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Local author pokes fun at election, life in Pleasanton

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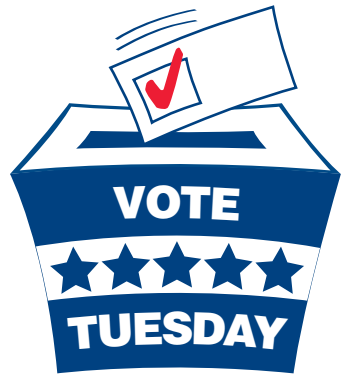
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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Riding the bus with our congressman

When I boarded the Wheels No. 10 bus at Stoneridge Shopping Center Tuesday and found Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) sitting next to me, I knew this would be a different type of bus trip than I'm used to. I was right. McNerney, along with Livermore Councilwoman Marj Leider, were like first-time tourists in the Tri-Valley as Wheels executives Paul Matsuoka and Joseph Rye briefed us on new developments and the changing landscape as we rode through Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. Our trip was also special because it followed as much as it could the route Wheels' new rapid transit bus line will follow thanks to a \$3-million grant specifically arranged by McNerney to provide faster service between the Pleasanton/Dublin BART stations and the Livermore Lab. By connecting this major regional employment center to BART, along with many other office and residential neighborhoods along the way, commuters will have a viable, quick, easy-to-use option to relieve some of the traffic congestion on Interstate 580.

Starting at Stoneridge, we rode past the new BART parking garage nearing completion on Stoneridge Mall Road, next to Safeway's corporate headquarters, and also past the 350-unit Windstar apartment project next door, both leading to the new West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station that will open next year. With major commercial and residential developments on both sides of the new station in the middle of I-580, the Wheels rapid transit bus line should have plenty of riders. Moving east on Dublin Boulevard, Wheels' deputy executive Rye pointed out the acres of empty space that will soon be home to a major retail center and Whole Foods supermarket across from Hacienda Crossings, and then on to Grafton Place, another high-density, high-rise (10 stories or more) development that's awaiting final approvals by the city of Dublin. It will include a new fully-enclosed community aquatic center and athletic fields, which will all be within easy walking distance of the new Wheels bus route.

Other improvements we saw in the making included a new four-lane overpass at I-580 for the once seldom used El Charro Road on the Livermore-Pleasanton side and Fallon Road that heads north into eastern Dublin, where hundreds of apartments and condos are now under construction. The overpass, being built in record time, could open before the end of the year.

There's not much at El Charro and I-580 now, but by this time next year it should be bustling with construction activity, possibly even some grand openings. At the southwest corner, the 126-acre Staples Ranch is being planned with a major auto row development by the Hendrick automotive team that now has several high-end car dealerships next to the Santa Rita-I-580 interchange. Staples will also house a new ice rink being planned by a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks, plus a retail center, all accessible from the El Charro Road interchange. Across El Charro, Livermore has just given the green light to developers of a 200-store outlet mall and, just south of I-580, approval to extend Jack London Boulevard to El Charro. Litigation over both projects has now been resolved, Leider told us. Jack London is designed to link with Stoneridge Drive, once it's extended through Staples, a project expected to be approved by a majority on the Pleasanton City Council next year.

McNerney, who lives in Pleasanton's Val Vista neighborhood and makes frequent trips when he's back on home turf to all three cities and beyond, knows how badly 580 is congested in the morning and evening rush hours, and often in between. A strong advocate of expanding public transportation in the Tri-Valley, he's looking forward—along with all of us—to Wheels' ambitious plan for more and faster bus service to help reduce traffic congestion both on the freeway and local streets. The \$3 million in federal assistance will go a long way in making alternative travel better and more attractive for everyone who lives and works in the Tri-Valley. ■

About the Cover

Bryce O'Nesky, 18 months, seems a bit overwhelmed as he picks out a pumpkin for Halloween at the retail pumpkin patch at Valley and Bernal avenues. Photo by Jay Flachsbarth.

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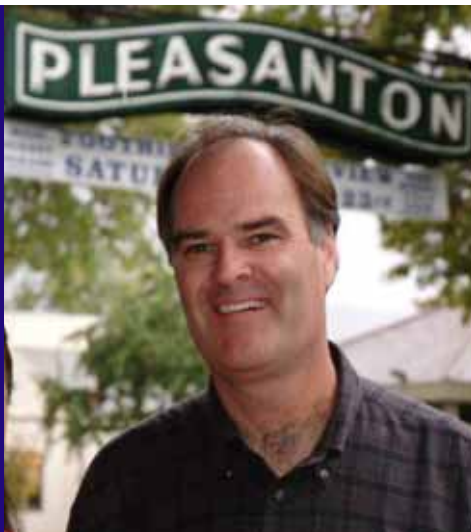
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Streetwise

Q: What is the major issue facing Pleasanton as you vote in the Mayoral and City Council elections Tuesday?



