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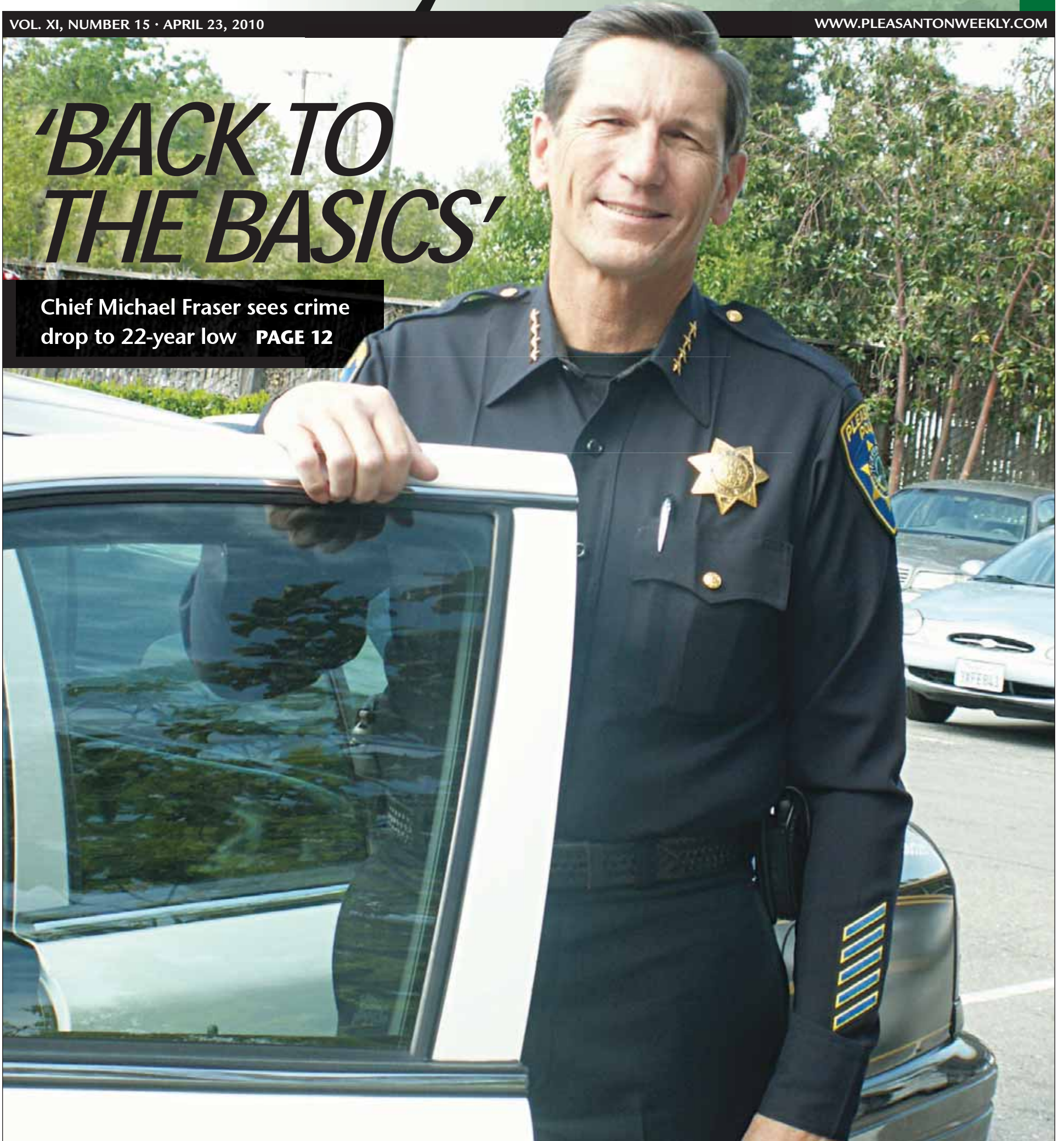
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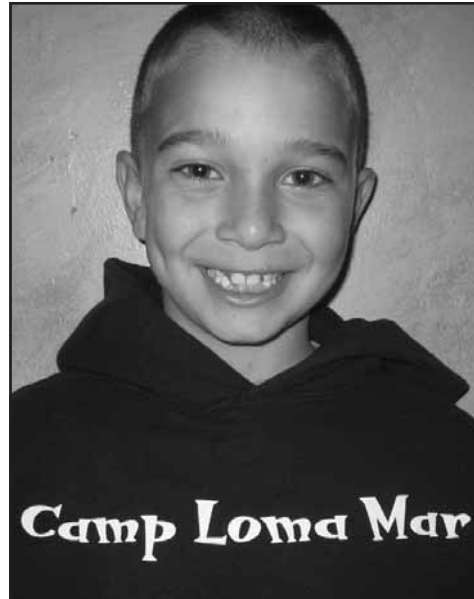
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## If it's Tuesday, it must be another Oak Grove debate

Over the last couple of years, a regular contingent of opponents to the proposed 51-home development above Kottinger Ranch have taken an hour of their time — and many others — speaking at the start of City Council's meetings, which usually are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I haven't kept detailed records but I would guess that 30 or more hours of the council's meeting segments that are designated for public comments have dealt with the Oak Grove issue since 2007, when the council voted to approve the project. Of course, it's anyone's right — Oak Grove opponents or not — to address the council, but since the subject usually isn't on the night's agenda, those sitting on the council can't respond even though criticism directed at them can be bitter.

Last Tuesday night, 12 speakers spent another hour talking about Measure D, the June 8 referendum that asks voters to allow the development (Vote Yes) or to deny it (Vote No). Several had signs, some photographs, at least one showed Google maps of the hills between Pleasanton and Mt. Hamilton to prove his point that part of the 476 acres being given to the city as part of the Oak Grove package are beyond the city's Urban Growth Boundaries and therefore protected open space already. But the maps were fuzzy and television viewers couldn't see them on Channel 29. TV30, the community television system, broadcasts City Council meetings on Channel 29. This is really the reason Oak Grove opponents keep going to council meetings, to gain viewers' support and financial contributions. It's not clear how many voters watch TV29. I suspect those that do long ago decided how they will vote on Measure D. When the Oak Grove folks start rehashing their arguments as they did Tuesday night, it's likely many viewers surfed for other channels. If they did, they missed the more critical arguments that followed on how the

council should respond to a Superior Court ruling that declared the city's 29,000-unit housing cap illegal.

Promoted in advance in this newspaper and on the city's website, the discussion centered on presentations by Attorney Tom Brown, an outside legal counsel to Pleasanton who has represented the city in its defense of the housing cap, and Brian Dolan, the city's director of Community Development. Both spoke — Tom Brown for well over 30 minutes — followed by a host of others who patiently waited through the near-90-minutes of Oak Grove banter. By the time the housing issue came up, it was already too late in the evening for such critical issues to be aired.

This isn't the first time that important issues facing the city have had to wait until late in the evening to get the council's attention. Usually, though, long discussions are part of "agendized" items, meaning that notice has been given of the scheduled discussion and all members of the council can chime in. By speaking at the start of the meeting, the Oak Grove crowd can say its piece, blaming the council's approval of the project on developer funds given to Mayor Jennifer Hosterman or council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio or Jerry Thorne. They don't mention council members Cindy McGovern or Matt Sullivan, who may also have some developer "blood money" in their campaign war chests but are also the two votes on the council that oppose Oak Grove. Comments against Hosterman and Cook-Kallio often get nasty, causing the two to grimace and stir in their seats, but whose tongues are silenced by City Attorney Jonathan Lowell.

I recall former Mayor Tom Pico gently admonishing a fellow council member who got openly angry when a Happy Valley property owner called Pico a Nazi. That speaker had the right to say what he wants or thinks, Pico said, as long as he keeps his remarks to three minutes. Tuesday night, many speakers went on for five minutes or longer. Since Hosterman can't respond to nasty comments directed at her or others, at least she could pound the gavel with more force when those three minutes are up. ■

## About the Cover

The annual report of the Pleasanton Police Department, headed by Chief Michael Fraser, shows that the crime rate in 2009 dropped to its lowest point in 22 years, with no murders and fewer other major crimes committed. Photo by Jeb Bing. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Dr. Zucker served as Chief of Cardiology at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, as well as Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Interventional Cardiology for 13 years. He also served as the primary investigator for the local site in a number of multi-center clinical trials evaluating drugs used in the treatment of atrial fibrillation, acute myocardial infarction and acute coronary syndromes, as well as the evaluation of a new permanent pacemaker lead.

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## What have you done to "go green"?



**Dan Taylor**  
Fitness Trainer

The kids are now learning to separate recycling. We periodically go down to the creek and pick up trash and pretend it's a treasure hunt. And we're trying to get our son to take showers that are less than 30 minutes long. That seems to be our biggest struggle.

**Marlene Fourcand**  
Nurse

Everything. We're trying to do everything we can to be greener. We don't throw away bottles, we recycle, and other things, too. Important but basic stuff.



**Joan Tiefenthaler**  
Investor

Lots! We try to compost, use the green can. I do what the Pleasanton Garbage does, separate my trash and using all the bins. I try to bring my own coffee cup to Tully's in the mornings. I don't use plastic water bottles anymore, just the metal water bottles. And I try to eat a lot more natural foods.

