

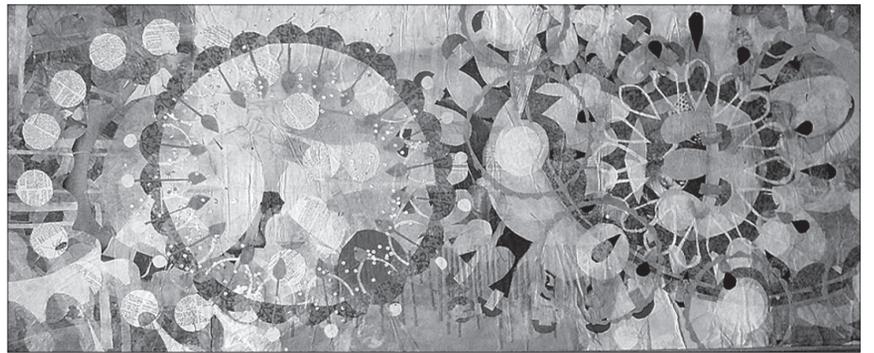
Local Happenings

Thursday, July 23

■ 10 to 11:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group: Meeting sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association for families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and related disorders. Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. (Info: 482-8700)
 ■ 1 p.m. Mastick Movie Matinee: *Corrina, Corrina*. Free for seniors. Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. (Info: 747-7506)
 ■ 1 to 3 p.m. Office Hours: Staffers from Assemblyman Rob

Bonta's office will be available. Administrative Conference Room, Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St.
 ■ 1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation: William Sturm will discuss and perform examples of the Habanera, including Scott Joplin, Debussy and others. Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. (Info, preregistration: 747-7506)
 ■ 2 p.m. "Messy Science": Science projects workshop for children ages. Dress to get messy. Free. Bay

Farm Island Branch Library, 3221 Mecartney Road. (Info: 747-7787)
 ■ 2 to 3:30 p.m. Belly Dancing: Learn about the history of belly dancing, then learn some moves. Free for youth in grades 8 through 12. Stafford Room, Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St. (Info: 747-7780)
 ■ 3 p.m. "Bubble Making": Learn to make bubble soap and bubble wands. Free. West End Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 788 Santa Clara Ave. (Info: 747-7767)



Courtesy photo

Douglas DeVivo's collages are intended to hit people on different levels causing them to be drawn in, engaged, constantly surprised, and never able to see it all. Celebrate the opening of *Positive Energy*, an exhibition of DeVivo's works this Friday, July 24, 7 to 9 p.m. at Julie's Coffee & Tea Garden on Park Street.

