shots, its charm vividly displayed on the 134-yard par-3 fourth, tucked above a stream bed in a seam between two oak-dotted hills."

Would it be too much to ask of our leaders — Napa County Supervisors Dillon, Wagenknecht and Caldwell — to work with the developers of Lake Luciana and Aetna Springs to make the survival of this national gem an economic reality?

Chuck Diakon / Napa

**From Golf World Magazine: The 25 Best Nine-Hole Courses in America - #4 Aetna Springs**

Nine-hole courses offer as much charm and challenge as 'regulation' 18s, and are usually more ecological and economical. And in Northern California wine country, Tom Doak (of Pacific Dunes/Cape Kidnappers fame) and his lead associate, Jim Urbina, recently completed the total refashioning of the old nondescript Aetna Springs GC (once owned by Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church), transforming it into an inspired nine that requires a full repertoire of shots, its charm vividly displayed on the 134-yard par-3 fourth, tucked above a stream bed in a seam between two oak-dotted hills.

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**Brauning Files for Assessor**

Daniel Brauning filed for election this week for the Napa County Assessor-Recorder & County Clerk seat. "I am excited to offer Napa County voters a fresh perspective for the new decade in this office. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and give back to the community that my

wife Elizabeth and I enjoy being a part of."

Brauning is a state certified real estate appraiser in California and Nevada and is a licensed real estate broker. He was born and raised in St. Helena and owns a successful real estate appraisal business in the City of Napa.

"This position also includes the Registrar of Voters and the elections office. We know that there have been issues in the past related to this office. It is my goal to make our elections office the best in this state."

"For Napa county residents, transparency, functionality and reasonability are key attributes needed for all of these offices to work for them. With my transferable skill set of customer service, property valuation, computer technology, business operations and management, I look forward to promoting these attributes in this role."

Brauning is available to listen to and speak with individuals and groups regarding issues and the election.

Please do not hesitate to contact him with any questions: [707.287.7438dan@dan4assessor.com](mailto:707.287.7438dan@dan4assessor.com) \*\*\*\*\*

**New County & Library Web Sites**

Napa County underwent a virtual makeover this month, launching a sleeker, easier-to-navigate Web site. Located at [www.countyofnapa.org](http://www.countyofnapa.org), the new Napa County Web site launched Feb. 1 and offers improved search features, more online services and a cleaner look and feel than the old county site.

One important function of the site is "MyNapaCounty," a customizable feature that, over time, will allow users to see their property information, permit information and more through one password-protected interface.

As part of the redesign, Napa County also revamped the Napa City-County Library portion of the Web site. New features on the library Web site include an extensive events calendar, expanded children's section and more.

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**Napa Community Bank Sold**

Napa Community Bank at which the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce has its account, has been sold for \$25 million to the California spin-off Dutch banking giant Rabobank Group.

Rabobank announced Tuesday that it acquired the single-branch bank from Napa Community Bank's parent company, the troubled Michigan-based Capitol Bancorp.

Napa Community Bank, at the northwest corner of Trancas Street and Big Ranch Road, was founded in 2002 and has enjoyed solid success.

Rabobank was founded 110 years ago by a group of farmers in the Netherlands. It is the largest bank in that country, has more than \$850 billion in assets and is in 35 countries. Its North American focus also is on the agricultural sector.

Napa Community Bank's name will change. The bank, with 28 employees, last month was named

Napa's business of the year by the Napa Chamber of Commerce.

Rabobank Group opened its first California bank in 2002 and has more than 90 branches along the Central Coast and in the Central Valley. Between Napa and Sonoma counties, Rabobank has a portfolio of around \$500 million in loans, primarily with wineries and other agribusiness operations.

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**St. Helena to Ban Plastic Bags?**

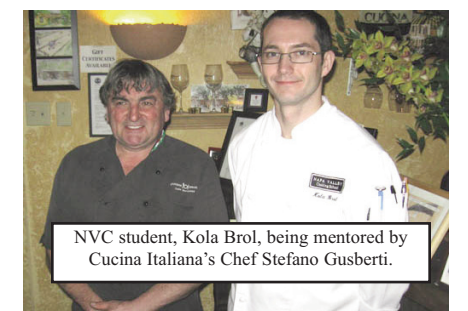
St. Helena could become the first city in Napa County to pass laws excluding the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam at local businesses. It is also considering a law limiting how long vehicles may be left idling.

Members of the city's Climate Protection Task Force will spend the next few months gathering input and drawing up proposed ordinances for consideration by the St. Helena City Council.

