

Hopefuls

"much," said Hale. Kuchkarova is hoping to represent her country, Uzbekistan, The 18-year-old has been competing in swimming since she was eight years old. "It's like, from the beginning it has been really good," said

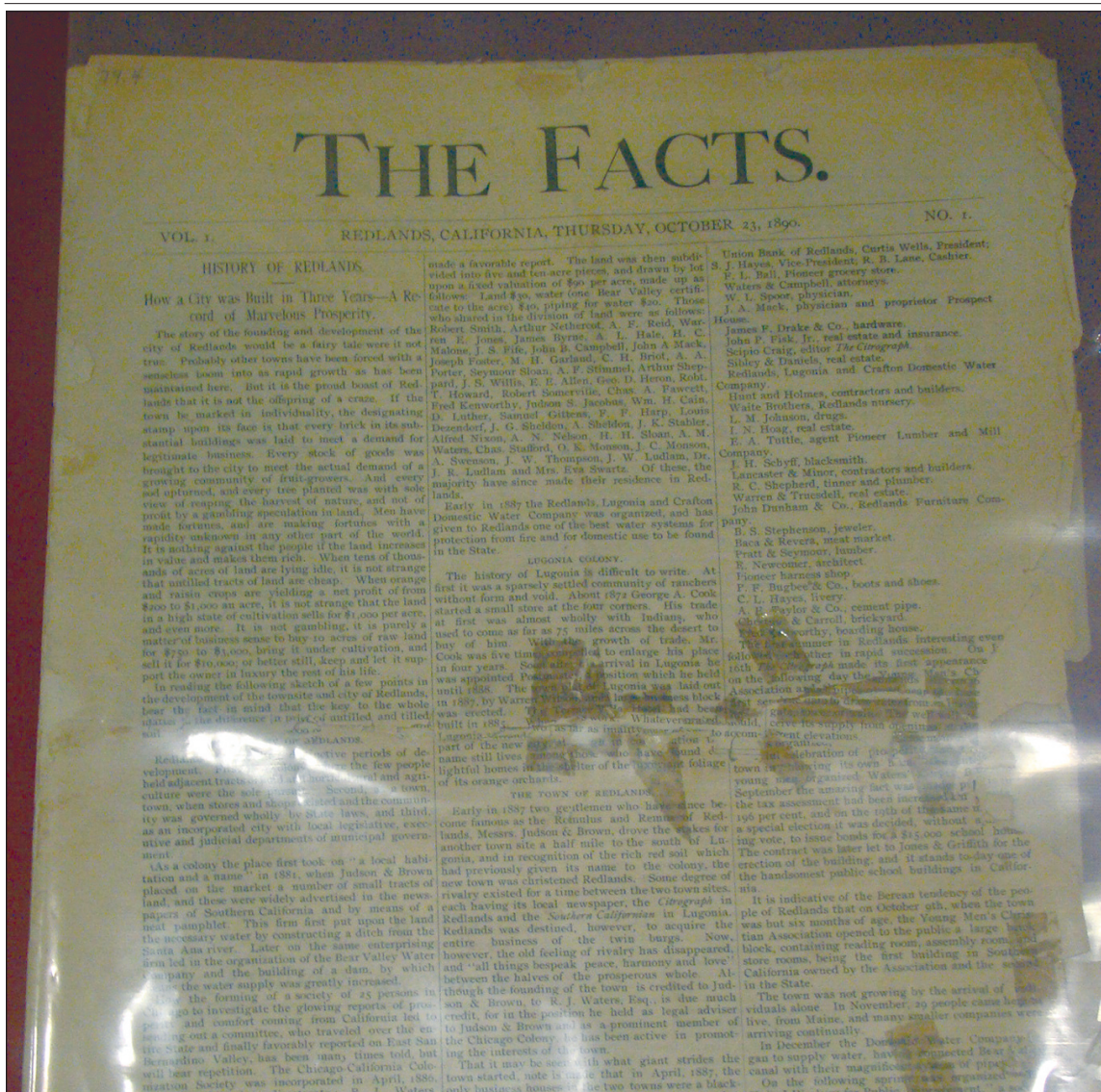
Kuchkarova. She has traveled all over the world competing and hopes to compete on the greatest world stage, the Olympics. She was training and hoping to make the team in 2008 but her time was not fast enough, this is her second chance. "I am just training hard and hop-

