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Verismo Opera Presents Madame Butterfly

The [Verismo Opera](#) will be performing its rendition of Puccini's Madame Butterfly at the historic [Bay Terrace Theater](#) weekends this month. One of the most popular operas in North America, Madame Butterfly features sumptuous music interwoven with Japanese motifs.

Set in Nagasaki in the early 1890s, a young geisha (Cho-cho-san) deserted by her husband (Pinkerton), a U.S. Naval Officer, chooses to die honorably, rather than suffer in shame after learning of the betrayal. This tale of love, self-delusion and betrayal includes the soaring Act One Love Duet and the Act Two sighting of Pinkerton's ship and joyous Flower Duet.



Director Fred Winthrop has performed for seven years with the San Francisco Opera and sang for 10 years with the Los Angeles Opera Company. The Bay Terrace Theater provides an intimate setting for Madame Butterfly, making the opera more personal and accessible to the audience.

The historic Bay Terrace Theater is located at 51 Daniels Avenue. Performances will run on Fridays August 17 and 24, Saturdays August 18 and 25 and Sundays August 19 and 26. Tickets are available at the box office or on-line via [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

Fire Department Deploys New Digital Reporting Software

In a move to increase efficiency and fulfill future government mandates, the [Vallejo Fire Department](#) is transitioning from hand-written patient care reports to an electronic patient care reporting system called EMSTAT5. For many years,



Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers have utilized a traditional paper based reporting system to document pre-hospital. The benefits of making the change to electronic patient care system are numerous, including more accurate monitoring and efficient managing of patients and immediate access to patient data. In a paper based system, the patient data is present but more difficult to access. With the EMSTAT5, the searchable

database will become instantly available and will aid in "quality assurance, quality improvement," and records management of the fire department's EMS program.

Patients will also benefit from the new program. The speed of delivery of the electronic reports will help in the long-term future care of the patients. The new technology replaces faxes to hospitals that ultimately, but often slowly, make their way into patients' hospital medical records. Now, nurses and doctors that care for the patients will have a clear record and timeline of the service provided by the Vallejo Fire Department.

The new technology has been installed on both desktop and Toughbook computers. The Toughbooks will be used in the field while the desktops at the stations will be used in the instances where the EMS staff does not accompany the patient to the hospital.

La Clinica de La Raza receives \$60,000 Kaiser Grant

[Kaiser Permanente](#) is supporting 11 community clinics across Northern California to increase its ability to connect patients to important community and public resources. [La Clinica de La Raza](#) in Vallejo is one of the recipients of this grant. The grants will also enable the clinics to screen patients for public benefit programs such as CalFresh/SNAP food stamps, Earned Income Tax Credit, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Clinics will help their patients learn about these programs, determine if they are eligible and navigate the enrollment and renewal process for them.



"The goal of the program is to increase access to health care services for the uninsured and under-insured," said Maria Reyes, Community Health Education Manager for La Clinica de la Raza. "We want to identify families in the community that are potentially eligible for enrollment and assist eligible candidates into applying for programs. With this funding we will be better equipped to serve our community."

The Kaiser Permanente grant will enable La Clinica de La Raza to train Community Health Educators on a variety of public health insurance programs. The Community Health Educators will then coordinate with various community events and community-based organizations and conduct culturally and linguistically appropriate presentations about eligibility requirements for public health benefit programs including Cal-Fresh, Healthy Families and Medi-Cal.

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This past school year cadets at the [California Maritime Academy](#) logged a record 3,500 hours of community service to more than 15 community partner organizations. The service learning opportunities made available to cadets are organized through the campus's Center for Community Engagement, which promotes community service and volunteerism among students.

The cadets' community services included serving the homeless, tutoring local elementary students, building houses and helping with local community neighborhood watch programs. The students help support the California State University's efforts to serve the economic, public policy and social needs of the state. It also provides the added benefit of feeling a sense of accomplishment that comes from serving the community at large.

Solano County community organizations that were served by the CMA cadets during the 2011-2012 academic year include Fighting Back Partnership, Habitat for Humanity of Napa and Solano, Grace Patterson Elementary, Christian Help Center, First Baptist Church Soup Kitchen, Mare Island Technology Academy, Mare Island Historic Park Foundation, local Boy Scout and Sea Scout troops and many more.

Cal Maritime is preparing to welcome more than 900 students to begin the fall quarter on its waterfront Vallejo campus.

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