

# Emphasizing abilities

Program allows teens with disabilities on-the-job training

story and photos by Emily Atwood



Above: Jason Andrade and Amber Ortesi wash the tables and chairs before a lunch at the Senior Center. Top right: Brandon Tuers and Joe Balero, both of Livermore, organize Halloween items at Wal-Mart. Bottom right: Kelly Mitchell, of Livermore, presents a flattened ornament box that she had just cut while working at Cost Plus.

“Sometimes people let the disabilities overshadow the abilities,” WorkAbility Coordinator Gina Gourley said. “Our mission is to enable [students with disabilities] and see the abilities they have.”

WorkAbility is a grant-funded program that runs through the Pleasanton Unified School District. It began in 1985 and provides work opportunities and career education, experience and information to local high school students with disabilities like autism, cerebral palsy and Down’s Syndrome.

“We work with all levels,” Gourley said. “From mild, those who are fully able and most go onto college, to severely handicapped.”

Job tasks involve anything from sorting merchandise to janitorial services. The students and staff are paid through the grant.

A job coach—officially called training employment specialists—will supervise a handful of students as they go out to local businesses and perform various routine tasks. Students learn everything from using public transportation to crafting a resume to maintaining proper hygiene.

Just a few of the worksites include Sears, Amador Valley High School’s Courtyard Café, JoAnn Fabrics, TJ Maxx, city park maintenance and California Stampin’. The popular places to work are Round Table Pizza, TJ Maxx and Cost Plus, but that can change as they try working at different places. Some students even think up their own ideal work place, such as a student who wanted to learn more about landscaping and now works for the city’s park maintenance.

“Our whole point is to enable the students and see what abilities they have,” Gourley said.

Last Wednesday a group showed up early to the Pleasanton

Senior Center to wash down tables and chairs and set up the tables for the seniors’ lunch. Meanwhile another group was sorting face paint, costumes and glowing eyeballs in the Halloween section of Wal-Mart.

Gourley said that businesses are sometimes apprehensive in having the students help, but after a summer vacation without them, the business are anxious to have them back.

Often times the students’ work is vital to the organization—like those helping set up for senior lunches. Gourley said that the center have a hard time getting people to volunteer, and depend on the students’ helping hands.

The students typically stay in the program until they are about 22 years old. Most of them stay in the community doing a job they have learned or can find jobs through organizations like East Bay Innovations in San Leandro or Independent Way in Livermore.

“They’re really good at routine jobs,” Gourley said. “They’re going to be on time and ready to do the work.”

Yet she’s quick to point out that these students don’t receive special treatment in or out of the program. Those who think their job is secure and they don’t have to show up or bother with good hygiene, Gourley said “they would be fired just like you and me.”

Some companies are still hesitant to hire these students, even with their career training and experience. If jobs aren’t found quickly after completing the WorkAbility program, often through a supported employment agency, sometimes the skills fade and it’s time for more training from programs like Independent Way.

In Gourley’s eight years at WorkAbility, she’s seen the program grow from 15 to 50 students. And as more students

go through the program, more success stories are created.

For some, motivation comes from learning that working hard and logging in more hours means a bigger paycheck. Others work harder when they enjoy what they are doing. And everyone covets the Worker of the Month award.

Kelly Mitchell of Livermore was one of those recipients and is working hard to earn another one.

“Cutting boxes is my favorite,” she said as she and another student unpacked Christmas ornaments at Cost Plus. But she prefers working at TJ Maxx, where she can admire the clothes.

Washing tables and chairs at the senior center may be considered boring to some, but Jason Andrade worked away with a big smile.

“I really like to help out,” he said, with two thumbs up.

Jennifer Thomas of Pleasanton has done so well working at Safeway that she spends much of her time there as a hired hand working through the union. In fact, when helping clean aisles at Wal-Mart, she barely needed any supervision.

Eventually, like Thomas, the students will pick up the skills and be able to do the tasks without being reminded to pace themselves or told what to do next. Instead of being close in stride during the workday, job coaches take some steps back and watch the students in action.

“Once they leave the program,” Gourley said, “they will be able to rely less on the government because they will have an income. It’s also about having a better quality of life where they can earn a paycheck and be out in the community making friends and contributing to society.”

For more information about the program, call the school district offices at 462-5500. ■

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**Days of Heaven**

The Criterion Collection DVD  
1hr 35mins  
Director: Terrence Malick



Reissued to video by the Criterion Collection this week is director Terrence Malick's opulent and emotionally elusive "Days of Heaven." It was the movie that put the Texan director on the map as the answer to Germany's late '70s new wave of directors; drawing inspiration from that country's pool of styles, nodding to Fassbinder's displaced dramatics and especially Werner Herzog's spooky dreaminess to create a movie that exemplifies the heart of American gothic. It's never entirely successful at trying to convey the American myth it's going for, which is a cross between silent-film and Biblical parable; nevertheless it's a marvelous example of the late '70s movies when the director, for better or worse (sometimes worse), was king, and the movies they made were treated as an event.

