

# History takes *flight*

‘Wings of Freedom’  
historic plane tour lands  
at Livermore Airport

by Emily Atwood

The Livermore Municipal Airport will play host to history this Memorial Day weekend as the Wings of Freedom Tour comes to town.

Visitors will have the chance to view World War II aircrafts: a fully-restored 1944 Consolidated B-24J Liberator, which is painted in the markings of “Witchcraft;” a 467th BG B-24 that flew a record 130 missions in the 8th Air Force over Europe, and a Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress “Nine-O-Nine” of the 91st BG, 8th Air Force, which was also the companion of the B-24 in thousands of wartime, bombing and reconnaissance missions.

The planes have all been restored to their former glory and would have been exactly what the pilots experienced. Planes like these are very rare.

“The B24 Liberator is the last one flying,” Hunter Chaney, Collings Foundation spokesman, said. “It was the most massed produced, multi-engine plane. America made over 18,000 and this one is the last of its type. The B17 is one of about eight or nine and the B25 is one of a small handful. The P51 is the only dual-control model of this type in the world.”

The tour is basically a mobile museum, which allows more visitors than if it were permanently parked in one place. Put on by the Collings Foundation, based out of Stow, Mass., over the last 19 years, the tour has made over 2,000 visits to about 110 cities in the United States. The Livermore airport has played host for the past five years. While the tours and flight experiences are meant to teach both young and old about American heritage and history, they also seek to honor the veterans who used them to preserve the country’s freedoms.

“There are many things that occurred during World War II that should not be forgotten,” Chaney said. “Nazis, totalitarianism, imperialism, the flagrant disregard for civilians, if we better understand this time in history we’ll be able to better dictate the future.”

The mobile museum is a fun tool that Chaney said really engrains the history into the minds of visitors.

“[At the show] we’re putting [visitors] in a historical environment in a very tactile way,” he said. “You will take it with you for many years as a memory and an impression.”

Walk-through tours are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Walk-through tours are available from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. All World War II veterans, including Rosie the Riveters are admitted free.

The hours for Sunday’s event have been extended to allow visitors to tour the planes before the evening flights. Also included in Sunday’s schedule is a performance from the Singing Blue Stars at 2 p.m. To learn more about them, visit [www.bluestarsingers.com](http://www.bluestarsingers.com).

Chaney said the fees to ride the planes are tax deductible and go directly back into maintaining the planes and the tour.

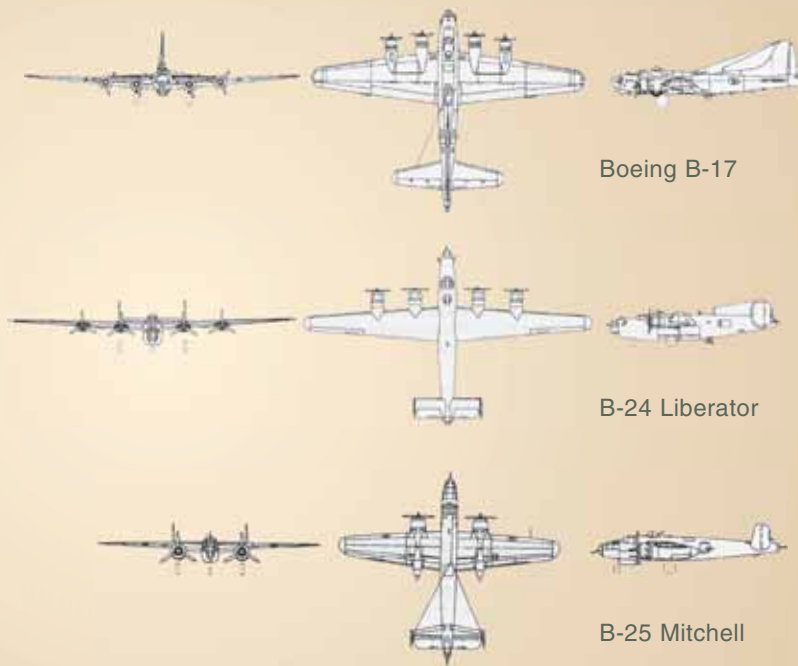
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## Now Showing

### How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer

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Rated: R for sexual content and some language.  
In English and Spanish with English subtitles.  
2 hours, 8 minutes.

