

## HIGH FIVE *Current accomplishments*



*“Evolution is the key to understanding the human condition, our origins, our behavior, our susceptibilities — even aspects of our potential.”*

**DAVID MINDELL**

**Occupation:** Dean of science and research collections

**Home:** San Francisco

**Achievement:** Evolution and the sustainability of life on are top priorities for the California Academy of Sciences’ new staff member, who oversees research in 11 scientific disciplines and care of research collections. Mindell has written a popular book, “The Evolving World: Evolution in Everyday Life.”



*“I am proud to be associated with this wonderful group of people who share the same vision as I in providing a safe and caring place for kids to play.”*

**BARRY ZITO**

**Occupation:** Giants’ pitcher

**Home:** San Francisco

**Achievement:** The left-hander had a youth baseball park dedicated in his name in Stockton as part of the Junior Giants program. The Giants Community Fund, Good Tidings Foundation and Delta Bluegrass Co. contributed resources to the \$250,000 Barry Zito Junior Giants Field at the Van Buskirk Community Center in Stockton.



*“The fight against heart disease and stroke is critically important to our communities here in the West. I am proud to serve with devoted volunteers.”*

**ALVIN L. ROYSE**

**Occupation:** Senior partner, Deloitte & Touche

**Home:** Hillsborough

**Achievement:** The executive in the S.F. office of the national accounting, tax and consulting firm has been named chairman of the American Heart Association’s Board for the Western States. Royse will steer regional activities of the nonprofit group dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke.



*“My design for the crown combined the beauty and the character of each nation.”*

**ROSALINA TRAN LYDSTER**

**Occupation:** Jeweler

**Home:** Los Altos

**Achievement:** The jewelry designer to stars Adrian Broday, Paris Hilton, Tom Hanks, Jessica Alba, Gisele Bundchen, Orlando Bloom, Elton John and Jessica Simpson — as well as to many S.F. A-listers — co-designed the crown for the 2008-09 Miss Universe. The piece is valued at \$120,000.

*“People may find my work curious and not fully understand it at first ... but when they look at my work deeply, they realize this isn’t any different at all.”*

**ALONZO KING**

**Occupation:** Dancer, choreographer, company director

**Home:** San Francisco

The Lines Ballet founder and director has received the \$25,000 Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival Creativity Award in Becket, Mass. Festival executive director Ella Baff presented the award to King, saying that the San Francisco ballet troupe remains “under-recognized in America, and especially on the East Coast, where you have to be smack in the middle of New York to be noticed. This is to give Alonzo a boost because he’s very deserving.” Lines Ballet is performing at Jacob’s Pillow, one of the country’s most prestigious dance festivals, this week.



## KIDS ROCK



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**Beat goes on:** The Paul Green School of Rock hosts its second annual benefit concert at the W Hotel this weekend.

### Future rock stars show skills at big benefit

OK, so maybe Jack Black won’t be there. But the second annual Paul Green School of Rock Benefit at San Francisco’s W Hotel on Sunday should be a heck of a hoot, anyway. Yes, it’s the establishment that inspired the movie, where kids from 7 to 18 get in touch with their inner Ozzy. And yes, it’s a wacky, all-ages event, with a prom-night theme and semiformal rock-star attire encouraged.

There’s a super-hip VIP pre-show party (for \$60; general admission is \$30, youths get in for \$10), before San Francisco and San Mateo students delve into the catalogs of Yes, Radiohead and, of course, Black Sabbath. That music will be followed by a special performance by the school’s West Coast All-Stars, featuring some surprise guest stars.

All proceeds go to grants, scholarships and a fund for rock-schoolers attending an inaugural international kids performance in Singapore in December.

Sunday’s pre-show gathering starts at 6 p.m., and the concert starts at 7 p.m. in the Great Room on the third floor of the hotel at 181 Third St., San Francisco. For more information about the event, which is hosted by the Rachel Sager Arts Foundation, visit [www.rsartsfoundation.org](http://www.rsartsfoundation.org) or call the school at (415) 544-0766.

## East Bay blues concert soothes ailing kids and their families

Singing the blues doesn’t always have to be a sad affair.

Take, for example, Monday’s all-blues concert at Yoshi’s, 510 Embarcadero West, in Oakland’s Jack London Square. It’s all for a joyful, celebratory cause, the George Mark Children’s House in San Leandro, which provides care to children with life-limiting illnesses and their families, regardless of their ability.

The 11th annual East Bay Blues Benefit kicks off at 7:30 p.m. The one-night only deal features such righteous R&B talent as Tia Carroll, Rene Solis & Lucky 13 (featuring Dave Wilson Jr.), and the Jake Sampson Band, with special guests Curtis Lawson and Bobby Webb.

Also on the bill: the acoustic stylings of Mark “Fenny” Fenichel with Jon Lawton.



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**Note for note:** Rene Solis & Lucky 13 are on the bill at Monday’s benefit in Oakland.

Tickets, which cost \$20, are available by calling Yoshi’s box office at (510) 238-9200. For more information on the George Mark Children’s Fund, call (415) 901-8199 or visit [www.georgemark.org](http://www.georgemark.org).

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

**1802** ALEXANDRE DUMAS, WRITER OF ‘THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO’ AND ‘THE THREE MUSKETEERS,’ WAS BORN.

**1938** CLARINET VIRTUOSO AND BIG BAND LEADER ARTIE SHAW RECORDED THE NOW-CLASSIC ‘BEGIN THE BEGUINE.’

**1969** APOLLO 11, THE FIRST MANNED MISSION TO LAND ON THE MOON, SPLASHES DOWN SAFELY IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

**1987** HULDA CROOKS, A 91-YEAR-OLD MOUNTAINEER FROM CALIFORNIA, BECAME THE OLDEST WOMAN TO CONQUER MOUNT FUJI, JAPAN’S HIGHEST PEAK.

**2005** LANCE ARMSTRONG WON THE TOUR DE FRANCE FOR A RECORD-BREAKING SEVENTH TIME.