Malick was 33 when he made "Days of Heaven" with only two other movies to speak of under his name. His first real attention came from 1974's "Badlands" which starred Sissy Spacek and Martin Sheen as a pair of outlaws modeled after the Starkweather-Fugate 1957 case. That movie (one of my favorites) was a stunning debut into the commercial market because it conveyed an America from our collective dreams: a tired and empty Midwest whose stage was a place where violence erupts as to escape from the abyss of routine. "Badlands" seems then to have naturally led into "Days of Heaven" and this time the young director had almost total control of the production. Malick shot for almost a year in Texas and Canada, waiting days for the perfect shot with his cast and crew at his mercy. Is that indulgent? Of course it is, but movies are an indulgent art form, whose results are for us to gobble.

"Days of Heaven" is set in the Midwest before World War I. The narrator is the orphan Linda (Linda Mantz), who's semi-illiterate but poetic narration echoes the avaricious chambers of immigration waves and workers whose eternal migrations lead them from cityscape to county side. Linda is adopted (by proxy) by Abby (Brooke Adams) and Bill (Richard Gere) in Chicago, but have to flee because of Bill's fight with a plant manager. The trio escapes to Texas and find work as sharecroppers and this is when the movie becomes hallucinatory and beautiful. They begin working for a farmer (Sam Shepherd) who's revealed to be slowly dying which prompts Bill to concoct a plan: what if Abby marries the farmer and inherits it all after he dies?

At the time, "Days of Heaven" was called by the most elite of critics Paul Kael "an empty Christmas tree: you can hang all your dumb metaphors on it" and so you may. However, this a movie that is told best in images (courtesy of cinematographer(s) Nestor Almendros and John Bailey) and, its those impressions that are the potent source of the movie's vigor, not the way its constructed. Does that make it empty? I would have to say no because in aggrandizing itself with all those lovely images from our national psyches, "Days of Heaven's" inflated drama, with its fire and locust filled climax, achieves a collective credibility.

—Joe Ramirez

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In a blazing epiphany that sets the narrative on its ear, Arthur goes completely schizoid, insisting among other things that he's drenched in amniotic fluid while experiencing a cathartic rebirth.

Smooth-as-silk Clayton is dispatched to do damage control, but it appears that Arthur was on to something big before his drugless psychosis: turning the tables on a giant toxic cover-up and \$3 billion class-action lawsuit against K, B & L agrochemical super-

client U/North.

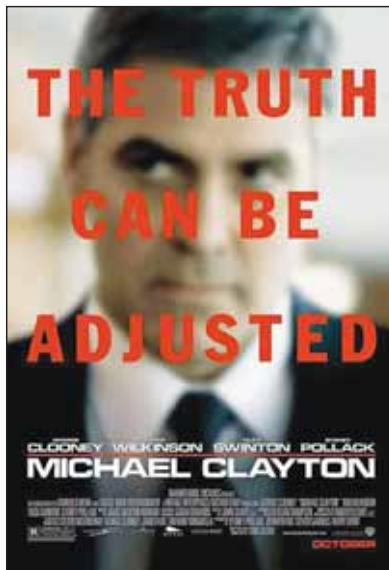
Soon enough Clayton is going toe to toe with U/North's steely in-house chief counsel (Tilda Swinton) and racing against the clock to pull together the unraveling threads of a massive conglomerate's tapestry of lies.

"Clayton" is a resonant throwback with deep roots in the political thrillers of the 1970s: slick, smart and saturated in dramatic paranoia. A brainy pastiche of set-ups, pay-offs, company malfeasance and revenge in absorbing shades of grey. "Clayton" brims with conscience, establishing its persuasive claim in stark bursts of truth while holding its more enigmatic secrets close to the vest.

It doesn't hurt to have a crack cast of A-listers working their magic: Clooney as the suave bagman who harbors a gambling addiction and loan-shark debt; Wilkinson as the remorseful big gun standing on the precipice of insanity, and Swinton, cool, calm and desperately trying for collected in the face of professional suicide.

One or two moments ring false but the tension is unfailingly hot-wired and sans CGI fireworks. Good old-fashioned drama the good old-fashioned way.

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# Pleasanton Playhouse kicks its 24th season off

*"Little Shop of Horrors" runs tonight through Nov. 4*

The first Pleasanton Playhouse production of the 24th season will take the main stage tonight at the Livermore High School Theater.

