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## EXPERT TO SPEAK ON THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS

**Monday, October 27, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Berkeley Central Library, Shattuck Avenue and Kittredge Street**

**Third Floor Meeting Room** (accessible by elevator or stairs.)

Join us to hear **Prof. Henry Brady**, U.C. Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, who will address these questions for us:

- How can we be sure that our votes are counted correctly?
- What guarantees do we have that electronic voting will be secure and safe from manipulation?

Professor Brady was recently in the news as an expert in a lawsuit to delay the recall election. The grounds for the suit were that many counties still use punch card ballots, which have higher error rates than electronic ballots, and many of these same counties also have high numbers of minority voters. Therefore, many minorities are likely to be disenfranchised. The case was lost on appeal and the recall election took place with both voting systems used.

Professor Brady's extensive work on voting systems includes: *Counting All The Votes: The Performance of Voting Technology in the US* (2001), *Chasing Butterflies in Florida* (2001), *Law and Data: The Butterfly Ballot Episode* (2002) and *Equal Protection for Votes* (2002). Not only is he an expert on voting and political participation, Prof. Brady has also studied campaigns and elections, the media, political participation, mass mobilization, political attitudes, political and social inequality and welfare reform in the U.S. and abroad.

**This is a topic of wide and vital interest. Invite your friends.**

Call the LWVBAE office (843-8824) if you would like some help with transportation.

- Lois Brubeck, Program VP

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## SPEAKER SERIES

**Thursday, November 13, noon to 2 pm**  
**Albany Public Library, Edith Stone Room**  
**1247 Marin Avenue at Masonic**

What are your community's public health services, and how may they be affected by current and expected budget constraints?

Dr. Poki Namkung of the Berkeley Department of Public Health Services and a representative from the Alameda County Public Health Department – serving Albany and Emeryville – will speak to us on this subject and answer your questions.

The public is invited to all of our Speaker Series meetings, so please invite a friend to join you. You may bring lunch; juice will be served.

- *Janet Strothman, Committee Member*  
*For more information, call 841-2837.*

## DONATIONS in September

### To the General Fund

<i>Eva Brecher</i>	<i>Ora &amp; Kurt Huth</i>
<i>Linda Burden</i>	<i>Patricia Kuhi</i>
<i>Kate Franke I</i>	<i>Fran Packard</i>
<i>Gina Hagg</i>	<i>Betty Parsons</i>
<i>Connie Holton</i>	<i>Therese Pipe</i>

### To the LWVB Foundation

<i>Elaine Grossberg</i>	<i>Helene Strauss</i>
<i>Ora Huth</i>	<i>Frances Townes</i>
<i>Erika Kunkel</i>	

- *Evelyn Light*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

*Judy Bertelsen*

## ACTION COMMITTEE BRIEFS

At its September meeting, the Action Committee:

- Made recommendation to the LWVBAE board regarding our relationship to Citizens for an Eastshore State Park and their use of LWVBAE name.
- Heard reports on:
  - Mayor's Finance Task Force and possible local bond measures;
  - Berkeley living wage ordinance;
  - League's recommendation to the Alameda County Board of Education for rotating sites for some meetings and better public notice.

The Action Committee meets once a month to update League members on local affairs and recommend appropriate action to the Board. Check the Calendar for date, time and place, and come join us for these lively discussions.

- *Wilma Jordan*

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

Calling All New Members and all those who have missed a chance to attend an Orientation meeting! Come to the **League office at 7:30 pm on Monday, November 24**, and find out what we do, how we do it, and how you can join in the work and the fun.

The office is upstairs above Andronico's Market at the corner of University Avenue and Acton St. Come to the parking lot at the rear of the store, to the door on the right of the store entrance. Buzz the LWVBAE pad on the wall for entrance.

There will be light refreshments and some of our active members to meet.

Do you have questions? Call *Jinky Gardner*, Membership Chair, at 548-5292.

