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## Schilling backs November vote on innovation center

**By Dave Ryan**  
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Local innovation center skeptics who pushed for a longer period of review for the idea actually pleased one of the center's main prospective tenants.

Schilling Robotics head Tyler Schilling said this week through a spokeswoman that he likes the idea of November Measure R vote, forced by a 45-day addition

to an original Sept. 28 deadline for comments on the Mace Ranch Innovation Center environmental impact report.

Schilling said the comment review period was extended for the right reasons and the company appreciates more "breathing room" given the downturn in the oil markets. Davis-based Schilling Robotics constructs most of the world's undersea robotic arms used in oil

exploration and undersea oil-rig construction.

Schilling has long said he is interested in being one of the first, if not the first anchor tenants for the innovation center.

Dan Ramos of Ramco Enterprises, key player in the development team trying to get approval for the innovation center project, said it was no surprise for his team that Schilling wanted more time.

"I think you're hearing what we're hearing," he said.

Ramco Enterprises called on the City Council on Tuesday to bow to public comments and extend the deadline for comments on the draft EIR. Once comments are collected, the final EIR will be issued, sent through city commissions and ultimately make its way to the City Council for an up or down vote. If it passes the City Council, local

voters will be asked to give the green light in what is likely to be a November vote during the presidential election.

The Mace Ranch Innovation Center is proposed by Ramco Enterprises, The Buzz Oates Group of Companies and Reynolds & Brown on 212 acres east of Mace Boulevard and north of Interstate 80. During an

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## Pachyderm solutions

UCD student travels to Thailand to save elephants

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This summer, Rachel Gacksetter, 20, spent two weeks in Thailand helping animals and learning hands-on what it's like to be a veterinarian. Gacksetter is a UC Davis student majoring in animal science.

Traveling with the Boston-based Loop Abroad, Gacksetter was part of a small team that volunteered, giving care at a dog shelter and then spent a week working directly with rescued elephants at an elephant sanctuary.

The veterinary service program brings students to Thailand for two weeks to volunteer alongside a staff veterinarian. For one week, students volunteer at the Animal Rescue Kingdom dog shelter in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The shelter is home to more than 100 dogs that have been rescued after being abandoned, beaten or abused. While the dogs can be adopted, any who aren't will be cared for by the shelter for their whole lives.

While learning what it's like to be a veterinarian, students made a difference in the lives of these dogs. By providing check-ups and cleanings, diagnosing and treating ear and eye problems, taking and testing blood, administering vaccines, cleaning and treating wounds, and

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Rachel Gacksetter, 20, a UC Davis student majoring in animal science, spent two weeks in Thailand helping animals and learning hands-on what it's like to be a veterinarian through the Boston-based Loop Abroad program.

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## State releases new test data

**By Jeff Hudson**  
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On Tuesday, the California Department of Education released the results of last spring's cycle of the new, online CAASPP tests. (CAASPP stands for California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.) And by and large, Davis students — who have historically tended to do well as a group on standardized tests — seemed to adapt well to the new regime of annual exams.

But the test results also showed a continuing achievement gap between different categories of local students, with students from lower-income families scoring noticeably lower than their classmates from middle/upper income households, and students whose parents have attended graduate school scoring significantly higher than students whose parents only finished high school. There was also a continuing achievement gap in terms of the test scores of different ethnic subgroups.

Districtwide, as a group (all grades), Davis students scored well in the area of

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## Old Glory heads out on coast-to-coast relay race

**By Tanya Perez**  
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On Friday at sunrise, a relay begins in San Francisco, with the goal of making it to Washington, D.C. on Nov. 8. The object being passed off along the relay route? The American flag.

The second annual Old Glory Coast to Coast Relay is a fundraiser put on by Team Red, White & Blue: Its mission is "to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity." Through Team RWB, veterans can engage in leadership training, athletic camps, ambassador programs and other activities that foster connections.

Anthony Lewis is the athletic director for the Solano Chapter of Team RWB, which includes the Yolo County area, and he will be running the Davis portion of the relay on Sunday. Lewis expects to have the flag passed to him — "Olympic torch-style" — around 2:30 p.m. near Dobbins Field, UC Davis' baseball stadium.

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## ArtAbout puts focus on diversity

**By Sandy Thai**  
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September's Second Friday ArtAbout will showcase diverse forms and styles of art in several collaborative shows, unusual solo exhibitions and even live drawings at Cork It Again Wine Seller and Logos Books.

There will be jewelry and abstracts at The Artery, whimsical illustrations at The Paint Chip, black walnut and flame-worked glass light pieces at Putah Creek Winery, surrealist figurative paintings at SynRG: Arts and Wellness and lots more throughout the walk, which takes place Friday.