"Little Shop of Horrors," based on the 1960 black comedy film of the same title, follows a nerdy flower shop worker (Seymour Krelborn, played by Stephen Foreman), as he finds, tends to and ultimately falls victim to an alien plant that feasts on human blood.

The plant brings Seymour fame, fortune and love and promises to continue only if he keeps feeding it human bodies. Feeling queasy yet? Eventually, neither Seymour nor his love Audrey (played by Amy Nielson) can please the blood-thirsty plant.

Other characters include Orin, played by Tom Reardon; Mushnik, played by John Sellen; and Audrey II, played by Marcus Silva.

The book and lyrics for "Little Shop of Horrors" were written by Howard Ashman, with music by Alan Menken. The musical is based on the film by Roger Corman and the screenplay by Charles Griffith. The audience will hear such songs as "Skid Row," "Somewhere That's Green," "Dentist," "Feed Me (Git It)," and "Suddenly Seymour."

The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by Mike Kasin, with musical direction by Michael Strelow-Smith and choreography by Victoria George and Shawnel Buitrago-Herbst.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 4 at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and \$20 for juniors 18 and younger. They can be purchased 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays,



Eric Wood

Marcus Silva (Audrey II) and Tom Reardon (Orin) are part of the Pleasanton Playhouse production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pleasanton Playhouse box office, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Ste. 307 or by calling 462-2121 or 484-4486. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com).

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# Real Estate

## Builder confidence shaken this month by mortgage problems

Special sales helping, but buyers still hold back

by Jeb Bing

**B**uilder confidence in the market for new single-family homes was further shaken in October due to continuing problems in the mortgage market, substantial inventories of unsold units and the perceived effect that negative media coverage is having on potential buyers, according to the latest National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI).



Brian Catalde. "Consumers are still trying to sort out market realities and get the best deals they can," noted NAHB Chief Economist David Seiders. "Many prospective buyers may very well have unrealistic expectations regarding new-home prices as well as how much they can expect to receive for their existing homes. When the market is in proper balance, people can recognize a good deal when it comes along; at this point, they view a good deal as a moving target."

The positive news from today's report, said Seiders, is that builder expectations for sales conditions in the next six months held steady at 26.

"Builders believe they are taking the right

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## Realtor raises \$250,000 for Habitat for Humanity

4,300 take part in Coldwell Banker effort

by Jeb Bing

**C**oldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Bay Area's largest residential real estate services company, has announced that it has raised more than \$250,000 for Habitat for Humanity, the non profit organization that

helps low-income families build their own homes.

The donation was the result of a six-week community-wide raffle held throughout Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's 66 Northern California offices. Entitled "Hearts + Hammers Dreambuilders," this year's campaign was the 12th annual fundraiser by Coldwell Banker for Habitat for Humanity.

"More than 4,300 of our agents, managers and staff rallied together to make this year's raffle a spectacular success, and I'm extremely proud of them," said Larry Klapow, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the San Francisco Bay Area. "Thousands of our folks donated their time, money and resources because they believe deeply in the mission of Habitat and that everyone should have the opportunity of enjoying the American dream of homeownership."

Klapow said that it is particularly appropriate for residential real estate specialists to "return their blessings to their community" by supporting Habitat for Humanity.

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# PLEASANTON WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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## DUBLIN

### 2 Bedrooms

**8552 Briarwood Ln. \$739,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 570-0717

### 3 Bedrooms

**4513 Peacock Ct. \$778,500**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

### 4 Bedrooms

**3227 South Bridgepointe Ln. \$1,029,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 858-5400

**8333 Creekside Dr. \$1,100,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**11470 Silvergate Dr. \$689,950**  
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 784-7000

### 5 Bedrooms

**5336 Signal Hill Dr. \$1,125,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 858-5400

**5017 Colebrook Ct. \$1,259,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 858-5400

**11480 Silvergate Dr. \$710,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 570-0717

**5402 Blackstone Wy. \$950,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 998-0382

## LIVERMORE

### 2 Bedrooms

**139 Windward Cmn. #1 \$387,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**1718 Hollyhock \$465,000**  
Sat 1-4 Prudential Ca 734-5000

### 3 Bedrooms

**1727 Sutter St. \$549,950**  
Sun 12-4 Re/Max 200-6916

**1284 Rolling Hills \$559,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero (800) 319-8991

**748 Lido Dr. \$599,000**  
Sun 1-4 ReMax / Accord 997-8001

**927 Orion \$777,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero (800) 319-8991

### 4 Bedrooms

**2648 St. Helena Ct. \$1,249,582**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116

**2329 Rapolla Common \$719,950**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**2095 Rapallo Common \$730,000**  
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

