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CES and CJSHS receive API base scores and state rating

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New budget helps kids, seniors and immigrants

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55 graduate from CHS in untraditional fashion

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## GRADUATION 2013

### Graduates take 102° in stride during jubilant ceremony



The graduating class of 2013 during morning practice on Friday before temperatures reached triple-digits during commencement ceremonies that evening.

### Seniors take on tradition

By Pat Hampton  
Tribune Publisher

With temperatures soaring into the triple digits, the 55 graduates from the Class of 2013 were cool and composed as they sat in rows of folding chairs and basked in the affection of hundreds of parents and friends who filled the ascending aluminum bleacher seats Friday evening for graduation ceremonies.

After associated student

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Eighth grader Sebastian Lindsay celebrates after receiving his diploma from school board trustee Jeff Maxfield Thursday.

### 'We're not little kids anymore'

By Pat Hampton  
Tribune Publisher

In a clear, confident voice Veronica Acevedo welcomed hundreds of supporters to the bucolic setting of Pioneer Park to cheer on 63 eighth graders' transition into the new Class of 2017.

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### CES exceeds state API goal, scores a perfect 10

■ Elementary school students continue to improve

By Noah Hampton-Asmus  
Tribune Staff Writer

The Calistoga Elementary School (CES) has been on the rise for the last four years in its Academic Performance Index (API) ratings and scores and has cause to celebrate this week.

After a 37-point jump in its 2012 scores, CES surpassed the state goal of 800 points with an 817, received a two point bump in its state ranking, and reached its ultimate goal of a 10 rating compared to schools with similar demographics.

"We're definitely elated that CES scored over 800 for the first time ever," said Superintendent

Esmeralda Mondragon.

Each school is compared to a list of 100 similar schools throughout the state. For Calistoga Elementary that included, in this general geographic area, Bellevue Union Elementary in Sonoma County, McPherson Elementary in Napa County, San Rafael City Elementary in Marin County, and William L. Cobb Elementary in San Francisco City.

The Similar Schools ranking of 1 to 10 takes into account the number of English learners, percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged students, those on

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### Rotary Club president faces hit-and-run charges

■ School trustee treated for contusions on the scene

By Pat Hampton  
Tribune Publisher

Gallery owner and Rotary Club president Lee Youngman, 75, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident on Friday, June 7, that involved school board trustee Indira Lopez.

Police Chief Mitch Celaya said officers Pedro Magana and Kristine Romo arrested Youngman at her Lincoln Avenue gallery following a 10 a.m. accident on Cedar Street.



Lee Youngman



Indira Lopez

Celaya said Youngman was driving her 2001 tan-over-white Ford Mustang east on Cedar Street on her way to work when the side mirror of her car clipped the open back seat passenger door on

Lopez's 2006 maroon Chevy Trailblazer. Lopez, who works as program director at Calistoga Family Center, was getting materials from the back seat of her car to take into her office across the

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### Planning commission approves design stages of Family Apartments

By Noah Hampton-Asmus  
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The planning commission adopted two resolutions that moved Calistoga Family Apartments into its next phase of design to construct a four-building apartment complex on the site of Calistoga Gardens Nursing Home on Washington Street next to Logvy Community Park.

The Calistoga Family Apartments plan is being put forth by Corporation for Better Housing (CBH), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit from Southern California that specializes in affordable housing for seniors and low income households. The plan was presented to the planning commission in

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### Free pool passes for local kids part of proposed city budget

By Pat Hampton  
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Every child and teenager in Calistoga will receive a free pool pass for the summer if the proposed 2013/2014 budget is adopted by the city council next week.

At a special budget session on Tuesday, council members were told that because of impact fees paid by new development, they had at least \$200,000 in discretionary

funding to spend as they pleased.

"My goal is every child swims free every year," Mayor Chris Canning said.

The cost of subsidizing free pool passes for anyone 18 years and younger is roughly \$14,000, said city aquatics and recreation manager Olivia Lemen. The free passes would take effect July 1, when the new fiscal year begins. The city will also subsidize opera-

tions of the pool for the pre-season and post-season if enough pool passes are sold to warrant the extended dates.

The Calistoga Family Center was granted its request for \$20,000 to continue its senior assistance programs; Calistoga Affordable Housing will get \$10,000 for its Rebuilding Calistoga program

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