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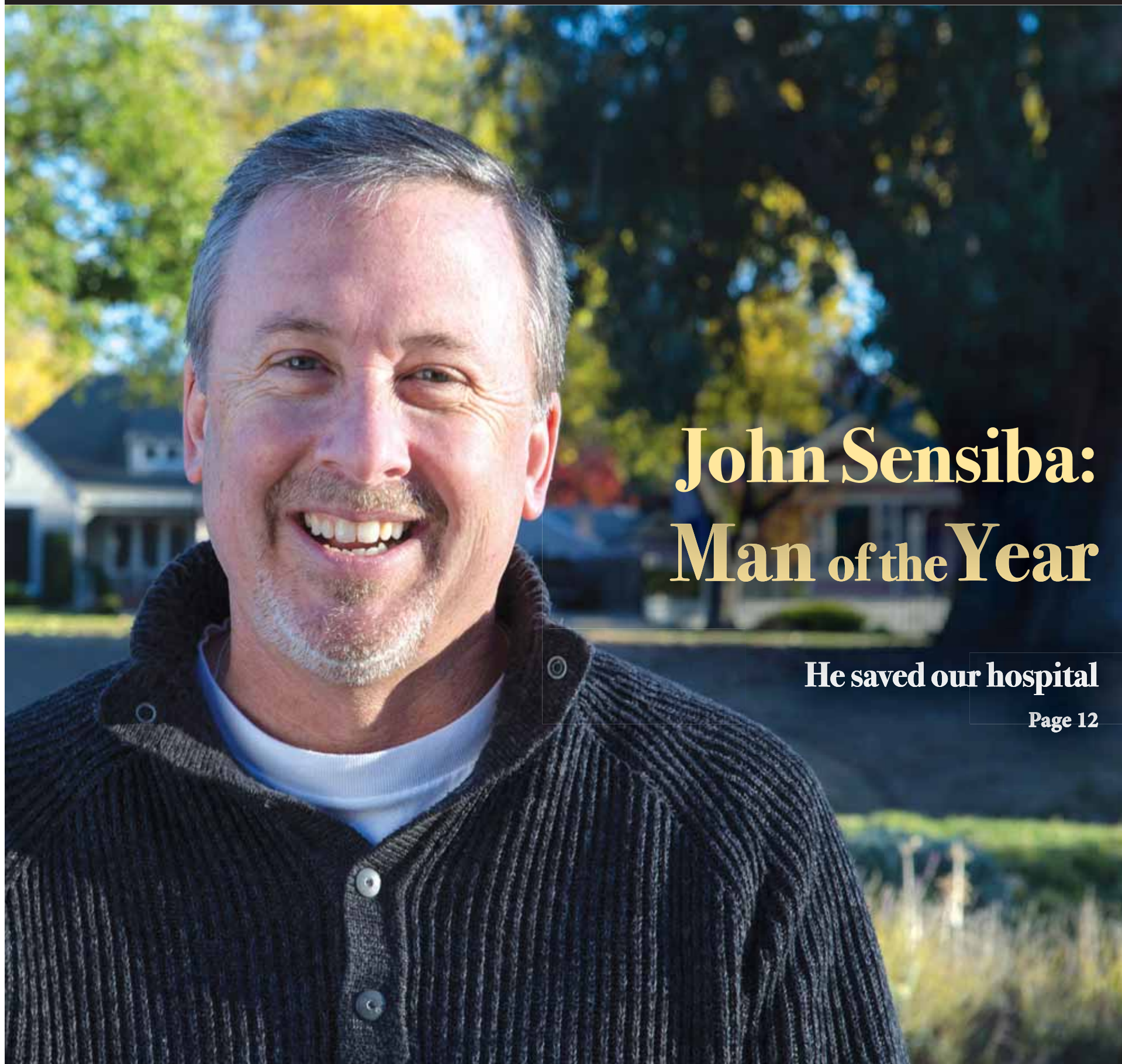
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## City attorney, librarian say farewell

Pleasanton City Attorney Jonathan Lowell and Librarian Julie Farnsworth are retiring this month, leaving the city in better shape as a result of their service. They'll be missed.



FILE PHOTO

Julie Farnsworth has served as city librarian for almost 13 years.

Farnsworth is the senior of the two, having served here for nearly 13 years. She was deputy county librarian for the Santa Clara County Library System when she was hired in late January 2003 and has seen the Pleasanton Library grow from 979,433 checkouts a year to 1.4 million today — a 49% increase.

Under her direction, numerous programs and services have also grown, including free career/resume professional advice, daily conversation classes for those learning English, Excel spreadsheet training, Sunday music programs, family programs featuring music from around the world, and multiple programs and tools that teach new parents how to best foster their child's development and learning.

All this and a 20% decrease in staff during the same period.

This year, more than 563,000 people came through the library, compared to 391,000 when Farnsworth started. At times now, the library is filled to capacity, sometimes to the detriment of quiet reading. In response, she has been a strong advocate of building a larger library to serve a population that has increased by 12%.

Because of her efforts and those who also want a larger city hall and civic center, an exploratory Civic Center/Library Committee is now evaluating options for expanding or rebuilding these city facilities. Farnsworth has been a major force on that committee.

Farnsworth is headed off to be an executive coach for other library directors and managers as busi-

ness manager for her daughter's company, Azalyne Studios, while also volunteering to teach social and emotional intelligence skills to children.

"It has been a privilege to work with my colleagues and staff to provide outstanding customer service to our community," Farnsworth said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served."

Lowell is retiring after more than 30 years practicing municipal law, including the last six as Pleasanton's city attorney. He started his local government career in the Tri-Valley as the assistant city attorney in Livermore, taking the Pleasanton post after serving as city attorney in San Luis Obispo. He was also president of the League of California Cities city attorneys' department.

A highlight of his work here was resolving the Urban Habitat lawsuit filed against Pleasanton that scuttled the city's housing cap and led to an agreement to build more affordable and market-rate apartments to meet the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirements. Through his negotiating success, Pleasanton maintained its authority over land-use decisions.



FILE PHOTO

Jonathan Lowell, seen taking the oath of office as city attorney in 2009, is retiring today.

Much of a city attorney's work is done at the negotiating table and behind the scenes in closed-door meetings with the City Council where Lowell provides legal advice in confidence to guide city government decisions. That has kept much of his public exposure to sitting quietly at council meeting after council meeting, with almost no reportable comments.

"For the future, I plan to travel, spend time with family and explore charitable activities that interest me," said Lowell, who leaves office today. "I thank the people of Pleasanton, the City Council and city staff for the opportunity to be of service to them." ■

## About the Cover

John Sensiba, managing partner of regional accounting firm Sensiba San Filippo LLP whose professional expertise helped rescue financially troubled ValleyCare Health System from bankruptcy earlier this year, is Pleasanton Weekly's Man of the Year for 2015. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What's the dumbest thing you ever did as a little kid?



### Olivia Caponigro

High school student

In first grade during class, whenever we were using scissors, I would cut my hair about two inches. I know that pretty much every kid cuts their own hair at least once, but I did it regularly. I ended up with very short hair that year and looked like a boy.



### Izzy Mayfield, High school student

When I was younger, I used to always walk to the wrong classroom. And no matter how many times I made that mistake, I just never learned from it and would keep making it again and again. My teachers must have thought I was so stupid, but it was really just because I had so many other things on my mind while I was walking from class to class.



### Todd Smythe, Middle school student

In fourth grade, my family went to a farm in Half Moon Bay to go pumpkin-picking. I wandered away, climbed up onto a tractor and turned the key that was in the ignition. It actually turned on and started to move. I was terrified and jumped off. Needless to say I didn't get to pick a pumpkin that year, and I didn't even get to help carve my sister's. I wasn't even allowed to go trick-or-treating.



### Stephanie Dunlop

High school student

Well, my dad once called my friend's father a "moron" in front of me, and then the next day I told my friend, "My dad says your dad is a moron." I really don't know what I was thinking. I guess I just wasn't.



### Hawa Nasiri

High school student

My cousins and I once made a really mean video about my uncle (their dad), and we left it somewhere where he could find it. He got so angry at us when he saw it — especially because we made it with his camera, which we weren't even allowed to use in the first place.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Del Valle algae

Water officials say the toxic algae blooms found in Lake Del Valle, which provides drinking water to parts of the Tri-Valley, won't threaten the area's drinking water.

Zone 7 Water Agency takes water from the lake, among other sources, to sell to water departments and municipalities in the Tri-Valley, including the city of Pleasanton.

Lake Del Valle has been closed to swimmers because of the algae, which could be lethal to dogs and harmful to people, East Bay Regional Park District spokeswoman Carolyn Jones said. There is no current estimate for when it will be reopened, but it will stay closed until free of toxins.

Zone 7 general manager Jill Deurig said her agency pumps water from deep inside Lake Del Valle, and the algae is only on the surface and is five miles from the agency's water intake pipes. However, Zone 7 water treatment plants use methods that would get rid of algae, including the use of chlorine.