### 5 Bedrooms

**3006 Picholine Dr. \$1,595,000**  
Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel 621-4049

## PLEASANTON

### 1 Bedrooms

**68 Peters Ave. \$353,000**  
Sat/Sun 10-4/1-4 Keller Williams 876-3756

### 2 Bedrooms

**5116 Orsini Ct. \$612,000**  
Sun 1-3 Hometown GMAC 426-3889

**4309 Krause St. \$615,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**4536 First St. \$759,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Investment Real Estate Co. 846-0506

### 3 Bedrooms

**844 Division St. \$1,225,000**  
Sat 1-4 Investment RE 963-0569

### 3 Bedrooms

**5484 Black Ave. \$499,000**  
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

### 3 Bedrooms

**2911 Liberty Dr. \$614,500**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 417-8603

**3590 Florian St. \$699,950**  
Sun 3-5 Hometown GMAC 426-3889

**3193 Montpelier Ct. \$719,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 922-1575

**4332 Diavila Ave. \$739,000**  
Sat 1-4 Re/Max 847-8900

**948 Riesling Dr. \$739,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero (800) 319-8991

**3516 Helen Dr. \$749,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

**4517 Las Lomitas Dr. \$798,500**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3859

### 4 Bedrooms

**1397 Whispering Oaks Wy. \$1,059,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500

**3302 Prairie Dr. \$1,125,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**5955 Via Del Cielo \$1,175,000**  
Sun 1-4 Karin Mohr Real Estate 846-9003

**532 Rosso Ct. \$1,239,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6298

**307 Brianne Ct. \$1,249,000**  
Sun 1-4 Century 21 Mission-Bishop Real Estate 699-9508

**4568 First St. \$1,289,000**  
Sun 1-4 Investment Real Estate Co. 846-0506

**1306 Stony Brook \$1,315,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 251-1111

**668 Abbie St. \$1,475,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 413-1912

**964 Piemonte Dr. \$2,149,950**  
Sun 1-4 Windermere 963-8871

**2669 Casalina Ct. \$2,550,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6298

**6823 Singletree Ct. \$650,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4390

**3705 Ashwood Dr. \$775,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

**6828 Corte Salcedo \$819,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5061

**1282 Ridgewood Rd. \$839,000**  
Sun 1-4 Gerit Real Estate Services 426-5010

**2630 Minton Ct. \$840,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**3326 Hadsell Ct. \$850,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**7629 Olive Dr. \$859,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 899-4084