## OUTGOING BERKELEY MANAGER WELDON RUCKER: "NO ONE HAS THE LEAGUE IN THEIR POCKET"

### **Pat Kuhi Reminisces about Weldon Rucker's Support for League Study**

In 1975, some of the Leagues in Alameda County decided to study the County Juvenile Justice System and, the following year, went on to look at how our own cities dealt with juvenile delinquency. As a brand new member to the League, I volunteered to be on the study committee and quickly became its chair. I have never done anything in my life for which I was so unprepared, but the position we adopted still stands: all the Leagues in the County have re-adopted the county position and Berkeley's position is still relevant.

**Much of this success is due to Berkeley's outgoing City Manager, Weldon Rucker.** At that time, he was Director of the Young Adult Project (YAP), a project established under President Johnson's "Model Cities" Program. It served the needs of all young people in south Berkeley, including young adults. (For a description of the YAP project, read the League's Action Position on the characteristics of a good youth program. That position was modeled after YAP.) Weldon was always available to answer our questions about what were the important issues that we needed to address, what services do kids need and what do they have to cope with. Other staff and parents involved in the project also helped us enormously.

Once the League's Action Position was adopted, we continued to consult these mentors and two of the parents joined the League out of respect for the League's work. We lobbied City Council in support of YAP and other youth services and in support of appropriate Berkeley Police Department procedures regarding juveniles. We even defended the independence of YAP from

inclusion in a Youth Services Department. For that, Weldon was accused of having the League in his pocket. He responded, "No one has the League of Women Voters in their pocket!"

Since those days, Weldon and the League have continued to work together effectively. The League participated in several tributes on his retirement and we wish him well.

- Patricia Kuhi

### **Help Wanted**

Join the happy group that assembles  
The VOTER at the office, 2 to 4 p.m.,  
third Thursday of most months.

**Great company and lively discussions!**

Call Karen Carlson-Olson, 843-8824

## **KEEPING THE FOCUS ON VOTING**

We are keeping our eyes on the prize — a well-run, fair, honest, open, election system with a wide and educated electorate. Please join us for a discussion meeting on  
**Monday, November 17, at 7:30 pm at  
1419 Grant Street.**

In October, we hosted a public meeting to talk about how the October 7 polling was managed. We invited Professor Henry E. Brady to speak to us on October 27 on the Integrity of Elections — how we can be sure that electronic voting is safe and secure from manipulation.

The Monday, November 17, meeting will be a smaller gathering for League members only, at the home of Phoebe Watts, to discuss the Brady talk and related concerns about the new voting technology. We will show an 8-minute video on the subject of free air time for candidates and political parties. Narrated by Walter Cronkite, the video includes comments by LWVUS President Kay Maxwell. We hope to see you there.

- Lois Brubeck, Program V.P.

**SAVE THE DATE !!!**

LWV Bay Area Education Fund and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)  
Present

**TRANSPORTATION 2030 PUBLIC FORUM  
WHAT WILL BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION LOOK LIKE IN 2030?****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2003****9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

VALLEJO NAVAL & HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
(Vallejo's former City Hall)  
734 Marin Street

The Bay Area League of Women Voters (LWVBA) presents this public outreach forum to bring public discourse into the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation 2030 planning process that will develop long-range policies and an investment plan.

The public is invited to get involved early to help draft the Regional Transportation 2030 Plan for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. MTC information is available at [www.mtc.ca.gov/T2030](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/T2030), or by calling 510-464-7841.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

Lunch is included, courtesy of MTC, but seating is limited.

Please reserve early and avail yourself of the Bay Area League's opportunity to weigh in.

email: [gails@bayarea.net](mailto:gails@bayarea.net) NOTE: Please indicate Subject: LWVBA RTP FORUM

or call Gail Schickele at 415-922-5826 or the LWVBA office at 510-839-1608

Call the LWVBAE Office at 843-8824 to join a car-pool.

## CONCERNED ABOUT LEAGUE STAND ON PAPER BALLOTS?

A special Web site [www.leaguessues.org](http://www.leaguessues.org) has been set up for League members nationwide who share the concerns described below and wish to add their names to this "Open Letter to President Kay Maxwell." As we go to press, 181 members from 18 states have signed. You may add your name by using the form to be found at the same Web site. Those who are especially concerned may also write directly to the national League President: <KMaxwell@LWV.Org>.