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**The Napa Valley Cooking School at Napa Valley College**

Located in the heart of the California's Wine Country, the Napa Valley Cooking School offers high quality, intensive training for aspiring chefs. The goal of the program is to provide each student with hands-on, quality, culinary and pastry skills required for a career in a fine-dining establishment.



NVC student, Kola Brol, being mentored by Cucina Italiana's Chef Stefano Gusberti.

The disciplined and professional learning environment, availability of global externships, low student teacher ratio and focus on sustainability make the Napa Valley Cooking School unique. Located in one the country's top tourist destinations, the program provides students with access to the Napa Valley's well-known chefs, winemakers, and artisan producers through community involvement.

Editor's Note: Most elected officials are dedicated citizens who want to contribute to their communities and have a deeper interest in one or more of the various aspects of the job. We should be thankful to every one of them for their efforts.

The two primary responsibilities of local elected officials, in my opinion, are, first, constituent services and, second, setting, interpreting, and implementing policy. One of the most important goals of local government is to create social and economic assets, which support the future of a community. Local elected leaders make policy and interpret policy, but they are not slaves to policy.

Three competent people, profiled below, are running for Napa County Supervisor for District 3. Napa County's 3rd District has a need for recreation, for investment, for community improvement, for support of emergency services, for support of local schools, for local jobs, for increased property values. On Monday, March 22, at 7 P.M., you are invited to a 3rd District Supervisor Candidates Forum at the Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. The Forum is sponsored by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and the Berryessa Senior Center. Talk to your candidates personally!

**Supervisor Diane Dillon**



District 3 is comprised of several unique communities, each with its own character. During my time as Supervisor, I've been privileged to meet and work with the residents of each area, to help them get critical issues addressed by government.

I took the lead on several key issues for my constituents. I stopped Sacramento from trying to take away our volunteer fire companies and replace them with expensive, taxpayer-funded staff. In Angwin, I helped ensure drinking water reservoirs were protected. In Calistoga, I made sure fire protection needs were met while establishing better transit services and a community pool.

During the General Plan update, I reached out in particular to Angwin, Berryessa, and Pope Valley residents, proposing formation of area citizen committees to represent those unincorporated communities, and advocating for business-friendly zoning changes to the commercial area of Pope Valley. Unfortunately, both of those ideas were rejected by the General Plan Steering Committee and the Planning Commission.

I have personally lobbied the Bureau of Reclamation to do a better job and be more responsive to the needs of Lake Berryessa area residents. I twice took the initiative to meet and educate the BOR commissioner about local concerns, including the important relationship between Berryessa Highlands and the neighboring Steele Park concession. I will continue to push the BOR to give us the service we deserve.

Born and raised in Napa County, I've lived here my entire life (except when I was in college); I am committed to the preservation of our beautiful County and special quality of life.

Being a good Supervisor takes hard work, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I consider it a privilege to represent the people of this district, and will be honored to have your vote for another term as your Supervisor. Thank you.

**Michael Haley**



My family has been farming in Napa since the late 1800's, my wife and I now live on the very land that her great grandparents settled so long ago. As a member of this community, I am concerned about preserving the quality of life that we have here, and that involves not only preserving agriculture, but also making our economy sustainable.

I am running to represent the interests of all the members of the community, and not just a single dominant interest.

We are in the middle of an historical economic downturn and my belief is that it is the job of the government to get out of the way, ease regulations and costs, and look for ways to support the creation of new jobs and increased prosperity.

We have had double digit increases in property tax assessed values since 1999 through 2008 yet have seen little increase in services. We are the second wealthiest county in one of the wealthiest places on earth yet have little money for roads, for needed infrastructure, water and sewer, schools, etc, etc.

All of the increases have been swallowed by employee costs and we must find a way to slow that down and make money available for other needs.

I am a staunch defender of the agricultural preserve and the need in Napa County to preserve farmland. Within that we need to look for creative ways to meet other needs that we have for recreation, jobs, and respecting private property rights.

**Jeff Parady**



At the invitation of the Lake Berryessa News I want you to know my opinion as a local business owner, rancher and a life long resident of District 3.

I have learned from my own family's heritage of community service and leadership history, that the key to Napa County's success lies within itself and not in the hands of special interest.

I will provide common sense, good reasoning, fair and unbiased decisions to the Board of Supervisors.

I understand District 3 and realize that now is the time that I must engage myself to preserve and protect the future of one of Napa County's most diverse and important regions.