**Daniel Jay**  
Marketing

We've separated our trash and made sure we've put our vegetables and things in the green can. We also drive less. I take the ACE train to work every day now instead of driving.



**Paris Altez-Lee**  
Student

I recycle bottles! My family eats more organic food, and my parents take their clothes to a green dry cleaner. If people don't help out and help the earth, it's going to suffer.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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The winners will be published in the May 7 edition. The first prize is a \$100 gift certificate for Strizzi's; second-place prize is two tickets to the Vine Cinema.

### Volunteer for CHP

The California Highway Patrol in Dublin is seeking members for its CHP Senior Volunteer Program for ages 55 and older. To learn more, attend a session from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at the Pleasanton Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road.

Senior volunteers work a minimum of eight hours per month during regular business hours. Duties include office work, ride-alongs, Speed Trailer deployment, assisting at community event booths, assisting officers on non-enforcement duties, vehicle transport to and from Sacramento, and working with local schools on traffic safety programs.

Contact Officer Todd Smith at the Dublin CHP at 828-0466.

### Wine auction to benefit good causes

The 16th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction being held May 1 at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton, will raise funds this year for Children's Skin Disease Foundation's Camp Wonder; Open Heart Kitchen; Oakland East Bay Symphony's MUSE program; and ValleyCare Foundation's Mobile Health Unit. Guests will enjoy a festive "Vino Carnival" with live and silent auctions of wine and once-in-a-lifetime experiences, fun games, upscale carnival cuisine and a decadent dessert port pairing.

The event takes places from 5-10 p.m., with the live auction starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$175 per person and can be purchased online at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org) or by calling 447-WINE (447-9463).

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## Council considers options in response to housing cap ruling

Holding closed-door discussions with public announcement in 1-2 weeks

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night took under advisement options for responding to a Superior Court's ruling that it must cancel a 29,000-unit housing cap ordinance approved by voters in 1996 and rezone enough land to accommodate more housing units now being required by the state.

In the meantime, the court order by Judge Frank Roesch barring the city from issuing any non-residential permits stands, a ruling that Brad Hirst of Pleasanton-based Equity Enterprises told the council is already sending a message to commercial developers that the city is "closed for business" when it comes to new business development.

The council has only a few weeks left to appeal Roesch's decision that ruled in favor of a lawsuit filed by Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based affordable housing advocacy organization. That lawsuit, which was also joined by State Attorney General

Jerry Brown, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate in the Nov. 2 General Election, successfully claimed that the housing cap violated state law.

Following a detailed review of the lawsuit and a historical perspective on the housing cap by the city's outside counsel Tom Brown and its Community Development Director Brian Dolan, the council heard from a number of speakers, including Hirst. Several, including former City Councilwoman Kay Ayala, urged the city to stay the course and appeal Roesch's decision. Former Councilman Steve Brozosky also recommended an appeal in a letter he sent to the council.

Others asked the city to negotiate a settlement with Urban Habitat that would allow Pleasanton to have a "floating cap" that would retain restrictions on market rate housing development while still allowing all of the higher-density and mostly affordable housing now being required by the state. The negotiations, which are already under way, would also settle at least two other pending

lawsuits affecting the city's housing laws and its recently approved General Plan.

Another option would be for the council to do nothing, allowing Roesch's ruling to stand. That could open the door to more development of affordable housing without much local control, allowing outside organizations, developers and the state to dictate what kinds of high-density apartment complexes could be built here.

In his extensive and often complex review of the Urban Habitat lawsuit, first filed in 2006, Brown said California's housing laws have changed significantly since the 1996 housing cap became law, with the state gradually grabbing more controls over city and county governments over how much new housing — particularly affordable or so-called workforce housing — communities such as Pleasanton must build.

The attorney general's complaint against

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JEB BING

Shoppers Wednesday check out 99 Ranch, which carries a large assortment of imported goods from Taiwan.

## City's newest supermarket opens in Rose Pavilion

Store caters to those with appetite for Asian foods

Pleasanton's newest supermarket — 99 Ranch Market — opened Tuesday in the Rose Pavilion at Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive.

The new supermarket is opening less than a month after Nob Hill Foods, owned by Raley's, closed its store that was located just a few blocks south on Santa Rita Road. It is located in the building formerly housing Levitz Furniture.

99 Ranch is an Asian American supermarket chain based in Southern California's Buena Park. It has 28 stores, primarily in California, including a market in Dublin that was formerly a Ralph's supermarket. It is also considered a Taiwanese-American market because of the considerable amount of products imported from Taiwan.

First established as the Tawa Supermarket in 1984 by Roger Chen, it was designed to serve the Asian immigrant community in Los Angeles and the growing appetite among all shoppers for quality Asian food products. Today, Tawa has grown from an individual supermarket into

a grand diversified organization that now serves a wide range of customers.

To celebrate its Pleasanton store opening, 99 Ranch has been offering discounts during the week on various products it sells in its delicatessen and bakery departments and in other parts of the store.

The new supermarket at 4299 Rosewood Drive follows the opening earlier in the Rose Pavilion of Iron Horse Nutrition, a retailer of nutritional supplements and related accessories. It is located on the south side of Rosewood Drive in a 2,874-square-foot store next to Express Fitness.

Iron Horse Nutrition sells name brand nutritional supplements, promoting its products for those seeking a healthy lifestyle and engaged in sports, fitness, performance and muscle building and dieting efforts.

Rose Pavilion is owned by Centro Properties Group, the country's third largest owner of community and neighborhood shopping centers.

—Jeb Bing

## Rough patch for Route 84

Interstate 580 toll carpool lanes still on track

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Route 84 — the road being upgraded to speed traffic between I-580 and I-680 — has hit a \$20 million funding pothole.

At a transportation forum in Dublin on April 15, officials from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) told local residents that money budgeted from the half-cent sales tax isn't enough.

ACTIA Deputy Director Art Dao said planning a project without all the necessary funding in place is normal.

"It's a standard mode of operation these days, because that's how state and local government run," Dao said. "You always look for opportunities to cobble the money together at the end."

Dao said his agency is seeking both state and federal funding. He added that federal officials like to fund projects that have direct financial support, like the sales tax approved by Alameda County residents.

He said even without additional money, ACTIA will find a way to finish the Route 84 project, which was designed to ease congestion between I-580 and I-680 by the end of 2013.

"We're going to ask our engineers to sharpen their pencils," Dao told the group of about 50 who turned out for the transportation forum. "By the time we're done, it will be a smooth highway from 580 all the way to Pigeon Pass."

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty pointed out that one completed section of Route 84 is apparently smooth already.

"People used to complain they couldn't get through 84. Recently, CHP clocked a kid at 119 miles an hour," Haggerty quipped.

The multi-phase construction for Route 84 is one of the biggest capital projects in the county, with a cost of \$127 million, with nearly \$97 million coming from the sales tax.

Route 84 aside, Haggerty pointed out that most projects funded with the half-cent sales tax approved in 2000 come in ahead of schedule and under budget.

"This has been a long commitment for Alameda County residents," he said, adding that construction across the county is moving

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## Crying fowl at Amador Lakes

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

The serene waterways at Amador Lakes are attractive to more than the residents. Canadian geese have been making themselves at home in the 45-acre park-like setting almost since it opened in 1985.

"For some odd reason, this year they have become a lot more aggressive," said Ki Hwang, who has managed the 555-unit complex in Dublin since 2002. "We are having children as well as adults attacked."

Plus as the number of geese increases, they leave more droppings all over. Kwang estimates there are approximately 40 geese in residence at this time, and he noted that this is the nesting season and many families are about to hatch.

Canadian geese are a protected species so Kwang has been in touch for years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ask advice on dealing with aggressive geese. He was always informed that they could not help him, until now.

"This year they offered to assess the situation," said Kwang. "Someone from the Department of Agriculture came out to assess how to catch them. He just shook a bag of bread and some moved toward him aggressively."

They were supposed to return Tuesday, April 20, to remove some of the geese and everyone was so informed. But Kwang has pushed back that date so he could work with residents on alternatives.

Resident Ross Bringhurst became alarmed at the potential fate of the geese when he heard about it Saturday. He put notices on mailboxes and talked to people he saw in the complex during the weekend.

"The overwhelming majority was in favor of what I was doing," said Bringhurst.

He discussed it with management first thing Monday morning and said Kwang was open to any suggestions.

"We weren't happy at first but we talked to them calmly and left with a plan," Bringhurst said. "Right now we're trying to get as many minds working on this problem as we can. He gave us a couple of weeks to deal with the problem."

Kwang said he has tried all sorts of solutions that were suggested to him by owners of golf courses and others:

- They brought in swans, which discouraged the geese but became aggressive themselves.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Geese add to the ambiance at Amador Lakes, says the apartment manager, but some are aggressive and have bitten residents.

- They brought in dogs, but the geese just flew to another part of the lake.

- They moved the nests but the geese built other nests. Once the geese lay eggs in the nests, the eggs, too, are protected.

- They brought in turkeys, which helped control the goose population but damaged cars and left huge piles of fecal matter.