It's a long, hot summer in one of those small towns where everyone knows everything. What makes Georgina Garcia Riedel's feature debut unique is her focus on three generations of Mexican-American women. Their interaction rings true, primarily because of the warmth exuded by America Ferrera and the easy-going relationship established with Lucy Gallardo, who plays her 70-year-old widowed grandmother. Providing a cynical counterpoint, the always-impressive Elizabeth Pena convincingly portrays the divorced Garcia "girl" sandwiched between her sweet-natured teenage daughter and newly adventuresome mother—all on the verge of sexual awakening.

The performances are remarkable given that Riedel's script languishes along, as slow-paced and directionless as its characters. Eventually scenes slip into a predictable rhythm. Dona (Gallardo) buys a "hunk of junk," and gets driving lessons from a gardener (Jorge Cervera Jr.) who steals glances at her legs. Blanca (Ferrera) rides around with her out-of-town boyfriend Sal (Leo Minaya). Lolita



(Pena) works at the Carniceria inherited from her dad, where a married video-store owner (Steven Bauer) flirts with her under the watchful eye of the one-handed butcher (Rick Najera). And so it goes: a scene with Dona, a similar situation with Blanca and then Lolita. Periodically, a chorus of elderly men shares memories about the cars that they loved and the girls who were in them. At best, the drama is in low gear.

Stylistically, the film takes risks before veering into an odd sort of studied artiness. Cinematographer Tobias Datum uses the widescreen like few others. When Lolita confronts Sal about his relationship with her daughter, Datum shoots the two

actors on the extreme left and right edges of the spare film frame. The physical distance between them speaks volumes about their

hostility. But few filmmakers will use the outer edges of the frame, anticipating that the image may be cropped to fit the almost-square aspect ratio of television screens for the home video market. Another memorable, poetic scene occurs when Sal and Blanca drive across a sun-bleached desert road. Swaths of sky, lined with telephone wires, rush past, as the couple share their dreams in voiceover.

"How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer" made the film festival rounds in 2005. The three-year wait may not be worth it.

—Susan Tavernetti

## Ready to Rent

### Starting Out in the Evening

Lionsgate Home Video DVD  
1 hour, 51 minutes  
Director: Andrew Wagner

A 60-ish man sits hunched over his typewriter, hands together, waiting for his burst of inspiration that comes in a long slow sigh that ignites the chugging engine of his creativity. This is Leonard Schiller, New York novelist and slight has-been who is all but forgotten except by one grad student that chooses him and his work as her thesis for Brown. First the relationship is strained, Schiller being a nebbish "Walter Mitty," but it soon turns masochistic as the layers are peeled back slowly with a chisel. This is the premise of director Andrew Wagner's "Starting Out in the Evening," a fascinating piece of ensemble acting whose lead Frank Langella as Schiller is finally given a vehicle that transposes his celebrated Broadway repertoire into a viable piece of movie acting as well.

Cinematically, the tale of a writer is not too exciting. The physical act itself is lonely, sitting in front of a keyboard (or typewriter if you're masochistic), looking somewhat frustrated most of the time as to what word should be carefully placed next in their long parade. Imagination, as seen in let's say "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," is perfectly suited to screen, because film is its plastacine cousin. It's easier to show you how one feels than to give you a symposium on why they feel that way (i.e. in "Doctor Zhivago" there are plenty of shots of sunflowers and daisies and leaves rustling over the picturesque landscape instead of one line of Pasternak's poems). The act of writing is boring to watch to all except the one who's doing it, and so it makes for bad entertainment (except, possibly, when the lead writes "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" for hundreds of pages).

As we meet Schiller, we learn that he has been working on the white literary whale of the last 50 years—the great American novel—which he has

yet to complete. His daughter (the great Lily Taylor) is both companion and antagonist, with a degree of sadness around her eyes as to turning 40, sans child. Leonard leads the (stereo) typical life of a "buttoned up white guy" (as one character describes) until Heather Wolfe (Lauren Ambrose) comes knocking at the door in search of her inspiration—Schiller. We know that Heather is part Lolita with a hint of "Fatal Attraction" about her as she kisses the uptight Schiller's hands in veneration upon first meeting him. She requests time to interview him; Schiller refuses at first but finds that maybe a break from his novel, and a little self-reflection, might do some good and concedes, much to his dread when the doors of his past are pried open.