### 5 Bedrooms

**4823 Arlene Pl. \$1,398,800**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 899-4085

**3753 Smallwood Ct. \$1,599,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3826

**5725 Ohana Pl. \$2,097,500**  
Sat/Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel 846-6500

**2009 Foxswallow Rd. \$997,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 462-7653

### 6 Bedrooms

**1369 Royal Creek Ct. \$1,499,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

## SAN RAMON

### 2 Bedrooms

**9024 Craydon Cir. \$265,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 UCB 580-4524

**108A Norris Canyon Pl. \$417,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

### 3 Bedrooms

**3250 Vera Cruz Dr. \$795,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-3829

**4549 Sweetgale Dr. \$849,500**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

### 4 Bedrooms

**2212 Maidenhair Wy. \$819,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca 734-5000

**8075 Briar Oaks Dr. \$884,500**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

**758 Pradera Way \$899,990**  
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

### 5 Bedrooms

**6019 Westside Dr. \$1,549,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3326

## ALAMO

### 5 Bedrooms

**4055 Stone Valley Oaks Dr. \$2,399,900**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 785-7777

## BLACKHAWK

### 3 Bedrooms

**3319 Quail Walk Ln. \$1,195,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 984-9658

**305 Live Oak Dr. \$1,295,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 577-4004

**106 Kingswood Cir. \$899,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 577-4004

### 4 Bedrooms

**311 Live Oak Dr. \$1,195,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 577-4004

**5098 Blackhawk Dr. \$1,813,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 984-9658

**21 Deer Creek Ln. \$2,399,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 998-1818

## DANVILLE

### 3 Bedrooms

**1618 Brush Creek Pl. \$789,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 998-9449

**146 Blackstone Dr. \$800,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4326

### 4 Bedrooms

**2651 Finley Rd. \$3,700,000**  
Sun 1-5 Keller Williams 260-8883

**423 Sutton Cir. \$664,950**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential 858-4384

**138 Belgain Dr. \$987,500**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 UCB 351-8686

### 5 Bedrooms

**60 Casablanca St. \$959,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 998-1818

**405 Skycrest Dr. \$990,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

## CASTRO VALLEY

### 3 Bedrooms

**25339 Gold Hills Dr. \$925,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff 510-886-0400

## CASTRO VALLEY

### 4 Bedrooms

**7250 Morton Pl. \$769,000**  
Sat 1-4 Hometown GMAC 899-4085

**22432 Princeton Pl. \$868,888**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 519-9099

## PLEASANT HILL

### 3 Bedrooms

**150 Jackson Wy. \$630,000**  
Sun 2-5 ReMax Accord (888) 825-0428

## SAN LEANDRO

### 3 Bedrooms

**361 Aloha Dr. \$549,950**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

## SAN LORENZO

### 3 Bedrooms

**15570 Vassar Ave. \$479,999**  
Sat/Sun 12-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3831



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**SUN 1 - 4** 2630 MINTON COURT  
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**3063 SORRELWOOD DRIVE**  
**BEYOND BEAUTY!** \$1,178,000  
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**566 CEDAR DR**  
**LOT'S OF UPGRADES!!!** \$549,000  
 3 BR 2 BA upgrd kit w/grnite.Vaultd ceilings,nice tile flrg/crpt thru out.Nice bckryd w/lrg side yrd 925.847.2200

**812 MOHAWK DRIVE**  
**GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT** \$509,000  
 3 BR 2 BA Great price for an Updated home, with lots of great details. Nicely landscaped backyard 925.847.2200

## MARTINEZ

**4896 STARFLOWER DR.**  
**MT. DIABLO VIEW!** \$495,000  
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## MORGAN HILL

**19185 SAFFRON DRIVE**  
**BEAUTIFUL** \$779,000  
 4 BR 2.5 BA upgraded, nice cul-de-sac, nearby schls, shppng,easy commuting loc. landscaped/maintained 925.847.2200

## MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**523 S. TRADITION ST**  
**FORMER MODEL HOME!** \$579,000  
 4 BR 3 BA + office w/huge kitchen/isle, hardwood floors, 3-car garage,lush backyard w/ patio/fountain 925.847.2200

**457 STEVEN ST**  
**BEAUTIFUL PULTE HOME** \$505,000  
 4 BR 2.5 BA built 04, family rm w/gas frpl,great backyard w/patio & grass,lrg kitchen w/walk-in pantry 925.847.2200

**400 GOODALL DR.**  
**MOUNTAIN HOUSE BEAUTY** \$474,000  
 3 BR 2.5 BA blt' 04, kit/islnd, fam/frpl,sep liv,2 patios in bk,2 air/heat,wash/dry/frig/sat dish stay 925.847.2200

## PLEASANTON

**2859 EL CAPITAN DR**  
**WELCOME HOME** \$580,000  
 3 BR 2 BA Kit w/plenty of cabs,living rm w/ fireplace.Clng fans in lvng rm & all bd rms. Inside Indry 925.847.2200

**4213 SHELDON CIR**  
**2 BDRM SUITE TWNHSE** \$455,000  
 2 BR 2.5 BA kitchen has breakfast bar, dining area, living room w/fireplace, sunny patio,1 car garage, 925.847.2200

**7730B CANYON MEADOW CIR, UNIT B**  
**GORGEOUS VIEWS!** \$450,000  
 2 BR 2 BA vaulted ceilings/kit w/new cabs/slab granite cntrs/bths remodeld w/tile flrs/pedestal sinks 925.847.2200

**2288 SEGUNDO CT #3**  
**GORGEOUS HOME** \$339,500  
 2 BR 1 BA updated kitchen,new cabs,Zodiaq quartz cntrs,porcelain tile flr in kitchen/entry way 925.847.2200

**3847 VINEYARD AVE B**  
**PRICED TO SELL** \$305,000  
 1 BR 1 BA Upgraded unit, kitchen w/tile counters & parquet floor. Inside laundry & office/ bonus room 925.847.2200

**3231 VINEYARD AVE. #120, UNIT 120**  
**SENIOR LIVING** \$89,000  
 2 BR 2 BA open floor plan w/newer dual pane win/plush carpet,sun porch/storage + 2 space carport 925.847.2200

## SAN RAMON

**76 AUTUMNWIND COURT**  
**ELEGANT & STUNNING!** \$959,000  
 4 BR 3 BA Aprx. 2,614 sq ft.Full BD/BA down. Remodeled top to bottom. Premium lot w/ sparkling pl/spa 925.847.2200

## TRACY

**1846 KAGEHIRO DR**  
**GORGEOUS!!** \$849,000  
 5 BR 4.5 BA stained oak throughoutMassive kit,islnd w/sink,2 frplcs.HUGE RV prkg/4 car gar,new backyd 925.847.2200

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**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**3326 HADSELL COURT, PLEASANTON**  
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Adorable 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Pleasanton Meadows & with over 1900 sq ft this is a great family home! There is 1 bedroom & full bath downstairs. Light & bright kitchen with breakfast nook and garden window. Spacious master bedroom with vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, large oval tub and dual sinks. Just a short stroll to a wonderful park!

**OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4**



**3302 PRAIRIE DRIVE, PLEASANTON**

*Offered at \$1,125,000*  
Rare opportunity in Foothill Knolls... 4 bdrms, 3 baths, over 2300 sq ft on a large 11,277 sq ft lot. Vaulted ceilings, new carpet & paint. Hardwood floor entry, elegantly wide stair case. 1 bdrm & full bath downstairs. 2 fireplaces. 3 car garage. Master bdrm w/ beautiful views of the ridge. Stunning picturesque neighborhood.



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**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**146 BLACKSTONE DRIVE, DANVILLE**  
*Offered at \$800,000*

Wonderful Tassajara Ranch single-story home on private lot. Home boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with a spacious open floor plan custom painted. New Berber carpet throughout. Vaulted ceilings, large master suite and inside laundry. Located convenient to shopping, restaurants and schools.



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**NEW PRICE GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!!**



**3516 HELEN DRIVE, PLEASANTON**  
*New Price \$749,000*

Beautifully updated home in Mohr Park school area! Remodeled kitchen, complete with granite counters. Stainless appliances, gorgeous master bath! Wood floors downstairs, new carpet, good size backyard!! Blue prints of plans to expand to 2340 sq. ft. Must see!



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**176 ALDEN LANE, LIVERMORE**

Gorgeous Prima home with 4 bedrooms/3 baths + Library! Very private with no neighbors across street. Fresh paint in and out. Beautiful kitchen counters & Mexican tile backsplash, stainless (do not split word) appliances, pendant lighting. Family room with ceiling fan & surround sound. Formal dining and Library! Master retreat with fireplace! Don't miss this!



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**OPEN HOME SUN 1-4**



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**COMING SOON!**



**2025 Raven Road, Pleasanton**  
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**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**2009 Foxswallow Rd, Pleasanton**  
Lovely Heritage model in Birdland—walking distance to K-12 schools 5bd/3ba 2560 +/-sf with new roof, windows, kitchen, paint, pool and more!! \$997,000

**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**3705 Ashwood Drive, Pleasanton**  
Renovated throughout! Great Value! 4bdrm/2.5ba. New granite kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, new baths, carpet, tile, A/C, new windows, designer paint, crown molding, HUGE private yard, no rear neighbors. \$775,000

**BY APPOINTMENT**



**2872 Gray Fox Court, Pleasanton**  
Custom hilltop retreat with unparalleled views on a private 2.25 acre lot with visiting deer, fox and wild turkey. 4bd/3ba, 4368 +/-sf, custom wine closet, 4 car garage, outdoor kitchen/pizza oven \$2,149,999

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## Home sale of the week



### 6933 Stagecoach Road, Dublin – \$422,500

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## Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 7	Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 7	Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000	Lowest sale reported: \$369,000	Lowest sale reported: \$491,000	Lowest sale reported: \$335,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,014,000	Highest sale reported: \$530,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,055,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,028,500
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## Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2007

### Pleasanton

- 6409 Alvord Way** J. & A. Gamez to R. & T. Mangayan for \$640,000  
**3843 Appian Street** M. Zellner to X. Zhang for \$710,000  
**456 Del Sol Avenue** Dicosola Trust to M. Allendorf for \$890,000  
**7812 Foothill Road** WS Real Estate to P. Abadir for \$1,014,000  
**7822 Foothill Road** WS Real Estate to P. Abadir for \$960,500  
**5285 Genovesio Drive** X. Li to G. & I. Rafailov for \$727,000  
**3193 Thistledown Court** R. & D. Delsecco to J. & K. Terzich for \$730,000

### Dublin

- 7644 Arbor Creek Circle** Aurora Loan Services to R. & K. Knabe for \$369,000  
**7737 Sunwood Drive** DLJ Mortgage to L. Chu for \$530,000

### Livermore

- 305 Call of the Wild Way** T. & C. Sun to M. Mendoza for \$1,055,000  
**3083 Callaghan Street** Hansen-Wendel Trust to M. Reynaud for \$491,000  
**794 Cardinal Drive** H. Chavez to D. Vandermark for \$588,000  
**5414 Maybeck Lane** Paragon Relocation to A. Ross for \$890,000