Larry Jacob

Marketing Manager

Walking down Main Street, one sees many vacant storefronts. That's a bad indicator. I would like local government to keep the unique atmosphere of our downtown without selling out to larger chain stores. I am not sure. We need different types of retail to invigorate the area. Residents of Pleasanton need to spend their shopping dollars downtown.

Melissa Ott

Student at Amador

I don't vote yet, but decisions made Nov. 4 do affect my quality of life. I am on the bicycle/pedestrian committee for the city. We are trying to develop a master plan for trails and streets to make sure there are safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians. I'd like to see the city work with us to implement this plan.



Alain Geoffrey

High Tech Manager

I think looking at downtown, it would be nice to have more outdoor seating to enjoy the beauty of our Main Street. Outdoor seating certainly would attract more people to the area. Downtown development needs to include places for people to gather while maintaining the quaint atmosphere.

Frederick Sannajust

Medical Research

I think that preservation of open space is very important—minimal building on the ridges to preserve the environment and feeling of the town. Shadow Cliff Creek would be wonderful if developed into a lake area for outdoor activity and sports. This amenity would add high value to our community.



Melissa Anderson

Artist

Traffic in Pleasanton needs attention. During commute hours of business and school, the roads are so busy and dangerous. Street work should be scheduled for completion during low traffic times to avoid congestion and confusion.

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News Digest

Get mayoral results by cell phone

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters is going high tech this election and will be offering up-to-the-minute results from key races, including the Pleasanton mayoral race between Jennifer Hosterman and Steve Brozosky and the presidential race. Those interested can sign up for either email or text message alerts on the registrar's website, www.acgov.org. The mayoral race promises to be interesting as Hosterman and Brozosky faced off similarly two years ago, with Hosterman slightly edging out Brozosky by 188 votes.

Trick-or-treaters help UNICEF

Pleasanton Unified School District elementary students are joining one of America's longest-running youth volunteer activities, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Tonight, instead of asking for candy, these students will ask residents to help raise money for antibiotics, school supplies and immunizations for children around the world. To learn more about this project, visit www.unicefusa.org.

Veterans honored downtown

Starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, the annual Veterans' Day parade will march down Main Street and end with a ceremony paying special tribute to servicemen and women of the U.S. Air Force from about 2 to 3 p.m. at Veteran's Plaza Park on Peters Avenue. The Rose Hotel will host a reception called The Greatest Generation from 2 to 4 p.m. World War II veterans and their friends and families are invited to enjoy cake and coffee and will receive complimentary roses and tours.

The islands come to Pleasanton

The Kumu Hula Association presents the Ia 'Oe E Ka La Hula Festival of Northern California today through Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The event includes a hula dance competition, crafts area, over 100 vendors, authentic and local foods, music and more. Tickets are \$12 for adults and children 5 and under are free. Sunday. Details on this event can be found by calling 650-355-6451 or visiting

Developers, Chamber of Commerce lead in election campaign contributions

Money flowing to support hillside Measure QQ, Hosterman for mayor

by Jeb Bing

Campaign contributions by developers and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce to selected candidates and measures in the Nov. 4 municipal races are outpacing all other donations by a wide margin.

An examination of Form 460 statements for the filing period that ended Oct. 18 shows that Greenbriar Homes contributed \$10,000 to the Chamber's Political Action Committee and another \$10,000 to the Citizens for Ridgeline Protection Committee for Measure QQ. Also

contributing \$10,000 to the Measure QQ group was the Homebuilders Association of Northern California, headquartered in San Ramon, and a Diablo resident, Juanita Del Arroz, who collects and shows classic automobiles.

Among other large contributors to the Chamber's PAC was Ponderosa Homes, with a \$1,000 donation, and a \$500 contribution from Joseph Sasek of Pleasanton.

The Chamber PAC, with a total of \$20,275 received by Oct. 18, has spent \$12,102, mainly for printing campaign materials and in postage for the two candidates it is support-

ing: Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Jerry Pentin.

