



Courtesy Sharon Tangney

Students from Johnsonville School in Liberia study outside.

Reaching out to Africa

*Students put on concert
to benefit schools in Liberia*

by Rebecca Guyon

“Your hands are helping us to feel that somebody far away loves us,” wrote Patience Frankyu—a 12-year-old student at William V.S. Tubman school in Liberia—to Pleasanton students involved with Hands Across the Water, a campaign started by elementary school counselor Sharon Tangney to raise funds for schools in Liberia. Since 2001, hundreds of Pleasanton students have raised money for schools in Liberia, sending money, books and other school supplies. This year, students are raising funds by organizing a concert titled, “Hands Across the Water Concert.”

“I wanted to help the kids in Africa because they have been through war and didn’t have a class,” said Walnut Grove fifth grade student Teera Abernathy who is part of the concert. “I felt sad about what happened to them and thought by doing this concert at least I helped.”

Students from grades four through 12 are putting on the multicultural program March 4 at the Amador Theater. Funds from the show will go to Friends of Liberia (FOL), a non-profit organization that provides support for education in Liberia by donating supplies and organizing an extensive teacher training program. Hands Across the Water raises funds for two specific schools, William V.S. Tubman and Johnsonville School.

Most of the FOL volunteers are former Peace Corps volunteers, and Tangney is no exception. She volunteered in Liberia from 1969-71 and remembers it as a peaceful country with nice, friendly people. Shortly after she left, the country went through major political changes that led to 14 years of civil war.

“Many thousands of Liberians were killed,” Tangney said. “The water and electricity systems were destroyed and, in the villages, a lot of schools were destroyed. The furniture was pulled out and used for firewood. Teachers were killed. Kids were drafted into hiding. There was a lot of chaos. It was a time when Liberia’s children did not have a chance to learn.”

In 2001, U.S. peacekeeping troops were sent in and restored some order to the country. Since then, it has been much more peaceful, Tangney said. However, the country is still recovering and in need of help, which is why Tangney and her students mobilized their efforts and organized the “Hands Across the Water Concert.”

“I’m hoping that we raise money, but also that we raise awareness about Liberia,” said Georgia Daly, an eighth grade student at Harvest Park. “I hope to continue this work after the concert.” Daly added that she is considering going into the Peace Corps some day, a plan that was prompted by her work with Hands Across the Water and hearing about Tangney’s experience.

Plans for the concert started last year when Tangney first booked the Amador Theater for the event. Since then, nearly 100 students got involved, with the event, either in doing preparation like selling tickets, or as performers. Participants include the Hart Jazz Band, Walnut Grove World Singers, Foothill Band, Tao Shih Chinese classical orchestra and a group of Indian dancers led by teacher Indu Ganesh. In fact, Ganesh, a dance teacher based in Fremont who has many Pleasanton students, was the person who encouraged Tangney to put on the concert.

Students from the Harvest Park Ecology Club, led by teacher and adviser Marsha Jones, are also working hard on the event by putting together a slide show that will compare and contrast schools in Pleasanton and Liberia. Daly is one of the students leading the slide show presentation. Harvest Park students have been very involved in the whole concert and really stepped up to take a leadership role, Tangney said. In

addition to the actual performance, students from the Amador Valley High School theater production class and Walnut Grove created a quilt titled, “Our Hearts are the Same” to be raffled at the concert.

Even though Liberia is on the other side of the world from Pleasanton, there has been a great deal of exchange between Pleasanton and Liberian students. Last year, third grade students at Walnut Grove created a book titled “Pilgrim” that Liberian students can currently read in their school library. Students are making another book this year using the same title and that book will be on display the night of the concert. Pleasanton students also exchange e-mails with the students in Liberia, but the correspondence is sporadic because the country still struggles to have consistent electricity, Tangney said.

The Hands Across the Water campaign has had a lot of success raising funds in the past. One of the biggest successes was when students raised \$4,000 for Johnsonville School to buy a generator. With the generator, the school is able to offer night classes for adults and shares the electricity with the local health clinic.

“I’m really proud that we’re able to help that school and I’m looking forward to helping a second school,” Tangney said.

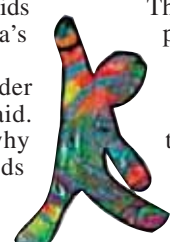
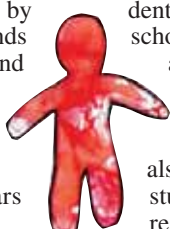
As the concert nears, the students are getting more excited about the show and hopeful that it will make a difference.

“I want people to stop thinking about things we don’t need and give time to see what is going on in places other than where we are,” Abernathy said.



Rebecca Guyon

Jordie Nally (l-r), Teera Abernathy and Gloria Carrasco, fifth grade students from Walnut Grove Elementary School, hold up a quilt they made for the “Hands Across the Water Concert.”



Going to the show

What: Hands Across the Water Concert
When: 7 p.m., Saturday, March 4
Where: Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd.
Cost: \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. Admission also includes entry in the raffle
Call 462-0739 or e-mail ktjsharon@comcast.net for more information.

