Smith ending pitch-perfect career as leader of the band

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Students meet the MESA challenge

Video game design a new favorite at annual event

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Weather

The eagle has landed

Bald eagles spotted at Pinto Lake.

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Going for gold

Local high school teams play in championship games.

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Council mulls replacement for Bersamin

Martinez: Wait for a vote in November

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New county fair managers hold first meeting tonight

The public is invited to the meeting, where members of the leadership team will make presentations on the current status of the fair and begin talks they hope will lead to a new strategic plan. The plan to allow a team of volunteers to run the fair allows more people to get involved in the fair operations, thus spreading out duties and bringing up a controversial decision in 2010 that allowed outgoing Watsonville Mayor Alejo to vote for his own replacement. Alejo was elected to the Santa Cruz State Assembly District on Nov. 2, and submitted his resignation to the city the next day. The council voted 4-3 to allow him to participate in the vote to appoint his successor.

But councilman Emiliano Martinez filed a motion for a re-straining order to stop him.

At issue was whether Alejo's resignation created a vacancy on the council, and whether that resignation made him ineligible to vote for his replacement.

In deciding in favor of the city, however, Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Timothy Vollman said the plaintiffs did not show that allowing Alejo to vote for his replacement would cause irreparable harm.

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A few scattered showers

Tonight might be wet. Tonight's low: 30s to 40s. Wednesday's high: 50s. Details on page A8.

Livy

Monday's Daily 3s
1st: 4, 33, 22 2nd: 18, 3, 4

Lottery

Monday's Fantasy 5
1st: 15, 12, 20, 22, 31
2nd: 17, 18, 21, 23, 30

SATURDAY'S Super Lotto
2, 4, 6, 7, 18, 38

NIGHT PARADE in Aptos.

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