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■ 3 to 5 p.m. Office Hours: Staffers from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office will be available. Administrative Conference Room, Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St.
 ■ 7 to 9 p.m. Knitting Circle: Knitters of all levels and ages welcome. Free to the public. Julie's Coffee and Tea Garden, 1223 Park St. (Info: 865-2385)
Friday, July 24
 ■ 1 to 3 p.m. Tween Time: "Elephant Toothpaste and Straw Shooters" for tweens entering fourth to eighth grades. Free. Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St. (Info: 747-7777)
 ■ 2 to 3:30 p.m. HIV and Hep C Testing: Free and confidential testing and support referrals. For information and location, call Alameda Family Services, 629-6300.
 ■ 6 to 8 p.m. Artist's Reception: Opening reception for an exhibit of photography by Charlie Lucke and Jeff Dunn. Free to the public. Frank Bette Center for the Arts Satellite Gallery, Eyewise Optometry, 2651 Blanding Suite B.
 ■ 6:30 p.m. *The Lego Movie*: Starlight-Movie-in-the-Park. Picnicking, followed by pre-show activities. Movie begins at around 8:15. Snacks and food available for purchase. Free to the public. Alameda Point Multi-purpose Field, 1101 West Red Line Ave. (Reservs suggested; info: 747-7529)
 ■ 7 to 9 p.m. Artists Reception: Celebrate the opening of *Positive Energy*, an exhibit of paper collage by Douglas DeVivo. Free to the public. Julie's Coffee and Tea Garden, 1223 Park St. (Info: 865-2385)
 ■ 8 p.m. Taize — Prayer Around the Cross: An ecumenical candlelight service of mantra style chants, meditation, contemplation and reflection, silence, solitude and serenity. Free to the public. St Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St.
 ■ 9 p.m. Zydeco Music and Dance: Featuring Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic. Dance lessons at 8. Tickets sold at the door: \$15. Eagles Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave. (Info: 415-285-6285)
Saturday, July 25
 ■ 10 a.m. to noon: Longfellow Playground Celebration: Celebrate the grand re-opening of the Longfellow play structure and the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Presented by the Alameda Free Library. Longfellow Park, 520 Lincoln Ave. (Info: 747-7529)
 ■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Park Street Art and Wine Faire: Music, crafts, food, children's activities. Park Street from Buena Vista to Encinal avenues.
 ■ 2 to 3 p.m. Family Nature Fun Hour: "Wonderful Whales." Learn about these amazing creatures, then learn what's new in the Visitors Center. Crab Cove, 1252 McKay Ave. (Info: 544-3187)
 ■ 3 to 3:30 p.m. Fish Feeding Time: Five aquariums with more than 20 bay species will be fed while you learn who is eating what and how aquarium environments are kept healthy. Free for all ages. Crab Cove, 1252 McKay Ave. (Info: 544-3187)
 ■ 6 to 9 p.m. "Death Before Dessert": Mystery game: help solve a "crime" with everyone playing a part. Free for adults 18 and older; registration required. Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St. (Info or registration: 747-7713)
 ■ 7 to 9 p.m. Poetry at the Bette: Prose and poetry reading. Admission is free; donations appreciated. Frank Bette Center for the Arts, 1601 Paru St. (Info: www.frankbettecenter.org or 523-6957)
Sunday, July 26
 ■ 9 a.m. to noon: Pancake Breakfast: Breakfast: \$10 donation. Alameda Fire Department annual benefit for the Alisa Ann Roche Burn Foundation. Park Street and Encinal Avenue.
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 ■ 5:30 p.m. Flat Tire Clinic: Learn how to fix a flat tire on your bike. Bring your bike or wheel; tools and instruction provided. Free to the public. Alameda Bicycle, 1522 Park St.
Monday, July 27
 ■ 10 to 11 a.m. "Summer First Aid Kit with Essential Oils": Free experiential workshop. Limited seating. Alameda Wellness Center, 2719 Encinal Ave., Ste. A2. (Info, reservs: 381-3191)
 ■ Noon: Encinal Parlor, #156, Native Daughters of the Golden West: Meeting with discussion of California environmental and restoration projects, veterans' welfare. New members welcome. (Info, address: M. Dodge, 523-7802 or J. McKay, jmonky333@aol.com)
 ■ 7 to 8 p.m. "Summer First Aid Kit with Essential Oils": Free experiential workshop. Limited seating. Alameda Wellness Center, 2719 Encinal Ave., Ste. A2. (Info, reservs: 381-3191)
 ■ 7:30 p.m. Y.L.I.: Meeting. St. Joseph Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St. (Info: Marilyn Darnell, 523-1500)
 ■ 8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Night: Dance to the big band sounds of Dave Altschuler's Swingtime Big Band. \$5 donation requested at the door. Temple Israel, 3183 Mecartney Road.
Tuesday, July 28
 ■ 11 a.m. Teddy Bear Picnic: Bring your lunch, a blanket and your Teddy and listen to stories while you eat. Presented by the Alameda Free Library. Longfellow Park, 520 Lincoln Ave. (Info: 747-7777)
 ■ 1 to 3 p.m. Tween Time: Crafts for tweens entering 4th to 8th grades. Free. Main Branch of the Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak St. (Info: 747-7777)
Wednesday, July 29
 ■ 10:30 a.m. Summer Faire: 87th annual Alameda Welfare Council benefit. Boutique shopping at 10:30 a.m.; a buffet luncheon is served at noon. Longfellow Park, 520 Lincoln Ave. (Info: 747-7777)
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What's Happening on the West End?

