

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Turn clocks AHEAD one hour Saturday night before bed

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## Buried gasket fails, requires urgent fix at key sewer pump

\$800,000 contract to rehab aging Palisades Lift Station OK'd Tuesday by City Council

By Kim Beltran  
Tribune Editor

Just days before the City Council was set to approve a nearly \$800,000 contract for improvements to one of the city's four sewer lift stations, a gasket on the facility failed, ultimately causing a large sinkhole and requiring overnight emergency repairs.

Even if the planned upgrades to the Palisades Lift Station had already been made, however, it wouldn't have prevented the issue that occurred last Friday afternoon, Public Works officials told the council Tuesday night.

In a press release issued  
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*Calistoga Public Works staff and emergency response contractors worked through the night last Friday and into late Saturday morning repairing the Palisades wastewater lift station.*

## Review of tasting room, distillery on tap for planners

By Claudia Aceves  
Tribune Reporter

Longtime Calistoga resident, winery owner and artist Laurie Shelton is hoping to open a tasting room and art gallery in the downtown commercial district.

Shelton will go before the city's Planning Commission on Wednesday seeking approval of a use permit for the business to be conducted at 1333 Lincoln Avenue, most recently home to Goodman's clothing and accessories store.

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Maricruz Ramirez and members of the Calistoga High School Speech and Debate Team practice after school on Tuesday with teacher and coach, Aida Zepeda, (background) as they prepare for a debate competition about dual language immersion programs in Woodland tomorrow.



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## Debate team makes points



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*Calistoga Junior Senior High School Speech and Debate Team members Maricruz Ramirez, Eunice Rosete, Luis Tovar and Gabriela Vargas take a celebratory photo after winning first and second place medals at the Migrant Education Speech and Debate Competition last month.*

## CHS team competes in Migrant Ed regional speech, debate contest

By Claudia Aceves  
Tribune Reporter

Are dual language immersion programs beneficial for English Language Learners?

This is the resolution that members of the Calistoga Junior Senior High School Bilingual Speech and Debate Team will argue tomorrow when they compete against other Napa and Sonoma county schools in a regional competition at Woodland College.

"I enjoy seeing them get excited about the topic and making connections to their own lives," said Calistoga English teacher and debate team coach Aida Zepeda. "It is great to see their progress from the beginning of

the year to now. They have put a lot of time and work on getting to this point."

The team, whose members include eighth-grader Luis Tovar, freshman Maricruz Ramirez, sophomore Gabriela Vargas and junior Eunice Rosete, moved on to regionals after winning first- and second-place medals in February's Speech and Debate Competition. There they competed against Sonoma and Napa county students, including teams from St. Helena and Napa high schools.

Tovar, who is the one-man speech team, took home first place in the English Extem-

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## City rethinks taking control of sidewalks

Friends of Pioneer Park say goodbye, leave cash; employee labor contract OK'd; meeting agendas, staff reports to be made public earlier

By Kim Beltran  
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The City Council wants more specific information about what it would mean for Calistoga to take "ownership" of Lincoln Avenue's downtown sidewalks.

But, members said Tuesday night, the cons – including potential legal liability – may outweigh the benefits.

"I can tell you that the cost of a trip-and-fall can be very costly," council member Gary Kraus said during the discussion "Back during the reign of [former city manager] Jim McCann we had one that exceeded our self-insurance portion at the time, which I believe was

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## Principals review intervention plans with school board

By Claudia Aceves  
Tribune Reporter

Principals Craig Wycoff and Nicole Lamare shared with Calistoga school trustees this week how they are using learning intervention programs to help struggling students and close educational achievement gaps.

The principals also noted areas where the interventions are more successful as well as areas in which more work needs to be done.

"At our school, our teachers are really committed to providing high quality instruction for every student. [Teachers] meet more frequently with students who require additional support, make adjustments to their instruction as needed, and almost every single one of our teachers is available during break, lunch and after school," said Wycoff, principal at Calistoga Junior Senior High School.

Calistoga Joint Unified School District, like many others throughout the state, uses what is called the

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