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Final Destination 3 (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 7:35, 8:05, 10:10, 10:30 p.m.
Firewall (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:55, 10:20 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:15 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9, 9:50 p.m., Open Captioned Fri 11:10 a.m., Sat 1:55 p.m., Sun 11:10 a.m., 9:50 p.m., Mon 11:10 a.m., 7:10 p.m.
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Good Night, and Good Luck (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:55, 5:25, 9:55 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 1, 5:20, 9:40 p.m.
Hoodwinked (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:05, 3:25, 5:45 p.m.
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Running Scared (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35 p.m.
Syriana (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 4:25, 10:15 p.m.
The Matador (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 8:05, 10:40 p.m.
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Transamerica (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15 p.m.
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Forever fun

"Forever Plaid" a hit at Pleasanton Playhouse

by Carol Bogart

I first saw the musical comedy "Forever Plaid" 16 years ago in Denver. My then-4-year-old son and I loved it so much we saw it twice. Imagine my delight to learn it would be produced by the Pleasanton Playhouse, even if it meant "working" on a Saturday!

My son, now 20, his girlfriend and I went to the first Saturday performance. Although the music is my era (late '50s-mid '60s) not theirs and some of the pop culture references (Perry Como, the Ed Sullivan Show) left them flat, the comic timing and vocal skills of the foursome who comprise the Plaids successfully crossed the generational divide.

Like most musicals, the plot is thinly drawn (the four die in a car crash ala James Dean on their way to pick up their plaid tuxedos. Think madras plaid and The Lettermen). But any attempts at subtext just slow things down. Segues between songs are sufficient to hold the storyline together.

"Forever Plaid"'s strength is its soaring harmonies, seamless transitions between prop and costume changes and the comedic skills of its four actors, backed up by keyboard player Greg Zema (a huge talent) and Mike Adam, a solid presence on bass.

Director/choreographer Derrick Silva's familiarity with the play (he's directed it before) is apparent in the quartet's perfectly synchronized vocals, choreography and prop changes. The show we saw in Denver was the Broadway touring company. I like Silva's better.

Although there were a few missteps (literally in one case. An actor caught his heel and tumbled down a few stairs ferrying a prop out into the audience), it was only the second night. By and large, things were very smooth.

The four played to a near-full house and the audience clearly loved it. Enthusiastic, spontaneous applause followed every number. Songs like "Moments to Remember," "No Not Much" and "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" were, for many of us, a nostalgic trip back to sock hops, drive-in movies and high school sweethearts.



Courtesy Pleasanton Playhouse

Penn Brimberry (top) who plays "Frankie" in the Pleasanton Playhouse production of Forever Plaid works in Pleasanton as a technical writer at Oracle. His castmates are (second from top) Chris LaCour "Sparky", (second from bottom) Sean Fenton "Smudge", and (bottom) Jesse Garcia "Jinx."

it opening night—he still hit all but the very highest high notes. Best guess: In coming performances, he'll hit them all.

Sean Fenton ("Smudge") is a surprise. You don't expect him to sing bass (physically, he's small), but his deep voice booms out strong and clear. As an actor, Fenton has a real talent for campy parody, from his Buddy Holly dark-framed glasses, to his open-shirted take off on Elvis.

Christian LaCour ("Sparky") displayed an only-average vocal range, but makes up for it with his Antonio Banderas good looks. LaCour gets extra points for joining the cast late after the original Sparky left the production.

Penn Brimberry ("Frankie") should give serious thought to pursuing musical comedy as a career. With his strong vocals and great look, Brimberry is a natural—one with audience-engaging "star" power.

No show is perfect and this play has its weaknesses. The nosebleed joke gets old. The bit about stepdad/dad sitting on a couch with two boyhood Plaids' heads (son/stepson) on each knee to bang together to keep time to music—well As the play drew to a close, the quartet's somber, overly long discourse on being dead darkened the light-hearted feel-good flavor of the rest of the show. Luckily, things picked back up before it was over.

Although much of the audience Saturday night appeared to be my age (57) or older, no one seemed offended by the occasionally bawdy, more often mildly suggestive humor. You don't have to "get" every such aside to have fun at "Forever Plaid." The actors are also skilled at broad

physical humor. Off and on throughout the show, a little boy—he looked to be about 6—sitting in front of us laughed out loud or dissolved in giggles.

The Pleasanton Playhouse production of Forever Plaid is an entertaining blend of humor and harmony, with appeal for the lovesick teenager in us all.

Carol Bogart is managing editor of the Pleasanton Weekly. She is a graduate of the National Theatre Conservatory's summer training program at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

Two of the four actors' vocals will amaze you, especially Jesse ("Jinx") Garcia's tenor. Even though his voice cracked during one number—the may have strained

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The Pleasanton Connection

- Producer Susan Hovey, just 26 years old, moved to Pleasanton from Dublin a few months ago. She has been involved in theater since the age of 5, first as a performer, and later learning sound design and stage managing. A few years ago, she began producing. As a producer, Forever Plaid is her sixth show. Hovey has been working with the Pleasanton Playhouse since she was 14 and said, "I feel more a part of the Pleasanton community than any other because of that involvement."
- Assistant to the stage manager Kristen Stivers, a scientist at Lawrence Livermore Lab in her day job, is also a Pleasanton resident, as is publicist Eric Wood.

- Actor Penn Brimberry stars as Frankie in "Forever Plaid"—his third production with the Pleasanton Playhouse. Brimberry is a technical writer at Oracle in Pleasanton. He has also appeared in Playhouse productions of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Man of La Mancha." He said, "I'm 31 years old and I graduated from Amador High School (the one in Sutter Creek, not Pleasanton). Although my major at UC Davis was Zoology, I did a lot of work with the chorus. They were the ones who finally convinced me to audition for a show." Married to Gillian, Brimberry credits her support and the devotion of his dog, Amber, for helping him through what he calls "the chaos that is the musical theater rehearsal schedule."