### New Orleans Christmas

Pleasanton's own trumpeter Jeff Bordes returns to the Firehouse Arts Center tomorrow with local musician Don Lewis joining in to make it like Mardi Gras in December.

With his "A New Orleans Christmas" musical, Bordes will take his annual holiday show to the next level, presenting a jazzy performance with Lewis of their holiday original "The Santa Claus Second Line," along with other original tunes and holiday favorites.

A "sell-out" each year, the show is back by popular demand, organizers said. Tickets can be purchased at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 931-4848 or by visiting the box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

### State superintendent talk

Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of public instruction, is set to host an education forum on Monday in the Tri-Valley about the impact of state policies on local education.

The free forum will run from 7-9 p.m. at the Dougherty Valley High School Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road in San Ramon. Registration is preferred.

The talk will specifically cover the impacts of the Common Core State Standards roll-out and the elimination of the California High School Exit Exam.

The forum is hosted by the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association, Tri-Valley chapter, and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. To RSVP, visit <http://tinyurl.com/20151221Torlakson>. ■

# Developer's plan for homes on Lund Ranch continued again

City Council adjourns hearing to Jan. 5 after scaling back development

By JEB BING

Following to threats of lawsuits or an expensive and time-consuming voter referendum, the City Council Tuesday night voted to adjourn a final public hearing on a proposed development on Lund Ranch II to Jan. 5 when it will likely approve a scaled-back plan.

It was the fifth time the council has delayed a final vote on the controversial project planned by Greenbriar Homes Community, the developer that is seeking approval to build 48 upscale homes in Pleasanton's southeast hills with access roads slicing through two heavily populated neighborhoods.

Tuesday's 3-1 vote to "adjourn" the hearing came after opponents of Greenbriar's latest plan said five of the proposed homes would be built on hillside slopes greater than 25% in violation of Measure PP, a voter-approved measure that now rules against hillside construction.

Councilwoman Karla Brown voted against the adjournment plan, and Councilman Jerry Pentin again recused himself from the discussion and voting because he lives close to one of the proposed access routes to the project.

The council had voted 3-1, with Brown in dissent, earlier this month to give initial support to the

48-home proposal, with final adoption set for Tuesday's meeting.

But in emails, letters and comments to the council, opponents made clear that they will go to court to stop the development and might seek a voter referendum as well.

In another review of the plans, council members seemed convinced that at least five of the proposed homes would be built on lots steeper than 25%, although the developer insisted that those slopes were "man-made," created by grading years ago that raised the level of a portion of the lots.

Councilman Arne Olson noted that Measure PP doesn't differentiate between man-made and natural slopes.

"25% is 25%," he said.

As it became clear during the late-night discussion that there was enough concern the Measure PP proponents were right, Mayor Jerry Thorne, after consulting with City Attorney Jonathan Lowell, recommended taking the five homes out of the earlier-approved agreement. By adjourning the hearing, city staff has the time to rewrite the final ordinance for a vote at the special Jan. 5 meeting.

"We've been through these referendums and they can be nasty," Thorne said. "They are filled with sound bites, and no one ever listens to the

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## Tully's Coffee to close after New Year's

Longtime patrons saddened; city officials say closure is opportunity for new patrons

By MEREDITH BAUER

Tully's Coffee in downtown Pleasanton is set to close after the holidays, a move that surprised some longtime patrons.

The coffee shop, a downtown gathering place at 349 Main Street since 2000, will close its doors on Jan. 12 after its lease wasn't renewed, according to Tully's assistant manager Elena Grannis.

Craig Semmelmeier of Main Street Property Services, who handles the lease for Tully's and several other downtown locations, did not respond to repeated emails and phone calls requesting comment.

Longtime store customers lamented the change, saying downtown Pleasanton won't feel the same without Tully's.

"I'm disappointed because even though it's a chain, it's like a small downtown place," Pleasanton resident Tina Weetman said. "I like our town for its charm and ability to support small businesses on its Main Street."

Dorothy Brodeson, a Pleasanton Realtor, said she and other members of the Pleasanton Newcomers Club meet every week at Tully's to start off the morning.

"I'm sad. This has been a nice gathering spot," she said. "I've never been in here when I didn't run into someone I know."

Some attention has been focused on the new downtown Starbucks, which moved into a space at 511 Main St. this fall, setting up competition between the two coffee shops.

Grannis said Tully's noticed decreased sales for only about two weeks after the Main Street Starbucks opened. Since then, she said, "It's been pretty steady, if not busier than usual."



MEREDITH BAUER

Tully's Coffee is set to close Jan. 12 after its lease on Main Street was not renewed.

Tully's employs 15 people, six of whom are full-time and all of whom will be laid off, Grannis said. The store won't be relocating.

Pam Ott, city of Pleasanton director of economic development, said closures of longtime businesses have a silver lining in that it opens the door for new businesses to put their mark on Pleasanton.

"Our residents and our visitors are always interested when a business closes downtown, but my perspective is as much as we hate to lose places that we've patronized for years, it also creates an opportunity for new tenants," she said. "Downtown should be dynamic. It shouldn't be static over time."

She said Semmelmeier has told her empty storefronts under his management won't remain empty for long, and she said he aims to choose businesses that will enhance downtown.

Tully's isn't the only store that has closed recently on the block. Tara's Organic Ice Cream, two doors down from Tully's, closed in November after not paying its November rent.

Tara Esperanza, owner of Tara's Organic Ice Cream, said she wasn't

able to keep up with rising rent and high fees added by Main Street Property Services. She said she'd tried to negotiate lower fees for about a year but ultimately had to close up the shop, which had occupied the spot for the past three years.

While she said it's unfortunate she couldn't keep serving her Pleasanton customers, she will keep running her Oakland and Berkeley locations.

While those involved in downtown development said they value Main Street Property Services, some downtown owners said they've had problems with the company's style of management.

Mangia Mi owner Peter Cedolini said he and other tenants have been struggling under heavy fees and rising rents that threaten to put the smaller stores out of business.

"The idea of a good landlord-tenant relationship is for both to make money and support the local community. This hasn't been the case with Main Street Properties," Cedolini said.

At the same time, some of Semmelmeier's tenants said while he

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## PUSD leader search

School board talks next steps in hiring new superintendent

Pleasanton's school board held a special meeting Tuesday night to coordinate a game plan for moving forward in the process of looking for superintendent candidates.

Pleasanton Unified is searching for a new superintendent after former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi resigned in May to become Castro Valley's superintendent. Former Amador Valley High principal Jim Hansen is filling in as interim superintendent until a new leader is chosen.

A new superintendent is expected to be named in April.

The board hired Omaha-based McPherson & Jacobson in November to facilitate its search after a competitive bid process led the board to select the firm's \$28,000 offer.

The board decided to go ahead with the firm's recommendation to begin recruiting later this week and to post advertising for the position on education association websites and job websites, such as EdJoin.com.

Board members shared their opinions on the best way to move forward when recruiting people for specialized candidate meetings with community groups.

Tom Jacobson of McPherson & Jacobson said the plan is to select 8-10 people from various stakeholder groups to represent teachers, administrative staff, classified staff and other internal employees, as well as community members.

Three open forums also are expected to be held with finalist candidates for any community members who want to ask questions of

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Councilwoman Kathy Narum has been named Pleasanton's vice mayor for the next year.

## Councilwoman Narum named vice mayor

Nagler to move to full-member post on Planning Commission after Gina Piper resigned

By JEB BING

City Councilwoman Kathy Narum was appointed vice mayor of Pleasanton Tuesday night by Mayor Jerry Thorne and others on the City Council.

Narum, a former member of the city's Planning Commission, was elected to the council in a special election in May 2013 and then re-elected last year to a full four-year term.

In other action, the council named assistant city attorney Julie Harryman to serve as interim city attorney after City Attorney Jonathan Lowell retires today.

Harryman will assume additional duties, including attending all council meetings and managing the City Attorney's Office until a permanent city attorney is named.

The council also re-appointed Christine Steiner as the city's representative on the Alameda County Housing Authority Commission for another four-year term.

It was also announced that David Nagler, currently an alternate member of the Planning Commission, will become a full-time member, succeeding Gina Piper, who has resigned.

Fourteen volunteers have been appointed to serve on six Pleasanton committees and commissions that serve as advisory groups to the City Council.

Named to the Economic Vitality Committee were Ellen Pensky McGraw, from a commercial services firm; Sylvia Tian, a residential real estate builder and developer; and William Doerlich and Esther Yu, both Realtors.

Appointed to the Civic Arts Commission were Jay Doraiswami as a full member and John Orenberg, as an alternate member.

In addition, Jay Galvin and Michelle Meyers were named members of the Housing Commission, with Matthew Gaidos appointed as an alternate member.

Joining the Human Services Commission are Meera Parikh as a full member and Mike Sedlak as an alternate.

Appointed to serve on the Library Commission were Michaela Hertle, as a member, and Harinder Grewal as an alternate.