Join the Coolest Museum Around for New Benefits

The Pacific Pinball Museum (PPM) of Alameda has begun an expanded membership program in an effort to raise money and further its mission of teaching art, science and history through pinball while preserving this important part of American culture. The new memberships come in three flavors: basic, unlimited and supporting. Each of the types come in three sizes: individual, duo and family.
 The basic annual membership allows one individual, two individuals, or a family of two adults and two children to access the museum's growing list of benefits to members for one year. To start, basic members automatically receive four free visits for the people specified, a 10 percent store discount, a subscription to the PPM newsletter, and invitations to members-only events.
 Unlimited members get all of the basic benefits, and may make an unlimited amount

of visits to the Pacific Pinball Museum all year long, restricted to the number of parties based on type: individual, duo or family.
 PPM staff will expand offerings that interpret the collection this year especially for members to have more ways to enjoy the museum. Classes, seminars, tours, celebrations and more are in the works that will offer a members-only discount, or will be open to members exclusively.
 For example, join PPM Executive Director Michael Schiess Wednesday, July 29, when he presents "Introduction to Electromechanics" a brand new series of classes discussing electromechanical circuitry, tools, switches, relays and lots more. Students will learn the basics of electricity and the fundamental building blocks of electronics. "Students in my class will learn the principles of electricity that lead to today's technological advances in computing," said Schiess. "I'm

happy to pass on my knowledge to our members who can use it to repair their own games or advance their understanding of electronics."
 PPM Curator Melissa Harmon will hold "The Necessity of Invention: How pinball was created, and why" on Sunday mornings in August. These one-hour classes for all ages will show how pinball developed into the high-tech wonders of today. Students will also discover how the slanted playfield itself can form a probability field that can be used to affect scoring and game play.
 Students will be able to use a real pinball table to design their own scoring holes and areas, and to experiment with probability, changing the design to improve their game.
 "These classes will be fun, informative and improve your pinball skills," said Harmon. "Members will definitely benefit in the form of higher scores as we further their understanding of the probability behind game play."
 Other PPM offerings that will carry a member discount include comedy nights, beer tastings, gallery openings and other educational events and celebrations.
 Visit www.pacificpinball.org/education to see complete class listings and descriptions.
 To see available perks at the various levels of membership, visit www.pacificpinball.org/membership.

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Former Naval Air Station Alameda

The U.S. Navy, in coordination with state and federal regulatory agencies, has selected a final remedy for former Alameda Naval Air Station Operable Unit 2B, Installation Restoration (IR) Sites 3, 4, 11, and 21. The Record of Decision for Operable Unit 2B documents that remedial action is required at IR Sites 3 and 4 for soil and at IR Sites 4, 11, and 21 for shallow groundwater. The remedial action for soil is excavation outside buildings to remove the contaminants and institutional controls for soil immediately adjacent to and beneath buildings to prevent contact with that soil. The remedial action for chlorinated solvents in the groundwater is bioremediation and institutional controls.

The Record of Decision is available for public review at two locations:

Alameda Point Information Repository
 950 West Mall Square
 Building 1, Room 230
 Alameda, California 94501

Alameda Public Library
 1550 Oak Street
 Alameda, California 94501
 (510) 747-7777

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact Ms. Cecily Sabedra, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, BRAC Program Management Office West, 33000 Nixie Way, Building 50, San Diego, California 92147, cecily.sabedra@navy.mil, (619) 524-5096. For more information, visit the Navy's website, www.bracpmo.navy.mil.