- They used nontoxic sprays in certain areas but the rains washed it away and the geese returned.

Signs remind residents not to feed the geese, and it is frequently mentioned in notices, but is ignored.

"A clause in our lease agreement says not to feed the geese," said Kwang. "People ignore the fact that feeding them, they don't forage for their own food. And they're feeding them white bread, which is really bad for them."

Many residents have threatened to move, he said, and one couple did move, only telling him after they departed that the geese had driven them away. A longtime resident who had no problem for years recently reported she was afraid to go from her car to her home.

"It had gotten to the point where we had to take a more drastic measure," said Kwang. "We weren't looking to eradicate all of them. Like an aggressive animal, we have to remove them." ■

## COUNCIL

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Pleasanton focuses on that aspect of the city's housing cap, arguing that the city's General Plan encourages more jobs-generating business development while imposing a hard fix on how many homes and apartments can be built here to serve that workforce.

Because of pending lawsuits yet to be argued or settled, Brown limited his remarks to existing conditions, although he said an appeal of Roesch's ruling would likely not be accepted by the State Court of Appeal until those other lawsuits were settled.

He also said an appeal would add to the city's legal

costs, which have already reached \$500,000 for his law firm, not counting the hundreds of hours of staff time by the Pleasanton City Attorney and others on the Urban Habitat lawsuit.

An appeal could cost another \$250,000 with the possibility that an unfavorable ruling could also require the city to pay all of the costs incurred by Urban Habitat, which could be substantially more than the city's own legal bill.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said the council will review Tuesday night's comments in closed session over the coming week and will hold another public meeting "in one or two weeks" to report on those discussions and the council's recommended action. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



### Masterly reading:

Todd Walberg enjoys his Pleasanton Weekly while looking for the "Eye of the Tiger" at the 2010 Masters last week in Augusta, Ga. He reported: "I was fortunate enough to watch Tiger for a few holes, as well as some of the other major names in golf. I also enjoyed the southern hospitality."

# Weekly wins top awards in competition

Prestigious first-place award given for Holiday Fund campaign

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly won the prestigious first-place award in the Public Service category among all state weekly newspapers in its circulation category last Friday at the California Newspaper Publishers' Association annual meeting in Monterey.

The Weekly also won the first-place award for Best Website among weekly newspapers in the 11,001-25,000 circulation category in California.

It was the second year in a row that the Pleasanton Weekly has won top statewide newspaper honors for Public Service. The 2009 "Better Newspaper Contest" awards were by circulation category and daily or weekly publication.

The CNPA award was for the 2009 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and a series of articles that reported on three Tri-Valley nonprofit groups that needed the community's financial support to meet their 2010 service obligations and also the broader public assistance to some of the poorest families in the Tri-Valley.

The campaign, with matching funds totaling \$373,386 from the Weekly's partnership with the 2009 Tri-Valley Regional Initiative, a collaborative economic recovery initiative sponsored through the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, the Tri-Valley Business Council and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, raised \$466,732.

The funds are being applied now to help families hardest hit by the economic downturn, enabling them directly with housing, job training, medical care and other basic necessities.

The Best Website award recognized the design excellence and rigorous daily updating of news, features, photos and reader involvement of the Pleasanton

Weekly's expanding website at [www.pleasantonweekly.com](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com), which includes a five-day-a-week emailed edition of Pleasanton Weekly Express.

Similar websites also cover Dublin with TriValleyViews.com, San Ramon at [sanramonexpress.com](http://sanramonexpress.com) and Danville, Alamo and nearby communities at [danvilleexpress.com](http://danvilleexpress.com). Readers at all four sites can subscribe to email editions of top stories and events free of charge for Monday through Friday delivery.

The Pleasanton Weekly was one of five newspapers that are part of Embarcadero Media that won statewide awards in the annual CNPA contest.

The Palo Alto Weekly picked up seven first-place awards among weekly newspapers with circulation of 25,000 and more, including the coveted "General Excellence" award. The newspaper also won first-place awards for Best Website, Local News Coverage, Editorial Comment, Sports Coverage, Page Layout & Design and Feature Photo in its circulation category of large weekly papers statewide.

The Almanac, another Embarcadero Media weekly paper covering south San Mateo County communities, won a second-place award for General Excellence in its circulation category. It picked up a first-place award for Feature Photo.

The Mountain View Voice, also an Embarcadero Media paper, won a second-place award for Public Service.

The Pacific Sun, an Embarcadero Media weekly in Marin County, won first place awards in the Feature Story and Lifestyle Coverage categories.

Nearly 4,000 entries from newspapers across the state were submitted in 28 categories and nine circulation divisions. A full listing of winners is at [www.cnpa.com](http://www.cnpa.com). ■

## TRANSPORTATION

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ahead despite the economy. "We're in an economic downturn (and) we're still going."

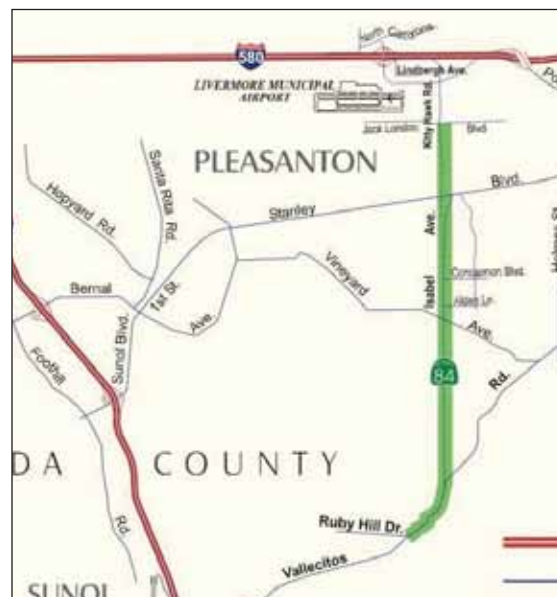
The project to improve I-580 is on track, according to Stephen Haas, a project manager with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency. That project includes a gamble on the part of ACTIA, which is betting single passengers will pay a toll to drive in carpool lanes that he said are often clear when other lanes are full.

"It fills up that lane. As a user, you have an opportunity to go faster," Haas said.

Tolls would vary based on the time of day and how heavy traffic is, he said, and would be billed directly to FasTrak devices. Drivers would be notified of the tolls by electronic signs and decide if they want to pay.

Part of the project, widening overcrossings in Dublin, was completed in 2009, with other parts in various phases of construction and design.

ACTIA officials noted the half-cent tax generates \$100 million a year, with \$878,593 on average a month from Pleasanton and \$423,193 a month from Dublin. ■



COURTESY ACTIA

The highlighted portion of Route 84 shows the portion where roadway improvements are proposed.



## Anti-DUI program makes an impact

The scene was somber on Foothill Road in front of Foothill High School on April 13 as juniors and seniors gathered to witness the enactment of the aftermath of a fatal accident caused by a teen drunken driver. Police, firefighters and paramedics were involved in the exercise, dubbed "Every 15 Minutes" for the frequency at which a person is killed in an alcohol- or drug-related accident in the United States. A follow-up assembly was held the next day with a speaker whose child was killed in a DUI accident.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Proposed water/sewer rate increase makes sense

Nobody likes to see their water and sewer bill increase in a recession, especially those without jobs or whose salaries have been down-scaled. But the city of Pleasanton makes a strong case for hiking the bi-monthly residential fees, albeit by just an average of slightly over \$10 for customers in Tier 2, the most common rate category for those who use 29,920 gallons of water — or 40 100-cubic-foot (Ccf) — over a 60-day billing period. Local water and sewer rates have not been adjusted since 2001, probably the only government fee that hasn't risen over the last nine years. Yet the cost from Zone 7, the city's water supplier, has increased during the same period by 55-1/4 percent. While the city has been able to absorb these increases over the years, not adjusting local water rates to reflect the increases in the cost of purchased water as well as inflation since 2001 is placing a significant strain on the city's water enterprise, which over the years has not been, nor should be, reliant on the General Fund to operate. Given that the General Fund, which is dependent largely on sales and property taxes, is also suffering declines in those revenue sources, the city can't afford to ignore deficits in its separately budgeted water and sewer system.

To ensure that both the water and sewer systems remain financially solvent and that appropriate reserves are in place to fund maintenance and replacement obligations, city staff and the City Council are eyeing an average residential increase of \$10.40 per bi-monthly billing period starting Aug. 1. That will amount to a \$5.40 increase per month. For some, with large homes and landscaped areas who are in Tier 3 using more than 75 Ccf, the bi-monthly cost will be higher, as it is now. Also subject to change is the 20 percent discount on water and sewer rates long given to those 62 and older and a 30 percent discount provided for low-income families who also qualify for PG&E, PacBell or cable television discounts through either the California Department of Economic Opportunity or the Social Security Administration. The costs of these discounts in 2009 were \$330,260 for water and \$326,634 for sewer for a total of \$656,894. With the passage of Proposition 218, it is no longer possible for the rate payer or rate base to absorb the cost of these discounts and instead it must be borne by the city's General Fund or eliminated.

