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Coming up:

- July 2 *City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum.*
- July 3 *Celebrate America! 5 p.m., Hutchins Street Square west lawn.*
- July 4 *4th at the Lake; Gates open at 7 a.m., beach at 10 a.m. Free park admission (fee for beach access).*
- July 13 *World Record Day and Yo-Yo Mania, Hutchins Street Square, 10 a.m..*
- July 16 *City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum.*

Bid on City of Lodi surplus equipment

Like shopping on eBay? Ever thought about buying a used vehicle from the city? Now you can, online. Here's how:

- Point your web browser to: www.publicsurplus.com
- Under the column titled "browse auctions within area" go to "select region" and click on California.
- Under "select agency" scroll down and click on City of Lodi.
- Click on "view all auctions for City of Lodi"
- If you want to bid just follow the instructions.

Contamination case nears end

Lodi's long legal battle over who should pay to remove chemicals found in the soil and groundwater around downtown is near an end.

The City Council agreed on Wednesday, June 18, to settle the federal lawsuit with the remaining defendants. That puts in motion the final steps to dismissing the case originally filed on Nov. 2, 2000.

Although Lodi is still embroiled in a lawsuit with an attorney who once represented the city, the focus now turns toward removing industrial solvents in central Lodi.

The environmental engineering firm Treadwell &



With the litigation near an end, Lodi can now focus its efforts on removing chemicals from the soil and groundwater.

Rollo will develop several studies in the coming months that will determine the most cost-effective way to clean up the perchloro-

ethylene (PCE) and tri-chloroethylene (TCE) found in the ground.

See Contamination on back

Celebrate America, 4th of July festivities

The Hutchins Street Square Community Center will host the City of Lodi's annual Celebrate America! on the eve of Independence Day, Thursday, July 3.

The event begins at 5 p.m. on the west lawn of Hutchins Street Square at the corner of Oak and Rose streets.

Admission is free and free flags will be given to the first 1,000 guests.

Families are invited to express their patriotic spirit



by dressing in red, white and blue, bring a picnic dinner, a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the hometown spirit while listening to the Lodi

Community Band and the United States Air Force of the Golden West "Mobility" band. There will also be a children's parade.

For more information, call Hutchins Street Square at 333-6782.

On July 4, Lodi Lake Park will again host a city-sponsored fireworks display. Admission to the park is free, although portions of Turner Road will be closed to traffic. A 1,551-shell fireworks show concludes the day's activities.

World Record Day and Yo-Yo Mania

Walk the dog, rock the baby and go around the world are just some of things you can do during summer vacation — any or all of them with a yo-yo on July 13 at Hutchins Street Square.

Local yo-yo aficionado Steve Speegle, a master of all of those tricks, is heading up the effort to set a world record for most peo-

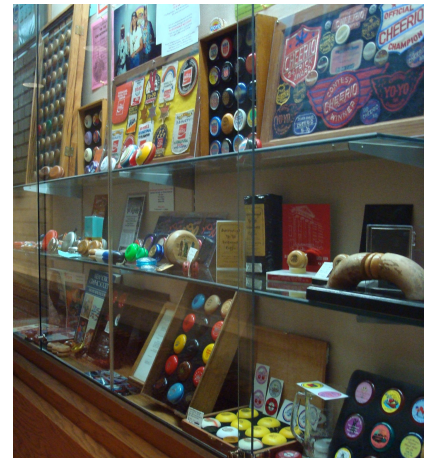
ple yo-yoing together. His goal is to have as many as 2,500 people gather to surpass the record of 2,100 set earlier this year in Florida.

For \$6, attendees will receive a numbered panda yo-yo to commemorate the 2008 Olympic Games in China, and a sticker that marks the occasion. Proceeds benefit Lodi arts and a youth sports program.

Participants can learn yo-yo tricks, watch demonstrations and attempt to set world records in other categories. Activities begin at 10 a.m.

Yo-yo memorabilia is currently on display at Hutchins Street Square.

Entry forms are available at Hutchins Street Square and participating merchants. For more information, call **369-2436**.



One of three display cases at Hutchins Street Square with yo-yo memorabilia.

Contamination

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Pilot studies have already resulted in more than six tons of PCE removed from the ground.

The lawsuit resulted in Lodi obtaining \$15.8 million in settlements from

defendants and \$19 million from the city's insurers, some of which was paid to settle other lawsuits related to PCE contamination.

Lodi is under a state order that requires the city to remove the solvents, which threaten drinking water supplies. The settlements off-

sets some of the cost to Lodi ratepayers.

The cleanup will likely last decades, using a time-tested system called "pump-and-treat," in which groundwater is extracted and the contaminants removed through a chemical reaction. The same process is used at some other

Lodi wells to remove a now-banned vineyard pesticide from groundwater and is commonly used in other Central Valley cities where PCE is found. City residents and businesses pay a monthly water surcharge to fund the state-ordered cleanup.



TV personality Huell Howser returned to Pine Street in Lodi on Friday for the dedication of a plaque commemorating the founding of A&W Root Beer.

Library preparing for fall renovation closures

A \$2 million renovation of the Lodi Public Library will result in the library's closure from Sept. 27 through Jan. 5, 2009.

Library officials are working on a way to continue limited services at another downtown location to be determined.

Construction will result in a renovated entrance, lobby and public restrooms, new carpeting and décor for the circulation, reference desk and public access computer areas, and a new heating and air conditioning system for patrons' comfort, in addition to making better use of available space within the 30-year-old structure.