Karyna Russo, a middle school student, was appointed to serve on the city's Youth Commission. ■



JEB BING

John Muir Health and San Ramon Regional Medical Center opened this jointly-operated Pleasanton Outpatient Center this week at 5860 Owens Drive.

## New outpatient center opens in Pleasanton

John Muir, San Ramon Regional in joint health care venture

John Muir Health and San Ramon Regional Medical Center opened their new jointly operated Pleasanton Outpatient Center this week at 5860 Owens Drive.

Health care providers and services available at the center include primary, pediatric and specialty care as well as imaging and laboratory services. Urgent care services are available seven days a week starting at 9 a.m. and up to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and until 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Special senior and wellness services also are available along with care for those with chronic health conditions.

"At the Pleasanton Outpatient Center, the Tri-Valley community can access a wide range of medical services, all in one convenient location," said Paul Smith, CEO of the joint venture. "Our services

are available to the entire community and we accept most insurance plans, which means even if you don't have a doctor located at our center, you can use our services like the Urgent Care, lab and imaging."

Patients can also use online tools through MyJohnMuirHealth to message their John Muir Health doctor, schedule appointments, view lab results, request prescription renewals, get diagnosed and treated using eVisits.

"Through our partnership with San Ramon Regional Medical Center, we're excited to provide the Tri-Valley community with expanded choices for high-quality, patient-centered care, close to home in a modern, healing environment," said Lee Huskins, president and chief administrative officer of John Muir Health's Physician Network.

"Offering primary care physi-

cians, specialists and care managers in one location enhances collaboration, knowledge sharing and care coordination, which allows us to partner with our patients to better manage their health," Huskins added.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health announced and completed their joint venture partnership in 2013. Through the partnership, John Muir Health acquired a 49% ownership interest in San Ramon Regional Medical Center. As part of the agreement, the two medical groups are jointly developing outpatient projects in other communities, similar to the Pleasanton Outpatient Center.

For more information, visit [johnmuirhealth.com/locations/outpatient-center-pleasanton](http://johnmuirhealth.com/locations/outpatient-center-pleasanton). ■

—Jeb Bing



COURTESY DAMILARE OYEFESO

Amador Valley senior Sidharth Bommakanti (center) and his project partners Daniel Chae and Alan Tan smile with their \$30,000 scholarship award. Their project on using dental stem cells to regrow bone and cartilage was among the top projects at the Siemens Competition, a nationally recognized STEM event.

## AVHS senior among top honorees in Siemens Competition finals

An Amador Valley High senior took one of the top honors earlier this month in the final round of the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, a nationally recognized STEM event.

Sidharth Bommakanti's team won a \$30,000 scholarship prize to be used for college expenses. His team also included Daniel Chae from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va. and Alan Tan from Irvington High School in Fremont.

"It was an honor. The whole experience was entirely surreal," said Bommakanti, a 17-year-old Pleasanton resident.

His presentation was born from a research project he, Chae and Tan worked on while studying at a summer program at Stony Brook University in New York last summer.

Their project was a method of recreating bone and teeth in the human body by using 3D printed molds with dental stem cells injected inside, which would grow to take the shape of the mold, he said.

Bommakanti said the idea is

to use this mechanism to regrow bones, cartilage and teeth, rather than relying on artificial implants. The mold itself is biodegradable, so it will dissolve once the material has formed, and dental stem cells avoid ethical issues commonly associated with stem cells since they're harvested from adults' wisdom teeth.

He said he plans to continue working on the project and will be awaiting college acceptance notifications in the spring.

Bommakanti's team secured one of six team awards, and six individual scholarships were also awarded. Scholarships were tiered from \$10,000 to \$100,000, and a total of \$500,000 in scholarship prizes were presented to students from across the U.S.

The Siemens Competition is hosted by the Siemens Foundation to promote STEM education. The competition began with 1,800 submitted projects narrowed down to regional finalists before the national finalists were selected. ■

—Meredith Bauer

## COUNCIL

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facts. I don't want to go there again."

Greenbriar's spokeswoman Angela Ramirez Holmes briefly comment-

ed that the developer had relocated and downsized the five lots to keep homes off 25% slopes. But she did not respond after the council indicated it intended to reject the five lots.

The adjourned hearing will resume again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, which

was a regularly scheduled council meeting that had been canceled earlier.

Public debates over building homes on the 195-acre Lund Ranch II site in the hills south of Sunol Boulevard started in 2002 and at one time involved a builder's bid for 113 homes. ■

# Ochoa named PUSD deputy superintendent

Board also approves other district management changes

By MEREDITH BAUER

Micaela Ochoa was promoted last week to deputy superintendent of business services of the Pleasanton Unified School District, a position she had been filling on an interim basis while Luz Cazares, who held that post, was on an extended leave of absence.

Ochoa, whose contract runs through June 30, 2018, previously worked as the chief business officer for the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Board members and district staff declined to elaborate on Cazares' leave, which began last September, or about her decision not to return to the district. Interim superintendent Jim Hansen previously said he could not discuss details of her leave due to personnel privacy laws.

Several others will be stepping into new roles as a result of board appointments during its regular meeting Dec. 8.

Amy Nichols was hired as director of technology to replace Chris Hobbs, who left the district earlier this fall. Nichols previously worked as Burlingame school district's director of technology.

The board also approved Glen Sparks as the district's new director of adult education. Sparks was previously the coordinator of career technical education for Pleasanton Unified and was part of the team researching how the district should focus its effort when restarting its adult education program.

The board voted last month to reinstate adult education programs, starting with English as a second language courses and potentially expanding course offerings to include computer classes, resume courses and classes for adults with disabilities.

The district shut down its adult education program after 2012 in the wake of financial stress caused by the recession.

Board members also chose a new board president and vice president last week to lead them through the 2016 year. Jamie Hintzke replaced Valerie Arkin as president, and Mark Miller replaced Chris Grant as vice president.

Arkin initially nominated Hintzke, with Grant seconding.

Trustee Joan Laursen then recommended Grant for the president spot. Miller seconded Grant's nomination, but Grant declined the offer, saying, "I appreciate the motion, and I appreciate the second."

Hintzke and Miller were then conferred to their new spots unanimously.

The four-year terms of office for Hintzke, Arkin and Grant expire at the end of next year although all three are eligible to seek reelection in November.

Upon assuming his new role, Miller thanked Arkin and Grant for their leadership over the past year. "It's been a rough year, but you guys have sailed us through," he said.

**In other school news:**

- The board heard a presentation on options for a possible debt issuance and what steps would need to be completed if the board were to take a tax measure to voters next November.

The district is considering options to fund infrastructure construction in the wake of decreased state funding for such projects. While the state has a \$9 billion school facilities bond on the 2016 ballot, board members said local school districts have been urged to self-fund, given the current level of uncertainty over state funding.

No action was taken regarding the presentation.

- The board approved a summer school schedule that will run from June 20 to July 28 for high school and from June 20 to July 21 for all other programs. The program is budgeted at \$289,404, which will be paid via general fund and Title 1 dollars.

Recruitment has started for sum-

mer school instructors, and staff noted external candidates usually have to be brought into the district each year to fill spots not taken by local teachers. Pleasanton Unified teachers who are able to participate in summer school are asked to email hpereira@pleasantonusd.net.

- The board approved an update to the district's budget to reflect carry-over from last year and updated circumstances.

The updated total district expenditures this year will be \$145.8 million, up from \$130.6 million at the last budget update, and the updated revenue will be \$145.7 million, up from \$138.1 million.

One part of the expenditures increase is the fact all employers that use the state retirement system, CalPERS and CalSTRS, had to increase their contributions. Another is due to new one-time funds, plus carry-over expenses from last year.

Some of the increase in revenue is due to \$1.7 million in donations PUSD received from various sources, including the Parent Teacher Association and the Parent Faculty Club. ■

## Apparel & Co. wins Storefront Decorating Contest

17 downtown shops take part in inaugural event

Based on votes from visitors near and far, Apparel & Co. at 647 Main St. won the inaugural Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest as the best-decorated downtown business.

"Overall, it was a wonderful experience for the downtown merchants and the community," Violet Hernandez, owner of Apparel & Co., said in a statement. "My sister, Marcia, and I enjoyed the challenge of trying to create something fun, yet festive."

"The best part of the contest was having so many people come in just to tell us they loved the window and wish us luck," she added. "We are thankful for everyone who took the time to vote for their favorite window."

Bright lights, sparkling ornaments and holiday merchandise have decorated the storefronts on Main Street all month, but behind all the glitz and holiday cheer, a



COURTESY OF PDA

This festive display helped Apparel & Co. win the Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest.

friendly competition was brewing among 17 participating businesses in the first-ever decorating contest.

Visitors to the Pleasanton downtown cast 342 votes in the contest, and they came from all over the Tri-Valley, from the North Bay communities of San Rafael and St. Helena, from Southern California and as far away as Las Vegas.

For claiming the top spot in the con-

test, Apparel & Co. will receive a quarter-page ad in the Pleasanton Weekly to thank voters and a special snow globe from the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The PDA and the Weekly joined in sponsoring the contest.