Of Note

Candidates for Presidential Scholar award

Amador senior Amy T. Tam and Foothill seniors Kyle Adkins and Jay Wang were named candidates to this year's Presidential Scholar Program. Only 2,600 of the

nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate this year are selected on the basis of their performance on the SAT or ACT. A panel of educators will now review the students' applications. In April, 500 semi-finalists will be named and in May one male and one female winner will be chosen from each state.

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Regina Jurkiewicz

NorCal Premier Cup champions

Ballistic United U-12s celebrate victory in the NorCal Premier Cup Bronze Division, winning 2-0 over Danville rivals the Mustang Galaxy. In Clovis, goals from Seth Niermeyer and Robby Dancaster were all the Pleasanton team needed as goal-keeper Michael Viebeck and his defense kept a clean sheet. Team members are: (Front row, l-r): Frank Morley, Nick Ruotolo, Seth Niermeyer, Chris Franzella, Cameron Townsend. (Second row, l-r): Suchi Kuo, (Coach) John Dancaster, David Gray, Nandor Krause, Colton Portola, Erik Knaggs, Michael Viebeck, Toby Harvey, Alex Lutz, Karsten Jukiewicz, Brandon Cohen, Robby Dancaster, (Coach) Jason Wescott. Coaches John Dancaster and Jason Wescott called it a perfect end to the season.

Seahawks Are Fierce at Tiger C/B/A+ Meet

The Pleasanton Seahawks earned their stripes in Stockton the weekend of Feb. 4, swimming the TIGR Short Course meet. Several swimmers placed and swam to new best times:

Jonathan Ong, 8, took second place in the 50 Back (49.22) and 25 Breast (24.40). Jonathan also earned fourth place in the 25 Free (17.41). Ryan Zhang, 8, swam to first place in the 50 Free. Bridget Booe, 10, took second place in the 100 Free (1:33.23).

Rachel Knowles, 9, was awarded third place in the 100 Fly (1:50.71). Nick Silverthorn, 10, had a great meet, swimming to second place in the 100 Free (1:02.08), 100 Fly (1:15.34), and 100 IM (1:18.51); third place in the 200 IM (2:40.95), and fourth place in the 50 Breast (42.72). Jacob Wooldridge, 9, also had a great weekend, taking first place in the 100 Fly (1:17.28) and 200 IM (2:45.59), second place in the 50 Breast (39.87) and 50 Fly (33.40), and third place in the 50 Back (36.46) and 100 Breast (1:26.49).

Catherine Breed, 12, was on fire as she swam to first place and a new team record in the 100 Free (56.61) and 100 Back (1:10.08). She also placed second in the 200 Free (2:02.60) and 200 Back (2:22.18). Natalie Wong, 12, ramped it up to place first in the 100 Breast (1:16.54) and 200 Breast (2:40.05). She also placed second in the 400 IM (5:03.79).

Andrew Seitz, 12, placed second with new team records in the 100 Back (1:07.10) and 400 IM (5:14.13). Nicole Calcagno, 13, swam to first place in the 200 Back and third in the 100 Free (1:29.11). Kayleigh Foley, 15, took first place in the 50 Free (25.68) and 100 Back. Javon Velacruz-Rahmaan, 14, placed second in the 100 Free (58.35).

Victory for CYO 6th grade girls

In a game that started out with CCOP held scoreless until the second quarter, and only three points

at the half, the team rallied in the second half to beat opponents SM/SC by one point. At the start of the third quarter, CCOP beat a fast break and passed the ball to Lindsey Godwin for a layup, which then started a series of scoring that added 10 points on the board for CCOP. CCOP tied the score at 13-13, then lost the lead going into the fourth quarter, and was down by five points. CCOP defense did a phenomenal job of holding SM/SC scoreless in the final quarter by beating their press while the team put six additional points on the board, in a nail-biting fight to the finish. Scoring for CCOP was Elena Victor, with four baskets, Lindsey Godwin with three and a free throw, and Nicole Torquato and Rachel Orpina with one each. The CYO team's final score: CCOP #6012 — 19 SM/SC # 6010 — 18 Playoffs begin Feb. 25.

Tied for first place

CCOP eighth grade girls finished league play tied for first place. Playing one of its most complete games of the year, the CCOP eighth grade girl's basketball team defeated Santa Maria of Orinda by the score of 34-20. This was an inter-league game involving a quality team and a member of the West Diablo CYO league that was undefeated in its league play. The game was played in Pleasanton Hill at the Christ the King parish gym. With the victory, CCOP finished league play with a 9-wins and 1-loss record, tying for first in the Tri-Valley CYO league.

A tight defense was the key to this game as CCOP forced many Santa Maria turnovers, many which led to CCOP scoring opportunities. The tenacious team defense held Santa Maria to a mere six points in the second half while CCOP tallied 21 points. Britannia Bloom led all scorers with 13 points followed by Kendra Hessel's 10 points while Alana D'Onofrio added six more. Hessel again added another "double-double" to her resume by pulling down 10 rebounds. ■



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Weddings

The Weekly recently received announcement that Susan Dana Campion and Matthew Edward Weiss were married Nov. 26, 2005 at St. Augustine Church. A reception followed at the Palm Event Center.

Susan is the daughter of Pat and Pam Campion of Pleasanton. She graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1996 and from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in 2000 with a degree in journalism. She is currently employed by the Oakland A's in the premium seating department.