Unfortunately, according to Daniel Smith, the city's director of operations services, and Finance Director Dave Culver, the current economic situation does not allow the city's General Fund to absorb 100 percent of these discounts. Also, they point out the dollar amount of these discounts will only grow in the coming years due to the steady increase in the over-62 age group. Curiously, too, is a recent city audit that showed some of the city's highest consumers of water are those who take advantage of both the senior and low-income discounts. This calls into question the effectiveness of the discount program. In order to mitigate the impact of these discounts, the proposed new rate schedule will block customers from taking advantage of both discounts. They must opt for one or the other and they will qualify only if their bi-monthly usage is in the 40 Ccf second tier. Also, senior discounts will be restricted to those 65 and older, not 62, and only to seniors whose names are actually on the title of the property being served. By implementing all of these changes, the discounts will cost the city an estimated \$345,000 a year, about half what it pays out of its General Fund now.

A survey has been mailed to Pleasanton water and sewer customers. Except for the largest users, the rate increases seem nominal, reasonable and worthy of the public's support. ■



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# LETTERS

## Measure D deceives voters

Dear Editor,

I am saddened to see that our mayor and two council members would sign ballot arguments that are intentionally designed to deceive Pleasanton's voters.

The majority of the 51 Oak Grove homes will be built atop the most prominent ridgelines in Pleasanton, visible throughout the city; they will NOT be 200 feet below their ridgetops.

There is no agreement between the developer and school district to donate money for schools; school fees paid, over many future years, will be paid by the lot owners at the time of building, just as any other homebuilder would pay.

The Sierra Club does NOT support this project, as the proponents would lead you to believe; the Sierra Club actually signed the opposing ballot argument against Measure D.

Homes have not yet been approved, but the lot placement (on top of ridges) has been approved. This property is NOT zoned for residential, it is merely designated as such in the General Plan; the General Plan designation can change, there are no guarantees that homes can be built, and there are no development rights.

For more information, go to [www.savepleasantonhills.com](http://www.savepleasantonhills.com).

Keep Pleasanton beautiful. Vote No on Measure D.

**Greg O'Connor**

two days after his district office was besieged by a couple hundred vitriolic Tea Party members loudly expressing their opposition to the pending legislation.

In the months prior, however, Congressman McNerney reached out broadly to his constituents on a number of occasions (I got at least two solicitations) for our opinions before ultimately reviewing the last version of the bill and voting his conscience in an informed and principled manner. In so doing, what else could he do but vote in favor of this long-overdue reform of our health care system?

What's not to like about extending the basic human right of health care to some 32 million more Americans? Allowing our children to stay on our health care policies until out of school and in their first jobs by age 27? Allowing any of us to no longer fear getting summarily dumped from our policies for simply using the benefits provided? Allowing those with pre-existing conditions, through no fault of their own, to have access to insurance for the care they so desperately need? (Or the added funding to community health centers, like Axis, here in Pleasanton, that I was unaware of until reading about in last week's editorial.)

And all this at a cost that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates to save taxpayers \$130 billion in the first 10 years and over \$1 trillion in the next decade. For this, the Tea Party members want to boot McNerney out of office? I, for one, will be working to retain him.

**Diane Ravnik**

protect our hills in the last election, then vote "no" on Measure D/Oak Grove mega-mansions. This development was approved before the Measure PP and QQ election in November 2008. It is now the law, but this development was approved before that election, so they are trying to slip it in under the radar. Be educated in June 2010.

This developer has tried it all: suing the city, suing the petitioners, huge donations to political candidates, and now making misleading statements of \$2 million dollars to repair our school budget operating shortfalls. It is the law, developer money can only fund facilities and capital expenditures like a new roof — it does NOT pay for teacher salaries. When the funds finally come, it will be after the houses are built — many years from now.

This subdivision doesn't follow the current law. Vote No on Measure D on June 8!

**Karla Brown**  
Co-chair for No on Measure D/No on Oak Grove Mega-mansions

## Oak Grove 'environmentally destructive'

Dear Editor,

The Oak Grove housing development plan is the most atrocious plan ever approved by a Pleasanton City Council. It is so environmentally destructive that the local, regional, state and national Sierra Club oppose the plan.

The developer plans to cut up to 43 feet off the top of our ridges and place homes there that can be up to 12,500 square feet, not counting the garage space. They have sued our city and our citizens to keep us from voting to stop this development. We need to stop Oak Grove from destroying our beautiful hillsides that make Pleasanton so unique.

Please vote No on Measure D.

**Nicole Johnson**

## Support Measure D

Dear Editor,

I sincerely hope that residents will support Measure D.

Many of Pleasanton's long time park and trails advocates worked for years to secure a development compromise that would ensure permanent preservation and public access to these 496 acres of gorgeous, walkable, oak woodlands. Do you know of another community that enjoys such a unique open space asset within its city limits?

Look around at the many homes on Pleasanton's hills. A few more (and less visible by comparison) seems a small price for such a big park that all Pleasanton residents will enjoy forever.

Vote Yes on Measure D.

**Becky Dennis**

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## McNerney reached out

Dear Editor,

Kudos to our Congressman Jerry McNerney for his courageous vote for Health Reform legislation — in this evenly split Democrat-Republican district of ours. And this, just

## No ridgeline mega-mansions

Dear Editor,

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **PUD-87-19-03M – Dr. William & Lydia Yee and Marty Inderbitzen**

Application for a major modification to an approved Planned Unit Development to allow four custom lots, where six were previously approved, on an approximately 29.8 acre site, custom lot design guidelines, and off site construction and access realignment on Foothill Road located at 4100 Foothill Road.

• **PCUP-266, Robert Byrd**

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a bar/lounge and a restaurant with alcohol service after 10:00 p.m. on the second floor of the existing building located at 328 St. Mary Street.

### Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

• Committee Update Reports:

- Lecture Series
- Purchasing Policy
- Goals Planning
- CAP

- Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles (CNG)
- Council Report

### Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber Conference Room

- Please visit our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to view the agenda's for the following meetings:

### ENERGY TIPS OF THE WEEK

In this April series of weekly tips presented to you by the City of Pleasanton's Committee on Energy and the Environment, we offer some ideas to help you make smart spring choices that contribute to a cleaner environment and sustainable energy future.

#### Environmentally Friendly Garden Care

Did you know that one 40-pound bag of synthetic fertilizer contains the fossil-fuel equivalent of approximately 2.5 gallons of gasoline? Did you know that (according to the Environmental Protection Agency) mowing for one half hour with a gasoline-powered mower generates the same amount of pollution as driving a car for 10 miles?

Consider all the water we use to keep our lawns green that leads to fungal diseases and weeds that attract pests. How do we respond to that problem? We douse our green patches with synthetic pesticides. But chemical treatments kill and slow the naturally occurring beneficial compounds, microorganisms, and creatures that promote the growth of good bacteria and build soil structure.

Begin by bringing your soil back to life. After determining your soil's the current organic matter, nutrients and pH (<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/>), you can choose the right fertilizer. Lawns prefer slightly acidic soils with a pH range of 6.5 to 7, but flowers, shrubs and trees vary in their pH preferences. Lime helps balance acidic soil, while sulfur helps with alkaline.

The best fertilizers for your garden are homemade compost, made from food scraps, lawn clippings and fall leaves. Other soil improvers such as worm castings, Epsom salts, kelp, fish wastes and decomposed organic matter called humates add nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Commercially made compost has high levels of naturally occurring phosphorous and nitrogen that is released gradually and is absorbed more easily by plants. Avoid commercial fertilizers, even those labeled "organic," that contain harmful ingredients, such as animal byproducts or sewage sludge.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Officers save life with shock, CPR

Two Pleasanton police officers are being credited with saving a life during a March 15 emergency call. Officers Larry Cox and Rudy Granados received commendations recently from Chief Michael Fraser for the effort.

Cox and Granados responded to a call from Valley Community Church on Del Valle Parkway for a possible heart attack victim. Cox arrived first

and found the unidentified victim on the floor, and administered a shock from an automated external defibrillator. Granados arrived on the scene minutes later to find the victim had stopped breathing and had no pulse. Cox began chest compressions while Granados administered rescue breaths.

When rescue workers from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department arrived on the scene, the victim developed a slight pulse and had begun to breathe. A short time



later, the victim's pulse and breathing got stronger. He was taken to Valley Care Medical Center where he was listed in stable condition the next morning.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

### April 13

#### Theft

- 9:58 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vermont Place
- 10:53 a.m. in the 3600 block of Annis Circle; identity theft
- 2:44 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 3:09 p.m. in the 4700 block of First St.