Two voters, Amy Reichert of Livermore and Susan Brady of San Ramon, were randomly selected to receive \$50 Downtown gift cards. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

## Pleasanton selects new director of water, utilities department

Yurchak succeeds Daniel Smith as operations services chief

Kathleen Yurchak, formerly Pleasanton's community services manager and for the last two years assistant director of operations, was named Monday to head that department, succeeding Daniel Smith, who retired.

Yurchak, who has been in public service for 18 years, including the last eight with Pleasanton, won out over 60 applicants for the job. Eight became finalists, including a mix of city department heads and a general manager from a nearby water agency, who went through two panel interviews.

"Kathleen has distinguished her-

self as the most knowledgeable in organizational management, strategic planning, infrastructure planning, budgeting and human resources, as well as having a deep understanding and appreciation for the work performed at the Operation Services Center," said City Manager Nelson Fialho, who made the appointment.

In addition to serving as director of the Operations Services Center located on Busch Road, Yurchak also will have charge of water utilities. With nearly 100 full-time equivalent positions and a total operating budget of \$63 million,

the two groups comprise the largest department in the city government.

The department includes the operational and maintenance functions of utilities (water and sewer), streets, sign shop, parks, support services and fleet, environmental services and the customer service center (utility billing and meter reading).

She will also have responsibility for shaping local and regional water policies in partnership with Fialho, the City Council, the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Zone 7 Water Agency, and the cities of Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon. ■

—Jeb Bing

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the candidates. The dates of those forums have not been set but are expected for April.

Jacobson said he recommends making the final two or three candidates public, but candidate names will remain private up until that point. However, he said he's willing to keep candidates private throughout the process if the board chooses.

He said making the finalists public in other searches he's completed did not appear to have an effect on candidates dropping out of the process.

"We think there's a time when the candidates should say, 'Yes, I'm a finalist for this district and am proud to be a candidate for this district,'" he said.

The board mulled over the idea of providing translation services for community group meetings and community forums and asked district staff to look into what resources the district has for those services.

Board members also decided on core qualities to focus on when selecting the next superintendent,

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pays very close attention to detail, his methods are for the betterment of downtown. While some say Semmelmeier could be perceived as being nit-picky, Fontina owner John Choi said he sees Semmelmeier's frequent involvement as a sign of thorough management.

"Our landlord is very, very, very precise on his direction," Choi said. "My personal opinion is he's very thorough with checking everything out, in a good way and in a bad way."

Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, described Semmelmeier as a "well-respected property owner in downtown."

"He's a tremendous investor in that area," she said. "He's always thinking about what our downtown needs." ■

including a commitment to equity, soft skills including honesty and integrity, the ability to create high-functioning teams and prior superintendent experience.

The board scheduled a special meeting on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. to meet with the search firm to discuss candidate interview questions, interview procedures, a compensation package and to identify individuals who will act as chairs for community meetings of various stakeholder groups.

In other business Tuesday, the board appointed Patrick Gannon as the district's new coordinator of communications and community engagement, who will act as the district's spokesman. Gannon currently works as the Alameda County Office of Education's spokesman and will start at PUSD on Jan. 11. ■

—Meredith Bauer



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### PPD recognizes 5 promotions, hires 5 new employees

Pleasanton police welcomed three new officers and two new staff members and honored five employees who were promoted during a department ceremony last week.

The promotions included one new lieutenant, three new sergeants and one new support services manager during a swearing-in event Dec. 9.

The department also welcomed three new officers, a business services manager and a new police chaplain, who is a Pleasanton pastor.

"This is an exciting time for the Pleasanton PD — new faces, new members to our organizational family and new opportunities for those promoting within the department," police chief Dave Spiller said. "We are all excited, excited to celebrate today and excited as we move forward into our future."

All of the new hires and promotions were done to fill open positions created by retirements, with the exception of the business services manager, which is a newly created position, said police spokesman Lt. Jeff Bretzing. All positions are funded via the city's General Fund.

Lt. James Knox, Sgt. Leigh Ridgers, Sgt. Mark Reimer, Officer Jeff



COURTESY OF PPD

Officers James Tran, Peter McNeff and Leslie Montgomery (left to right) were sworn in to the Pleasanton Police Department at a ceremony last week. The three officers were among five new department hires.

Grave and support services manager Margaret Mary Goulart recently retired from the department, creating some of the openings. Other openings were created by promotions, Bretzing said.

Kurt Schlehuber was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant. Schlehuber started at the Pleasanton Police Department in 2003 and has served as a patrol officer, bicycle officer, field training officer, SWAT team member and child-abuse detective.

Schlehuber has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sacramento State and a master's degree in public administration from Cal State East Bay. He is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisor Leadership Institute.

Brandon Stocking, Erik Silacci and Aaron Fountain were all promoted from officer to sergeant.

Stocking joined the department in 2008 and has worked as a patrol officer and a detective, in addition to

being a member of the East County Tactical Team. He has received four Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognitions and two California Hero awards for his work with DUI enforcement.

He has a bachelor's degree in leadership from Union Institute and University.

Silacci joined PPD in 2004 and previously worked for two years at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. He has served as a school resource officer, detective and field training officer.

He has a bachelor's degree in managerial economics from UC Davis.

Fountain, a Foothill High alumna, joined the department in 2001 and previously worked at the Antioch Police Department. He's served as a patrol officer, field training officer, detective, volunteer adviser and assistant SWAT team leader.

He has a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Jacqueline Simon was promoted from dispatch supervisor to support services manager, where she will oversee the records and dispatch units. Simon joined the department as a police dispatcher in 2006 and was promoted to dispatch supervisor in 2008.

Simon has a degree in human

services management from the University of Phoenix.

Officers Leslie Montgomery, Peter McNeff and James Tran were hired and sworn in last week. They will undergo a 16-week field training process before being assigned as patrol officers.

Montgomery was hired after working at the Suisun City Police Department after attending Brigham Young University.

Neff is a recent graduate of the Napa Police Academy and received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Cal State East Bay.

Tran served in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years before earning an associate's degree from Ohlone Community College in Fremont.

Matthew Lacey was hired as the department's new police chaplain. Lacey, who has been the lead pastor at Fountain Church in Pleasanton since March, has been a pastor for more than 12 years.

Nancy Morehead was hired as the department's new business services manager. She previously worked for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, the city of Milpitas, the city of Livermore and the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department. She has a bachelor's degree in recreation administration from San Jose State. ■

—Meredith Bauer

### POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

#### Dec. 12

##### Embezzlement

■ 5:17 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

##### Robbery

■ 6:16 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

##### Residential burglary

■ 2:51 p.m. in the 7400 block of Stonedale Drive

##### Assault

■ 2:03 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

#### Dec. 11

##### Fraud

■ 2:59 p.m. in the 4900 block of Middleton Place

■ 9:55 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

##### Theft

■ 8:14 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:28 a.m., 5200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 3:34 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

##### Fire

■ 6:34 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

#### Dec. 10

##### Missing person report

■ 7:41 p.m. on Hopyard Road

##### Residential burglary

■ 2:17 p.m. in the 300 block of East Angela Street

##### Fraud

■ 10:51 a.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Garbage rates heading up again for big-can users

It's the end of another year, so it must be time for another rate increase for Pleasanton garbage services.

And, indeed, that's what was approved Tuesday by the City Council, agreeing to an across-the-board "adjustment" of 3.87% to meet rising costs being incurred by Pleasanton Garbage Services (PGS), the company that has an exclusive refuse collection and recycling franchise agreement. Note that Pleasanton Garbage didn't ask for a cost-of-living increase this year since there has been none, at least according to federal sources, including the Social Security Administration.

Even so, Crowe Horwath LLP, the city's consultant and financial watchdog over PGS charges, found that the Labor Composite Index increased by 3.19% based on the combination of union wage rates, pension plan costs and health and welfare costs.

It also determined that based on estimates of usage and costs, landfill disposal costs will increase by 12.8% by year's end.

All other costs for PGS, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) are expected to show an increase of 2.29% in the Bay Area, including Pleasanton.

As an outcome of these reviews, Pleasanton council members, city staff and representatives of Pleasanton Garbage and Crowe Horwath agreed to a 9.77% increase for residents with 96-gallon

can service, but with no increase for those using 35-gallon cans. Crowe found that customers with 35-gallon service are already paying 11% above the average for other Alameda County cities, so recommended the larger increase with those using larger cans.

Still the increase will be modest, rising from \$41.43 a month to \$43.03, and from \$35.22 to \$36.58 for seniors. Dublin residents pay \$58.98 a month for 96-gallon service; Livermore pays \$90.41, and those in Berkeley pay \$114.03,

the highest rate in the county.

Remember, the rates quoted are monthly. Pleasanton Garbage bills on a two-month cycle.