**2891 Rivers Bend Circle** Arroyo Crossing to C. & J. Woodward for \$877,500

**2844 Salvia Common** Shea Homes to J. Vila for \$656,500

**665 Summertree Drive** C. & E. Howard to J. Martin for \$849,000

### San Ramon

- 815 Avery Court** Brookfield Emory to V. Ramaswamy for \$960,000  
**132 Black Calla Court** Buyer: S. & D. Warren for \$838,000  
**1009 Cedarwood Loop** Shapell Industries to P. Shah for \$651,000  
**3128 Cedarwood Loop** Shapell Industries to A. Stephens for \$600,000  
**3343 Chartwell Street** Richmond American Homes to G. Lu for \$731,500  
**3344 Chartwell Street** Buyer: T. & S. Patel for \$795,000  
**3348 Chartwell Street** Buyer: C. McCunney for \$749,000  
**Picadilly Circle** Buyer: S. Mandalika for \$860,500  
**55 Copper Ridge** Buyer: T. Castle for \$399,000  
**140 Eastridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to L. Meckenstock for \$360,000  
**342 Eastridge Drive** Buyer: S. Romero for \$335,000  
**129 Enchanted Way** H. Giusti to D. & C. Fritz for \$660,000  
**2877 Fountainhead Drive** Domde Corporation to C. Nyberg for \$415,000  
**1062 Hoskins Lane** Lennar Homes to D. Nam for \$975,000

**1066 Hoskins Lane** Buyer: H. & V. Cherukupally for \$762,000

**7450 Inverness Street** Buyer: A. & T. Procopio for \$859,000

**10072 La Paz Avenue** Silvanic Trust to P. O'Connor for \$850,000

**1977 Lambeth Way** Buyer: G. Hariharaputhiran for \$788,500

**108 Lucy Lane** Buyer: A. & E. Sumaqual for \$1,025,500

**116 Lucy Lane** Buyer: E. & J. Domingo for \$1,028,500

**2428 Millstream Lane** Buyer: S. Xu for \$641,000

**6232 Murdock Way** Buyer: S. Tirunagare for \$898,000

**2142 North Donovan Way** Buyer: J. Wong for \$770,000

**171 Paddington Court** Buyer: C. Isleta for \$960,000

**106 Palmer Street** Buyer: C. Spears for \$990,000

**245 Reflections Drive #16** San Ramon Reflections to J. Oser for \$468,500

**533 Treyburn Circle** Buyer: V. & C. Lee for \$640,000

**536 Treyburn Circle** Buyer: D. & E. Hetzler for \$655,000

**130 Valdivia Circle** Buyer: S. Chan for \$700,000

**2073 Watermill Road** Buyer: S. Zafar for \$639,000

**4031 West Lakeshore Drive** Buyer: M. Soutar for \$760,000

**6936 Wisteria Street** Buyer: D. Faaborg for \$500,000

## Confidence

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steps to reduce inventories and position themselves for the market recovery that lies ahead," he said. "Indeed, NAHB's housing forecast indicates that home sales should stabilize within the next six months and show significant improvement during the second half of next year."

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for more than 20 years, the NAHB/Wells Fargo HMI gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as either "good," "fair" or "poor." The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as either "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low."

Scores for each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view sales conditions as good than poor.

Two out of three component indexes of the HMI declined in October. The index gauging current single-family home sales and the index gauging traffic of prospective buyers each declined two points, to 18 and 15, respectively, while the index gauging sales expectations for the next six months remained unchanged at 26.

Regionally, the West accounted for a substantial portion of the decline in builder confidence this month, with a four-point reduction in its HMI to 14. The Northeast and South each reported one-point declines to 26 and 21, respectively, while the Midwest posted a two-point gain to 15. ■

## Habitat

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ownership a reality for hard-working families in the Bay Area that otherwise might now be able to put a roof over their children's head," he said. "It is an honor to partner with an organization that is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing in our community."

As part of the raffle, sales associates, managers and staff purchased tickets on behalf of their clients, family, friends and themselves, which were in turn entered into a drawing for a number of prizes including a \$5,000 cash prize donated by Princeton Capital, round-trip airfare on JetBlue Airways, a fantasy weekend in a BMW Z-4, Disneyland park

admission, a \$300 Home Depot gift card and a myriad of other prizes donated by generous companies and individuals throughout Northern California and beyond.