Matthew is the son of Barry and Ann Weiss of San Carlos. He graduated from Moreau Catholic High School in 1995 and from Cal State Hayward in 2000 with a degree in recreation. He is also employed by the Oakland A's as a member of the clubhouse staff.

The couple honeymooned in Maui. They make their residence in Pleasanton.



Obituaries

Jack Boyd Millard

A 40-year resident of Pleasanton, Jack passed away on Feb. 10.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Pat, and their loving children, Lynn Bowe of Tiburon, Laurie Ames and son-in-law, Ed Ames of Escondido. Jack was preceded in death by his son, Tobey.

He and Pat met in elementary school in Southern California and many years later, after serving as a Flight Engineer in the

Air force, they married and were blessed with their three wonderful, loving children.

He enjoyed fishing, flying, crafts (birdhouses, etc.), gardening and golfing with Pat and his SIR buddies. His biggest joy, however, was being with his family.

He had a 35-year career with Chevron and retired as a Branch Sales manager for the asphalt division in Oakland.

A memorial service was held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. Contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society Research or The American Lung Association.



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Courtesy of Kahai Tate

Bedroom reworked by staging professional Kahai Tate shows in home on Arlene Place, now on the market for \$1,380,000.

Neutral and simple still sells

"Stagers" get homes ready for potential buyers

by Jeb Bing

They may not be the oldest profession in the world, but home stagers go back a long way among those who help make houses marketable for sale.

"Staging is as big in Europe as it is in the U.S., and in fact was started in Switzerland," said Kahai Tate, who owns Aloha Staging of Pleasanton. "It's a proven way to get more prospective buyers coming through your home and for bringing in top offers."

Tate and Lisa Warren and Cyndi Snyder, who operate another staging company called Time for a Change, work with local Realtors and hundreds of homeowners to improve the insides and outsides of houses before they go on the market. Although they're not just like model homes when finished, they're as close as 10- and 20-year old homes can get to perfection, which buyers in today's tightening market conditions prefer.

Realtors call stagers after they've met with clients and discussed a time to put their home on the market. Only a few are in marketable condition when the agent signs the sales contract, and some need weeks of repairs and redecorating before they're ready.

"We try to be honest with people when a Realtor asks us to look at a home being placed on the market," Warren said. "We tell them it's all about presentation and what makes each room look best, from coming through the front door to checking out the bathrooms. We want to

make the home look inviting, neutral and friendly."

Using stagers is a benefit to Realtors, who can avoid the problem of telling homeowners that their home "needs work," Warren said, "but it also leaves us with the challenge of dealing with sensitivities. People who have lived in their home for many years don't like hearing that it's too cluttered or that their kitchens and bathrooms are terribly dated. We try to deal with those concerns in a gentle way."

Tate trained under Barb Schwarz, the chief executive and founder of the Web site StagedHomes.com, who is considered the country's leading authority on home staging. She has appeared on a number of television shows to talk about staging, including a recent interview on ABC's "20/20."

"Remember," Schwarz said, "The way you live in your home and how it should look when you sell it are two different things."

Tate agreed. She said homeowners should look at empty homes where the seller has moved out to see for themselves how important furniture is to a buyer. Developers such as Greenbriar Homes and Ponderosa spend several hundred thousand dollars to creatively furnish their model homes. Smaller builders may call Tate or Time for a Change, who will spend much less in outfitting an empty home. Those living in their homes and now wanting to sell them will spend a lot less, although stag-

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Sales at a Glance

Source: Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon	Sunol
Total sales reported: 16	Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 23	Total sales reported: 17	Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$377,000	Lowest sale reported: \$542,000	Lowest sale reported: \$407,000	Lowest sale reported: \$374,000	Lowest sale reported: \$995,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,280,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,249,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,249,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,860,500	Highest sale reported: \$995,000
Average sales reported: \$1,087,281	Average sales reported: \$644,456	Average sales reported: \$811,944	Average sales reported: \$888,323	Average sales reported: \$995,000

Home Sales

This weeks data represents homes sold during February 2006

Pleasanton

- 641 Abbie Street** Omeara Trust to K. Gutekunst for \$1,539,500
- 1228 C Quarry Lane** Southfront Investors to F. & A. Fiala for \$947,000
- 1522 Calle Santiago** Doak Trust to P. & C. Chavez for \$525,000
- 2250 Camino Brazos** E. & N. Ibanez to F. Villanueva for \$880,000
- 9 Castlewood Drive** Bradley Trust to R. Langenhuizen for \$1,300,000
- 2723 Chocolate Street** K. & B. Al-Ali to S. Elkins for \$790,000
- 811 Division Street #21** VFS 2 to J. Helfrich for \$422,000
- 1228 East Quarry Lane** Southfront Investors to Luehrs Trust for \$377,000
- 1587 Germano Way** Soba Construction to J. & L. White for \$3,280,000
- 3891 Hot Springs Court** M. & B. Morrison to G. Mann for \$895,000
- 5401 Johnston Road** D. & E. Madsen to W. & E. Lohec for \$2,900,000
- 3852 Keneland Way** L. Lim to L. Jack for \$411,000
- 3405 Norton Way #4** G. Young to G. Eist for \$390,000
- 1265 Royal Creek Court** P. Luo to Y. Song for \$1,300,000
- 261 Spring Street** J. Byrd to M. Kearns for \$650,000
- 4098 Suffolk Way** Perry Trust to K. Bruj for \$790,000