With regard to Measures PP and QQ that concern hillside protection regulations, the chamber, which has endorsed Measure QQ, has allocated \$2,901 in "non-monetary" contributions used for printing materials and postage to QQ, and another \$3,111 in "independent expenditures" to oppose PP.

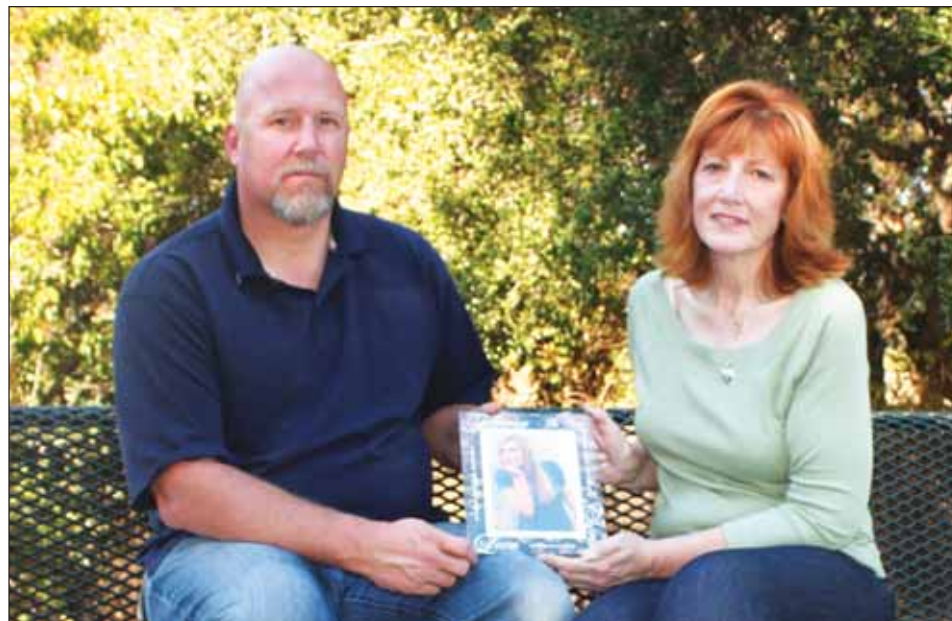
Among the candidates, Hosterman leads the field with \$28,971 raised so far against \$9,705 contributed in the same period to Steve Brozosky in his bid to unseat her as mayor on Nov. 4. That's well under the \$63,363

Brozosky had raised at this time in 2006, when he also ran for mayor.

Close behind Hosterman in contributions is City Council candidate Jerry Pentin with \$22,236 raised so far. In the same period, councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan trail in contributions, with Sullivan reporting \$10,195 as of Nov. 18 and McGovern reporting \$9,475 in the same period.

For the most part, McGovern's contributors gave \$25 to \$100, with her largest contribution totaling \$250 from Tom Richert of Richert

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Ken Williams and Kathy Pace Williams hold a favorite picture of their daughter Laurel blowing a kiss to the camera. The 19-year-old Foothill graduate was killed Oct. 20, 2007 in a drunken driving crash.

A light at the end of the tunnel

Parents of Laurel Alice Williams start new foundation in her honor to offer scholarships, help other parents and teens

by Janet Pelletier

It's been one year since Laurel Alice Williams' life was tragically taken in a drunken driving crash on Foothill Road.

Ken Williams and Kathy Pace Williams, Laurel's parents, can't believe it's been that long already.

"The world stops for you and for everyone else, it just goes on," Ken Williams said on a recent afternoon in Moller Park, where they held a gathering of nearly 100 people to honor their daughter last Sunday. "It hurts worse than anything you can imagine."

For Pace Williams, it's been understandably difficult to cope after that fateful day—Oct. 20—giving her as she remembers it just 19 years, 10 months and four days to spend

with her only daughter.

"The loss of a child is one of the greatest losses," she said. "I still think she's going to walk through my door. I believe that I'll see her again. I have to believe that."

It was Laurel's friend Katie McKewon, now 20, who was at the wheel that Sunday morning of Oct. 20, 2007, after the girls were headed home from a party held the night before. McKewon, driving with a blood-alcohol content of three times



Laurel Williams

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Schools likely to face mid-year cuts

Higher state budget deficit could bring a \$2-4 billion hit to education

by Emily West

In her first school board meeting acting as assistant superintendent of business services, Luz Cazares was the bearer of bad budget news Tuesday night.