Additionally, two brand-new venues will join the ArtAbout this month — Pollinate Davis and Studio 355. Both venues will host receptions honoring two artists each, with paintings, photography and mixed-media work by Dori Marshall and Amy Habicht at Pollinate

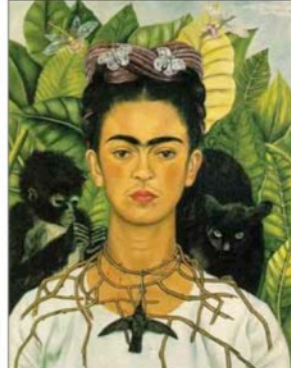
Davis, and abstract paintings by Lucy Day and Maureen Olander at Studio 355.

The ArtAbout is a free, monthly, self-guided art-walk, exploring art exhibits and receptions hosted at galleries and businesses in Davis. Visitors can view a variety of pop-up art shows, meet artists, listen to live music, watch performances and enjoy wine and complimentary refreshments.

For more information, visit DavisDowntown.com. For a copy of the ArtAbout Guide and Map or to sign up as an artist to show during the ArtAbout, email ArtAbout@DavisDowntown.com.

**Receptions and performances:**  
■ **The Artery**, 207 G St., 530-758-8330; reception, 7-9 p.m. "Open/See," Janine Echabarne and Diana Jahns join forces in this autumn show using jewelry, ceramics and wall

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"Elements," by Lucy Day, above, will be at Studio 355 at 355 Second St., a new spot for the monthly ArtAbout.

"Frida Kahlo" by Dori Marshall is on exhibit at another new venue, Pollinate Davis at 508 Second St.

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art to complement each other. Echabarne will share her jewelry and recent clay work, and Jahns will show paintings on paper, canvas and wood panels.

■ **Bohème Used Clothing and Gifts**, 409 Third St., 530-341-2004; reception, 5-8:30 p.m., "Fall," Yelena Ivanschchenko, new fall inventory and new collection of airplants. Meet the artists, new owner, and enjoy refreshments.

■ **Cork It Again Wine Seller**, 820 Fourth St., 530-756-WINE; reception, 5-9 p.m., George Hernandez, Carlo Rossi, Freddie, artists from Sacred Tiger Tattoo Shop display their tattoo art and will be doing a live drawing that night. Enjoy wine by the glass for \$3 with complimentary cheese pairing.

■ **Couleurs Vives Art Gallery and Studio**, 222 D St., Suite 9B, 530-220-3642; reception, 5-8 p.m., "Colors and Natures," Alexandra Dao, bright, colorful, modern styles with a hint of nautical themes in acrylics, watercolors and mixed media, with guest artist Marta Juliao, landscape and nature themes in acrylic, through Sept. 19.

Live music by jazz guitarist and cellist. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

■ **Davis Arts Center**, 1919 F St., 520-756-4100; reception, 6-8 p.m., "vision:revision," Julie Patterson, digital photography, through Oct. 10. Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

■ **Davis Odd Fellows Lodge**, 415 Second St.; performance, 6:30-7:30 p.m., "Odd Poetry," immediately outside the lodge you'll find the Odd Poets. Stop by for a few minutes or for the full hour for spoken word, poetry, verse, humor and fun at this open-mic event.

■ **F Street Gallery of Hallmark Inn**, 110 F St.; reception, 5-7 p.m., "Washed in Color," Anne Lincoln, Davis artist, exhibiting skillfully executed depictions of scenes in paint, through Oct. 10. Additionally, Hallmark Inn will host its annual Welcome Back UCD open house. Meet the artist, hear violin music by Mary Neri King, and enjoy complimentary wines and tasty bites.

■ **Fretted Strings**, 231 G St., Suite 27 (Court-N-Cedar, upstairs); reception, 7-8:30 p.m., David

Haftner from the local band Wealth of Nations plays solo and with a few of the band members. Vocals and instrumentals include an eclectic mix of originals plus Beatles, Grateful Dead and other favorite covers. Harrison Phipps and his lutherie students will have their handmade guitars and projects on display.

■ **International House**, 10 College Park, 530-753-5007; reception, 6-8 p.m., "One Quilter's Odyssey: Traditional to Modern," Deborah Nichols Poulos, traditional to modern quilting, through Oct. 5. Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

■ **Logos Books**, 513 Second St., 530-400-1083; reception, 6-9 p.m., Live music by Drivin' South. Tom Corbett will draw caricatures for all interested. On display, Teresa Steinbach-Garcia's artwork showcasing the element of light — reflecting and illuminating landscapes, still life and individuals, in pastel and watercolor, through Sept. 30.

■ **The Paint Chip**, 217 F St., 530-753-5093; reception, 6-8:30 p.m., Zsafia Penzvalto, intricate illustrations and textile paintings, through Sept. 25. Meet the artist and

enjoy refreshments.

■ **Pence Gallery**, 212 D St., 530-758-3370; reception, 6-9 p.m., "40th Anniversary Art Auction Preview," place silent bids on more than 175 works of art by local and regional artists to support the Pence's 40 years as a nonprofit community art gallery. Arts and crafts table for all ages.

■ **Pollinate** Gallery, 508 Second St., Suite 208, 530-746-8512; reception, 6-9 p.m., Dori Marshall and Amy Habib, painting, photography, mixed media, through Sept. 18. Enjoy refreshments and meet the artists.