#### Vandalism

- 5:28 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa

Rita Road

### April 14

#### Theft

- 8:48 a.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road
  - 4:53 p.m. in the 6700 block of Menlo Court; identity theft
  - 10:50 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- #### Vandalism
- 2:14 p.m. at the intersection of Birch Creek Drive and Vine Street
  - 2:17 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

### April 15

#### Theft

- 8:24 a.m. in the 100 block of Pineto Place; identity theft
- 9:07 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 3:40 p.m. in the 900 block of Main Street; petty theft

#### Vandalism

- 9:02 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Battery

- 5:50 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

### April 16

#### Burglary

- 6:57 p.m. in the 5000 block of Porta Rossa Circle; burglary, vandalism
- 7:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; burglary, lock-picking

#### Forgery

- 1:04 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Public Drunkenness

- 7:31 p.m. in the 2100 block of Valley Avenue

### April 17

#### Vehicular burglary

- 7:18 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal avenue

#### Alcohol/drug violations

- 1:38 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rosa Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard;

#### DUI

- 1:53 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rosa Road; DUI
- 2:42 p.m. in the 4200 block of Payne Road; under the influence of a controlled substance
- 12:49 a.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Springdale Avenue; public drunkenness

### April 18

#### Theft

- 7:43 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Burglary

- 11:54 a.m. in the 6300 block of Inglewood Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:53 a.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Muirwood Drive; DUI
- 2:27 a.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and W. Angela Street; DUI
- 10:59 p.m. at the intersection of Johnson Drive and Stoneridge Drive; DUI
- 6:44 a.m. in the 4200 block of Churchill Drive; possession of marijuana with intent to sell
- 1:29 a.m. in the 2100 block of Greenwood Road; public drunkenness



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## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Sue Simmons

Shirley Sue Simmons, a 23-year resident of Pleasanton, died peacefully at home with her family by her side on April 16 after a short battle with cancer.



She was born Aug. 2, 1945, in Monterey and it remained her favorite place for life. She became a self taught baker extraordinaire, among her many other talents. Volunteering at Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton for Eric Nicolas and being "grandma" at Forest Home Farms in San Ramon was her passion. She was also a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8. She retired from Kraft Foods as executive assistant to the western area vice president. She was loved by all and lived a life with no regrets.

She was preceded in death by her father, Angelo DiVecchia, and is survived by her loving husband of 47 years Ron, her highschool sweetheart; sons Mike (Kelly),

Tim (Michelle), Steve (Christine); seven granddaughters; her mother Idris (Sue) DiVecchia; two brothers, two sisters and many friends.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton at 2 p.m., Friday, April 30. Contributions in her name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Samuel J. Fry

Samuel J. Fry, a Pleasanton resident, died April 12 at the age of 83.

Mr. Fry was born Jan. 13, 1927, in Pierre, S.D., on a farm along with five siblings. He joined the Armed Forces in 1945 and served 20 years, retiring in 1967. The following day he was employed with World Airways as a flight engineer, where he worked for 23 years, retiring in 1991.



Throughout his world travels and devotion to his family, he managed to have a positive and comforting spin on things. Mr. Fry was an inspiration to most but a gift to others, beyond anyone's expectation.

He is survived by his wife Mary Louise Fry; children Sid and Samiel Fry; daughter-in-law Lynda Efros Fry; and grandchildren Jesse Lee Samuel and Marlee Joanna Fry.

Services were held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary on April 20. A Memorial is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 24, at 3126 Lansdown Court in Pleasanton.

### Laura Kay Mayo

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 24, to celebrate the life of Laura Kay Mayo, who died Nov. 12 in Oakdale after a long illness. She was 47.

Born in Oakland, Ms. Mayo spent her formative years in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School. She loved playing soccer in the youth program and continued as a young adult. She was gifted with an artist's view of the world and the talent that goes with it.

She is survived by two children, son Benjamin Wigley, serving in the U.S. Army, and daughter Sadie Conaty-Mayo of Danville; parents George and Dorothy Mayo of Pleasanton; sister Christina Anderson and her husband, Brian, of Cottonwood; brothers Jim Mayo of Pleasanton and Ed Mayo and his wife, Tina, of Livermore; and many nieces and nephews.

The service will be at 3 p.m. at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court.

### Courine Theresa Rachel Warren Mathews

Courine Theresa Rachel Warren Mathews, age 78, died in her Pleasanton home April 13 in the presence of her loving husband Al Mathews. She had waged a three-year battle against breast cancer, fighting it with the same grace and elegance in which she lived her life.



Mrs. Mathews was born in Sioux City, Iowa, to Ben and Evelyn Witsott on July 20, 1931. Her family relocated to California in 1942. She attended Castlemont High School in Oakland, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in fine art and interior design. While at Berkeley, she met her future husband, Fred Warren. They were married in 1953 and later settled in Livermore, where they raised their family.

In 1968, she went back to school at San Francisco State earning a master's in early childhood education. She taught preschool at

St Bartholomew's and Livermore Playschool, and then went on to work as director of Hill and Dale Preschool at Camp Parks. Mrs. Mathews was one of the founding members of Livermore's HeadStart program, and she poured her energy and her passion into making sure that every child was offered a preschool education. After Fred's death in 1995, she reconnected with her junior high classmate, Al Mathews. Courine and Al were married in 1999 and went on to enjoy their life together, traveling to Kauai, playing golf, entertaining, and being with family.

Mrs. Mathews is survived by her husband Al Mathews; son Tim Warren and his wife Maureen of San Diego, daughter Terry Chavez and her husband Jose of Sunnyvale; her three grandchildren, Heather Warren, and Michael and Ashley Chavez; sisters Sally Greenspan (Stan) and Marlene Brown, sister-in-law Jean Cooper; her aunt Vivian Smith; numerous nieces and nephews; Al's sons David (Grace), Tom (Judy), and daughter Ann (Kirk).

A Celebration of Life honoring her was held at 1 p.m. April 22 Castlewood Country Club. Donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice, The Sam Harry Foundation, American Cancer Society, or any charity meaningful to donors.



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PART I CRIMES	PLEASANTON	DUBLIN	LIVERMORE
POPULATION	70,097	47,922	84,409
Homicide	0	1	4
Rape	4	6	26
Aggravated Assault	51	54	304
Robbery	20	24	55
Burglary	136	331	374
Larceny/Theft	1,059	581	1,284
Motor Vehicle Theft	95	80	146
Arson	5	2	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>2,205</b>

Population data provided by the State of California Department of Finance.  
 \*298 (28%) Out of 1,059 Larceny/Thefts were committed at Stoneridge Mall

# 'BACK TO

## Chief Michael Fraser

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A new report from the Pleasanton Police department shows some of the best numbers in years for both major and minor crimes. Major crimes were at the lowest rate in 22 years.

Also more major crimes were solved last year. Serious crimes included rape, arson, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. At 34 percent, Pleasanton police had the highest clearance rate in 10 years — a 4 percent increase over 2008 — and one of the highest clearance rates in the state. Cities in California on average solve 22 percent of cases.

Chief Michael Fraser said when he was appointed to the top job in 2007, one of his visions was getting back to the basics.

“Years ago, when I first started, we had a real strong focus on proactive law enforcement. As times changed, not just Pleasanton, but law enforcement in general changed to a community-oriented policing philosophy,” Fraser said, “we focused on programs and kind of started to lose our focus on basic police work.”

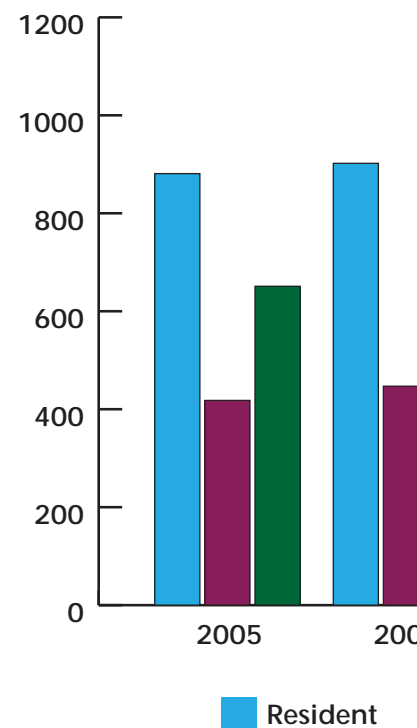
Fraser said he still supports the concepts of community policing, which involves creating partnerships with businesses and community groups and de-specialization of officers, among other things. He said he wanted his department to do both: community policing and a new focus on traditional police work.

“We needed to come back to a balance so our officers understood that it wasn’t all about shaking hands and answering questions. It was putting bad guys in jail,” he said.

For Fraser, back to the basics means traffic stops where an officer doesn’t just issue a ticket and walk away.

“Looking a little deeper, taking the opportunity to ask questions, and having more of a conversation with an individual also gives us an opportunity to identify other things that might be going on, such as symptoms of drug intoxication or alcohol intoxication, nervous twitches, taking the time to look in the back seat,” Fraser said.

PART I CRIME



	2005
Resident	881 45%
Non-Resident	418 22%
Commercial	651 33%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,950</b>

\*Some incidents have multiple victims resulting in higher totals

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Opposite page, top: Officer Dave Batoy and his canine Kaij are often called upon to track down fleeing suspects.

Opposite page, bottom: Officer Alex Koumiss with Pleasanton Police Department Explorers, who learn firsthand about police procedures while helping out.