What makes "Starting Out in the Evening" so good is its actors. The material itself is jilted, stale and weirdly misogynist (the closed off man who opens up) but its actors are the ones that animate and ameliorate its premise. Langella is perfect, with his doughy face, baritone voice and especially his eyes that do most of the acting for him. However, it is the two women, Taylor and especially Ambrose, that add the spark the movies needs and keep the audience's interest going because we don't know what to expect from them. I mention that the movie is overtly misogynist and I mean this towards the ending as Schiller gets some sort of machismo back into his soul. It's a misstep, but it's one that's carried through with conviction by all involved.

—Joe Ramirez



## Kidgits throws a pirate party

*Stoneridge Shopping Center's club hosts events just for kids*

Argh, mateys! Pirates are gathering for a party in Pleasanton at Stoneridge Shopping Center as a part of their Kidgits Club. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the mall's grand court, kids can enjoy a bird show and a pirate magician.

The program has events throughout the year, usually once a month, and features events with Disney's Imagination Movers to a carnival and more. Put on through Simon Malls, the club is ideal for kids ages 3 to 8 years old. The annual membership fee is \$5 per child and includes access to the events, a birthday card and gift, access to the online club, coupons and discounts

and newsletters.

Another perk for kids attending the pirate party is a free ticket (while supplies last) to the Alameda County Fair, which runs from June 20 to July 6.

Next up on the Kidgits calendar is "Super Duper Mini Chef" where younger ones can have fun with food from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 28 at the mall's grand court.

To learn more about the Kidgits Club, visit [www.simonkidgitsclub.com](http://www.simonkidgitsclub.com) or visit an information booth in the center of the shopping center, which is located at 1 Stoneridge Mall Road.

—Emily Atwood



Harry Arruda

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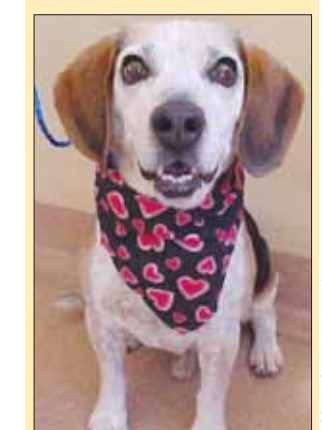
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# Real Estate

## Home sale of the week



### **1847 Harms Drive, Pleasanton – \$610,000**

This Danbury Park home has been completely renovated with glistening hardwood cherry floors, new windows, plantation shutters, a new granite kitchen with custom cabinets and stainless steel appliances. The baths have been renovated with granite/maple vanities and custom travertine tile flooring and tub surround. Upgrades include vaulted ceilings with decorator lighting and wall sconces, a gas fireplace with Uba Tuba black granite, a bonus room/office space with Pergo flooring, operable skylight and phone/internet wiring plus a paver stone patio with mature landscaping irrigation and wiring for a hot tub. Sold by Tim McGuire of Alain Pinel Realtors.

## Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2008

### **Pleasanton**

**2289 Camino Brazos** Meriwest Credit Union to R. Hu for \$750,000

**5250 Club House Drive** Black Mountain Development to Lazansky-Sato Trust for \$1,835,000

**5709 Corte Libre** M. Schlytter to B. Yeung for \$998,000

**4496 Desertwood Place** Diversified Venture Group to P. & E. Wu for \$820,000

**4550 Gatetree Circle** R. & K. Mills to D. Lackhoff for \$823,000

**4126 Wells Street** J. & J. Finegan to XSI Properties for \$650,000

### **Dublin**

**7665 Arbor Creek Circle #131 K.** Lenington to M. Yen for \$290,000

**3706 Central Parkway I.** Dunbar to C. Hudson for \$433,000

**8062 Crossridge Road** M. Nunes to F. Kovach for \$715,000

**5501 De Marcus Boulevard #225** Western Pacific Housing to J. Clatworthy for \$135,000

**4727 Fawn Way** T. Christy to K. Ramachandran for \$520,000

**8658 Fenwick Way** Primacy Closing Corporation to T. Boryshuk for \$840,000

**8146 Holanda Lane** Cwmbms 2005 to J. Oliver for \$444,000

**3290 Maguire Way #200 P.** Shatswell to A. Hasan for \$400,000

**5098 Piper Glen Terrace** American Home Mortgage to V. Rouhani for \$835,000

**3549 Rocking Horse Court** Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to P. Khatri for \$645,000

**4631 Sandyford Court** Prudential Relocation to G. Morales for \$510,000

### **Livermore**

**6443 Almaden Way** Bsalta 2006 to N. Bartolotti for \$430,000

**2833 Alnwick Avenue #5** Shea Homes to J. Cox for \$401,000

**6304 Altamar Circle** S. & P. Sunshine to E. Earnhardt for \$555,000

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Lou & Margene Gerton Rivara present ...

**7828 Meadowbrook Ct., Pleasanton**



Downstairs Spectacular Master Bedroom Suite. 2900 +/- sq. ft., 4 BR, 2 1/2ba, Bonus Rm., plus walk in Attic Storage. Back and side yards complete with Custom Pool, Pergola Covered Patio, Outdoor Kitchen plus Gas Fireplace. As you enter through the front door you will need time to look at the breathtaking details that surface in every room before they carry you out to the outdoor spaces that will connect with you on a deep gratifying level. The design of this home works for the family or the couple who appreciate details and quality such as the handsome Built-in office or the Cooks Kitchen connecting to the large, comfortable family room flowing onto the backyard beyond. If a West side location is important to you then search no further as this easy commute and shopping location nestled close to the Pleasanton hills will make your taking a look worthwhile. **\$1,250,000**

Private setting for this 4BR, 2 1/2 Bath, stellar Pleasanton Valley remodeled home. Complete with Solar Heated Pool, arbor covered patio, and plenty of lawn to relax/garden or just play. Upgrades include Gourmet Granite slab kitchen, upgraded kitchen cabinets and appliances, special recessed lighting, "Moda" Designer Carpet, Faux Painting, Skylight, Dual Paned Windows, Anderson Patio Door, sprinkler systems front & back, Reverse Osmosis Water System, Retextured Ceilings, Gas Fireplace, Remodeled Designer Baths, and Beautiful Granite even in the inside light filled laundry room. Location is convenient to shopping, schools, Aquatic Center, Historic Downtown with fine dining and easy freeway access. **\$900,000**

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## Real Estate

### Home sales

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**541 Amber Court** Graham Trust to J. Wasilausky for \$650,000  
**1348 Arlington Road** Deutsche Bank to C. Pan for \$499,000  
**1139 Aster Lane** B. & T. Engstrom to B. Standlee for \$518,500  
**3182 Bay Meadows Court** Bonanno Trust to P. & J. Daley for \$1,500,000  
**2013 Chardonnay Way** Wells Fargo Bank to Hardman Trust for \$1,100,000  
**1544 Cheryl Drive** Boteler Trust to A. Shabazz for \$800,000  
**590 Cinnabar Drive** Loughman Trust to C. Hartmann for \$475,000  
**230 El Caminito** R. Peretti to A. Quinonez for \$510,000  
**280 Garden Common** T. Kamena to J. & T. Alfaro for \$395,000  
**2440 Harewood Drive** B. & G. Miller to T. Fullam for \$500,000  
**1953 Jonquil Common** Option One Mortgage to S. & J. Hansen for \$490,000  
**2833 Kennedy Street** Bank of New York to L. Harris for \$331,000  
**27 Meritage Common #103** Sami Bank to E. Allen for \$372,500  
**2320 Palomino Road** K. Rodoni to J. & D. Perez for \$435,000  
**2350 Palomino Road** M. & T. Hockenberger to G. Tucker for \$520,000  
**1881 Paseo Laguna Seco** J. & R. Mirande to B. Meyer for \$205,000