PGS was awarded an exclusive franchise to serve Pleasanton in 1989 with a contract that runs through June 2019. The City Council has the authority to set service rates based on an analysis, which Crowe Horwath provides, that any proposed increase is accurate, consistent with the terms of the franchise and appropriate for the services provided.

PGS reported that the use of the smaller 35-gallon service has increased significantly with about half of all its customers now subscribed to that size and service. With the monthly rate of \$33.80 for 35-gallon service, PGS sees a migration to the smaller cans as its customers increase their recycling efforts and reduce household waste. This migration has reduced revenue for PGS, which was another factor in Crowe Horwath's recommendation for an overall rate increase for 2016. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



### Home of the pineapple:

Emily and Kyle Young took the Pleasanton Weekly to the Dole Pineapple Plantation on the island of Oahu in Hawaii while on their honeymoon.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

A graphic for the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund 2015. It features a large red poinsettia flower on a green background. The text reads: "Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund 2015 DONATE ONLINE [siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweekly](http://siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweekly) holidayfund".

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# Traditions



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Children delight in a goofy gifts game after Christmas dinner. This can help them forget that Santa didn't bring a pony.

# Traditions live on

Check out other customs — they might catch on ❄️

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

To paraphrase the song about friendship: "Make new traditions but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."

Some families wear Santa hats as they gather to open gifts. Others drink eggnog. Some have music playing in the background — and everyone jumps to their feet and sings along and claps when a corny but rousing rendition of "Jingle Bells" comes on. Or families may delegate someone to read "The Night Before Christmas" or a book on the Christmas story.

Christmas is sentimental, and the holy night is solemn. But it's also a time of great fun, especially for the youngsters. While the arrival of Santa and the expectations of a much-desired gift can cause a certain amount of anxiety, a fun game around the dinner table can lighten things up.

One tradition that is popular in Scandinavia and Northern Germany is a game called "Wichteln." This comes from "Wichtel," which would be translated as a gnome that does good things for people, kind of like a secret Santa.

Wichteln is gift-giving where the presents are exchanged randomly. Usually everyone brings one item, wrapped, or a host can provide all of them if they are goofy and inexpensive.

Guests sit around the table with the wrapped presents in the middle. They pass around dice and whoever rolls a six chooses a present — a new one or someone else's. This is usually done after dinner because that is when Germans open their gifts.

Christmas is celebrated differently around the world. In India, Christians celebrate much in the same way as others, but since

the country lacks pine trees, they decorate banana and mango trees.

In Finland, families visit the graves of their relatives and ancestors on Christmas Eve and light candles in their memory. If loved ones are buried far away, people visit nearby cemeteries and light candles in honor of those buried elsewhere. All these candles make a lovely Christmas Eve sight.

Other popular American traditions are visiting Santa, baking cookies and other holiday goodies, caroling, tree-lightings either for the community or at home, decorating and dressing in themed garb.

One notable thing about families is that they change. Children grow up, the older generation passes, the new grandmas and grandpas are suddenly the matriarchs and patriarchs. This march of time is recognized by continuing time-honored traditions — but don't hesitate to try something new and see if it catches on.

Here are a few "new" traditions that might be fun:

- Leave Santa cookies and beer, instead of milk. He's a guy, isn't he?
- Caroling in the neighborhood is a nice tradition but tweak it by having the men dress up as elves.
- Put a small tree on the roof for the effect of your tree being so large it is sticking through.
- Buy a pair of Christmas socks for the oldest family member to wear every year. Each generation can carry on the tradition. The socks should last a long while since they are only worn once a year.

Old traditions, new traditions. And no Christmas season is complete without shouting out: "Happy ho-ho-ho-holidays!" ■

# Traditions

## Meaningful, efficient ways to give back this holiday season

### Giving back is an American tradition

Americans donate billions of dollars and millions of hours of their time to charity every year — and much of that generosity occurs during the holidays.

Here are some ideas for meaningful ways to give back during the hustle and bustle of this holiday season — that won't wreak havoc with your calendar:

- Start with the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Each year the Weekly's Holiday Fund raises money to support programs and services that focus on local families and children in need in our community.

This year, our program supports Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Museum on Main, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Stanford Health at ValleyCare, Sunflower Hill and Val-

ley Humane Society.

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- Holiday baking is a much-loved tradition. Why not bake extra when making your holiday cookies and treats and deliver them to seniors or families in need in your neighborhood? Making six dozen cookies doesn't cost much more than making four dozen, yet the payoff of good feelings can be huge.
- Ask your company to match a cash donation to the charity of your choice. Many companies budget funds to use at the end of the year in support of employees' charitable donations. Check to see if your employer has a matching program — it's a great and easy way to increase the amount of your donation.
- Many churches and community organizations



Donating to others during the holidays is a tradition for many Americans.

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sponsor "adopt-a-family" programs during the holidays. These groups identify families in need within their local community, create anonymous lists of items the families need, and make them available to anyone who wants to help. The group then coordinates collection of the items and often even delivers them to the families.

- Ring in the new year by taking a few minutes to clean out your closet and donate gently used clothes you no longer need to a charitable organization that resells or distributes clothing. These organizations use the proceeds from sales to fund outreach programs to help people in need throughout the year.

- Do something simple and unexpected for someone you don't know. The next time you go through the drive-through, tell the cashier you want to pay for the order of the car behind you. It's a simple act of generosity and kindness that can mean so much to someone during the busy, hectic holiday season.

- Next time you are at a restaurant, double the amount of the tip you would usually leave. You'll make someone's day and create a lasting, positive impression that could inspire that person to pay it forward with a kind act to someone else in need. ■

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# John Sensiba: Man of the Year

## He saved our hospital

BY JEB BING



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**J**ohn Sensiba, managing partner of regional accounting firm Sensiba San Filippo LLP whose professional expertise helped rescue financially troubled ValleyCare Health System from bankruptcy, is the Pleasanton Weekly's Man of the Year for 2015.

As chairman of the ValleyCare board of directors during the hospital's tumultuous years starting in 2013, Sensiba led the complicated effort to merge the struggling non-profit with Stanford Health Care.

That included major reductions in personnel and expenses, including the replacement of ValleyCare's longtime chief executive, Marcy Feit, with Scott Gregerson.

As part of the merger agreement Sensiba and Stanford crafted, Stanford provided a capital commitment of \$50 million during the first three years and agreed to guarantee ValleyCare's \$85 million worth of revenue bonds in order to resolve bond covenant compliance issues.

"He was the perfect choice to be chairman of ValleyCare at the time given his background in accounting," said Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton city manager. "You couldn't have tapped a better person to lead that initiative. His fiscal background allowed him to navigate the troubled waters skillfully."

This wasn't Sensiba's first scrape with economic problems.

A few years ago, according to a report in the Silicon Valley Business Journal, his own firm was laying off personnel and losing clients to much larger rivals. He cranked up efforts to remain competitive with regional promotions, more sales calls and stressing the agency's commitment to "family, community and the firm."

Later, as chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, he led that organization through a period of membership decline, conducting a nationwide drive to find new staff leadership that led to the hiring of Scott Raty as the chamber's new president. The chamber today is stronger, more active and through its political action arm, where Sensiba continues as a member, is considered one of the most influential organizations in Pleasanton.

Sensiba was honored earlier this year with the coveted Mayor's Award, presented by Mayor Jerry Thorne. In making the presentation, Thorne said Sensiba's dedication to community work reminded him of Winston Churchill's remark: "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

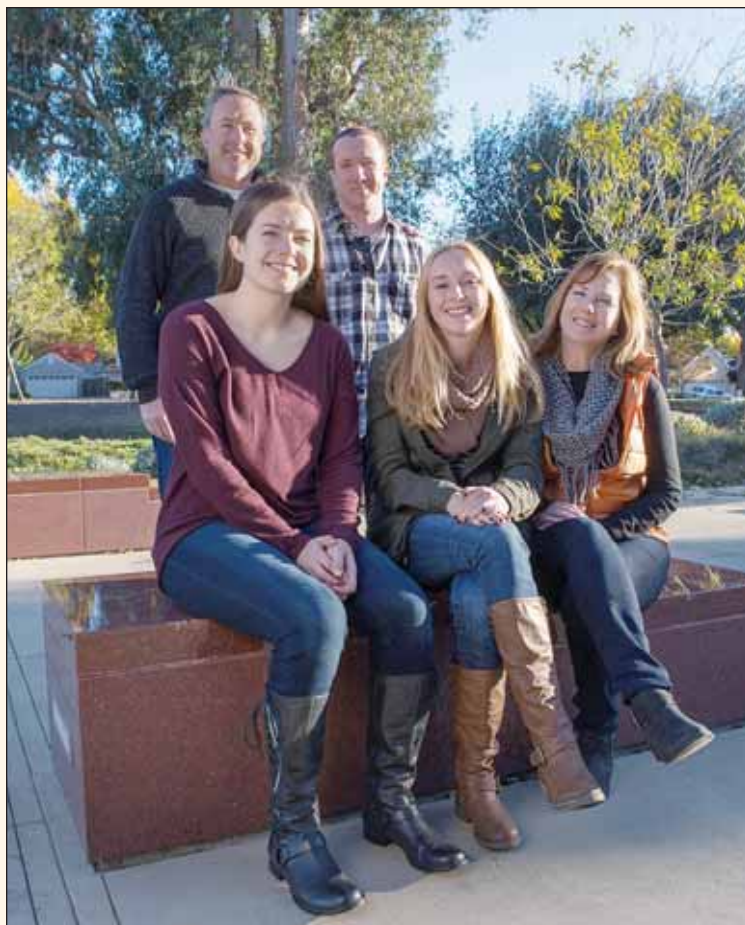
Besides managing the 38-year-old accounting firm, Sensiba continues to serve on the Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare board as one of three community members, helps manage the Rotary Club of

Pleasanton's annual Father's Day Spirit Run, where his firm is a key sponsor, and serves as an adviser to the Sunflower Hill board as it pursues permanent housing for those with autism.