■ **Putah Creek Winery**, 110 F St., Suite D, 530-601-9828; reception, 5-8 p.m., Kim-Xuan Nguyen, local black walnut and flame-worked glass, through Oct. 7. Nguyen explores the play of light on these disparate materials. She combines tight control in woodturning and carving with a looser rein on flame-worked elements.

Gravity and the blowing of the flame interacts with the molten glass to help create their final shapes, which complement the natural variations in the wood. Enjoy wine by the glass.

■ **Radiate Art**, 911 Third St.; reception, 6-9 p.m., View a variety of works in the gallery, artists' studios and classroom. Enjoy light refreshments while visiting with the artists. Artists and exhibits featured at Radiate Art:

- 2407 Graphics, Kyle Monhollen, graphic and logo design, hand-pulled screen prints;
- Art by Jerry DeCamp, new oil paintings and carriage marble carvings. Giclee prints available;
- Art by Thelma Weatherford, abstractions in oil and cold wax;
- Binuta Sudhakaran, meditative abstractions, cubist/figurative storytelling;
- Jan's Quilts, Jan Wolf,



Artwork by Zsafia Penzvalto will be on exhibit at the Paint Chip, 217 F St.

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quilts, art and more in a variety of textiles;

- Lauren Brandy, impressionist local landscapes, letter press and ceramics;
- Old Chevi Productions, handmade custom jewelry and fine art by Schorré Chevalier Oldham; and
- Sara Post, oil and wax, mixed-media paintings.

■ **Studio 355**, 355 Second St., Suite A, 929-888-5883; reception, 6-8 p.m., "Collaboration," Lucy Day and Maureen Olander, acrylic, through Oct. 31.

■ **SynRG: Arts and Wellness**, 907 Third St., 530-753-2154; reception,

7-9:30 p.m., "Body Landscapes," Joanna Rockwell, layered figurative paintings illustrating the thoughts, feelings and experiences of each person it represents.

The combination of design and drawing create a surrealist style done in acrylic and mixed media. Through Oct. 9. Dance demonstrations run from 7 to 7:30 p.m. followed by an open mic. Singers, musicians and poets are welcome.

■ **Yolo SPCA Thrift Store**, 920 Third St., Suite A, reception, 1-7 p.m., enjoy free refreshments.



"Laughing" by Diana Jahns is on exhibit at The Artery, 207 G St.



The Artery also will feature jewelry by Janine Echabarne.

## GLORY: Team sought better way to serve veterans' needs

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through Davis, and finishing at Second Street and Mace Boulevard around 3:30 p.m. All times are approximate since the pace of each runner isn't exact.

Team RWB and Lewis invite supporters to gather at the hand-off points; Lewis hopes to have assembled local veterans groups at "the hand-off and perhaps (to) run for a little ways with me as I go through downtown."

Lewis also wants to invite "anyone who is a veteran or a civilian who supports

service members (to) join (Team RWB) for free at [www.TeamRWB.org](http://www.TeamRWB.org)." For more information, email at [Anthony.Lewis@teamrwb.org](mailto:Anthony.Lewis@teamrwb.org)

Team RWB began in 2013 with 6,400 members across the country; by November 2014, they'd expanded to 54,000 members in more than 120 cities. One of its goals is "to serve more veterans, in more places, more often."

The founders of Team RWB knew that "the existing model for wounded veteran support was inadequate ... Much of the

support being offered was too centralized, too inconsistent, too grand, felt way too much like charity, and cast veterans as broken victims." Team RWB has worked to provide more local, consistent and empowering support for veterans.

For those interested in supporting the Old Glory Coast to Coast Relay, donations can be made at [www.crowdfunder.com/sept13-rwb/fundraiser/anthonylewis4](http://www.crowdfunder.com/sept13-rwb/fundraiser/anthonylewis4).

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## ELEPHANTS: Hands-on learning offers unique opportunities

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helping with sterilization surgeries, the students supported the health and well-being of these dogs.

The group also spent one week at the Elephant Nature Park in northern Thailand to work hands-on with the animals and learn about animal rescue and conservation on a larger scale. The Elephant Nature Park is home to more than 40 elephants who have been rescued from trekking, logging or forced breeding programs. Many of them have been abused and suffer from chronic injuries.

At the Elephant Nature Park, they are cared for by volunteers from all over the world. Students were able to feed, bathe and care for elephants, as well as learn about their diagnoses

alongside an elephant vet. The Elephant Nature Park is also home to more than 400 dogs and 100 cats, as well as rabbits and water buffalo, and is sustained in huge part by the work of weekly volunteers like Gacksetter.

Loop Abroad has programs for students and young adults age 14 to 30, and offers financial aid and fundraising help to make their trips accessible to the greatest number of students. Interested participants can inquire or apply at [www.LoopAbroad.com](http://www.LoopAbroad.com).

Of her trip, Gacksetter said, "Working with the rescued dogs at ARK and rescued elephants at ENP taught me so much about veterinary medicine and being in Thailand was a great cultural experience."

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