Major revisions were seen in the Pleasanton Unified School District budget from the May Revise to the final adopted budget. One of the largest changes was to revenue from cost of living adjustment (COLA) percentages, which dropped from 5.6 to 0.68.

To put it in perspective, Cazares said normally the district would have \$4.5 million of COLA revenue, but this year only has \$617,408. She also added that the state is not required to make up the COLA losses next year, so the district will not see that money back.

Cazares also reported news from Sacramento which said state revenues would be more to the tune of \$5 billion to \$8 billion short, instead of an earlier projection of \$3 billion. In response, educators were told to prepare for cuts in the range of \$2 billion to \$4 billion. Exact figures are expected from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sometime next month.

Board president Jim Ott said he wasn't surprised by the report, saying the district "will almost certainly have to make mid-year budget cuts."

"This will be a challenge," he added, "because the board already made budget cuts to administration and other areas when we created the budget for this year."

Ott also added that without a parcel tax that several surrounding school districts have, Pleasanton will be "unable to significantly supplement funding for classrooms and programs beyond what we get from the state."

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Race is on for three school board seats

Candidates focus on fiscal responsibility, student achievement

by Emily West

Tuesday is election day and the Pleasanton Unified School District will soon know who will fill the three trustee positions.

Outgoing school board member Kris Weaver and Steve Brozosky decided not to run for re-election, with Brozosky vying for a mayoral post instead.

Included on the Nov. 4 Ballot are Valerie Arkin, Jeff Bowser, incumbent Chris Grant, Jamie Yee Hintzke, Prasad Rallapalli and Stephen Page.

Arkin's work with youth over the past 11 years includes serving as a YMCA program coordinator and as a member on their board of directors. A library commissioner and parent of three children in the district, she has volunteered at Mohr Elementary, Harvest Park Middle and Amador Valley High schools. Arkin also holds a bachelor's degree in health science and an MBA, which she said will help guide the district through budget difficulties. Her priorities include "continuing and improving the high academic standards, maintaining programs during budget challenges and ensuring the health, safety and

wellbeing of our students."

It was urging from late and longtime school board member Juanita Haugen that pushed Bowser to become a candidate for school board. Currently a manager at AT&T, he has experience as a teacher and administrator in and outside of the district, including five years as a Village High School teacher. His platform stresses fiscal responsibility while providing resources and opportunities for at-risk, special education and other student groups.

Grant is the clerk on the current school board and was appointed to the school board in February 2007. A senior vice president at Kaiser Permanente, he said his passion is for public education and service to schools. If re-elected, his goals are to maintain class size reduction as well as reading, science and math intervention programs, and to aim for continued improvement in student achievement, fiscal responsibility and school safety.

A longtime education advocate, Hintzke has spent the last several years with the PTA and PTA Council, most recently serving as president, as well as education-related committees. Now that her

post as president is over, the mother of two has set out to ensure all students receive a great education and the district can keep pushing for further excellence.

It is Rallapalli's desire to offer Pleasanton students a "world class education." A database architect at Yahoo! and a father of two in the district, his diverse background includes a multi-national work experience. He co-founded the growing Pleasanton Science League. Having earned an MBA and a doctorate degree, he has also taught at Claremont and Golden Gate universities. If elected, he encourages students to get involved locally and globally and for education to focus on applying knowledge over test scores.

Page, longtime Pleasanton resident and father of two in the district, is set on reinforcing excellence in education on all levels, from students to administration, as well as providing a civics education to develop responsible citizens. Recognizing the need to cut back in light of a smaller budget next year, he said the first step is to cut back on waste and the second is to leave it to the voters to decide if a tax is a way to increase "revenue." ■

Budget

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Superintendent John Casey echoed the need for reductions in order to end the school year

without deficit. Depending on the figures from Sacramento, he said it would likely mean two rounds of cuts for Pleasanton this year. Staff and school sites are expected to be spared in the first round. Instead they're looking to cut from training, conferences, travel, equipment, and supplies for main-

tenance and operations.

As for the potential second round, Casey said it would likely impact employees.

"This is of great concern," he said. "We were able to maintain a team that has maintained our academic achievement levels, provided programs for the kids not meeting standards, and created safe and fun schools. With [a second round cut], I'm not sure we can maintain the team. That's the scary part."

At the meeting, clerk Chris Grant said he would rather not wait for updated reports to start looking for non-classroom reductions.