Coldwell Banker has embraced Habitat for Humanity as its official corporate charity. The company has funded and built numerous Habitat homes since the beginning of its affiliation with the non-profit organization in 1993. In Northern California alone, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has raised nearly \$2 million for local Habitat for Humanity chapters, including the East Bay, El Dorado County, Monterey, Peninsula, Sacramento, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Sonoma County, and has participated in the construction of more than 60 home-builds over the last 12 years. ■

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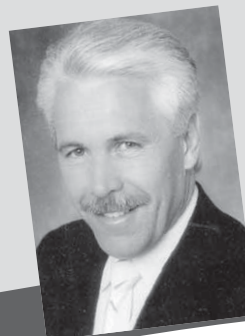


## Coming Soon in the Mid \$500k range!

Taken to bare walls by the seller it will be updated soon! This charming "Garden Court" 2 bedroom detached bungalow with 2 car attached garage is being fixed up just for you with new cabinets in the kitchen and bathroom. New tile, carpet, stainless steel appliances, plumbing and light fixtures. New dual pane windows, baseboards, a fresh coat of interior paint and landscaping as well round out the package! *Call for details and an availability date...Be the first to see it!*

## 2436 Heatherlark Circle

A fantastic bungalow style single story home that offers a much sought after open floor plan featuring 3 bedrooms plus an office and 2 full bathrooms. Some of the upgrades include a fresh coat of paint, new dual pane windows, and new carpeting. It also has an updated kitchen with beautiful laminate floors, central heating and air conditioning, and an attached 2 car garage. You won't want to miss out on this three bedroom... *They don't come up often!* \$590,000



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**Mid October Market Update**

Well, we're half way through the month of October, and the Pleasanton real estate market is moving along at about the same relative pace that it did last month. So far in October, we have 16 single family homes that are pending, which is about the same as the first half on September. Right now, there are 215 single family homes on the market in Pleasanton, which indicates that inventory, while up slightly from the end of September, is relatively stable. But there are some interesting observations about the recent activity in Pleasanton. Since September 1st, there are 50 homes that have gone into escrow (some of which have closed escrow). When you take a look at the all of these sales, several trends emerge:

- Over 50% of the sales (28 sales) were on the market for 30 days

or less, and almost 1/3 of these sales (16) were on the market for 14 days or less.

- Of these sales that occurred in 30 days or less, only 3 of the 28 sales had a price reduction
- Of the 22 sales that were on the market for over 30 days, 77% of these sales (17) had price reductions
- Of the 11 sales that were on the market for over 60 days, 91% of these sales (10) had price reductions

So what conclusions can be drawn from this data? Here is my opinion for what it's worth:

1. Good News. There are homes selling, some very quickly. Buyers are still out there... they just need to be convinced that the home is a good value. >> **Go to [The680Blog.com](http://The680Blog.com) to read the rest of this article.**

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**PLEASANTON \$1,799,000**  
Lowest price ever to own a custom home at Ruby Hills! Formal French home with 4112+/-sf, 4bd/3.5ba and 2 bonus rooms.

SUSIE STEELE OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



**PLEASANTON \$1,499,000**  
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SYLVIA DESIN BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$1,475,000**  
Close to downtown, this gorgeous expanded and totally remodeled home offers 4 bedrooms, game room and office.

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**PLEASANTON \$1,315,000**  
What more could you want! This home has it all, single story, great location and ready to move into. A grand entrance welcomes you in with its cherry floors/high ceilings. Spacious master suite/bath. 1306 Stony Brook

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$1,079,000**  
Very private 4bd/2.5ba, 2150+/-sf home close to downtown Pleasanton. Vaulted ceilings, open kitchen, formal dining/living. Large master bath. Newly landscaped. Property backs to creek.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$998,500**  
3bd/3ba, 2493+/-sf, single story home in a gated community with an open floor plan offering an open kitchen with bar and dinette area, family room, living room, dining room, 2 master suites.

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$997,000**  
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**PLEASANTON \$830,000**  
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**LIVERMORE \$799,000**  
Beautiful home with upgrades that include hardwood floors, premium carpet, granite countertops and custom window treatments. The open floor plan features a formal living room and dining room.

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$793,000**  
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**FORMER MODEL HOME** 3BD/2½BA, tile flooring downstairs, Corian counters, two-tone paint, crown moulding, large master suite, professionally landscaped

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**DESIRABLE SHADOW CLIFFS HOME** 3BD/2BA, open & bright, newer kitchen with granite, newer appliances and tile floor, crown moulding

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## FREMONT



**BEAUTIFUL HOME** 3BD/2BA, updated/remodeled kitchen, large family room, dual pane windows, walk to schools, park & shopping, easy freeway access

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## TRACY



**WOW!!!** 4BD/2½BA, hardwood floors, two fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, beautiful pool, decorative hardscape, balcony, professionally landscaped

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## PLEASANTON



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN** 2BD/1BA, new paint, freshly landscaped, new furnace & A/C, updated kitchen and bath, private yard with hot tub

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## LIVERMORE



**CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN** 5BD/3BA, kitchen features custom oak cabinets, tile countertops & laminate floors, beautiful yards, possible side yard access

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## TRACY



**PERFECT HOME!** 4BD/2BA, tile flooring, upgraded dual pane windows, newer exterior paint and fences, side yard access, close to park and school

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## LIVERMORE



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