He was the recipient of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award, received the Tri-Valley YMCA's Martin Luther King Award in 2014, received a Leadership Pleasanton Award in 2014, was Corporate Chair for the Walk to Cure Arthritis in 2015, was nominated

for the E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year award, selected by the Glass Hammer as one of the "Men Who Get It" in 2012 and is currently chairman of Innovation Tri-Valley. Currently, he is also co-chair of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton's capital campaign.

Sensiba, who is 53, received his bachelor's degree in business from San Jose State in 1986 and joined a small San Mateo accounting firm as a junior partner that year. Realizing that with the firm's partners just a



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John Sensiba (top left) and his wife Marianne (far right) join their children Clay, Melanie and Megan at Lions Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton.



Meeting with corporate members of ValleyCare Health System, John Sensiba explains and guided as ValleyCare board chairman.



JEB BING

Sensiba, managing partner of regional accounting firm Sensiba San Filippo LLP, receives the coveted “Mayor’s Award” for 2015 from Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

few years older he’d likely be a “junior” for years to come, he joined his current firm as tax manager in 1994. He was named a partner in charge of the tax division, becoming a managing partner in 2008.

It so happened that the firm rebranded itself the next year, with the new name Sensiba San Filippo LLP.

“I actually have 15 business partners, but we couldn’t put all 15 names on the door so it’s just me and one other partner whose

names are part of the firm’s name,” Sensiba said.

As managing partner, Sensiba no longer handles client services directly as he used to, instead directing the overall work of the firm, making sure it has the right resources to grow and driving the firm’s strategy. He and his partners also have deliberately controlled the firm’s growth, deciding to keep it as the region’s major and strongest accounting firm but also keeping it local.

“As I said earlier, the firm’s priorities are family, community and firm,” he said. “If we wanted to grow the firm faster, it would require being on airplanes and not with our families and the communities where we live. So we have a regional approach, and this is a great place for our 140 employees to be in business.”

The agency first opened in San Jose, and then expanded to San Mateo, San Francisco, Oakland and Morgan Hill. It moved its headquarters from Fremont to Pleasanton in 2005, both to expand into eastern Alameda County and to take advantage of the young professionals and new businesses moving here as well as the synergies from the Livermore and Sandia national laboratories that were starting to release their intellectual properties, thereby attracting more private capital to the area.

Outside of his CPA and accounting firm management responsibilities, Sensiba still stays close to his work as a board member of the Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare system.

“So far, I’m very pleased with how the merger is going,” he said. “Even though we’re just a little over six months since it was approved by the state’s attorney general, financially the hospital is doing well, and Stanford’s support and operating systems are having an impact.”

“There are still areas that need to be improved and processes that need to get better, but I’m very happy that we were able to attract Stanford,” he added. “But I have to congratulate the people long before I joined the board who built a fantastic hospital that made it a Pleasanton resource.” ■



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details of the merger earlier this year with Stanford Health Care, which Sensiba



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# TONY MACCHIANO community volunteer extraordinaire

Tony Macchiano drives a 1965 side loader garbage truck that has been restored and can be seen at local events and parades.



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By Jeb Bing

Macchiano, co-founder of Pleasanton Garbage Service and recipient of the Tri-Valley Heroes Award for Lifetime Achievement by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division.



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For a good, down-home barbecue, sign up for one of the next community fundraisers where Tony Macchiano is cooking. He's been at it for more than 45 years, delighting thousands with his mouth-watering steaks, ribs and chicken. His good work has also raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Pleasanton outreach programs.

For his many years of service in Pleasanton, Macchiano, co-founder of Pleasanton Garbage Service and community volunteer extraordinaire, was presented with the Tri-Valley Heroes Award for Lifetime Achievement by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

The presentation was made at an awards ceremony held earlier this fall at the Double-Tree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

Over the years, Macchiano has parlayed his passion for Pleasanton and outdoor cooking into a record of community service that began in the late 1960s when the city had just 12,000 residents.

In the early days, using his cooking skills, he became the Pleasanton Lions Club's champion fundraiser, where he continues playing a key role in the club's annual crab feed that serves more than a thousand people at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

He has a crew of about eight, called the Lickety Spits, who have worked on hundreds of charitable barbecues for organizations such as ValleyCare's Ryan Comer Health Library, as well as for families facing medical emergencies. For nearly 30 years, he's been barbecuing for the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, which he has also helped through the donation of medical supplies and sports equipment.

Macchiano served on the Alameda County Fair board of directors from 1998-2010 and is a board member of the 100

Club, which holds fundraising dinners he helps cook that provide funding to the spouses and families of law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty.

At Pleasanton's Lions Wayside Park, he arranged building the bandstand, and he also helped renovate Amador Theater by hauling away truckloads of rubble.

Macchiano says he is most proud of founding GASIT, the George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational Tournament, that for decades raised funds for scholarships to help local students attend college.

"When you interview some of these kids who are less fortunate than most in this town — and there are a lot of them — it makes you teary to hear how they want to better themselves," said Macchiano, who himself had to leave high school to start working at age 14.

"I have to give back," Macchiano said. "We made a living here, and this town has been good to us. You don't have to call a newspaper every time you do stuff. You just need to help people and the community to be a good place."

Macchiano has spent many nights and weekends contributing his talents and time to these kinds of events since he and his brother-in-law, Bob Molinaro, started the Pleasanton Garbage Co. in 1969.

In those days, they had one truck, four employees and a landfill operation along Vineyard Avenue near what is now Montevino. The company now has 120 employees, does much more than collect garbage and has made both men famous with their nationally renowned, model recycling plants. Even so, both are active in nonprofits and community events, although Macchiano is the recognized master chef in the partnership.

In their early days, you could see Macchiano on a tractor bulldozing garbage seven days a week. Molinaro would be on a truck, hauling away the garbage. They would work on the trucks themselves before there was a shop. Their kids remember picnicking at the landfill, so they could have dinner with dad. Even now, you can see the two filling in on a truck or working somewhere else out in the field.

Pleasanton Garbage Service has been through many challenges over the years.

Macchiano knew they would run out of landfill space and that they needed to provide a place for residential garbage. In 1976, the transfer station was built. It was the first one in Alameda County.

In 1984, an automated collection service was introduced to decrease job-related injuries as well as the time needed to serve the ever-growing population. 1991 saw the implementation of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). It would serve the city of Pleasanton well in its efforts to achieve a greater than 70% diversion rate from the landfill.

Macchiano said today's challenges include further reduction of the waste stream through recycling and source reduction which, along with his continued community fundraising efforts, he's committed to achieve. ■



## Hero FYI

- ▲ Tony Macchiano's years of community service in Pleasanton has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for outreach programs.
- ▲ As co-founder of Pleasanton Garbage Service, he has helped make Pleasanton a leader in waste management and recycling, while continuing his volunteer efforts.
- ▲ Using his cooking skills, he has played a key role in attracting donors to tasty fundraising barbecues.
- ▲ Macchiano says he is committed to ever-greater environmental achievements in Pleasanton.



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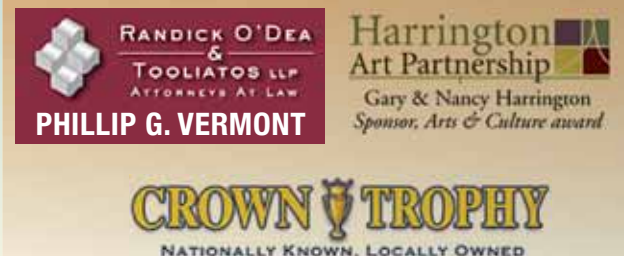
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## Foothill girls soccer set for Tri-Valley Classic

Weekly roundup looking for details about all winter sports games

The Foothill girls soccer team is ready for the Tri-Valley Classic this weekend, coming off a strong set of matches last week in which the Falcons came away with a 1-1 record for the effort.

The first game was a 7-0 thrashing of Antioch on Dec. 8.

The first score came off a corner from Kira Broacha and was knocked home by Sophie Caponigro. From there Tamilyn Kwong (two goals), Julia Densmore, Taylor Noval, Sarah Broacha and Sarah Mirr all added to the scoring party.