"The problem with mid-year cuts is that it forces you to cut deeper and make up for the first six months," he said.

School board candidate Jamie Yee Hintzke spoke to the board about a new resource guide to school financing that was created for parents and teachers. The information is available at harvestparkpta.org.

Valerie Arkin, another candidate for the board, was also in attendance Tuesday night. ■

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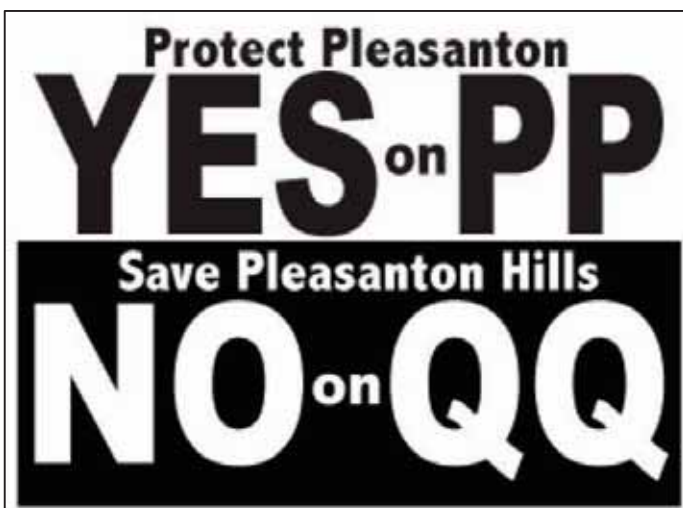
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“THE TOP ISSUE in this year's election for Pleasanton mayor and City Council is the competing hillside measures on the same ballot — one placed there by a voter initiative drive, the other by a City Council majority determined to confuse the public”. - The Valley Times

“Measure PP represents the true feeling of the community toward the hills surrounding their city. Pass Measure PP; reject QQ.” – The Independent Newspaper

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Williams

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the legal limit, veered over the center line on Foothill Road, crashing head-on into a Mercedes SUV, killing Laurel and seriously injuring the driver of the SUV. McKewon is currently serving a four-year sentence at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, Calif., convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter and DUI causing great bodily injury. She is required to fulfill 85 percent of her sentence and could be released as early as 2011. She will have two strikes on her record.

Paul Stonebarger, 23, who faces charges of providing alcohol to minors at that party, has a court date Nov. 7 at the Pleasanton courthouse, where the Williamses said they plan to be in attendance. If convicted, Stonebarger could face up to a year in jail.

While they aren't filled with hate for McKewon, they are angry about what happened. Ken Williams said he doesn't believe McKewon was malicious in her actions, and realizes that any punishment to her doesn't bring their daughter back. He said he hopes that when McKewon is released, she will take ownership of what she did and make an example of herself, speaking to teens about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Ever since Laurel's death, life has taken on a new meaning for the pair, who now want to channel their energy into helping young people like their daughter succeed in life. They have, with the help of friends and family, started the Laurel Alice Williams Foundation, with the com-

mitment to provide an annual scholarship, inform youths on the consequences of their actions, help parents keep the lines of communication with their teens open and discourage teens from drinking and driving.

The foundation, still in its early beginnings, was a goal just days after Laurel's death. However, the grieving process and McKewon's court proceedings pushed it off for a while. An executive board of seven members, consisting of many close friends of the Williamses, has been formed with the help of good friend Rich Garwood.

"We want to keep Laurel's memory alive," Kathy Pace Williams said. "She was a bright, spirited, young, beautiful, vivacious young woman."

The Laurel Alice Williams Scholarship will be awarded in May 2009 to a Las Positas Community College student who plans to go on to a state university that fall. It was the same community college that Laurel Williams attended, with plans to pursue a degree in psychology at San Diego State University. Applications and guidelines will be available in March.

It's those family members, friends and even those the couple had never met before the accident who have helped as a support system. The O'Connor family, who lost their son Kyle, 16, in a car accident in January 2007, has been in touch. Kyle's older brother shared a class at Foothill High School with Laurel and remembered her fondly even after moving away. Also, many other parents who lost children have reached out.

Another goal is to help teens get home safe after a night of drinking.

The Williamses said they don't condone it, but they recognize that some teens are going to drink alcohol, and would like to provide a ride service for them similar to the established Safe Ride Organization.

The foundation will also look to give parents information and tips on how to be aware of their teen's activities.

"We're just trying to give parents the information and leave the parenting to them," Ken Williams said.

