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## Pool opens Monday for spring term

■ **20 percent discount on season passes purchased before end of day Monday**

By **Matthew Ahuja**  
Tribune Intern

Rain is in the forecast but the Calistoga Community Pool at Logvy park is set to open Monday bright and early with lap swimming starting at 6:30 a.m.

Although Rachel Melick, the city's recreation manager, confirmed that there will be more classes and events offered during the summer session, there are still plenty of pool activities to keep swimmers occupied until then.

For now, the pool, located at 1427 Washington St. in Logvy Park, will be open Monday through Saturday.

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the city offers morning lap swim from 6:30 to 8 a.m., followed by Aqua Aerobics from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, evening lap swim will be offered from 4 to 5:30 p.m., swim lessons from 4 to 7 p.m., and water aerobics from 5:45 to 7 p.m.

From 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students from Calistoga Elementary School travel to the pool for swimming lessons.

On Saturdays the pool offers lap swimming from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and recreational swim from 1 to 5 p.m..

During the spring season the pool is closed on Sundays but is available to be rented out for private events.

According to Melick, she is

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## Puddle jumper

*Ryley Macleod, 5, splashes barefoot through a mud puddle near his home on April 9. His mother, Lisa, confirmed the fact that Ryley loves mud and can't get enough of it. When asked what he liked about mud, he paused and replied thoughtfully, "Well...pretty much everything." With an 80 percent chance of rain on Sunday, Ryley appears to be in for a very happy Easter.*

# Roman Spa expanding up and out

By **Kim Beltran**  
Tribune Editor

After 12 years of saving, planning and negotiating, Michael and Kathy Quast are finally moving forward with plans for an extensive renovation of their Roman Spa Hot Springs Resort.

An environmental quality control document – known as a Mitigated Negative Declaration – assessing potential impacts of the project was recently circulated for public comment. The city and the Quasts must address those comments, and the proposal will soon come before the city's Planning Commission for its first public review.

"We have a very old spa, and we have to bring it up to a level that's modern – we have to build a spa for the 21st Century," Michael

Quast told the Tribune this week.

That includes expanded spa amenities, including a juice bar and soaking pools, as well as basic necessities like dressing rooms with showers.

According to planning documents filed with the city, the Roman Spa at 1300 Washington St. was originally built in the mid-1920s and has been expanded over time. Two smaller parcels adjacent to the larger resort property – one at 1455 First St. and one at 1422 Second St. – have single-family residences owned by the Quasts that have previously been converted for storage and administrative functions associated with the spa.

Those two houses will be demolished to allow for expansion of the main spa facility, which will be housed in a new, three-story 31,863-square foot structure. Also included in the new structure will be just over 4,000 square

feet of "resort-serving and employee facilities, which include a laundry/maintenance facility, 350-square-foot enclosed trash structure, and resort and spa employee areas," according to the mitigated negative declaration.

"Other additions will address current clientele expectations for spa services which did not exist at the time of construction of the original spa," the document states. These additions include an 880-square foot juice bar, a 536-square foot fitness room, a salon services suite of almost 1,500-square feet, a Turkish steam room, a therapy pool suite and 5,000 square feet of treatment rooms, including private couples' suites.

Square footage has been added to accommodate current Americans with Disabilities Act

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## Planners grant Luvisi property subdivision

By **Claudia Aceves**  
Tribune Reporter

The Planning Commission on Wednesday approved a request to subdivide a 35.84-acre parcel of land owned by Clarence Luvisi into four separate lots.

The property, at 285 Rosedale Road, was unevenly divided when Silverado Trail was constructed and issued two separate parcel numbers.

Clarence and his son, Don, wanted the property split for family planning purposes and

requested that the planning commission approve dividing the parcel map into four lots.

Parcel 1 on the south side of Silverado Trail will be approximately 14.08 acres. Parcels 2, 3 and 4 on the north side of the Trail will be 4.4, 13.43 and 3.93 acres each, respectively.

There was no request to further develop any of the parcels, some of which are planted to vineyard and where Clarence still resides.

The commission also voted to recommend that the City Council vacate approximately

555 square feet of right-of-way property fronting 1341 Berry Street.

The city is using the right-of-way as a temporary construction easement during the replacement of the Berry Street Bridge.

The vacation of the right-of-way will add the small strip of land to the front yard of Kathleen and George Meyers, who live at 1341 Berry Street.

As part of the Berry Street Bridge replacement project, Berry Street will be realigned approximately 14 feet to the east to better align the intersection.

## More funding needed for special education

By **Claudia Aceves**  
Tribune Reporter

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District is considering throwing its support behind a bill that would increase state spending for special education services.

In the meantime, however, the district will continue to fund costs associated with its special education programs not covered by state and federal school programs.

"We intend to make that a priority and continue to provide mental

health services with licensed therapists, as we have been doing," said Calistoga schools superintendent Esmeralda Mondragon. "It is definitely a need."

To help trustees understand the need for the bill, Pamela Blatt, Napa County Office of Education's SELPA director, reviewed the history of special education funding at the board's April 4 meeting.

It was at that meeting that the board also declared its intent to

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