Dublin

- 7317 Bower Lane** R. Smart to D. & B. Miller for \$558,000
- 4159 Clarinbridge Circle** S. Sellick to T. & S. Gill for \$588,000
- 7712 Crossridge Road** M. Birmingham to J. & M. Quick for \$760,000
- 3644 Finnian Way** Toll Dublin Limited to R. & A. Galindo for \$660,500
- 6119 Ledgewood Terrace** W. Wang to B. Dhillon for \$1,340,000
- 5229 San Vicente Loop** Patel Trust to M. & B. Kaminski for

\$850,000

- 2790 Southwind Lane** M. Rafiuddin to M. & K. Signo for \$1,400,000
- 10721 Wallace Lane** Evans Trust to A. Somasundaram for \$542,000
- 3649 Whitworth Drive** Toll Dublin Limited to A. Goodwin for \$609,000

Livermore

- 1390 Calle De Las Granvas** J. & M. Fay to J. Dao for \$640,000
- 1881 Chestnut Street** A. Sanchez to D. & N. Franco for \$485,000
- 2654 Cowan Way** P. Southern to K. Botelho for \$1,249,000
- 3912 Dartmouth Way** Murphy Trust to H. Hernandez for \$559,000
- 569 Debra Street** D. & K. Arnold to S. & J. Eisenbies for \$613,000
- 2785 Decker Lane** Signature at Dymond to D. & K. King for \$939,000
- 996 Del Norte Drive** J. Wolley to V. Garcia-Najar for \$407,000
- 4186 Drake Way** J. Evanko to R. Fairhurst for \$550,000
- 1074 Glenn Common** A. Boyd to P. Stephen for \$440,000
- 730 Hattan Drive** K. Beatty to A. Boyd for \$503,000
- 1347 Hillview Drive** R. & P. Clark to R. & D. Petersen for \$480,000
- 1549 Hollyhock Street** J. & S. Wild to D. Lignell for \$530,000
- 829 Katrina Street** Vickers Trust to D. & K. Arnold for \$690,000
- 2928 Kennedy Street** C. & L. Thaxton to C. Backers for \$595,000
- 480 Kensington Common** Bader Trust to W. & Y. Snider for \$592,500
- 262 Louis Court** D. & Y. Phillips to D. & R. Phillips for \$570,000
- 178 Martin Avenue** B. & S. Jones to J. & A. Alvarez for \$560,000
- 131 Obsidian Way** T. & C. Hubbs to J. & M. Villareal for \$1,068,000
- 202 Prato Way** D. Bordon to Maher Trust for \$960,000

- 327 Quartz Circle** S & J Properties to Z. & S. Eichenberger for \$620,000
- 745 Sandpiper Common** L. Yang to A. Baptista for \$425,000
- 2174 Westbrook Lane** Lorenz Trust to S. Garcez for \$800,000
- 102 Windward Common #4** H. Kang to I. Kim for \$547,000

San Ramon

- 3471 Ashbourne Circle** Toll Land XXII to F. Raoufi for \$1,860,500
- 470 Bollinger Canyon Lane #179** Siena Hills Limited to K. Stone for \$374,000
- 1126 Chancery Way** Lennar Homes to G. & J. Sixkiller for \$1,058,500
- 1132 Chancery Way** Lennar Homes to B. Molakalapalli for \$1,100,000
- 505 Norris Canyon Terrace** Burgess Trust to M. Healy for \$473,000
- 2287 Rosemount Lane** Greystone Homes to R. & F. Quiocno for \$1,452,500
- 85 Shaw Place** J. & S. Thrush to F. & B. Miller for \$850,000
- 2947 Sombrero Circle** R. & D. Weaver to R. Pate for \$739,000
- 356 South Overlook Drive #201** Legacy Copper Ridge to M. Lorenzo for \$578,000
- 359 South Overlook Drive** Legacy Copper Ridge to J. & R. Straub for \$509,000
- 410 South Overlook Drive** Legacy Copper Ridge to M. Mendoza for \$445,500
- 908 Springview Circle** F. & T. Wong to D. Timmis for \$660,000
- 212 Sun Ridge Drive** W. Vinson to S. Kasliwal for \$912,500
- 401 Sunnyside Place** V. Laponte to J. & L. Reyes for \$956,000
- 308 Violetta Court** Shapell Industries to H. Vicencio for \$1,377,000
- 765 Watson Canyon Court #136** Siena Hills Limited to G. Duldulao for \$476,000
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Home staging

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ers charge from \$300 to \$3,000, depending on the work that has to be done.

Unlike developers, stagers seldom bring in new furniture, although they're not reluctant to move a lot of what's there to the garage or closets. Photos of the family and collections gathered from global trips are usually the first to go, followed by what stagers view as clutter that won't appeal to buyers.

Tate said her technique is always to "honor" every home because what she might see as eyesores are often valued cherished furnishings by those who have put them there.

"A chair that grandmother once used or a large picture on an entry wall that interferes with a smooth presentation to the home have to be moved, but only after I tell the homeowner how beautiful and valuable they are, and that the move will be only temporary," Tate said.

"It's important that as a stager I don't come in and shake my head in disbelief," she added. "I always find positive things to say and compliment the owners on their good taste. Then I get rid of it."

Odors are often major turn-offs for prospective buyers, especially pet odors or those from ethnic cooking. She touts a product called PURE Air, which she said is available only through a special Web site for stagers. Instead of covering up smells, it breaks them up.

