

"Derek Weisberg returns to Anno Domini for his second solo exhibition, with a brand new body of ambitious and courageous work. Weisberg continues to examine his own life and the world around him, attempting to answer questions that have plagued humans since the beginning of time."

And: "The sculptures become personifications of life and death, the soul and boy, presences and absence, form and formlessness, existentialism and spiritualism. The work coalesces these ideas and Weisberg creates an interconnectedness and oneness of these seemingly dualistic ideas."

And finally: "Weisberg's works deal with his personal life experiences and address issues of memory, grieving, transcendence and finding truth. However, the work poignantly speaks to the atmosphere of the world and to our time ... and has a further reaching, deeper, and universal effect."

Let's hear from the artist himself:

"It has been over four years now since my mother has passed and over two since (his show) Victoria Everlasting.

"Grieving and making art is a cathartic experience. Four years later, although I am still very sad, and miss my mom every day, I am in a much better place.

"Time has an impressive way of leveling. I am at a point where I am making art that deals with ideas of death and my mother but is less direct than Victoria Everlasting. Also some of the ideas of death that I am dealing with really have more to do with life and living memory, which seems positive."

I include these excerpts from the brochure distributed at the gallery in an attempt to lure you into seeing this exhibition. I truly expect that Derek's work will find itself in modern art museums before long. In fact, I purchased a piece from the Auroral Dreaming collection.

This piece touched something fundamental in me — the suffering and protective posture of the figure and the movement, so close to the spiritual — amazing how

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Department of Transportation, announced last November California Dry Dock Solut was awarded the \$3.1 million contract to recycle the two ships.

The local company, operating dry docks at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, is the first firm certified by MARAD to dismantle vessels within the containment of a drydock.

The President is the 18th ship to leave the Reserve Fleet since

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a sustainable food source.

Beck, a cowboy who worked with Heifer International, accompanied a shipment of 20 polled Hereford heifers, one bull and 20 pigs that were loaded on the Presi-

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son and the County's Health and Social Services' Director Patrick Duterte.

The legislative conference is an annual event that draws thousands of county leaders from across the county. During the five-day conference, county officials will have the opportunity to help develop and advance NACO's 2011 legislative agenda.

"The policies coming out of the federal government have a direct impact on county programs

and services. By working collaboratively with other county leaders, we can help shape that policy to benefit local communities," Reagan said.

Seifert, a member of the NACO's justice and public safety steering committee, will focus on county governments' role in homeland security, emergency preparedness and vital public safety services.

"Our representation plays a significant role in shaping the priorities of this national organization, which the federal administration uses to understand local issues," she said.

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getting any worse than they are, and I appreciate that," he said.

Bosworth, who retired in 2007, said cuts to the Service have been part of a long-term trend, and are hamstringing the agency from doing its job to keep forests healthy and accessible.

"What I'm really concerned

about on this is that the Forest Service has been so underfunded for so long, and now, looking at more reductions, they're just not going to be able to meet the expectations of people," he said.

He said he's hopeful that the U.S. Senate will find ways to reverse the budget squeeze on national forests and bolster programs that promote collaboration in problem-solving, forest restoration work, and rural jobs.

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The trustees also will review and consider approving the library's financial reports, and hear of the library's work to develop — as well as cull — its collection.

Among the reports the trustees will hear will be those from Director Diane Smikahl, who will talk about library-related items before the City Council, and an update on the city's Arts and Culture Com-

mission. Trustees also will be told about the city's budget and the status of improvements proposed for the library campus.

They will hear from liaisons from the library's art gallery, Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation and the Poet Laureate Committee, as well as from the trustee board's president, Mary Eichbauer.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. today in the Edna Clyne Conference Room of the Benicia Public Library, 150 East I St.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD MUNITIONS NON-TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION PRODUCTION MANUFACTURING AREA AND SOUTH SHORE AREA FORMER MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

The Department of the Navy, in coordination with state and federal environmental regulatory agencies, is announcing the public availability of the Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis (EECA)/Interim Remedial Action Plan (IRAP) for the Munitions Non-Time-Critical Removal Action at the Production Manufacturing Area (PMA) and South Shore Area (SSA) located on the Former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINS) in Vallejo, California. Former MINS is located 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. The PMA and SSA are located at the southern end of former MINS. The sites were formerly used to manufacture and store munitions and munitions constituents. Previous munitions removals have been conducted at the sites since base closure in 1996. Possible remaining munitions and munitions constituents at the sites may pose a threat to human health and the environment. Surveys have been performed to detect metallic objects in the subsurface, which could represent potential munitions. The areas where the survey identified subsurface metal are called anomalies. The EECA/IRAP recommends excavation and removal of the anomalies in the areas most likely to contain potential munitions.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The EECA/IRAP is available for public review, and the Navy will accept comments during the 30-day public comment period held from March 7, 2011 through April 4, 2011. Public comments submitted in writing must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 4, 2011. Please send all comments to the Navy Base Realignment and Closure, Environmental Coordinator, Ms. Janet Lear, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, California 92108-4310, (619) 532-0976, (619) 532-0780 (fax), or janet.lear@navy.mil.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Copies of the EECA/IRAP and other site documents are available for review at the following public information repositories:

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