The second game last week was Dec. 11, with the Falcons taking on Danville's Monte Vista, the defending league champs and always a tough opponent.

The game turned into a battle in the middle of the field as the two teams combined for only eight shots between them.

Monte Vista got a goal early in the first half and then early in the second half for the final 2-0 margin.

The Falcons will take part in the Tri-Valley Classic this weekend, starting play with a pair of games Friday and one on Saturday.

### Winter sports reminder

I wanted to send out a reminder to all winter varsity coaches and their parent volunteers to make sure to send in a recap of your games for the week on each Sunday.

The only way we get the results is through the coaches or parent volunteers. It is not a selective process, as some parents have gleefully accused us of in the past — we print what we get.

It really is a simple process and should take no more than 15-20 minutes a week. Write down the scores of the games as the week progresses, along with some highlights, and then when you are done playing for the week, send me an email with the information.

The deadline is Sunday afternoon, but once your week's games are over, fire it off to me! Don't

worry about being a writer as I will edit and put together the roundup. The only requirement I have is to please make sure the names are spelled correctly when you turn them in. In fact, if you want to send me a team roster for my records, that would be awesome as well.

One more thing I do ask is send in your results win or lose. The kids are working hard every week, and not recognizing them when they lose does not do justice to the effort they are putting out during practice and the games.

If you are not sure if your team has a publicity person, please ask the coach. I have talked with all of the coaches and am confident they will be more than happy to work with you to make sure we get the kids good coverage.

Please send everything to me, Dennis Miller, at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com). We are also looking for action pictures of your games; just make sure to attach a caption identifying the player or players as well as who gets the credit for the photo.

The pictures are items where we may not be able to run all submitted each week, but keep them coming as we will make sure to get a good rotation of pictures into print.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort this winter season! Please email if you have any questions. ■

declared Player of the Tournament.

Other individual honors went to Shamith Pasula (Iron Horse) as best batsman, Ajay Immadi (Harvest Park) as best bowler, Harish Dukkipati (Fallon) as best wicket keeper and Saket Ayinaparthi (Fallon) as best fielder.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thome was on hand to present the championship trophy to the tournament winners.

Cricket for Cubs plans to conduct another tournament in the spring and is inviting more school teams to participate. For more information, visit [www.cricketforcubs.org](http://www.cricketforcubs.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Harvest Park club wins inaugural cricket tourney

San Ramon middle schooler named Player of the Tournament

The Harvest Park Middle School Cricket Club took first place in the first-ever Inter School Cricket Tournament played in Dublin over the past two weekends.

The event, organized by Cricket for Cubs, featured five teams from three Tri-Valley middle schools: Harvest Park, Fallon in Dublin and

Iron Horse in San Ramon.

The kids played 10 games at Emerald Glen Park during the two weekends, with Harvest Park Cricket Club finishing on top and the Iron Horse Cricket Team a close runner-up, organizers said.

Bhuvan Sharma Kumbakonam of Iron Horse Middle School was

Tri-Valley middle schools play in the inaugural Inter School Cricket Tournament last weekend in Dublin. Pleasanton's Harvest Park Cricket Club earned first place.



COURTESY OF CRICKET FOR CUBS



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Seventh-grader Kyrah Woodward (bottom row, center) and her Pleasanton Rage U13 teammates promote the "What if?" campaign to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## 'What if?'

Pleasanton girl raising money for cancer research through soccer club project

By JEREMY WALSH

A Harvest Park Middle School seventh-grader is looking to give back to children facing serious health concerns through an online fundraiser as part of a community service project through her Pleasanton Rage Soccer leadership group.

Kyrah Woodward is collecting \$5 donations — asking people, "What if \$5 could help save the life of a child?" Those who donate can be entered into a raffle for a U.S. soccer jersey, and all funds generated will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"I chose to raise money for St. Jude Hospital because I was run over by a car when I was 4 and was in bed for almost a year," Woodward said in an email interview. "I did not know whether I would be able to walk normally again, but now I am fine and playing soccer — my favorite sport."

"But there are many other kids who are not as lucky, and some do not know whether they will even be alive in a year," added Woodward, who turned 13 on

Wednesday. "I want to help raise money for them and to help find a cure for cancer."

The online fundraising campaign, hosted through St. Jude Hospital, will remain open through Dec. 30. Woodward was more than halfway to her \$1,000 fundraising goal as of Wednesday morning.

**'I want to raise money for them and to help find a cure for cancer.'**

— Kyrah Woodward

Donors can also ask to have their name entered into an optional drawing for a U.S. soccer jersey, donated by SoccerPro. The raffle is set for this Sunday at 7 p.m.

To learn more or to donate, visit <http://bit.ly/1YivjBw> or search for "Kyrah's Fundraise Your Way" at [fundraising.stjude.org](http://fundraising.stjude.org). ■



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## Local athletes shine at judo nationals

Athletes from Pleasanton's Tri-Valley Judo competed in the 10th annual Judo Winter Nationals in Azusa last weekend. Participants were (back row, left to right) Alexis Yciano first place, Isabella Yciano first, Sonia Kaminsky first and Brian Lee first, and (front row, left to right) Jacob Kaminsky, Zoe Eugenio third, Eric Livshiz second and Dan Ikegami third.

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Morris Mote .....	\$150
Walt Wood .....	\$150
Jameson Lindskog from Candace Lindskog .....	**

## Clubs

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB** The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

**TRI VALLEY WRITERS MEETING** Join California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch as we hold a "Workshop A La Carte" in which attendees will be able to join in on three out of five table-top discussions on Saturday, Dec. 19. Attendees will take away ideas and concrete examples of ways to improve their writing. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. Contact [publicity@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:publicity@trivalleywriters.org).

## Concerts

**JEFF BORDES AND FRIENDS: 'A NEW ORLEANS CHRISTMAS'** Pleasanton's own Trumpeter Jeff Bordes returns for his annual holiday show with a Jazzy New Orleans Christmas, featuring Bay Area keyboard favorite Don Lewis at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Firehouse Arts Center. They'll perform their holiday original "The Santa Claus Second Line" along with more originals and holiday favorites. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Film

**'THE POLAR EXPRESS'** Enjoy a free showing of the holiday favorite "The Polar Express" at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. They will supply the coffee and hot cocoa. You can bring a donation of non-perishable food for the local food pantry, and maybe some Christmas cookies to share. Call 462-4802 or go to [stclarespleasanton.org](http://stclarespleasanton.org).

## Fundraisers

**GIRL SCOUTS HOLIDAY GIFT-WRAPPING** Support Girl Scout Troops 31545 and 31149 earning income for their international Girl Scout travel trips and community service abroad. Make a donation to get your gifts beautifully wrapped in handmade, eco-friendly designs from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18 at True Value Hardware, 652 Main St.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at Studio 7 Arts, 400 Main St.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20 at Rick's Picks, 719A Main St.; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Prim, 520 Main St.

## Health

**COVERED CA/MEDI-CAL INFORMATION TABLE** A Certified Enrollment Counselor from Axis Community Health will provide information, forms, and in-person assistance with health insurance from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of the month, now through Jan. 31 at the Pleasanton

## PET OF THE WEEK



MADDIE'S FUND

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## Holiday

**PTSCA POSADA CELEBRATION** The Pleasanton/Tulacingo Sister City Association invites you to a "Posada" celebration at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20 at Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Through music, carols, and everyone's participation, the Posada reenacts the journey of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem to await the birth of Jesus. Followed by dessert and refreshments. Go to [www.ptasca.org](http://www.ptasca.org).

## On Stage

**'ELF, JR.'** Based on the beloved holiday film, this fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf on his quest to find his true identity, presented by City of Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company and the award-winning Bay Area Children's Theatre Company. The show runs at 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, from Dec. 11-20. Tickets are \$7-\$18. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**'SEASON OF LIGHT' CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** See the "Season of Light" Christmas musical at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20 at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 118 Neal St. The theme of light carries through the songs and drama, reliving the birth of Christ, the Light of the world. Stay for cookies and cider after the performance. Call 846-7220.

**THE BIG FAT YEAR END KISS-OFF COMEDY SHOW XXIII** Come enjoy a rollicking celebration of the good, the bad, and the ugly of 2015 at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27 with stand-up, improvisation and loosely written sketches guaranteed to mock, scoff and taunt with taste. Starring Will Durst, Debi Durst, Michael Bossier, Johnny Steele, Mari Magaloni and Arthur Gaus. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**VALLEY DANCE THEATRE NUTCRACKER** See Tchaikovsky's magical holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 12-20 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No 2 p.m. performance Dec. 12. Tickets are \$25-\$38, \$19 for students 17 and

under. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

## Spiritual

**CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLELIGHT** Come to this traditional service celebrating the joy and mystery of the Christmas holiday at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore. Rev. Lucas Hergert will lead the service. You are also invited to bring cookies for fellowships afterwards. Call 447-8747 or go to [uucil.org](http://uucil.org).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY** Join the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. The Christmas Eve speaker will be Rev. Micah Murock, with the Unity Carolers performing, followed by Christmas refreshments. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org/](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/).