Warren also warns against using commercially-available air fresheners, which often leave their own odors that cause allergies. On a positive note, Warren said tobacco smells, which used to plague buyers visiting a smoker's home, seem largely gone.

"Either smokers are going outdoors or

there just are very few of them," she said. "It's just not a problem anymore."

Warren and her partner Cyndi Snyder co-chaired the decorations committee for an eighth grade promotions dance at Harvest Park Middle School four years ago when their daughters, now seniors at Amador Valley High School, attended. They found that they both liked decorating and home furnishings and decided to pool their talents to start Time for a Change. Warren keeps plants and room accessories at her home and Snyder keeps other furnishings at hers, which they use as substitutes in or add to homes they are preparing for sale. Working afternoons and evenings and many weekends, they also said their work requires "very understanding husbands who don't object to garages and backyards filled with stagers' materials."

Tate, whose husband is managing director for the Merrill Lynch office in Menlo Park and lends a hand and much support, often takes her daughter, Remy, 6, a kindergartner at Hearst Element School, and preschooler son Ryder, 4, on her staging trips. They help her move lighter items around and even plant flowers to spruce up the front yard of homes she's handling.

"My job is to make a home inviting to prospective buyers from the front curb and in every room inside, to make it look more spacious than it really is, and to show prospects that it's ready to be lived in without requiring any work or additional expense."

"I had to persuade one woman to repaint a light pink living room and hallway that just didn't look inviting," Tate added. "When she got four offers on the house, with everyone saying how much they liked the colors of those rooms, colors that I had chosen. That was satisfying." ■




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- 512 Bunker Ln.** **\$1,840,000**
Sun noon-4 p.m. Intero 484-2045
- 4174 Remillard Ct.** **\$1,850,000**

- Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 251-1111
- 5711 Ohana Pl.** **\$2,495,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-7355
- 1170 Pineto Pl.** **\$2,575,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3844
- 8053 Golden Eagle Wy.** **\$3,900,000**
Sat 12-4 p.m. by appt. 484-2045
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- 4122 W. Las Positas Blvd.** **\$774,900**
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 997-8405
- 3507 Yellowstone Ct.** **\$799,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 200-7200
- 73 Elmwood Dr.** **\$809,990**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3815
- 7652 Chestnut Wy.** **\$814,999**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4229
- 529 Malbec Ct.** **\$859,950**
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- 5148 Genovesio Dr.** **\$864,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-4311
- 2827 Cedrus Ct.** **\$899,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2235
- 1939 Foxswallow Cir.** **\$949,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390
- 5 Bedrooms**
- 5745 Hanifen Wy.** **\$1,989,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4097
- 6 Bedrooms**
- 7338 Shady Mill Ln.** **\$1,799,999**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950
- 656 Varese Ct.** **\$2,295,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 417-2250

Dublin

2 Bedrooms

- 10725 Wallace Ln.** **\$534,900**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068
- 3275 Dublin Blvd., #406** **\$559,900**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4125
- 4512 Central Pkwy.** **\$575,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068
- 4613 Sandyford Ct.** **\$587,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155
- 3295 Monaghan St.** **\$595,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390

3 Bedrooms

- 4781 Mangrove Dr.** **\$639,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4229
- 3617 Whitworth Dr.** **\$639,900**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 924-0444
- 7794 Cardigan St.** **\$669,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Investment 963-0569
- 3341 Monaghan St.** **\$699,000**
Sat/Sun 12-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 895-1137
- 5228 Charlton Ct.** **\$778,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2553
- 4417 Talle Wy.** **\$794,990**
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 735-7635

4 Bedrooms

- 7760 Bloomfield Ter.** **\$1,375,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 858-5400
- 4143 Cardena Ct.** **\$849,000**
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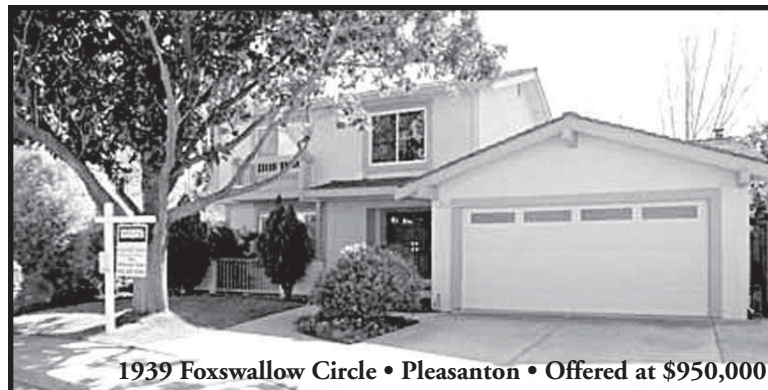
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 - 7794 Cardigan St., Dublin. 3 bed, 2 bath • Open Sun 1-4 **\$669,000**
 - 1st Street Downtown Livermore. Condo. 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath **\$679,000**
 - 6980 Orwood Rd., Discovery Bay. 5 acre island, 2 houses. **\$869,000**
 - 2725 Vernazza, Livermore. 5 bed, 3/12 bath, 1-story. **\$1,349,000**
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2919 CHOCOLATE STREET

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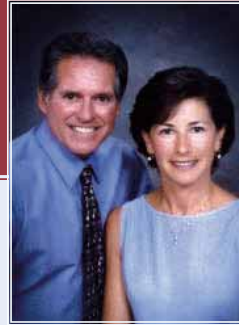