### **An Open Letter to President Kay Maxwell:**

It becomes increasingly difficult, in the face of the growing concern from highly respected computer scientists about the insecurity of Direct Recording Electronic (touch-screen) voting machines (DREs), to accept the LWVUS position that individual paper confirmation for each ballot (VVPAT) is "unnecessary and (can) even be counterproductive". This stand is particularly disconcerting since VVPAT is currently the only way we have of the voter being assured that the vote cast is the vote being counted. National's stand acts to stifle the research and debate that is occurring across the country in every state and county.

We are at a loss to answer voters who are concerned that the League is ignoring the issues being raised about protecting the security of the vote. The message that National sends us is that it is acting within its purview to make this decision and that it is to be uncontested by local and state leagues. Meanwhile, many decisions on voting machine choices are being decided by counties and states. We believe that National has exceeded its authority in making recommendations on very complex and serious computer issues and urge National to retract its position on VVPATs.

We cannot remain silent in the face of a position that can be dangerous for our democracy and embarrassing for the League. We believe that there are other League

members who are perturbed by National's stand against individual paper confirmation for each ballot (VVPAT).

We believe that we are not alone nor few in number. Perhaps a collective voice will be heard by LWVUS.

This is a single topic issue. We are not against the use of the DREs, merely against refusing to make them secure.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

**"The Privatization of Water"**  
**Monday, November 10, 7:30 to 9:30 pm**  
**1340 Arch St., corner of Rose**

The next Environmental Concerns meeting will be on the **privatization of water**, with speaker **Peter Gleick**, the co-founder and president of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security based in Oakland. Dr. Gleick is a leading expert on global freshwater issues, environmental security problems, and the impacts of climatic change on fresh water resources. His research includes work on sustainable use of water; water conflicts in the Middle East; water planning in California, the western US, and internationally; and the connections between water, population, and development. He has written a book called [Water in Crisis: A Guide to the World's Fresh Water Resources](#) and has just been awarded a MacArthur fellowship.

We have all heard that water is the oil of the 21st century. It is what nations will go to war over and what will increasingly influence politics in the US. California's water demand is expected to nearly double by 2025, as the state's population is due to increase from 35 million to 56 million people, while total water supply is expected to decline. Join us to learn about and discuss this most important issue.

- Carol Stone, 549-0959.

**Financial Report to Members for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/03**

**League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville**

**Fund Balances**

Fund	On 7/01/02	Receipts	Disbursements	On 6/30/03
General Fund*	63351	50068	53222	60197
Tribute Fund	4815	686	298	5203
Endowment Fund	42100	0	0	42100
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>110266</b>	<b>50754</b>	<b>53022</b>	<b>107500</b>

\*General Fund includes Current Operating Fund, Reserve Fund, Lease Deposits and Miscellaneous Assets.

**Combined Assets**

<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>	On 7/01/02	Increase (Decrease)	On 6/30/03
Union Bank Checking	16126	1309	17435
Combined Money Market Funds	16957	-4876	12081
Fidelity Fund	20344	-277	20067
Fidelity Balanced Fund	33128	2542	35670
Fidelity International Growth Fund	21431	-985	20466
Other Assets*	2280	-479	1801
Year End Liabilities	0	0	0
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>110266</b>	<b>-2766</b>	<b>110396</b>

\*Other assets include stamps, post office deposit, lease deposit and equipment value.

Note: The Union Bank Checking balance was incorrectly stated on last years report as 16423.

Respectfully Submitted, Thomas M. Coulter, Treasurer

League of Women Voters of Berkeley Foundation  
 Activities and Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003  
 Contributions/Investments, Disbursements/Expenses, and Balance Sheet – By Quarters and Year-To-Date