The Williamses have spoken at Foothill's most recent Every 15 Minutes anti-DUI program as well as Amador Valley High School's grad night. Taking the past year off from work, Pace Williams, who lives in Pleasanton said she plans to return to work at Safeway Corp. in the marketing department. Ken Williams is a self-employed insurance broker and coaches at California High in San Ramon, where he lives with his 9-year-old daughter.

The foundation has already raised \$5,000, but hopes to raise much more for the nonprofit to make a difference for children and the community.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the foundation can make checks out to the Laurel Alice Williams Foundation, which can be sent in care of: Tri Valley Community Foundation, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. For furthermore information about the foundation, watch for the upcoming website www.laurealicefoundation.org, which is currently under construction. For information on scholarships, call Peggy Kennedy at 830-9940 or email kennedyem@comcast.net. ■



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Trains, bands and delays

It was the longest and probably the most poorly attended Foothill Band Review parade ever Saturday, but still the 50 middle and high school bands that marched down Main Street provided stirring music along the way. At least five long Union Pacific freight trains blocked the parade route from Amador Valley High School to Angela Street, where the bands turned toward the fairgrounds and dismissal. At the reviewing stand, gaps between bands ranged from five-to-10 minutes.

By 10 a.m., with the parade only an hour old, many spectators who had come to hear the music had moved on to the busy Farmers Market on Angela Street, had gone. Of course, band parents from around Northern California who had escorted their students to Pleasanton stood patiently along the route waiting at least until their hometown band marched by. Then they left, too.

For Foothill band director Bob Moorefield, this 34th annual parade and review was also his last. Moorefield, who has been director of the award-winning band at Foothill for the past 36 years, will retire at the end of the current school year.

Every year since 1974, on the fourth Saturday in October, the top high school bands in Northern California and Nevada have gathered in Pleasanton.

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Sullivan's contributions also have been in the same range, with his highest contribution totaling \$500, coming from Greg O'Connor, a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

Pentin's contributors gave more, with numerous \$100 and \$200 individual contributions, and a donation of \$500 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee.

Hosterman's contributions

included \$5,000 from Belinda Sarich, \$1,000 from the California Apartment Association Political Action Committee, \$500 from the Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC, \$500 from local investor James Tong, \$500 from Mona Sharif of Los Gatos, and contributions of printed materials and postage totaling \$7,000 from the Pleasanton Chamber.

The final campaign finance reporting period before the election is at 5 p.m. today, Oct. 31, with a year-end wrap up of all contributions and expenditures by Dec. 31.

For campaign contribution information and details, go to www.netfile.com/agency/copy/. ■

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Of Note

City spotlighted at power breakfast

Pleasanton and other cities in the Tri-Valley will be featured Thursday when the San Francisco Business Times presents the Tri-Valley Power Breakfast.

The talk-show-style discussion will feature a four-person panel that includes Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce CEO Scott Raty. On tap for discussion will be the Tri-Valley's economic status and chief business opportunities. Leading the interactive discussion will be Business Times associate publisher Mike Consol.

"The East Bay is booming, despite the recessionary economy," Consol said. "And no region of the East Bay is booming more loudly than the Tri-Valley. Its location at the confluence of Interstates 580 and 680, its surplus of prime developable land, and the migration of Silicon Valley companies to the area continues to make the area a hotbed of economic activity."

Panelists will cover topics such as: the Pleasanton Downtown

Specific Plan; the Pleasanton 2015 Community Vision; Bernal Community Park plans; Stoneridge Mall expansion; Staples Ranch; plans for a new regional theater in downtown Livermore; Dublin and San Ramon's plans for creating new downtowns; the region's biggest business opportunities; city- and chamber-specific initiatives to attract and retain business; new companies; the region's top assets and liabilities; the impact of the housing downturn; Livermore Valley Wine Country; the Livermore Valley Film Commission and chief political questions

The breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$50 each, or reserved blocks of 10 tickets or more with priority seating are \$45 apiece. To register, call Cammie Clark at 598-1457 or email ebevents@bizjournals.com. Registration is also available online at the following link, <http://eastbay.bizjournals.com/eastbay/event/4444>.

Take Us Along



Weekly goal

Jack and Joe Geasa enjoy the Weekly while attending the MLS Cup National Championship game at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. The pair were visiting D.C. and New York City while on a trip with their grandparents, Sonia and Frank Geasa, also from Pleasanton.



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