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"Doug was great to work with. We knew our home was different, and would be a challenge to sell, but Doug really managed the process. He was very responsive, and he worked very hard to market our home in a softening market. He had an excellent feel for market conditions, and was extremely insightful in his strategies and negotiating tactics, and the result was the sale of our very unusual home in a difficult market"
— Rob & Tracy Armstrong

"Doug was fantastic in all aspects of selling our home. From our initial meeting he had a game plan and never strayed off course. He and his team were extremely effective in helping us prepare our home for sale, and the improvements he recommended paid off handsomely. We feel as though we received the best price possible for our home, and there is no doubt in our minds that it was largely due to Doug and his team..."
— Rob & Anita Brown

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Klondike



1512 KLONDIKE PLACE, LIVERMORE
OFFERED AT \$1,039,000

Spacious home on private court with huge lot (.31 acre) and built in BBQ. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths and approximately 2782 square feet. Plantation shutters and crown molding. Contemporary kitchen with white appliances. Spacious family room with rock-faced wood burning fireplace. Master suite with huge walk-in closet and large master bath with Jacuzzi tub and oversized shower. Three car garage. Beautiful grounds with expansive lawn area and covered patio. Great location. Minutes away from Downtown Livermore, several wineries and golf courses.

San Michelle



230 LYON COURT, DANVILLE
OFFERED AT \$1,479,000

Wow! Highly upgraded 5 year old home in quiet court location. Five bedrooms plus loft computer work station area, 3 baths with 3464 square feet. Granite slab counters, stainless steel appliances, large master suite with large spa tub and marble surrounds. Gas BBQ room for a pool, and large side yard with pavers patio. Conveniently located near Blackhawk Plaza and Tassajara Crossing Shopping Centers. Close to Blackhawk Country Club, Diablo Vista Middle School, and the future Mustang Soccer Club Complex with Club House, Two Synthetic Fields and Running Track.

Vinsanto



2845 VINE COURT, LIVERMORE
OFFERED AT \$1,299,000

Gorgeous upgraded 3 year old home in Vinsanto, with views of the adjacent surrounding vineyards and hillsides. Premium .27 acre lot (11,922 square feet). Better than new!! This 3 year old home already has all the upgrades and beautiful landscaping included in the price. The total square footage is approximately 3553. The main house is just under 3,000 square feet (4 bedroom, 3 bath) with a Casita/guest house of approximately 621 square feet. Plantation Shutters and gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Private driveway leads to three car garage. Enjoy nearby wineries, golf courses, the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, and Downtown Livermore.

Foothill Knolls



3329 PRAIRIE DRIVE, PLEASANTON
OFFERED AT \$1,269,000

Sought after Diablo Model in Desirable Foothill Knolls. Four bedrooms plus large bonus room, three baths, 3178 square feet. Immaculately maintained by original owners. Large kitchen with newer appliances. Spacious family room with brick faced fireplace and wet bar. Beautifully landscaped with gazebo and large size yard areas. Three car garage. Close to neighborhood park, Stoneridge Mall and quick access to 580/680.

Ruby Hill



1892 ZENATO PLACE, PLEASANTON
OFFERED AT \$2,495,000

Ruby Hill quality custom home on premium private view lot. You will be overlooking unobstructed panoramic views of the surrounding hills. This special home includes four bedrooms, plus Guest (Au Pair) quarters (5th), Bonus room (6th), 5.5 baths, formal office and 5825+/- square feet of living space, with an oversized three car garage plus golf cart/shop area with roll up door too. Beautifully landscaped grounds with rear yard which includes in ground pool/spa, built-in BBQ and a generous lawn area all overlooking the Ruby Hill community.

Portola Meadows



1390 CALLE DE LAS GRANVAS, LIVERMORE
OFFERED AT \$639,500

Check out this immaculate, upgraded townhome (end unit) on premium lot in desirable West Livermore location. Three bedrooms, plus loft, 2.5 baths with 1964 square feet. Plantation shutters, surround sound, washer/dryer and refrigerator included. Flagstone patio with private spa. Community pool/spa and park. Close to shopping.

BUYER SALES IN 1 WEEK...

San Ramon

\$1,074,500

4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Single family dream home. Major upgrades throughout. Beautiful court near Iron Horse Middle School, Park and community center.

Livermore

\$1,629,000

Beautiful views, nestled up against vineyards. Grand master suite, plantation shutters, crown molding, \$200,000 in upgrades, gourmet kitchen, wine cellar, custom built-ins.

Pleasanton

\$769,950

3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
\$90,000 in upgrades, practically new inside. Kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite slab, crown molding, hardwood floor, plush carpeting.

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DOUG BUENZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,199,000
Fabulous custom 5bd/4.5ba, plus a bonus room, 4730+/-sf home in a quiet setting on a dead end street. Fireplace in living room and family room. Large private wooded lot with views.

J DAVIS/E BARRACLOUGH OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,989,000
Premium location and lot in Sycamore Heights! 5bd/5.5ba, plus den. Frpl in living room, family room and master bedroom. Heavily upgraded 4979+/-sf home barely lived in. 5745 Hanifen Way

ROY DRONKERS BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,850,000
Enjoy breathtaking views from this Kottinger Ranch custom 4bd/3ba plus library/billiard room. Fireplace in family room. Granite counters, hardwood floors, plus so much more!