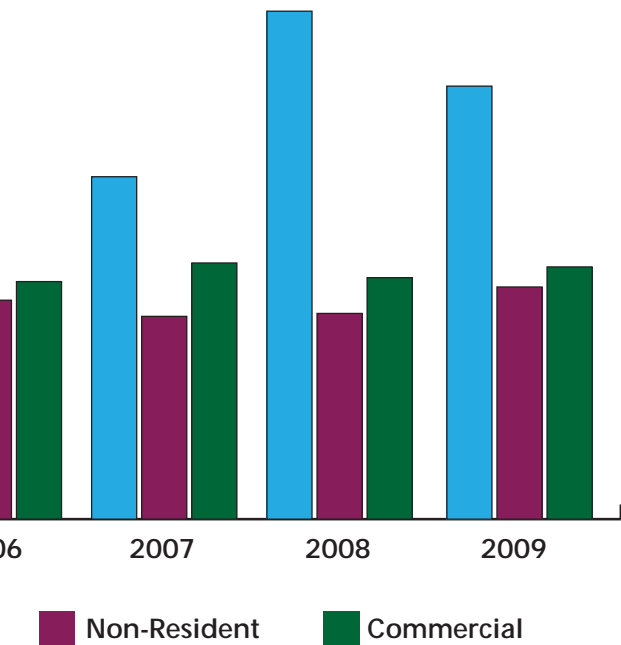
Left: Sgt. Penelope Tamm talks with local children about the Pleasanton Police Department and its activities.

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# THE BASICS'

sees crime drop to 22-year low

S: VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS



2006	2007	2008	2009
902 49%	699 43%	1037 53%	884 47%
447 24%	414 25%	420 22%	474 25%
485 26%	523 32%	493 25%	515 27%
<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,873</b>

ing in a greater number of victims than Part I crimes reported.

The numbers bear him out. In 2009, Pleasanton police made 296 arrests for driving under the influence, including five felony DUIs. That's more than any other time in the last five years.

Fraser said back to the basics also means spending more time on patrol in Pleasanton neighborhoods.

"Daytime burglaries happen in the daytime, they usually happen in homes. Our units will get in residential areas during the day and take a look around," Fraser said.

Police are on the scene more quickly, too: Response time for emergencies was 18 seconds faster than in 2008, and 22 seconds faster for non-emergencies. Police also called in nearly 39,000 crimes on their own, more than they have in recent years.

Those factors may explain the rise in arrests for public drunkenness — 298 in 2009, again, the most in at least five years — and a drop in burglaries, down from 262 in 2005 to 136, a steady decline over the last five years.

Pleasanton crime statistics compare favorably to the statistics in Dublin, which has a little more than half Pleasanton's population.

Pleasanton had fewer homicides, rapes, aggravated assaults, robberies and burglaries than Dublin, although it did have more larcenies, motor vehicle thefts and arsons. Part of the reason for the spike in larcenies — 1,059 — is thefts at Stoneridge Mall, which accounts for 28 percent of all larcenies in the city.

Fraser says it's all a balancing act.

"I think that paying attention certainly has helped lower the crime rate (along with) partnerships that we've developed with our community and their willingness to call when they feel that something isn't quite right," he said. "It kind of goes back to the education process and the outreach programs. Telling them it's OK to call us if they see a suspicious person in the neighborhood allows us to potentially stop a crime before it happens."

Still, Fraser said he's pleased with the performance of his officers.

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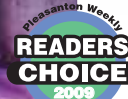
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**PLEASANTON MOTHERS CLUB ANNUAL BRUNCH** Mothers throughout the Tri-Valley will be convening to celebrate themselves as part of the Pleasanton Mother's Club from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$20. Call 787-7442 or visit [www.pleasantonmothersclub.org](http://www.pleasantonmothersclub.org).

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**LIVERMORE VALLEY WINEGROWERS FOUNDATION EVENT** The 16th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction will benefit Children's Skin Disease Foundation's Camp Wonder. Hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation, the gala will be held 5-10 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. Guests will enjoy a festive "Vino Carnival" with live and silent auctions of wine, fun games, upscale carnival cuisine and a decadent dessert port pairing. Tickets are \$175 per person and can be purchased online at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org). Call 447-WINE (447-9463).

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY & SHOP FOR THE CAUSE & VENDOR FAIRE** The event is from 16 p.m. May 2 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. May is Mental Health Month, and NAMI Tri-Valley (local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is holding a vendor faire to raise funds for programs benefiting those whose lives are affected by mental illness. Commercial vendors, arts, crafts,

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**4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** The Sunol 4-H 44th annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is from 8 a.m. to noon April 25 at Sunol Glen Elementary School, 11601 Main St., Sunol. It includes silent auction, plant sale, and bake sale. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Call 510-862-6247 or email [phartkopf@yahoo.com](mailto:phartkopf@yahoo.com).

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**HEALTHY KIDS DAY** The event is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at the Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. The day will begin with an "Every Buddy" walk around the park with stops at interactive stations. There will be music, healthy food and all kinds of opportunities for recreation and learning related to healthy lifestyle and diet. Call 475-6112 or email [jatwood@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:jatwood@ymcaeastbay.org).

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**'WHEN IN DOUBT, MAKE BELIEF' WITH JEFF BELL** Jeff Bell, KCBS anchor, writer, motivational speaker and spokesman for OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) will speak at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at the Pleasanton Public library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Bell will talk about his recovery from OCD. This event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

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# Recyclers at



## Middle school leadership class takes on the dirty duty

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



**Top:** Leadership students Colton Steiner (left) and Brian Kinnee sort through the recyclables as they empty the bins. **Middle:** Chloe Connolly (left) and Kendyll Woolsey deal with the containers on the south side of campus, carrying them a distance to the Dumpster. **Bottom:** Trash accumulates quickly at Pleasanton Middle School as 1,200 students eat lunch each day.

**T**he best part about handling the recycling at Pleasanton Middle School is that it earns money for the school and is good for the environment, said eighth-grader Diane Hadley, who heads up the effort along with Shaurya Gupta.

The worst part is when it rains, the recyclables get wet, and the water weighs down the barrels.

All in all, it's a dirty job but someone's got to do it.

Enter the Leadership Class, led by teacher Gabriele Klein. Those students took over the task last year, said Vice Principal Matt Campbell; before that, parent groups were handling it.

Fifty-six eighth-graders go through Leadership in the two semesters. Student body officers attend the entire year, such as Diane, who is spirit commissioner, and Shaurya, who is vice president. Last semester they worked as recyclers; now they oversee the endeavor.

Klein has seen the class grapple with the best way to empty the school's many recycling containers into the Dumpsters to be picked up by Pleasanton Garbage Co.

"We've tried it different ways," she said. "Last year we just had one group in charge."

There are some problems, remarked Klein. Sometimes people break into the Dumpsters so they can turn in the recyclables themselves.

"We've had people drive up with trucks," she said.

Now the entire class tackles the bins every Wednesday during fourth period while half of the school is eating its lunches. Diane and Shaurya lead the way, unlocking the bins that are conveniently placed around the campus and the Dumpsters in back.

"Some people have rollers," said Shaurya, for when the bins are full and heavy. Other times two students will carry a bin together.

Although in theory recycling should be clean, often students throw garbage into the wrong containers so the Leadership class has to

sort through the plastic and cans.

"It's a smelly, smelly job," said Klein. "I have to give my kids so much credit for it."

"It teaches them responsible behavior," she added, "and they're being role models for the other kids."

Last week the class members quickly donned their yellow rubber gloves when the period began and headed out to the lunch area. Kendyll Woolsey and Chloe Connolly headed to the recycling bins on the south side of campus.

"Those are the farthest but it's good because they aren't as full," said Kendyll.

They like them light enough to lift rather than drag.

"That's not good for the bins," noted Chloe.

When Chloe made her last drop, Shaurya was waiting to lock the Dumpster. Chloe said they sometimes find "gnarly stuff," like diapers or beer bottles, which are often left from parents who attend games at the fields.

Meanwhile the juice residue in the Dumpster accumulates a distinctive odor, which Shaurya said is caused as the juices ferment into alcohol. He also pointed out spiders and flies.

Administrators appreciate the volunteer effort by the Leadership students.

"We have 1,200 kids eating here every day and those things fill up quickly," said Vice Principal Campbell. "That's why I'm so proud of them. They do a hard job."

The recycling earns about \$350 per month for the school.

"Some of it is used to help leadership students with supplies — gloves and things — and we are putting money toward starting a garden on campus," said Campbell. "We are also using the money for Earth Day activities this week."

All in all, the students tackle the task with enthusiasm. As Diane said, it's good for the environment, plus it earns money for the school — despite the down and dirty aspects, it's a noble project. ■

## READY TO RENT

REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

**Shall We Kiss?**

Music Box Home  
Entertainment DVD  
1 hour 42 minutes  
Director: Emmanuel Moret



I have two favorite quotes about the French that I think sum up the agonizing neuroticisms that plague the pair of lovers in writer-director-actor Emmanuel Moret's "Shall We Kiss?" ("Un baisier s'il vous plait").

The first is by poet Paul Valery that aptly states, "Love is being stupid together"; the second, an underdog for witticism alone, by favorite son Charles DeGaulle who once noted, "How can anyone govern a nation that has 246 kinds of cheeses?" Essentially, mix a constitution of romantic impulsiveness with epic hang-ups worn like medals of honor and you have characters that may make Woody Allen's ensembles cringe. This does not mean, however, that "Shall We Kiss" is not fun, or even mean-spirited; it is, rather, a movie whose heart is thankfully not fashioned out of schadenfreude, but out of the humanist notion that for everyone in love, there is someone who has been trampled upon.