**5347 Starflower Way** Mimi Surf Trust to M. Ly for \$475,000  
**1527 Sunset Drive** Ace Securities to K. Zeng for \$320,000  
**648 Swallow Drive** A. & B. Dahlstrom to T. & J. Leonard for \$445,000  
**5479 Treeflower Drive** Konneker Trust to C. Kunz for \$382,500

#### San Ramon

**1228 Amaryllis Circle** J. & R. Panisales to D. & S. Zulueta for \$565,000  
**1132 Bellingham Square** M. & J. Devor to K. Allison for \$890,000  
**488 Bridle Court** Davidson Homes to T. & D. Reiner for \$1,772,000  
**3344 Camarones Place** K. Salter to K. Sales for \$730,000  
**481 Carrillo Court** Ownit Mortgage to A. Venezia for \$300,000  
**3367 Chartwell Street** Richmond American Homes to Norton Trust for \$608,000  
**209 Compton Circle #B A.** Villalobos to Edward Trust for \$333,000  
**207 Cullens Court** S. & H. Sharkey to I. Kwon for \$890,000  
**210 Eastridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to M. Hernandez for \$294,000  
**3259 El Suyo Drive** Tuel Trust to D. & S. Camp for \$715,000  
**2881 Enfield Street** Brookfield Saville to Y. & X. Tatlisu for \$748,500  
**2681 Fountainhead Drive** Washington Mutual Bank to C. Bates for \$410,000

**3259 Glencoe Circle** T. & S. Adlman to J. & J. Kirk for \$915,000  
**1206 Halifax Way** Lennar Homes to D. & R. Jain for \$895,000  
**537 Iris Lane** Hoover Trust to D. & S. Jones for \$955,000  
**331 La Paz Court** C. & S. Kohler to M. Kalhori for \$505,000  
**141 Mavis Place** Roman Trust to K. & J. Thor for \$650,000  
**2352 Millstream Lane** F. & M. Seril to T. Garfield for \$625,000  
**1003 Overlook Drive** A. Leonard to R. & L. Bergman for \$868,000  
**200 Reflections Drive #23** San Ramon Reflections to Singh Trust for \$331,000  
**335 Rio Grande Place** L. Dimas to C. Tristant for \$975,000  
**3083 Silva Way** J. Lee to B. To for \$800,000  
**3238 Sleeping Meadow Way** Lennar Homes to R. Li for \$830,000  
**904 Springview Circle** R. & P. Cerruti to F. Grodner for \$619,000  
**408 Summercreek Lane** J. Chabala to L. Keenan for \$780,000  
**9693 Thunderbird Drive** P. Rooney to J. & K. Holbrook for \$840,000  
**5782 Wells Lane** Brookfield Hawthorne to W. & A. Jew for \$1,066,500  
**251 Wimbledon Court** Brookfield Campton to B. & P. Wang for \$746,500  
**257 Wimbledon Court** Brookfield Campton to S. Ponnusamy for \$810,500

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#### Short Sale

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**\$520,000**



#### LUXURY CONDO

1,248+/- SqFt 3bd/2ba, Single level end unit w/2-car gated parking, granite counter kitchen, near shopping, BART and I-580 - Lots of amenities.

#### Short Sale

3290 Maguire Way  
DUBLIN

**\$450,000**



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### Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 6	Total sales reported: 11	Total sales reported: 23	Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$650,000	Lowest sale reported: \$135,000	Lowest sale reported: \$205,000	Lowest sale reported: \$294,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,835,000	Highest sale reported: \$840,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,500,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,772,000
Average sales reported: \$979,333	Average sales reported: \$524,273	Average sales reported: \$535,196	Average sales reported: \$740,241

## Featured Properties



**Livermore** - Beautiful Brookmeadow neighborhood! 3 bedroom 2 bath/Townhome with approximately 1165 square feet of living space and a 2 car garage. New carpeting and laminate flooring. Larger private lot. Low HOA includes pool and spa, tennis courts, club house, park and playground!  
**4535 Kimberly Common \$369,999**