LINDA TRAUIG BY APPOINTMENT



DUBLIN \$1,489,000
Wonderful 6bd/6ba, library/loft, built in entertainment center and 2 desks. Built in 2005, 4650+/-sf, granite kitchen, upgraded carpet, built in cabinets, intercom/alarm. Wired for surround sound.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



DANVILLE \$1,479,000
Highly upgraded 5 year old 5bd plus a loft/3ba, 3464+/-sf home on a court. Landscaped. Nice sized backyard with a gas BBQ. Large side yard with pavers patio. Close to schools and shopping.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$1,299,000
Gorgeous updated 2 year old 4bd/3ba home in Vinsanto with views of the vineyards/hillsides. Main house is 3000+/-sf, guest house 621+/-sf. Private driveway to 3 car garage. Beautiful landscaping!

KRIS MOXLEY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,199,000
Birdland 6bd/3ba, 2860+/-sf home. Crown molding, new 6 panel interior/closet doors, wainscoting and custom cabinetry paneling. Additional 220+/-sf expansion off FR.

BLAISE LOFLAND OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



LIVERMORE \$1,039,000
Spacious 4bd/2.5ba, 2792+/-sf home on private court with huge lot and built in BBQ. Contemporary kitchen, white appliances, FR/rock faced wood burning frpl. Beautiful grounds, expansive lawn area. 1512 Klondike Place

SALLY MARTIN OPEN SATURDAY 1-4



PLEASANTON \$864,000
Fabulous Valencia 4bd/3ba (1bd/ba downstairs) home, spacious gourmet kitchen with gas stove and island. Cozy LR fireplace. Breakfast nook next to kitchen/FR. Great location! 5148 Genovesio Drive

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$859,000
Adorable 3bd/2ba Willow West home, renovated throughout. Attached sun-room with heat and air. Professionally landscaped with side yard access.

MAUREEN NOKES OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



PLEASANTON \$859,950
Pool and Palm trees, Summer is coming! Great tri-level 4bd/2.5ba, 2050+/-sf home. Updated kitchen, new interior paint, large family room. Court location near park. 529 Malbec Ct

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$679,000
Shadow Cliffs priced to sell quickly! 3bd/2.5ba. with hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings and freshly painted. Rear yard has large patio and arbor.

KIM OTT BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$610,000
Charming 4bd/2ba, 1410+/-sf home on a 6110+/-sf lot. Refinished hardwood floors, dual pane windows, vaulted ceilings, updated baths and a newer roof.

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$489,950
Designer upgraded 2bd/2ba Condo in Canyon Meadows. Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, slab granite kitchen, tile entry/floors and upgraded carpeting. Awesome view!

MARY JANE DEERING BY APT.



PLEASANTON \$440,000
This is a must see! Great location backing to a park. 2bd/2ba Condo, hwd floors, Plantation shutters. Impeccable condition. One car garage. Community pool/spa.

MARTA RIEDY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$418,000
Bright and sunny 2bd/1.5ba town house. Fresh decorator paint, new laminate flooring, and updated baths. Wonderful location! 2 car parking stalls behind backyard. Close to schools/shopping.



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WOW! QUIET COURT EXCLUSIVE
4BD/2½BA, gourmet kitchen, hardwood
and stone flooring, entertainers
backyard with pool and pond
925.426.3800 \$1,095,000

SUNOL



3 HOMES ON 2 SEPERATE PARCELS
4BD/2BA, former site of the Hasel Glen
Hotel, property sold in present condition,
a stroll to downtown
925.426.3880 \$998,500

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PLEASANTON VALLEY 3BD/2BA,
remodeld kitchen is a chef's delight,
maple cabinets, hardwood floors,
upgraded pool
925.426.3800 \$810,000

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GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
3BD/2½BA, new carpet, granite
counters, hardwood floors, private
backyard, walk-in closets, 3-car garage
925.426.3800 \$769,900

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UPGRADES GALORE 4BD/3BA, full
drive-thru access, new paint throughout,
new plumbing, walk to newly renovated
downtown
925.426.3880 \$769,000

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TUSCAN VILLA
4BD/5½ bath, grand
travertine entry, french
doors to garden,
detailed with bookcases
& cabinets galore
925.426.3800
\$2,575,000

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SPECTACULAR VIEWS 3BD/2½BA,
cherry hardwood floors, designer carpet,
kitchen has stainless stove, refinished
cabinets
925.426.3880 \$745,000

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PLEASANTON VILLAGE 4BD/2½BA,
new roof, wood floors, added bonus
room, dual pane windows, french doors
into the backyard
925.426.3880 \$734,000

BEAUTIFUL PLEASANTON HILLS HOME

4BD/3BA, new granite
countertops, oversized
living areas, large
backyard with pool and
spa

925.426.3880
\$1,275,000

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INCREDIBLE DANBURY PARK
2BD/3BA, 2 master suites plus loft,
private yard with brick patio, hardwood
floors, open kitchen
925.426.3800 \$659,000

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DESIRABLE SOUTH SIDE LOCATION
3BD/2BA, updated master bathroom,
large bonus room, close to schools, parks
and shopping, lots of storage
925.443.7000 \$644,950

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UPDATED RANCHER ON CORNER LOT
3BD/2BA, hardwood floors, newer roof,
appliances, baths, furnace and central
air, a must see
925.426.3800 \$619,000

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SHARP SINGLE STORY 2BD/2BA, newer
roof, hardwood floors, new carpet in
bedrooms, new floors in bathrooms,
private front and rear patios
925.426.3880 \$585,000

TRACY



HOME-SWEET-HOME 4BD/3BA, large
lot, one bedroom on lower level, located
close to parks and shopping and
freeway
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