ing for the best results," she said. They have been practicing at the Drayton Aquatic Center in Redlands to prepare for the trials at the end of this month. "It's a great facility and we have access to the pool during the daytime, which is perfect," said Gregoire.



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Redlands Swim Team Head Coach **Martin Gregoire**, left, is working hard to prepare his swimmers for the Olympic Trials. Also pictured is Olympic hopeful **Yulduz Kuchkarova**.



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The Heritage Room was the focus of Library Days and holds many historical documents like this first edition of the Redlands Daily Facts.

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mately 400 to 500 attendees. Each year the event will feature a different part of the library. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Heritage Room so it was highlighted. It holds some of the city's oldest historical documents and is normally used by researchers, historians and academics who want to know more about the city's history. The items on display included first editions of local

newspapers, including Redlands' first, the Citroph. There were also books written by Redlands residents long ago. McCue and Burgess hosted a panel discussion about the importance of the area and there were tours of the archive basement which is not normally open to the public. According to McCue that was also well attended.

For more information about the A.K. Smiley Library call (909) 798-7565 or go to [www.akspl.org](http://www.akspl.org).

Visiting the Lonely Ones holds second anniversary fundraiser

Visiting the Lonely Ones, a nonprofit organization serving convalescent and nursing home residents throughout the Inland Empire, is celebrating its second anniversary with a buffet-style fundraising event on

Thursday, June 21 at 2 p.m. The Mexican catering will take place at the Loma Linda Springs community in the center clubhouse on the second floor. Donation is \$30 at the door. Please RSVP to (909) 894-4685.

Come support a hometown charity program, learn about how you can make a difference in our community's most neglected populations, enjoy delicious Mexican food and meet amazing people.

Our community in the service

Navy Seaman Recruit Breanne D. Portillo, daughter of Patricia Portillo of Fontana, Calif. and Daniel A. Protillo, of Mira Loma, Calif., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Portillo completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Portillo is a 2011 graduate of Arrowhead Christian Academy of Redlands, Calif.

Energy

effort with other California cities and counties to remove cost and technical barriers to going green. Property owners qualify for long-term financing based on the value of their property and the land-secured PACE structure eliminates the need for personal guarantees. The fixed-rate financing requires no money down and no minimum credit score. Plus, the balance is transferable if the property is sold before the PACE financing is paid off - so the current owner pays only for the benefits s/he receives.

Participating property owners will pay back their financing through a voluntary assessment on their property tax bill for up to 20 years. Although the billing mechanism is the property tax bill, the program does not rely on public funds or increased taxes.

PACE funds can be used only for materials and labor costs of permanently installed improvements, such as high-efficiency lighting, heating and air conditioning, windows, reflective roofing, plumbing fixtures, water treatment equipment, solar panels, and many more, that will reduce the building's use of grid-supplied energy or water.

"It's good to offer this ability for residents and local businesses to become more energy efficient," said Redlands Mayor Pete Aguilar. "It's good for our local economy and it's good for our sustainability practices."

Wine

Tickets are limited and are available at Paxton's Cellar (104 E. State St., suite L), State Street Winery (404 E. State St.), The Dregs (10 E. Vine St.), Time in a Bottle (344 Orange St.), the City of Redlands Development Services Office (210 E. Citrus Ave.) and at the Market Information Booth.

The month of June ends with the Food Truck and Brewfest, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 30. Food trucks will roll into the municipal parking lot at the Redlands Mall. Tickets are \$5, available at the City of Redlands Development Services Office (210 E. Citrus Ave.) or at the event. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit Inland Harvest Food Bank.

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