**Livermore** - Beautiful, well maintained 4 bedroom 3 bath home located on a cul-de-sac. Light, bright and open floor plan. Large Family Room, Dining Room and Kitchen. One full bedroom and bathroom on the main floor. Newer furnace and A/C. Large rear yard with gazebo and hot tub. Great home and newer paint in various rooms.  
**1141 Baltusrol Court \$659,900**



**Livermore** - Lovely 4 bedroom 3 bathroom home located on a quiet court. Pretty hardwood floors and upgraded carpets, 2 fireplaces, and a downstairs bedroom and bathroom. Spacious rooms throughout, including the large master suite. Lushly landscaped lot with fruit trees and roses. Every window has a garden view.  
**3345 Hampstead Court \$790,000**



**Livermore** - Spacious floor plan with western front porch for sunset views. Granite tiled counters, maple hardwood cabinets, island, stainless steel appliances with built in refrigerator, Plantation shutters, surround sound, 4th bedroom and full bath downstairs and a deep driveway with automatic gate. Elegant and like NEW.  
**1962 Santa Croce Court \$945,000**



**Livermore** - Beautiful home on a quiet court that backs to Chardonnay Estates. Gorgeous kitchen - redesigned with Slab Granite counters, natural Cherry cabinets, eating nook, Center Island, and a breakfast bar. Brazilian cherry wood floors, 2 fireplaces, office or 5th bedroom, covered porches, and a 1/2 acre lot with side yard access.  
**2686 Crescent Court \$1,245,000**



**Livermore** - Rare opportunity in the "Oaks". Private court location with views of the So. Livermore Hills and vines, huge driveway with plenty of parking and gorgeous yards. Stainless Steel appliances, Granite, Marble, walk-in pantry, and wine fridge. Large bedroom and 1.5 bathrooms on the main level, perfect for In-Law setup. Top-rated schools!  
**2348 Rosewood Court \$1,379,950**



**Pleasanton** - Gorgeous custom Ruby Hill home with 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, approximately 4300 square feet of luxurious living space on an approximately half acre lot! Redone from floors, paint, and shutters, to an added Spa and Dining Room change. Updated kitchen includes solid surface counters and a double oven. Huge back yard and a 4 car garage.  
**4353 West Ruby Hill Drive \$1,899,000**



**Pleasanton** - Formal French Elegance in Ruby Hill! A Stunning "New" Custom Home with 5 Bedrooms, 5.5 Bathrooms and Quality Features Throughout. The Sweeping Spiral Staircase, Polished Marble Entry and Rotunda/Dome Ceiling lead to a Fantastic Kitchen/Nook/Family Room with 2 Islands and an adjacent Game/Billiard Room (with Walk-behind Wet Bar) and More!  
**1958 Armondo Court \$2,600,000**



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**5038 COLEBROOK CT**  
**GORGEOUS TAMALPAIS MODEL** **\$975,000**  
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## 7257 NEWCASTLE LANE

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## Open OPEN SUN 11-7 & WED 4-7

**33574 STEPHANO COURT**  
**THIS IS IT** **\$690,000**  
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**Open OPEN FRI 4-7** **5031 SHALAMAR CIRCLE**  
**STOP LOOKING** **\$275,000**  
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## LIVERMORE

**657 S. M STREET**  
**QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN** **\$830,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Beautifully restored built in 1885 in old downtown, 11,700 sq.ft. lot w/2 car detached gar 925.847.2200

## PLEASANTON

**2662 RASMUSSEN COURT**  
**LIGHT,BRIGHT,BEAUTIFUL** **\$1,045,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA +mster rtreat,bonus rm,2900 sqft.Lrg kit w/slb grnrite cntrs.Hrdwd flrs in entry,kit/fam rm 925.847.2200

**5801 ARTHUR DRIVE**  
**PARKSIDE HOME** **\$859,000**  
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### PLEASANTON

**4382 FIRST STREET \$689,850**  
Picturesque Victorian home in downtown Pleasanton. Expansive garden-like back yard reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting. Features 10ft ceilings with crown molding, updated kitchen with granite counters, laminate flooring.  
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### PLEASANTON

**11658 ESTRELLA CT \$698,350**  
Beautifully updated 4 bedrooms, 2 bath Silvergate home! This home features an updated kit with maple cabinets & granite counters, spacious breakfast nook, expanded family room and a huge backyard with a covered deck.  
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### Outstanding Home