District 3 includes some of the most successful business ventures, farms, vineyards, wineries, schools and small communities that make us unique to the world. The following are some of my concerns:

- Economic Viability of Residents and Businesses
- Protection of Agriculture
- Future Water Supply
- Private Property Rights
- Financial Health of our County
- Encourage Public Input

The committee to elect Jeff Parady is organizing a couple of big fundraising events, one in Calistoga near mid-April and an old fashioned barn dance at a location and time yet to be determined.

I want to meet all concerned citizens and listen to their needs and suggestions. I encourage you to help me by hosting small events with neighbors, family, and friends. Please feel free to contact me at: (707) 965-1199 or by E-mail: jeffparady-dist3@yahoo.com

**"Think Outside the Box"**

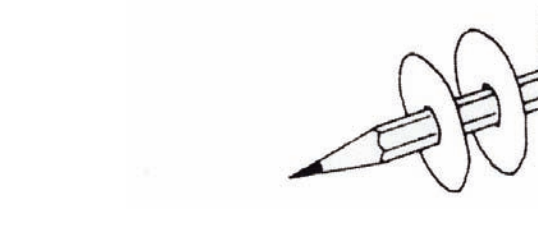
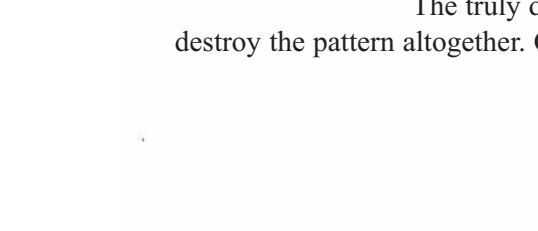
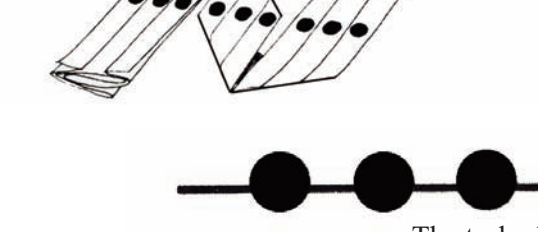
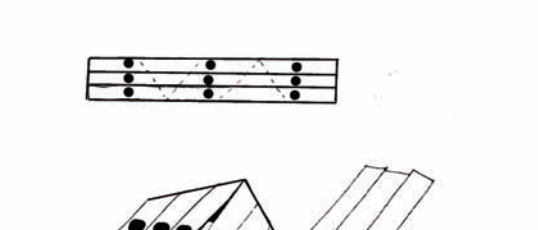
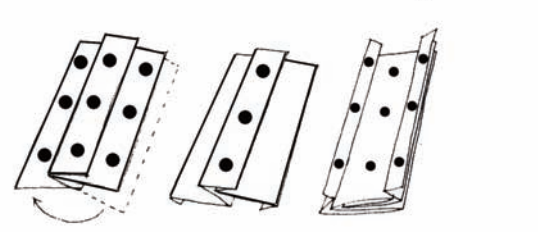
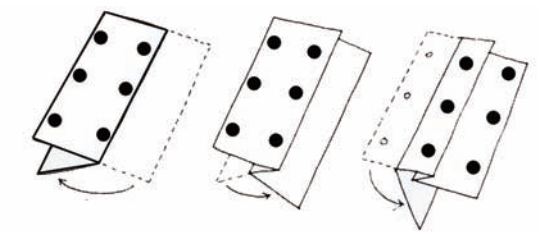
This is one of the most annoying cliches that just won't seem to die! It's been around for decades and I cringe every time I hear someone still use it. But where did it originate?

A book, Conceptual Blockbusting by James L. Adams, which was already in its third edition in 1986, included the original "nine-dot" puzzle (the "box"), but went beyond the basic simple solution most people remember.

This exercise was taught in management charm schools for many years. Since so many managers are quite simple-minded they were amazed by this trick and couldn't stop using the term.

However, Adams collected several more complex solutions that were very far "outside the box" and showed how creative some people can be, including a very simple concept from a 10 year old in 1974.

Here's an ingenious fold-the-pattern-into-a-solvable-one.



The truly destructive/creative outburst: destroy the pattern altogether. Cut the dots apart, tape back together, draw line.