There is a trend in the last 15-or-so years to detail the lives of young, upper-middle-class characters in the throes of major existential crisis, usually caused by love (not that this is new). On this side of the Atlantic, director Noah Baumbach (whose latest "Greenberg" can be seen as the curse of someone who cannot get out of their 20s) details these souls in the midst of a purgatory of never-ending crisis that therapy can only pad. Baumbach, with mov-

ies like "The Squid and the Whale" and "The Royal Tenenbaums," infuses a type of self-loathing into his characters, which is palpable to the audience, leaving not only a bad taste at times, but also a nasty mood. On the other side, Arnaud Desplechin's "A Christmas Tale" is comparable to Baumbach's mannered tantrums, but with an even tarter cast of characters. These are people not with too much money but with possibly too much education and poise whose well-trained logic is a barrier to a deeper sense of happiness.

The characters in "Shall We Kiss" are those with such hang-ups, who think they can balance desire with decorum. The movie is a tale told by Emilie (Julie Gaynet) to Gabriel (Michael Cohen), both strangers who happen to share an evening in the same hotel while on business. Both are involved with other people, but, since they are getting along so well, Gabriel proposes an innocent kiss to end their perfect evening. Emilie, instead, invokes Scheherazade and tells Gabriel a "friend-of-a-friend" story about two people, Judith (Virginie Ledoyen) and Nicholas (director Moret), best friends involved with other people who discover that they are in love and, instead of trying to fight it, decide to give in hopes that they will purge their feelings. This, of course, turns out to be the wrong thing to do.

What is refreshing about Moret's "Shall We Kiss" is the playfulness he has in the set up of the angst. Judith and Nicholas fret and rationalize their feelings away, but with the apt composure of a chamber piece (Schubert's Piano Trio in E wisely plays over the soundtrack) so, even at their most tortured, there is a smirking resignation in their manners. What could have come off as cynical is actually very fun to watch, with the pair admonishing themselves not because they feel so, but because they know that it a piece to the drama that must be played out. ■

## POETIC PLEASANTON



By DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Poems for Mom  
in the month of May

Spring is here, and it will soon be Mother's Day. Poets have written verse about their mothers and mothers in general since the earliest times. To honor the wonderful breadth of poems about our mothers and families, I'm guest hosting an "Afternoon of Poetry about Mothers" at Ravenswood in Livermore on May 2, in collaboration with Livermore Poet Laureate Cher Wollard.

This beautiful venue in a historic mansion near the eastern border of Pleasanton at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, will be a special setting for reading by poet Joan Gelfand of San Francisco and Rebecca Foust of Marin County. Joan will read from her books "Seeking Center" and "A Dreamer's Guide to Cities and Streams." Rebecca will read from "Mom's Canoe and Dark Card." I'll also read several poems and some written by my mother, Goldie W. Chavenson, from my book, "Goldie and Me."

## Haiku Verses about Mothers

by Deborah Grossman

*Children swing and race.  
Mother sees spring colors  
in shades unknown to most.*

*How does Mother know  
we want to play all day  
in mud puddles and shiny yellow boots?*

*Mother's hands not here  
to pull weeds or answer the phone.  
I see her smile among white roses.*

## Coming soon: 'An Afternoon of Poetry about Mom'

"An Afternoon of Poetry about Mom" will take place from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore. The cost is \$5; students are free.

For more information contact Michelle Russo at [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or 931-5350; or Deborah Grossman at [pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/PleasantonPoetry](http://www.facebook.com/PleasantonPoetry). Information is also available at [www.livermorelit.com](http://www.livermorelit.com).

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OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Dublin

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**4691 Summer Glen \$775,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

### Livermore

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**4301 Chaucer Court \$760,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

### Pleasanton

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**5772 Belleza Drive \$398,500**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri Valley 426-3859

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**1509 Trimmingham \$534,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**1007 Lamb Court \$599,900**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 570-5187

**3056 Badger Drive \$639,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 989-6500

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**480 Bunker Lane \$1,495,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**6975 Johnston Road \$1,749,800**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**64 Castlewood Dr \$1,995,000**  
Sun 2-5 Keller Williams 847-8880

**993 Madeira Drive \$735,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 989-6500

**7478 Alder Court \$799,000**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**5087 Blackbird Way \$809,000**  
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

**1839 Begonia Court \$935,000**  
Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**1075 Shadow Hills Court \$1,399,900**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**8000 Rockford Pl \$1,699,000**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**7209 Rosecliff Court \$1,775,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990

**788 Vineyard Terrace \$2,095,000**  
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

### San Ramon

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**1036 Canyon Hills Road \$925,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 580-8011

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5 Closed: 7 Pending: 1 Active:



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3051 Risdon Dr., Union City



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**4 NEW HOMES AVAILABLE!**      \$968,000  
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1349 LAWRENCE ROAD  
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## FREMONT

4281 WESTMINSTER CIRCLE  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!**      \$625,000  
 4 BR 2.5 BA hrdwd flrs, maple cabs, tile flr, shutters, laundry rm, gr8 flr pln, close to park 925.847.2200

## 4249 NERISSA CIRCLE

**GREAT FLOOR PLAN**      \$599,000  
 3 BR 2 BA 1 Stry/Vaulted Ceilings, Bck Yrd/no rear neighbors, Updtd Bths, cls to Shppng, Dining, Schl/Prk 925.847.2200

## LIVERMORE

21800 MINES RD  
**COUNTRY LIVING**      \$325,000  
 2 BR 2 BA w/amenities! Bunk house w/1 updated bath/laundry area. Wood stove; 3 generators, 4 water tanks 925.847.2200

## MARTINEZ

2429 LESLIE — PENDING  
**VIEWS OF MT. DIABLO**      \$210,000  
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## PLEASANTON

3655 VINEYARD  
**VINTAGE CHARMER**      \$475,000  
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1531 Honeysuckle Ct.  
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**Just reduced to \$2,199,000**



JUST LISTED!!

OPEN HOME  
 FRI 10-1 SUN 1-4

10 Castlewood Dr.  
 Pleasanton

Incredible one story custom rebuild in Castlewood Country Club! This is a must see home where custom touches abound with 4 bedrooms, an office and 3 1/2 bathrooms nestled on over 1/2 acre with a new pool and backing to Castlewood Creek. It is truly one of a kind where nothing has been spared, even down to a golf cart garage. **Don't miss it.**  
**Price \$1,269,000**



JUST REDUCED!

OPEN HOME  
 SAT 10-12:30

Adorable and Spacious 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bathroom thoughtfully updated home on a large 9300 square foot lot +/- complete with a pool and spa is what you have been waiting for. Close to Downtown Pleasanton, Kottinger Park and Valley View Elementary, this home is in a wonderful location to enjoy all that Pleasanton has to offer!  
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Listed at \$1,775,000



**7193 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE

**1839 BEGONIA CT. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS

**2170 FOXSWALLOW RD. PLEASANTON**  
LOCATED IN BIRDLAND



6 BD 6BA 5,096sf. w/ 14,519sf.  
Gourmet Cook's Kitchen & High End Upgrades.  
Large master & media room  
\$1,699,000



4 BD 3 BA 2,541sf. w/ 8,140sf. lot  
Recently Updated, Full Bed & Bath on main level.  
3 Car Garage and Side Yard  
\$935,000



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**The latest from The 680 Blog**

**Pleasanton March Market Update - Things Heating Up**

The real estate market in Pleasanton picked up more steam in March, with both inventory and pending sales of single family homes increasing for the fourth straight month. Gains were seen in all market segments but homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million saw the strongest increases. Pending sales rose faster than inventory in March, resulting in a tighter market.

Overall, inventory increased by 16 homes in March to 135, a 13.4% increase over February. While less than February's 17% gain, that's more a reflection of strong sales than a slowing in new listings. Pending sales increased by 24 in March to 75, a 47% gain. There is now 1.8 months of inventory in Pleasanton relative to pending sales, down from 2.3 months in February. March's 75 pending sales are the most in Pleasanton since July of last year (76). We'd have to go back to 2006 to see more pending sales than 76.

The inventory of homes priced under \$1 million increased by eight to 69, a 13% increase over February. This price range ac-

counts for 51% of Pleasanton's inventory of single family homes, unchanged from last month.

However, 74% of Pleasanton's pending sales were in this segment. Pending sales increased 11 to 55, a 25% increase over February. There is now 1.25 months of inventory relative to pending sales in this segment, compared to 1.4 months in February.

Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million was where the biggest gains were in Pleasanton during March. Pending sales >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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Newer luxury 5 BR, 4 BTH single story home on prime .31 acre cul-de-sac lot with hardwood floors, granite/cherry/stainless kit, and more!  
1075 Shadow Hills Court  
**\$1,399,900**



Stunning Mediterranean with 5 Bedrooms plus bonus & office, 4 1/2 Baths, and huge flat 1/3 Acre lot with sport court & BBQ. **\$1,649,000**



Stunning single story custom on 1+ Acre lot with 6 car garage, hardwood floors, granite kit, finished attic/storage, and private location backing to Pleasanton ridge open space!  
8000 Rockford  
**\$1,699,000**



Charming 4 BR, 2 BTH single story home with upgraded kitchen & baths, hardwood entry on a large private 1/4 acre cul-de-sac lot with sparkling pool!  
**\$799,000**



Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, luxurious master suite, and premium location at end of cul-de-sac next to park. 3570 Kings Canyon Ct.  
**\$629,000**



Spacious upgraded home in West Pleasanton on cul-de-sac. 4 BR, 3 BTH with upgraded granite kitchen, new carpeting, and a prime location backing to greenbelt with views of the ridge  
7478 Alder Court  
**\$799,000**



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## BRIDLE CREEK



### 897 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .29 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2000. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **OFFERED AT \$1,449,000**

## CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES

OPEN SUN 1-4



### 788 VINEYARD TERRACE, PLEASANTON

Country Chateau Vineyard Estate on approximately 1 acre secluded lot (40,029 sq. ft.). Professionally landscaped with multiple heritage oaks, adjacent to vineyards. Panoramic views of Mount Diablo and the surrounding hills. This semi-custom beautiful private home built by Greenbriar Homes in 2008 has a total square footage of 6,476. The main house at 5,330 square feet includes five bedrooms plus library (6th), six bathrooms and a super bonus/home theater room. Also included are a four car garage and private carriage house at 1,146 square feet. **OFFERED AT \$2,095,000**

## PLEASANTON HILLS

PENDING



### 4848 DOLORES DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful upgraded Pleasanton Hills home. Four bedrooms, plus office/nursery/workout room, three bathrooms and upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Approximately 2,710 square feet. Lot size is 10,269 square feet with upgraded landscaping. Located on quiet street with private rear yard. New carpet throughout. new interior paint. Two fireplaces. Three car garage. **OFFERED AT \$949,500**

## BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



### 806 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space. Highly upgraded with beautiful front and rear grounds. Includes in-ground pool and spa. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2002. Five bedrooms, plus guest suite and bonus room, 5 bathrooms. Approximately 4,455 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

## THE PRESERVE

SOLD



### 6229 DETJEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Wow! Beautiful and priced to sell. This upgraded home in the desirable Preserve community on a private .68 acre (29,506 square foot) estate lot. This beautifully landscaped property backs to open space. Enjoy the views of the surrounding open land and the quiet court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, private office, 4.5 baths, approximate total square footage 4,689. Fully integrated home sound system with individual multi-source, multi-zone audio selection key pads. Furniture negotiable. **OFFERED AT \$1,495,000**

## HACIENDA MOBILE HOME PARK

SOLD



### 3231 VINEYARD AVENUE #29, PLEASANTON

Newer mobile home built in 2004. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approximately 1,300 square feet. Central heat and air, cathedral ceilings, separate dining room, dual glazed low E windows. Front porch, custom shed, covered driveway, extended 7/10 year warranty. Best priced newer mobile home available in Pleasanton. **OFFERED AT \$145,000**

## VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



### 925 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Five bedrooms, 5th is bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Lot size is 9452 (.21 acre lot), with large side yards. Located on quiet street. Private rear yard backs to single level home. New carpet throughout. New exterior paint. Three fireplaces. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton! **SOLD FOR \$1,068,500**

## GREY EAGLE ESTATES

SOLD



### 4 EAGLET COURT, PLEASANTON

Experience breathtaking panoramic views from this secluded hilltop home, located in the gated community of Grey Eagle Estates. This beautiful private estate (1.36 acre lot), features 5,460 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, AuPair/Guest Room (4th) and four and a half baths. Large downstairs bonus room and private office (5th). The remodeled gourmet kitchen and master bath. Extensive basement storage area and separate wine cellar. Marble and hardwood flooring. Separate pool house with pool/spa/waterfall/ kitchen/bathroom. Tile roof. Four car garage. Don't miss this one! **SOLD FOR \$1,975,000**





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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**7870 GALWAY CT DUBLIN**  
5 Bd/ 5.5 Ba. Gorgeous, brand new custom contemporary, features; solid quartz counters, natural cherry, home theater, Wolf appliances, steam shower. **\$1,588,000**  
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

**GLEN EAGLES**



**5065 PIPER GLEN TERRACE DUBLIN**  
4 bd/ 2.5ba. Largest Model. Solid granite kitchen with SS appliances/gas stove with grill. Family rm w/built in media niche TV/SSound & much more! **\$825,000**  
Debra A. Allen 925.487.3519

**COURT LOCATION**



**6581 WILLOWVIEW CT LIVERMORE**  
4bd/3ba. Bed & full bath downstairs. Large family room. Eat-in kitchen plus breakfast bar. Formal living and dining rooms. Close to schools & park. **\$579,000**  
The Bowers Team 925.785.3795

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**7914 PARAGON CIRCLE PLEASANTON**  
5 bd/ 3.5ba. Premium .46 acre lot with over \$300k in landscaping, pool, spa, bbq, fountains & more! Views! 2 bdms, plus office downstairs. **\$1,616,800**  
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**9663 CROSBY DRIVE PLEASANTON**  
5 bd/ 4 (2 1/2)ba. The finest materials & workmanship thruout, beautiful views; hills & vistas, backs to open space. **\$2,095,000**  
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME**



**2538 VINEYARD AVE PLEASANTON**  
Lot. Acres Apx: 0.79, located across from Clara Ln, generally level lot with good utility, public water and sewer. Private well. Build your dream home! **\$399,950**  
Kelly Patterson/ Duffy 925.200.2525

**FULLY FURNISHED**



**5501 DEMARCUS BLVD Unit 215 DUBLIN**  
2 bd/ 2ba. Walk to Bart. Cust Tiffany light fixtures, Close to shops/theatre. Kit w/granite, brkfst bar, cherry wood cabs. & gorgeous wood floors. **\$429,950**  
The Engels 925.251.2510

**UNIQUE CUSTOM HOME**



**4263 CORNELL WAY LIVERMORE**  
5 Bd. Spacious, light & airy near Livermore Lab! Newer kitchen & bathrooms, tile fireplace w/ insert, & private courtyard. 2 bedrooms have doors to front. **\$449,950**  
Karen Wilson Fontaine 925.583.2171

**GORGEOUS PONDEROSA**



**3053 PASEO GRANADA PLEASANTON**  
Newer roof, carpet, wood floors & custom tile. Spiral staircase, manicured yards w/lush landscape. Great entertainer w/open Kitchen. Top rated Schools! **\$899,950**  
The Engels 925.251.2510

**NEW PRICE!**



**3355 TOURIGA DR PLEASANTON**  
4Bd, 2.5Ba. Highly energy efficient home. Mostly everything has been updated or replaced in the last year. 45K solar system w/ no energy bill. Vintage Hills. **\$799,950**  
Jared Higgins 925.855.4178

**MEDITERRANEAN FEATURES**



**833 PIEMONTE DRIVE PLEASANTON**  
4 bd/ 3 ba, 5,300+ sq.ft. Huge gourmet kit, exercise rm, library, 4 fireplaces, 5-car garage. Incomparable 0.70 acres, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen. **\$2,350,000**  
Diane Gilfether 925.648.5443

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4**



**7330 HANSEN DRIVE DUBLIN**  
Approx 1,900 sqft, 7,600+ sqft lot, 4 bd, 3 ba, updated kitchen, dual pane windows, updated master bath. Close to shopping & easy freeway access. **\$609,950**  
Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**17592 VINEYARD RD CASTRO VALLEY**  
3Bd/ 2 Ba. 1,530+/- sq.ft. Single Story Home. Award Winning Castro Valley School District. Large Lot. **\$525,000**  
Kristy & Company 925.251.2536

**KOTTINGER RANCH**



**4190 GARIBALDI PL PLEASANTON**  
4 bd/ 2.5 ba, 1,857+/- sq.ft. Designer paint. Lrg master bdrm w/walk-in closet, Near downtown, freeway, shops, parks, schools. HOA includes pool. **\$609,500**  
Peggy Kissinger 925.648.5338

**8044GOLDENEAGLE.COM**



**8044 GOLDENEAGLEWAY PLEASANTON**  
Designer features throughout w/ extensive use of cherry wood, stone & more. Level park-like backyard, pool, spa, lrg grass area. **\$2,998,000**  
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

**NEW PRICE**



**860 CASTLEWOOD PL PLEASANTON**  
4 bd 3 ba, 4,300 sq. ft., 0.50+/- acres. Panoramic Views! Custom home. Included; full Castlewood CC membership w/ the sale & 1st years mo. dues. **\$1,795,000**  
Bryan Craft 925.855.4141

**MODEL PERFECT**



**7810 BLOOMFIELD TER DUBLIN**  
4 bd/ 3.5 ba. Remodeled w/ high end upgrades. AGA gourmet stove, Sub-Zero Frig, Stone stairs, Bonus Room, Cherry plank floors throughout. **\$999,000**  
Vickie & Bill Keller 925.583.2182

**LOT ACRES Apx: 3.59**



**35650 PALOMARES RD CASTRO VALLEY**  
3 Bd, 2ba. Nature Lover's Delight! Fruit Trees, Lots of Plants and Flowers, Redwood Siding, Park Like setting, Country Bridge Crossing. **\$799,000**  
Kristy & Company 925.251.2536

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