Activities	July/Sept 1st Quarter	Oct/Dec 2nd Quarter	Jan/Mar 3rd Quarter	Apr/June 4th Quarter	Year To Date
<b>Contributions/Investments</b>					
Contributions	70.00	1161.00	1,750.00	645.00	3,626.00
Investment Income (Dividends)					
Prime Money Market	1.19	1.69	0.14	0.13	3.15
Amer. Cent. Inc. & Growth	73.16	61.26	59.60	66.57	260.59
Amer. Cent. Balanced	99.13	92.41	68.61	79.47	339.62
Investment Unrealized G/L					
Amer. Cent. Inc. & Growth	-4,130.22	1,500.56	-602.16	2,283.11	-948.71
Amer. Cent. Balanced Fund	-1,586.10	785.69	-175.90	1,623.01	646.70
Net Investment Income	-5,716.32	2,286.25	-778.06	3,906.12	-302.01
Transfer from Mutual Funds	2,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
Total Contrib, Trnsfs, Net In	-3,146.32	8,447.25	971.94	4,551.12	10,823.99
<b>Disbursements/Expenses</b>					
PMP Grants, US, CA	161.55	1198.11	693.33	693.33	2,746.32
Rent		476.40	476.40	952.80	1,905.60
Sec. of State	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Oral History	0.00	0.00	0.00	321.40	321.40
LWVBAE Voter	0.00	1617.38	0.00	0.00	1,617.38
Fundraising/Financial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Berkeley TV/Comm. Service	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Other Pros&Cons	0.00	2,722.00	50.00	0.00	2,772.00
Total Disbursements/Expens	2,181.55	6,013.89	1,219.73	1,967.53	11,382.70
Quarterly Surplus/(Deficit)	-5,327.87	2,433.36	-247.79	2,583.59	-558.71

Balance Sheet	Opening Balances	July/Sept 1st Quarter Ending	Oct/Dec 2nd Quarter Ending	Jan/Mar 3rd Quarter Ending	Apr/June 4th Quarter Ending
<b>Assets</b>					
Checking Account	1,760.61	2,149.06	2,296.17	2826.44	1,503.91
Prime Money Market	148.64	149.83	151.52	151.66	151.79
Amer. Cent. Inc. & Growth	24,853.14	18,296.08	14,857.90	14,315.34	16,665.02
Amer. Cent. Balanced	16,963.79	15,476.82	16,354.92	16,247.63	17,950.11
Total Assets	43,726.18	36,071.79	33,660.51	33,541.07	36,270.83
<b>Liabilities</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Foundation Balance</b>	43,726.18	36,071.79	33,660.51	33,541.07	36,270.83

# CALENDAR

 Berkeley addresses unless otherwise indicated 



## October

- 23 Thurs. 7:30 pm Action Committee 1419 Grant (*Watts*) *Henderson, 704-8797*
- 27 Mon. 6:30-830 pm Prof. Henry Brady on "The Integrity of Elections" *Brubeck, 526-5139*  
Berkeley Central Library, Shattuck & Kittredge Avenues

## November

- 3 Mon. 2-4 pm Education Committee LWVBAE Office *Gardner, 548-5292*
- 4 Tues. 7am-8 pm LOCAL ELECTION in Emeryville *Watts, 525-6614*
- 7 Fri. noon Deadline for Dec.-Jan. VOTER *Safir, 524-9088*
- 10 Mon. 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns: "The Privatization of Water"  
1340 Arch St. (corner of Rose) (*Bansner*) *Stone, 549-0959*
- 11 Tues. LWVBAE Office Closed for Veterans Day Holiday
- 13 Thurs. noon Speaker Series: "Public Health Services in Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville"  
Albany Public Library, 1247 Marin Ave. at Masonic *Strothman, 841-2837*
- 13 Thurs. 6-8 pm Board Meeting LWVBAE Office *Bickel, 526-4055*
- 17 Mon. 7:30 pm Focus on Voting System 1419 Grant *Watts, 525-6614*
- 22 Sat. 9:30a-1:30p LWVBA Transportation 2030 Forum *Office, 843-8824*  
Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo
- 24 Mon. 7:30 pm New Member Orientation LWVBAE Office *Gardner, 548-5292*

## December

- 1 Mon. 2-4 pm Education Committee LWVBAE Office *Gardner, 548-5292*
- 4 Thurs. 7:30 pm Action Committee 1419 Grant (*Watts*) *Safir, 524-9088*

### IT'S EASY TO JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

*Just fill in the blanks below, clip and mail this information to us with your check for annual dues made out to:*

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Berkeley, CA 94702-1509

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 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Joining the local level makes you a member at all levels: LWVBAE, Bay Area, State and National. Dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Contributions to the LWVB Foundation are deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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