### LIVERMORE

**1528 HELSINKI WAY \$789,000**  
Outstanding home with tons of upgrades. Addition built before these owners. New dual pane windows in the front of home. Upstairs second mater suite possible. Laminate floor in living room Granite fireplace.  
**LINDA E. SMITH 925.998.5112**

### Updated & Upgraded



### DANVILLE

**412 OLD ORCHARD CT \$464,500**  
Newer kitchen w/slab granite, new custom designer selected paint. New entry tile and fireplace surround as well as vanity top in 1/2 bath. Plantation shutters, added lighting, custom builtins in closets  
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**8091 IGLESIA DR \$749,999**  
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### LIVERMORE

**751 VINCI WAY \$899,900**  
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### LIVERMORE

**2136 MCLEAN PLACE \$1,674,900**  
Stunning South Livermore home built by Bosch in 2004. This custom home features a Craftsman style, 5 Bed 4.5 Bath, 5,000+/- SQFT, 17,100+/- SQFT Lot. Upgraded throughout!  
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### LIVERMORE

**1210 SPRING VALLEY CMN \$324,000**  
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### CASTRO VALLEY

**21074 SHERMAN DR \$780,000**  
Gorgeous 3 BR with LOFT, 2 1/2 bath home in Palomares Hills. Easy commute to SF or Silicon Valley. Master BR has partial Bay view. Double sided fireplace in Family Room and Living Room. Formal Dining room as well as large kitchen.  
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**18716 CREST AVENUE \$619,000**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

**4802 Kimberley Cmn. \$525,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2550  
**11215 Rolling Hills Dr. \$874,950**  
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### 3 Bedrooms

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**4290 Cornell Wy. \$540,000**  
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**1242 Murdell Ln. \$549,999**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 518-6094  
**62 Terra Wy. \$859,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

### 4 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 Gerit Real Estate Services 426-5010  
**4052 Emerson Dr. \$699,950**  
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**2604 Kellogg Pl. \$995,000**  
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 398-6706

### 5 Bedrooms

**932 Hansen Rd. \$1,293,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 510-851-1487

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### 2 Bedrooms

**5772 Belleza Dr. \$499,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 556-4400  
**5750 Belleza Dr. \$537,500**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

### 3 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1234

### 4 Bedrooms

**1288 Concord St. \$1,024,000**  
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**3142 Arbor Dr. \$1,099,950**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel-Andy Poryes 963-8871  
**8045 Oak Creek Dr. \$1,849,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4244  
**72 Castlewood Dr. \$2,350,000**  
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**6522 Inglewood Dr. \$644,950**  
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**1404 Briones Ct. \$1,379,000**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

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### 4 Bedrooms

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### PLEASANTON



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**Lower Your Property Taxes!**

There is a silver lining to the slumping real estate market after all. If you purchased your home in the last 3 years or so, it is likely that your home has probably decreased in value. While that is certainly not welcome news, there is a small benefit. You are allowed by law to request a reassessment of your current assessed property value, thereby potentially lowering your property taxes temporarily.

The assessed value can be found in two ways. First of all, the county tax assessor (they are so nice to do this) send you out a NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUE for the coming property tax year. Remember, the property tax year runs July 1st through June 30th. In the NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUE, the assessor indicates the new assessed value of your property for the next tax year based on the property value as of January 1st.

If you have not saved this notice, you can also refer to the actual property tax bill when you receive it. Both documents will indicated your assessed value. You can also contact the county assessor's office and get the information that way.

If you feel the market value of your home is less than the assessed value as of January 1st, then you have the right under Proposition 8 to file a Decline in Value Reassessment Application. You can obtain the form from the county assessors office.

On the claim form, you must provide the Assessor with any information that supports your opinion of the market value. The best information, of course, would be sales comparables. You should provide two comparable closed sales that sold as close to January 1st as possible, but no later than March 31st. Remember, the assessed value of your property is >>**Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.**

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3BD, 2BA, 1,900 SF.

BIRDLAND / PLEASANTON  
VALLEY 4BD W/ NO POOL  
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