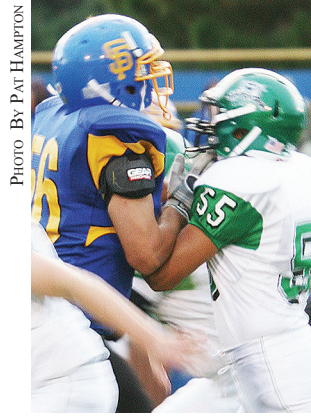


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## Surprise! A parking lot birth



*The Clarke/Perez family posed for a picture at St. Helena Hospital on Wednesday. From left to right, they are big sister two-year-old Arianna, dad Felipe Perez holding baby Phillip, and mom Tiffany Clarke holding baby boy Tylor, the first-born of the twins.*

PHOTO BY MICHELLE WING

*Dad delivers baby behind Café Saraformia, with server's help*

**By Michelle Wing**  
Tribune Senior Staff Writer

When Tylor Perez grows up, he's going to have a great story to tell about how he came into the world. The 5 pound 4 ounce twin was born Sept. 1,

in the parking lot behind Café Saraformia, a breech birth, delivered by his dad, assisted by a helpful café employee, and surrounded by a crowd of onlookers, all trying frantically to dial 911 on their cell phones.

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## Students do well on STAR tests

**By Michelle Wing**  
Tribune Senior Staff Writer

Local students continue to show steady gains on standardized testing, as seen by the latest batch of reports released last week by the California Department of Education.

The 2012 STAR Test results, issued on Aug. 31, provide the raw data for school districts to assess student performance.

At Calistoga Elementary School (CES), jumps were made in both mathematics and English language arts (ELA). In math, schoolwide 65 percent of students scored at the proficient or advanced levels, compared to 60.3 percent last year and 53.7 percent in 2010.

In ELA, 53.8 percent scored at the proficient and advanced levels this year, compared to 49.1 percent in 2011 and 47.2 percent in 2010.

Students at Calistoga Junior Senior High School (CJSHS) also evidenced steady improvement. In ELA, 55 percent of students

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## Referendum arguments for ballots take sides

**By Pat Hampton**  
Tribune Publisher

The ballot measure will essentially ask voters to approve or reject redevelopment of the Silver Rose resort at the corner of Silverado Trail and Rosedale Road approved by the City Council on May 8. Whichever box collects 51 percent or more of the votes cast will decide the fate of the project, according to county elections official John Tuteur.

The Silver Rose project consists of an 85-room hotel, restaurant, winery, vineyard and 21 homes, two of which will be two-story. It is being developed by Aspen-based Bald Mountain Development, LLC, which has built several high-end resorts in North America.

Statements submitted for voting against the project cite a threat to the quality of life in Calistoga

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## Swim season could be extended with pledge

**By Pat Hampton**  
Tribune Publisher

A \$7,800 pledge this week by Bald Mountain Development, LLC (BMD) could help extend the Community Pool season by another five weeks if enough \$65 passes are purchased by Tuesday's

deadline, says city manager Richard Spitler.

Spitler said because of interest in keeping the pool open longer, BMD's offer would reduce the \$11,700 total cost for the five weeks to \$3,900, or the cost of 60 passes. Pool supporters said this week that 33 passes have already

been sold, but a minimum of another 33 is needed to ensure costs are covered.

The Tuesday deadline for selling the passes is necessary in order to give advance notice to lifeguard employees of an extended work schedule, Spitler said in an e-mail.

BMD is the company behind the Silver Rose resort redevelopment at the corner of Silverado Trail and Rosedale Road. The project, approved by both the planning commission and City

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## Vermeils, Wolleson on first Hall of Fame list

CALISTOGA SPEEDWAY, HOME OF LOUIE VERMEIL

**By Pat Hampton**  
Tribune Publisher

It was a night of sharing track stories, ribbing rivals and reliving memorable crashes when nine people were inducted into the first class of the Calistoga Speedway Hall of Fame to applause and in honor of track founder Louie Vermeil.

Some 80 drivers, pit crew members, promoters and family members filled the Tucker Room at the fairgrounds the night before Saturday's Louie Vermeil Classic to honor those who made history

at the track and in the world of sprint car racing. But the evening and the weekend were really a celebration of Louie and Alice Vermeil and the half-mile dirt track that bears the irascible Louie Vermeil's name.

Tommy Hunt, director of USAC Western Operations, brought together the legendary drivers and track supporters for the first Hall of Fame dinner. USAC is the sponsoring organization for the Louie Vermeil Classic and said in addition to the Hall of

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PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

*Calistoga Speedway honored Calistoga resident Charlie Wolleson and eight others at its inaugural Hall of Fame induction dinner Friday night at the fairgrounds before the Louie Vermeil Classic.*