**The Nine-Dot Problem**

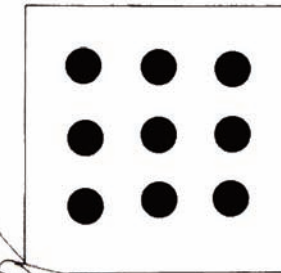
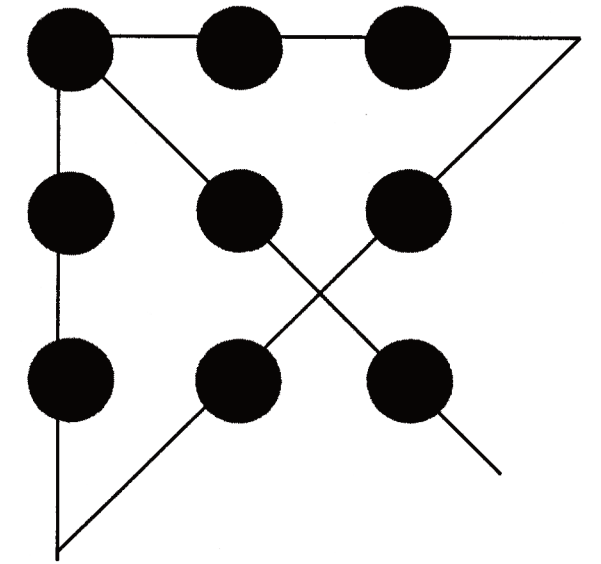
Without lifting the pencil from the paper, draw no more than four straight lines which will cross all nine dots

Break the boundaries, the mental fences that artificially contain the nine-dot problem.

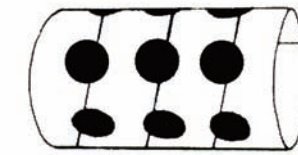
This is where the term "thinking outside the box" originated.

Many people stop with this solution. "So that's the answer!", they say.

But what if there is no one answer? See other equally "correct" solutions below.

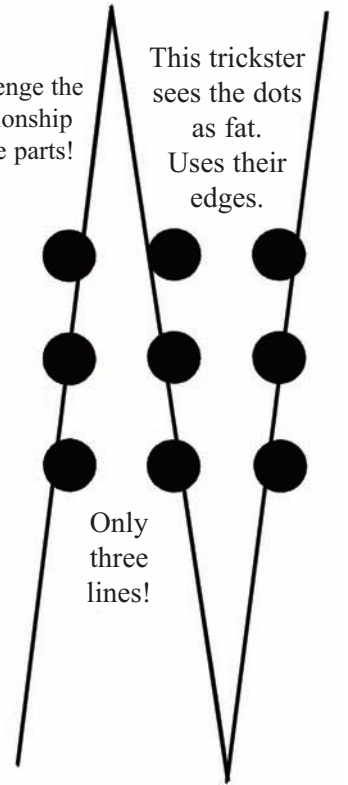


Was the limit accepting the problem as 2-dimensional?



Try a 3rd dimension. Here's the tube-and-spiral solution.

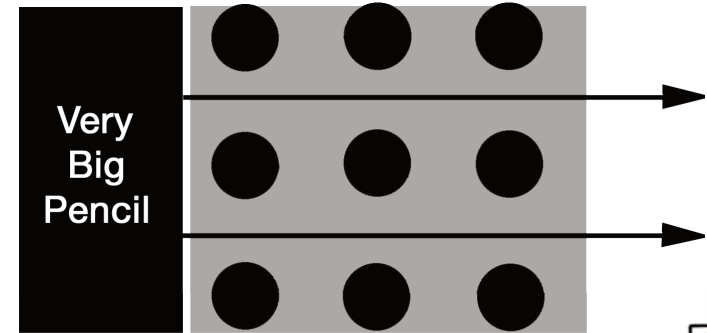
Challenge the relationship of the parts!



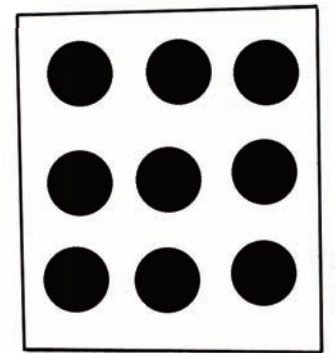
This trickster sees the dots as fat. Uses their edges.

Only three lines!

Another 10-year old trickster sees the LINE as fat (and the nine-dot pattern as very, very small.) Only ONE line!



Very Big Pencil



Frustrated? Try the casino "play-until-you-win" solution. Draw dots as large as possible. Wad paper into a ball. Stab with pencil. Open up and see if you did it. If not, try again.

Or cut the dots apart and spear with the pencil.