**SUNDAY SERVICE AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY** Join the Sunday service at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. The Dec. 20 speaker will be Allen Klein, presenting "Learning to Laugh When You Want to Cry." With guest musician Bobby Ellison. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org/](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/).

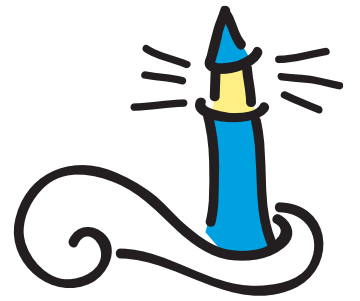
## Support Groups

**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. For more information, view their blog at [www.eastbayet.com](http://www.eastbayet.com) or call 487-5706 or email [eastbayet@comcast.net](mailto:eastbayet@comcast.net).

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE** Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit [www.motherswithapurpose.org](http://www.motherswithapurpose.org).

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

ACHIEVE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 511738  
The following person(s) doing business as: ACHIEVE, 3550 BERNAL AVE. UNIT 140, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gabriel Araiza, 3513 Kamp Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Gabriel Araiza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/17/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2015)

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### 245 Miscellaneous

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PSPS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 511141  
The following person(s) doing business as: PSPS, 4300 BLACK AVE. #415, PLEASANTON, CA 94566; PO BOX 415, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Upchurch, 4300 Black Ave. #415, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Joseph Upchurch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/29/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2015)

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 17-25

### Pleasanton

- 2137 Arroyo Court #2** August to West Trust for \$370,000  
**6050 Audrey Court** Eagle Vista Equities to V. Anandan for \$808,000  
**5861 Black Avenue** Corsbie Trust to Gajula Trust for \$1,035,000  
**7022 Corte Nina** Beckman Trust to M. Vu for \$1,095,000  
**377 Division Street** Spiliotopoulos Trust to W. & J. Silver for \$800,000  
**5430 Dudley Court** R. & T. Bland to Q. Jin for \$1,415,000  
**570 Gyles Place** Ponderosa Homes to S. & A. Patel for \$1,106,500  
**5760 Hansen Drive** Dubose Trust to S. & H. Shah for \$880,000  
**1155 Kolln Street** P. & P. Kozlikowski to A. Razaqi for \$745,000  
**4464 Newman Place** R. Narayana to S. Chintakunta for \$805,000  
**6738 Paseo Catalina** Wong Trust to H. & S. Shetty for \$885,000  
**1542 Ramblewood Way** T. & C. Phillips to N. & L. Burse for \$930,000  
**5223 Ridgevale Way** P. Nicolai to T. Dutta for \$880,000  
**806 Sylvaner Drive** Taylor Trust to M. & S. Asbery for \$965,000  
**1178 Vintner Way** T. & J. Szikszai to N. Hillis for \$910,000  
**4272 Zevanove Court** P. Jayaprakash to P. Nudurupati for \$740,000

### Dublin

- 7678 Arbor Creek Circle** Galliani Trust to L. Nashier for \$556,000  
**7632 Ashford Way** J. & D. Freeman to Baldwin Trust for \$620,000  
**8567 Beverly Lane** G. Ildefonso to P. & M. Young for \$718,000  
**7676 Burnham Way** J. & M. Beltran to C. Rynda for \$715,000  
**2098 Central Parkway #906** LS-SF Jordan Ranch to J. Lam for \$677,000  
**7106 Cross Creek Circle #C** J. Huxley to A. Verma for \$483,500  
**8367 Davona Drive** Bay Area Executive Real Estate to D. Revis for \$775,000  
**8372 Deervale Road** H. & K. Chern to G. & J. Tucker for \$775,000  
**6020 Hillbrook Place** T. & C. Tramblie to C. & A. Lee for \$760,000  
**8644 Longford Way** F. & A. Roeber to A. Hulbert for \$750,000  
**3329 Madden Way** J. Batshon to P. & A. Saini for \$1,215,000  
**4520 Mirano Court** M. & T. Razi to H. Ho for \$888,000  
**7302 Quartz Circle** M. Costello to D. & E. Hazen for \$780,000  
**4613 Sandford Court** C. & A. Lee to Y. Zhu for \$606,000  
**11508 Silvergate Drive** Lopez Trust to W. Razaqi for \$737,000

### Livermore

- 134 Amber Way** G. Muruges to D. Gross for \$625,000  
**1835 Cairo Street** M. Boyd to Smith Trust for \$820,000  
**1349 Cameo Court** Klotter Trust to B. & L. Huot for \$790,000  
**5124 Diane Lane** Martin Trust to S. & A. Khan for \$678,000  
**4158 Emerson Drive** A. Barbera to K. & L. Baruz for \$887,500  
**2988 Kennedy Street** T. & A. Micu to J. & L. Bradley for \$600,000  
**2890 Kew Avenue #6** T. & S. McGregor to D. & K. Yoo for \$605,000  
**847 Keystone Way** A. & S. Moen to D. Kennard for \$745,000  
**1427 Lexington Way** D. Beers to N. & P. Escovedo for \$262,500  
**1988 Linden Street** A. Cox to Oliver Trust for \$740,000  
**559 Misty Way** KB Home to H. & I. Wirawan for \$694,000  
**1087 Murrieta Boulevard #152** H. Nga to B. & R. Drogosch for \$325,000  
**558 North L Street** Kelly Trust to R. & M. Dhindsa for \$983,000  
**755 North North N Street** J. & M. Gilbert to L. & K. Colzani for \$540,000  
**1462 Peachtree Common** Matsuda Trust to S. Moffatt for \$475,000  
**761 Pine Street** M. & C. Kaharick to J. & A. Morrison for \$413,000  
**350 Polk Way** Holder Trust to J. Gilbert for \$650,000  
**4206 Pomona Way** J. Love to P. & L. Slagle for \$660,000  
**604 Ruth Way** HSBC Bank to Two Cousins Property for \$512,500  
**5320 Starflower Way** K. Minuzzo to J. Upton for \$610,000  
**221 Stratus Common** KB Home to A. Vadakapuram for \$667,500  
**1056 Vienna Street** Livermore Valley Investment to A. & J. Cabral for \$475,000  
**2405 Vintage Lane** Labarbera Trust to G. & E. Marathakis for \$1,220,000  
**1440 Wilton Road** K. Kraft to S. & J. Hill for \$639,000  
**5511 Wisteria Way** Reardon Trust to Y. Xie for \$520,000

### San Ramon

- 3817 Ayers Way** J. & L. Bradley to K. & L. Inokuchi for \$1,110,000  
**501 Bagado Court** Isola Trust to E. Ackeret for \$1,050,000  
**1100 Bellingham Square** Bellingham Square to R. Mobasser for \$1,250,000  
**610 Canyon Woods Court #C** Hernandez Trust to J. Palmer for \$508,000  
**3805 Crow Canyon Road** Somerville-Olsson Trust to B. & L. Ng for \$555,000  
**301 Domingo Court** Huster Trust to A. & A. Girdhar for \$880,000  
**20 Eagle Lake Place #11** K. Mudford to Straface Trust for \$632,500

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 17-25

### Pleasanton (Nov. 17-23)

- Total sales reported:** 16  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$370,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,415,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$898,094

### Dublin (Nov. 17-23)

- Total sales reported:** 15  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$483,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,215,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$737,033

### Livermore (Nov. 17-23)

- Total sales reported:** 25  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$262,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,220,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$645,480

### San Ramon (Nov. 20-25)

- Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$378,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,430,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$866,500

Source: California REsource

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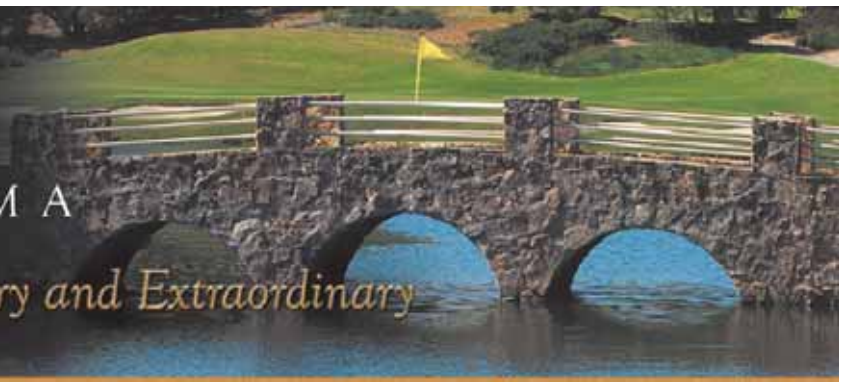
  
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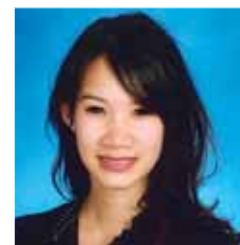
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